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NEWSLETTER

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN ATLANTA, INC.

"AGREED TO DIFFER, RESOLVED TO LOVE, AND UNITED TO SERVE"



ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH

Most of us know someone who has been impacted by Alzheimer's disease, whether it's touched our own family or a friend's loved ones. Nationally, the month of November is known as Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), roughly 50 million people worldwide live with Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia.

Church Women United is a racially, culturally, theologically inclusive, ecumenical Christian women's movement, celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Blessings and Happy fall Yall!

Since the weather is now cooler with fall season upon us we can now exhale from the heat of summer. We can now begin preparing for the excitement of Advent, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

As we approach the end of 2022 and begin 2023 it is my prayer that Church Women United Atlanta Inc. members do the below:

- (1) Every member become actively involved in the movement while we work for justice and peace for all God's children.
- (2) Serve on at least one committee or serve as an officer.
- (3) Write articles for the newsletter.
- (4) Renew your membership by December 2022 and encourage others to join the movement. We are 48 members strong. Let's keep growing!!

As friends of CWU Atlanta, Inc. I ask that you prayerfully consider joining the movement. The rewards are abundant and there is work that can be done by everyone!! Additionally, The Celebration Committee needs your participation on the four (4) annual CWU celebrations: World Day of Prayer, May Friendship Day, the Human Rights Honors Program and World Community Day.

As president it is my desire that every member and friend feel ownership of the CWU Atlanta, Inc. movement. Your input is valued and your support is needed.

I encourage members and friends to attend CWU National weekly training on Tuesday's and weekly WIN Wednesday's (Beginning November) via zoom. Watch your email for schedules and registration information.

"World Community Day" will be held Sunday, November 6th via Zoom. Opportunities for members and friends to participate in community activities will be announced during the Sunday program such: (1) "Stand for Peace", (2) Clothing donations for refugees through Hope AME Zion Church ministry at Savannah Street, (3) Donate books for Africa and (4) Christmas party for children at Carrie Steel Pitts Home for children. Please invite family, friends, church members and co-workers to this interactive program. Listen out for calling post messages for updates on all the activities.

November 20th is the deadline to submit nominations for the 2023 "Woman of the Year" Award. The woman chosen will represent the unit at the annual CWU Georgia "Woman of the Year" luncheon February 2023. The nomination form is included in this newsletter and on the CWU Atlanta, Inc. website.

Renewal letters for the first time are being sent out to members by Joyce Thomas, Ecumenical Action Chair. A self-addressed, stamped envelope is included in the renewal notice. All that's needed from you is putting your check or money order in the envelope and dropping it in the mail. Vivian Davis, CWU Atlanta, Inc. Historian is collecting CWU Atlanta, Inc. documents and boxes of papers you might have stored at home. Mrs. Davis is setting up an archive of all CWU Atlanta, Inc. papers and pictures at the Savannah Street House. Please begin gathering these items and listen out for updates on when to deliver the items to Mrs. Davis.

October 1, 2022 Hope AME Zion Church became the new tenants at Savannah Street. CWU Atlanta, Inc. is looking forward to working with the members of Hope and it is our prayer that the ministry at Hope AME Zion Church will be a blessing to the Cabbagetown Community.

October 11th was observed as "International Day of the Girl". The theme: "Our time is now-our rights our future". There is a "Call for Action" by the international community to focus on raising awareness on the challenges that girls still face after 10 years of the first celebration. In comparison to adolescent boys, adolescent girls face more opticals in education, mental and physical wellness and protection needed for a life without violence. As a women's movement let's do our part with assuring that these concerns are addressed!

Last but not least, welcome to our newest members: Valgene Graves, Rev. Sonya Young, Gloria Jones Townsend, Rev. Sandra Martin, and Georgina Lanier. Abundant thanks to members who renewed their membership this quarter.

This is your last newsletter for 2022! As such I wish for each of you and your family's blessings in abundance and safe and happy holidays.

Fondly, Sheila Louder, President



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CELEBRATIONS

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED ATLANTA, INC.

EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY TEA (VIRTUAL)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022 7:00 PM

WEAR A BEAUTIFUL HAT & BRING YOUR FAVORITE TEA CUP DONATE 50 CENTS FOR EVERY YEAR OF YOUR BIRTH

 GAMES & PRIZES
 HAT CONTEST

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Job Well Done Everybody's Birthday Committee''! August 21st

Leticia Haynes, Chair Young Church Women Atlanta, Inc. and Young Church Women Leslie McCrary, Toni Reid, Pamela Perkins, and Sharon Ingram executed an outstanding and fun "Everybody's Birthday" celebration.

