# CHURCH WOMEN UNITED - ATLANTA UNIT NEWSLETTER

#### April 2024

#### **Calendar Items**

Saturday, April 27, 11 am -Big Bethel AME Church 220 Auburn Ave NE, Atlanta -*Religion's Impact on Politics* a Conversation hosted by Delta Sorority

<u>Friday, May 3, 7 pm on</u> <u>ZOOM - May Friendship Day</u> Celebration



Congratulations to **CWU** Youth Member Destiny Cameron on her graduation of the Model Atlanta Regional Commission Youth Leadership Program

## **Message from President Sheila Louder**

Greetings Church Women United in Atlanta, Inc. Members and Friends!

James 2:17 reads: "So also, faith by itself if it does not have works, is dead." The works of women in Georgia and the CWU in Atlanta, Inc. movement, and the World have accomplished much in four months of 2024!

In Georgia the **"Pink Tax" (SB 51) is being eliminated from taxation** once signed into law by Governor Brian Kemp. This long fought battle introduced in 2017 by Claire Cox, Chairwoman of Georgia Stop Taxing Our Menstrual Products (STOMP) and again in the GA Legislature in 2024 by Georgia State Senator Nabilah Islam imposed a 4% sales tax on menstrual products such as tampons and pads.

Globally, I joined 14,000 women and a few men at the 68th United Nations Commission on the Status of Women March 10-22 in NY City, the largest annual UN gathering on gender equality and women's empowerment. The priority theme was "Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions with a gender perspective." . A recap of the 68th CSW has been sent to all emails on file in the CWU Atlanta, Inc. database.

I would like to thank Atlanta Unit member **Bettie Durrah** for joining the 68th session virtually. Bettie attended the 1995 4th World Conference on Women in Beijing which created the landmark document "Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action" that set the agenda for the empowerment of women and is now considered the key global policy framework for advancing gender equality and women's rights worldwide.

Please listen for calling post messages with calendar of event updates and meeting notices. Don't forget to renew your membership. Visit our website at **www.cwuatl.com** for ways to renew or join. Blessings and thanks to each of you for your awesome support!

Sheila Louder, President

### News from CWU National Office

June 19 - 22 - CWU Inc. 2024 Quadrennial Assembly in Oakbrook, IL. Registration open through April 30, 2024.

Discounted Registration \$345.00 CWU National website for registration information -<u>www.churchwomenunited.net</u>

## Grady Mobile Outreach Program Available to Churches

The Grady Mobile Mammogram Bus is available on Sundays to visit churches to conduct mammograms and cervical cancer testing. They are especially interested in churches in the following zipcodes: 30310, 30311, 30314, 30318, 30058. Contact Stephanie Wilkes, Mgr -Grady Health Systems Mobile Screening Services sdwilkes@gmh.edu



### **CWU Members at Recent Events**



Hoosier Memorial United United Methodist Church led by Sherrie L Wilson, celebrated Women's History Month on Saturday, March 23rd, 2024 with the viewing of the Xernona Clayton Documentary, Xernona Clayton: A Life in Black and White. After the viewing Ms. Clayton made a surprise appearance, to the delight of all in attendance. She joyfully entertained a Q&A session as well as attendees were able to take pictures and pick up some free jewelry donated by Ms. Clayton. Attendees: Bettie Durrah, Shelia Louder, Annie Milner, Sherrie Wilson and Amarilyus Sueing(Hoosier AV Tech operator).



March 26 **Ramadan Dinner at the Carter Center-** CWU members Angela Rice, Lillie Hercules, Veronica Hill, Maureen Hill, Sheila Louder