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Charitable Project for September – Rainbow Room

Thank you for your help in supplying the items listed below.

Requested donations are: Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6); Pull-ups; Laundry Detergent (any brand/size); Body Wash; Shampoo and Conditioner; Deodorant; and, Twin-sized Bed Sheet Sets.

“Kindling New Fires of Love, Peace, and Hope”

The Ecumenical Action Committee has planned the program for our 1st gathering of a new year, and will include a presentation by Kori Gough, Executive Director of Partnerships for Children, which supports the work and workers of Child Protective Services. The well-being of children has always been a priority for CWU and we can wholeheartedly support Partnerships for Children Foundation’s goal to envision a community in which all of the needs of abused and neglected children are met. Donations will go to the Rainbow Room, which is a resource for the CPS workers.

CWU-Austin, will honor the recipients of the Young Church Women Award at the end of the morning’s meeting.

Monthly Meeting

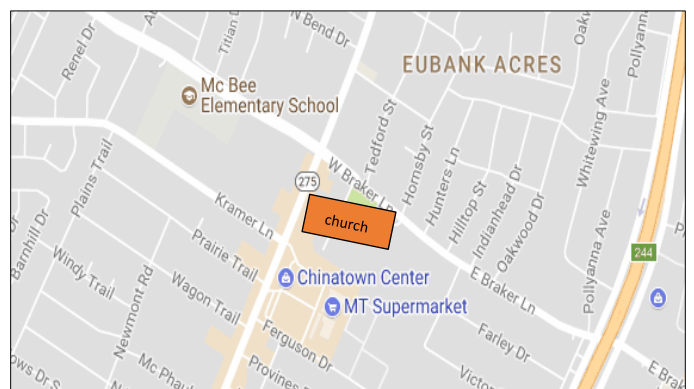
Date: Friday – September 01, 2017
Time: 9:30 a.m. (refreshments);
 10:00 a.m. (Program/CWU Awards)

Place:

St. Mark United Methodist Church
 601 W. Braker Lane
 Austin, TX 78753
 512.836-5747



[St. Mark United Methodist Church on the map](#)



The church is set back from East Braker Lane; actually turn onto Montheral Drive, which is east of the Palms Car Wash. You can see the St. Mark’s Wildflower Meadow when you are driving on East Braker Lane from I-35.

Look for the CWU signs! Safe travels!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings CWU Sisters,

It is my hope that you have enjoyed your summer break and you are now ready to continue “Kindling New Fires of Love, Peace, and Hope” as we unite to do God’s work through involvement in Church Women United for the remaining months of 2017. Members of your Executive Board are eager to see you when we gather at St. Marks United Methodist Church for our September 1st meeting. Susan Holman, chair of Ecumenical Action has planned a program we know you will enjoy and June Murphy, 1st vice president, is excited about the opportunity to present our Young Church Women award to three deserving young Christian women. So, you will not want to miss our gathering on September 1, 2017.

REFLECTIONS - Danita Nelson quenched our thirst as she took us to the “well” during our Wellspring Bible Study on June 2, 2017 at Simpson United Methodist Church. Wanting us to know who Jesus is, she gave us much food for thought using the key scripture, John 4:14—“...but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never thirst. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” Danita is a member of New Covenant Fellowship of Austin and attends Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. The women of Simpson United Methodist Church were the perfect hosts, greeting us with expressions of love through their smiling faces and nourishing refreshments. Thanks Danita and Women of Simpson for a job well done.

LOOKING AHEAD: CWU State Assembly will convene in Grapevine, Texas September 8-10. Our Austin unit will be represented by Elizabeth Sanders, State Parliamentarian and Area 6 Coordinator, Dorothy Kraemer, Texas Impact Representative, and President Johnnie Overton. We will be happy to share results of our experiences when we return.

Please be reminded that your support of CWU is essential for our success as we witness to our communities, locally and globally, that we can worship and work as one Body of Christ, bringing together women from many denominations who want to make a difference in the lives of others.

We can do this with your physical and financial support; God loves a cheerful giver. We are looking forward to seeing you at St. Mark United Methodist Church on September 1st.

Love and Blessings,

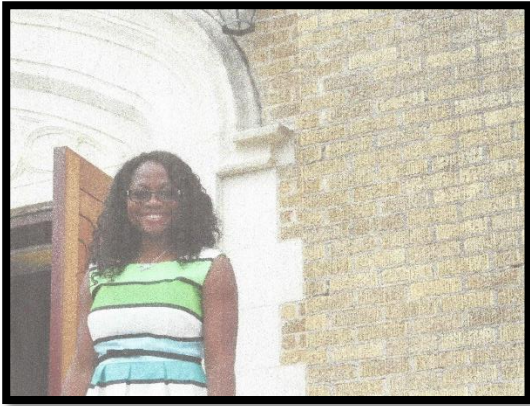
Johnnie Overton, CWU-Austin President



Please invite someone to come with you to our September meeting. You will share a good program with a friend and our friends will learn about Church Women United. This is how many of us came to enjoy CWU. Let us not pass on the privilege!