Patrice Barlowe a Friend of CWU Atlanta, Inc. created and led playing of the game "Jeopardy". The game tested attendees knowledge of Church Women United. The game opened with the "Jeopardy theme song" and set the tone for the game challenge. Winners were Claudette Rainey and Barbara Leath who were sent gifts as winners. Annie Milner followed closely as a runner up game winner.

Claudette Rainey was recognized as the oldest person present and a August birthday celebrant. Helen Sprewer was honored as being the second oldest person present.

Marcia Robinson, Storyteller and friend of CWU Atlanta kept the interest of attendees with her spellbounding storytelling skills. This memorable event raised several hundred dollars as a fundraiser for the Atlanta Unit.



November 29

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TO CHURCH WOMEN UNITED ATLANTA, INC.!! DONATIONS GO TOWARD THE ADVOCACY WORK OF THE UNIT AND AWARDING OF SMALL GRANTS TO 501C3 ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE ALIGNED WITH CWU MISSION AND PURPOSE.

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE VIA ZELLE (CWUATLANTAGAINC@GMAIL.COM) OR MAIL TO: CHURCH WOMEN UNITED-ATLANTA, P.O. BOX 311795, ATLANTA, GA 31131.

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NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee Needs Your Help

Recently, two vacancies for very important positions have occurred in our Movement. The position of Vice President was vacated due to the passing of our very gifted and talented Vice President, Mrs. Odessa Huff. Also, the position of Secretary was opened when our current Secretary, Jackie Brown resigned, effective January, 2023. We extend our gratitude to both of them for their faithful service.

This is how you can help us fill these vacancies. If you know of members or former members who have the availability and the special skills sets to serve in either position, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee, namely, Annie Milner, Bettie Durrah, or Helen Sprewer at 404-305-3536. Thanks in advance for any assistance you give.



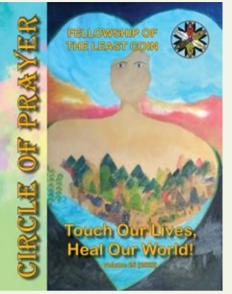
2022 FALL TRAINING, DEVELOPMENT & SPECIAL DISCUSSIONS

THE ROLE OF A STATE PRESIDENT 11/8/22 HEALTH CARE PROXY- 11/15/22 FAITH TALK 11/29/22 CWU 101 PART II 12/6/22 FAITH MATTERS PART II 12/13/22

REGISTER IN ADVANCE FOR MEETING: HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/MEETING/REGISTER/TZATCEGTQ DGIH9ZZIOVJVFRFZEVOTTYAIRYG

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CIRCLE OF PRAYER A GLOBAL ECUMENICAL PRAYER MOVEMENT FOR JUSTICE, PEACE, AND RECONCILIATION



Circle of Prayer, Volume 26, published in 2022, by the International Committee of the Fellowship of the Least Coin, has a theme, "Touch Our Lives, Heal Our World." The following three persons join other writers from the global community with a meditation in this biennial issue. You may read a copy of all twenty-four meditations on the website for the Fellowship of the Least Coin. The Circle of Prayer has been printed in booklet format in previous years, but this year, you will only be able to access the meditations online at the following address: www.fellowship of the least coin.org

The U.S.A. writers who are included are listed below: Bettie J. Durrah, "All Shall Be Well" (Malachi 4:2), member of CWU in Atlanta and writer for five previous issues (Volumes 20-24) Cheryl H Barnes, Presbyterian Church U.S.A.) clergywoman and Mission Co-worker, presently living in Malawi, "Cycles" (Roman 8: 19-23) Grace Terry, an ordained interfaith minister, secretary of CWU in Georgia, "Equally Precious in God's Eyes" (Romans 12)

A MESSAGE FROM DR. THELMAC.D. ADAIR LEADING UP TO HER 102ND BIRTHDAY, AUGUST 29, 2022 NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF CHURCH WOMEN UNITED (1980-84)

I miss all of you so much!

I remember with you times of the past when we were fighting battles that we were able to win. There are still many that must be won. We will be on the battlefield until we can yell "victory." I am overwhelmed with you that people remember me.

