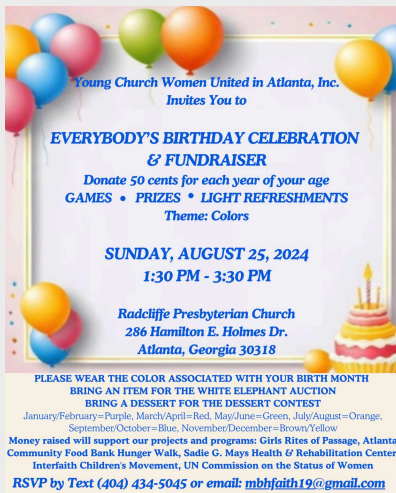


CHURCH WOMEN UNITED OF ATLANTA NEWSLETTER

July-August 2024

Calendar Items

Sunday, August 25 - Everybody's Birthday



Friday, September 27 - Human Rights Celebration - 7 pm on Zoom

Important Voting Info Visit the [Georgia Secretary of State's website](#) to verify that you are listed as active.

You can vote at any early voting location in your county. Go to [My Voter Page](#) to find location in your county

President's Message from Sheila Louder

Greetings and Blessings!

I pray each of you are enjoying your summer and staying safe. Although the unit is on summer break this July/August newsletter is an update of happenings of the unit.

Those in our email data base should have received the Special edition newsletter that provided details of the Quadrennial Assembly held June 19-22, 2024 in Oakbrook, Illinois. At the Quadrennial we bid farewell to Mira Washington outgoing CWU National President and welcomed incoming president Margaret Rushing (July 1, 2024). The keys to the new national office at 475 Riverside Dr., Suite 1374, New York, N.Y. 10115 were given to Margaret by Mira with blessings. We thank Mira for her witness and service and look forward to working with Margaret.

Please "Save the Date" and Attend "Everybody's Birthday" Sunday, August 25. FLYER in this newsletter provides details. **Enter a dessert for the dessert contest, donate an item for the silent auction and support the theme: "Colors" by wearing the suggested color representing your birth month.**

Please share the flyer with women in your church, family, friends and co-workers. Most importantly support our Young Church Women United in Atlanta, Inc. members who have worked tirelessly planning the event. This annual fundraiser and fun event gives "every" member the opportunity to participate, to bring friends, family members, coworkers, and church members.

Expect a packet soon from the Ecumenical Development Committee with membership information. And if you have not renewed your membership it's not too late! Visit the website for ways to renew: cwuatl.com. Also encourage someone you know to become a new member.

Blessings and abundant thanks!

Sheila Louder, President

Quadrennial Photo



Claudette Rainey, Immediate Past President CWU in Atlanta, Inc with Lovetta Jean Holmes, Resident Missionary Supervisor AME Zion Church

New T-Shirts Available soon



Leticia Haynes Quadrennial Experience

This was my first Quadrennial Assembly. It was a **CELEBRATION** and an amazing gathering of Church Women United members from throughout the United States. I was able to meet individuals in person that I have met over the phone or on zoom. The positive, encouraging words and hugs made the fellowship and camaraderie a memorable and spirit filled event. Collected were children's books to be given to a local charity but best of all was the opportunity to build new relationships and learn perspectives from diverse women and also enjoy delicious food.

My favorite experience was the prayer room. Educational workshops, daily plenary sessions and the energy and excitement for all things Church Women United was contagious. The Gala sending outgoing president Myra Washington farewell in her role as National President of Church Women United was moving as personal remarks were shared of her journey as president.

As I reflect on my attendance at the Quadrennial it was a life changing moment for me. It showed me a new path and beginning for my role as a Church Woman United member. It prepared me for new perspectives about advocacy that I will follow.

I have come to understand that the longevity of the organization has brought forth women who "Agree to differ, Resolve to love, and remain United to serve" the needs of the organization. The mission and purpose of Church Women United have stood the test of time and have been exemplified from day one in 1941 until presently-2024.

I am very thankful for the opportunity provided me by Church Women United Atlanta, Inc. to attend the Quadrennial. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as a Young Church Women United Member of a phenomenal organization and I look forward to the next Quadrennial!

Leticia