Message conveyed through Bettie Durrah, August 23, 2022, via telephone

We are just beginning a new struggle for justice. It's time again to ask everyone to reaffirm what we have fought for, and start a new world for our children, and our children's children. I love each of you.

Another Message conveyed through Bettie Durrah, Via Telephone, February 11, 2022





North Georgia United Women in Faith Celebrated their 50th Annual Meeeting Saturday, October 1, at Griffin First UMC, Griffin, Georgia. More than 200 women and men came to worship and celebrate in person for the first time in three years. The theme, Building Together Through Love in Action with the accompanying scripture, Hebrews 10:24-25 CEB. CWU Members pictured Annie Milner, Lillie Hercules, Sherrie Wilson. Also attended not pictured - Janice Walker & Tryphenia Speed.





VALGENE GRAVES, GEORGINA LANIER REV. SANDRA MARTIN, GLORIA JONES TOWNSEND REV. SONYA YOUNG

NEWS

CWU in Georgia members from the Atlanta and Cobb Units attended the 22nd Annual Interfaith Prayer Celebration and Fundraiser for Children Sunday, September 11, 2022 at the Loudermilk Conference Center. The theme was "One Movement, Many Faiths, All Children".

Enjoying the celebration from CWU Georgia were Carolyn Hart, Bettieanne Hart, Lillie Hercules and Sheila Louder (Atlanta Unit), Brianna Brown Wright (Cobb Unit). CWU in Georgia along with the Atlanta Unit donated over fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) to continue the movement to protect and advocate for Georgia's children. The donation placed CWU Georgia/Atlanta as a sponsor where they were recognized at the conclusion of the program.Lillie Hercules and Sheila Louder served as volunteers at the event.



The celebration program and participants as always focused on children. Student young leaders served as emcees: Hritvi Ahuja and Caleb Vaughn. In addition, two summer interns presented their research and advocacy projects, identified as, "Movement Building Moment: Teen Talk".

Isabel Lourie, ICM Student Intern discussed saving the environment and mental health. Madison Drew, ICM Student Intern discussed gun violence in America. Both speakers were passionate and compelling in presenting their topics. Georgia House of Representative Mary Margaret Oliver, 82nd District highlighted some of the upcoming issues in the 2023 Georgia Legislature. She advised citizens to stay on top of proposed bills and policies to be voted on when the Georgia Legislature convenes in 2023.

As always, it was a beautiful interfaith event with prayers for children from various faiths and in different languages.









CWU MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: PRESIDENT SHEILA LOUDER, BARBARA LEATH, MAUREEN HILL AND DR. CAROL MILLER (CWU ATLANTA FRIEND -SAN ANTONIO, TX.



THE 12TH TRIENNIAL GATHERING OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC OCTOBER 21-23, 2022 THEME: CREATING SABBATH: PLUG IN AND RECHARGE EPWORTH BY THE SEA - ST. SIMONS ISLAND, GEORGIA



CWU PRESIDENT SHEILA LOUDER AND THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE PRESBYTERY OF GREATER ATLANTA



CWU MEMBER PEPE BOWMAN WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER REV. CECE ARMSTRONG (CENTER).



The TIME is NOW!

Have you looked at the calendar recently and thought where has 2022 gone? We are in the last two months of 2022 and enjoying fall and winter temperatures at the same time.

The last two months also bring to mind another opportunity for you as members of the CWU Atlanta. It is time to nominate a woman for The Woman of the Year Award. Each year we select a woman from our unit who will be recognized at the December Unit meeting. This woman will also be considered along with women from other units for The State Woman of the Year Award.

We have so many women who give of their time, talents, and gifts to CWU, their church and community this can be a hard decision. Please nominate the woman who you feel is deserving of this recognition. You can do this by completing the nomination form, submitting a complete bio with detail information of activities and involvement, a picture of the women along with your statement as to why you feel the woman should be recognized.

The deadline for this year's award is November 20th. The award form is included in the newsletter, or you can contact me to get a form. Thank you for the nominations you have made throughout the year for other awards. I know the awards committee can depend on you to make a timely great nomination for this award as well.

Tryphenia Speed, Awards Committee Chair spee2422@bellsouth.net 678-984-5306 cell 770-981-0200 home



CWU MEMBERS ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE LESLIE MCCRARY, DR. SADYE POTTER, VIVIAN DAVIS, SHARON INGRAM, MICHELE MORTON, PRESIDENT SHEILA LOUDER, BARBARA CARR, CAROL HART, AURELIA BROWN, REVEREND ROSEANNA BRANNON. NOT PICTURED: REVEREND OPAL STEWART AND REVEREND DR. MICHELLE L. MADISON REVEREND OPAL STEWART ON YOUR ORDINATION AS ELDER











2022 Atlanta Church Women United, INC Woman of the Year

Woman of the Year: Nomination Deadline – November 20, 2022

Camera ready picture and bio. Bio should include personal ministry, community service, awards, contributions made to and through her church and her denomination. Her contribution to Church Women United (may include local, state, regional, national).

The member who nominates should also include why you feel this individual should be the Atlanta Unit's Woman of the Year. Please include the attached form with your submission.

This award will be presented at the Atlanta Unit's December Meeting

Email or mail the requested information to: Tryphenia Speed <u>spee2422@bellsouth.net</u> 4412 Wesleyan Pointe Decatur GA 30034





Name (person completing this form):

Address:	
Telephone number:	
Email:	
Name of Nominee:	
(include any titles)	
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Why you nominate this person:



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Lana Marie Adams for



Mg Harris Howard



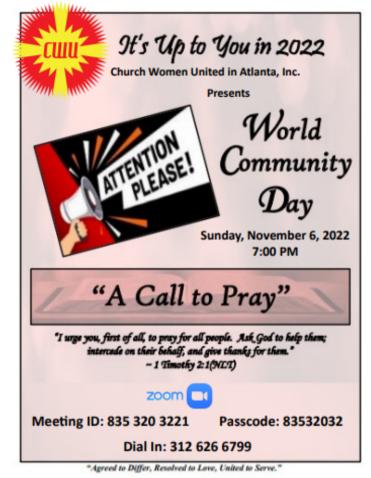
Odessa Huff



Lola Parks

UPCOMING EVENTS









CHURCH WOMEN UNITED, INC. VIRTUAL SPIRITUAL FORMATION EVENT

Safeguarding Our Spiritual Wellness

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I came that they might have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows.) John 10:10 (NKJV)

JUST HOW VALUABLE IS YOUR SPIRITUAL WELLBEING? We invite you to join us in an engaging, informative conversation focusing on the various hinderances we currently encounter that attempt to rob us of our "Spiritual Wellness" in today's fast-paced lifestyles. We'll delve into four "Pillars of Biblical Discipline" under attack and discover how we can "safeguard" ourselves to righteously defeat them. (Focus: CWU 2021-2024 Quadrennial Priority No. 1, Health and Wellness.)



Saturday November 19, 2022 10:00 a.m./PST 11:00 a.m./MST

12:00 p.m./CST 1:00 p.m./EST

Registration Link: https://forms.gle/f3SGpRK92PldfCZs8

FREE Registration!

Register at the link above and a confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Three Days or to the event date, you will receive a Zoom link to attend. We look forward to seeing you!

Rev. Lillie Holman, CWU Spiritual Formation Director Mira J. Washington, CWU National President





Mission

Church Women United (CWU) is an inclusive ecumenical Christian women's movement celebrating unity in diversity and empowering women to work towards a world of peace and justice. **Core Values** https://www.churchwomenunited.net/ core-values Faith - Service Education - Advocacy Diversity - Social Justice

Quadrennial Priorities 2021-2024 https://www.churchwomenunited.net/ priorities Priority #1: Health & Wellness Priority #2: Climate Stewardship

Priority #3: Social Justice Priority #4: Hunger & Poverty Vision

Women of faith cultivating love, hope, and peace for all creation.

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A CWU 2022 **CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE** SUPER SATURDAY EVENT

Water, Water Everywhere: Too Much or Not Enough?

John 4:14 (NLT)

But those who drink the water I give you will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.



SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 12, 2022 10 A.M. PST/11 A.M. MST/12 P.M. CST/1 P.M. EST

REGISTRATION LINK https://forms.gle/x1iKQLEsinbbnGQy7

Click the link above to register, and a confirmation email will be sent to you. Approximately TWO DAYS PRIOR to the event date, you will receive a ZOOM link from Julie B. Noel, CWU 2022 Celebrations Committee Event Registrar, jbncwu@gmail.com