Dorothy Kraemer
Ecumenical Development Committee

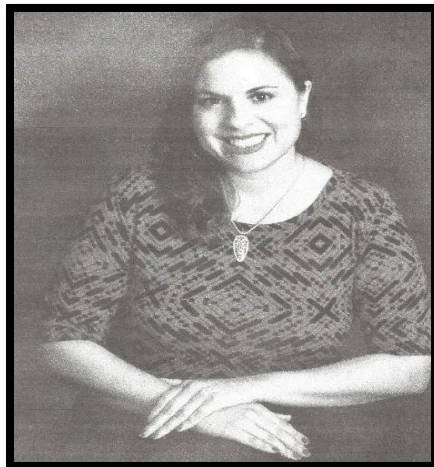
Introducing CWU-Austin 2017 Young Women Honorees



**Shenea Edison
Wesley United Methodist Church**



**Hannah Joanne Smith
Memorial United Methodist Church**



**Mirand Zepeda
Westminster Presbyterian Church**

The Young Church Women United Awards 2017 will be presented at our September 1, 2017 meeting, which will be held at St. Mark United Methodist Church.

We look forward to this exciting event!

June Murphy
CWU-Austin, 1st Vice President

COURTESY PATROL

Remember the Courtesies

We are depending on you to help us acknowledge and support our sisters when they are sick or bereaved. Please call Mary Terrell, 512-651-5572 (home) or 512-906-826 (cell), if you know of any courtesies to be extended. If you know of members who are no longer able to attend CWU meetings, but would like a copy of our program booklet, please contact Dorothy Kraemer (512-251-6929).

Courtesies sent/extended since last newsletter

Get Well Cards were sent to: Mary Brown, Ruth Ellison, Johnnie Mae Gratten, and Mary J. Hurst.

Prayer Request(s): Prayers of healing for Ruth Ellison, Mt. Olive Baptist Church; and Bobbie Sanders, University Presbyterian Baptist Church. We ask for prayers for Carole Hatfield and the healing of her son and grandsons as they recover from a serious automobile accident.

Sympathy Cards were sent to: Irene Hairston, and the family of Jane Basey.

Thinking of You Card was sent to: Mary J. Hurst.



WE NEED
YOUR HELP

If you know of a Church Women United member who passed during 2015, 2016 or 2017, please notify our State Area 6 Coordinator – Elizabeth Sanders (shalom_nana@yahoo.com), and President Johnnie Overton (johnnieoverston@grandecom.net). Names are needed for the September State meeting for Church Women United.

NAME BADGE: GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

We want to know who you are so, we are asking you to wear your name tag to each meeting. Be creative and design your own. WHY? You will love it and so will we. You will get to know your **SISTERS IN CHRIST** and you can call them by name. It will open the door to many new friendships.

DO YOU NEED A RIDE? To assist members who may need transportation, individual churches are asked to provide transportation for CWU members in their congregation. Each church selects a contact person to receive requests for transportation from those requesting transportation. Once these requests are received, the church contact person will make carpooling suggestions based on the geographical locations of the driver/rider. The church contact person is not expected to provide the transportation, unless she chooses to help in that way. The driver(s) and rider(s) need to make arrangements for carpooling to the meeting.



2018 Church Host Sites

Church Women United solicits your help in securing Church Host Sites for 2018.

In planning your church calendar and activities for the year, we would love to visit your church home. Therefore, we humbly ask that you consider the opportunity to have Church Women United visit your church, enjoy the fellowship, celebrations and activities of the Austin Unit, while making new friends/sisters.

For further details, please contact:

Alberta Shelton

2nd Vice President – CWU Austin

512-926-8645



Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



CWU – Austin Jail Ministry Team

Will make its next Jail service on September 11, 2017

NOTE: The JAIL MINISTRY TEAM will meet at the Jail at 1:30PM, to be ready to go into the Jail at 2:00PM for Ministry

PLEASE tell **Trenna Pickett** at least 10 days before the day if you will or you will not be on the team for that day:

8917 Trone Circle #A; Austin, TX 78758

512.837.4474

Email: tpickett@austin.rr.com

If you renew your driver's license, please take a picture of the new license and email or text it to me.

If you would like to join this ministry team, please contact me. I will need your driver's license (digital copy works best) and a signed form about abuse prevention in the jail. These items are sent to the sheriff for approval before you can be admitted with the team (takes about a month to get this all done). We'd love to have you join... we find this ministry extremely rewarding.

Excited to continue with this ministry,

Sue Sidney

128 W Windemere

Leander, TX 78641

512.657.6650 (cell #)

Email: suesidney@aceweb.com

CWU National



Expanding Our Ability to Serve Our Units

The work and advocacy of Church Women United is a Labor of Love. It is work filled with the important ministry of advocating for women across races, denominations, backgrounds, and ages, to join together towards the justice and peace of God's love. We take pride in being able to serve local unit's needs. Serving our units and doing everything we can for you is our pleasure!

Over the past year, however, sadly our Church Women United office staff has declined to half of its usual size, and we find ourselves without the resources to fill the void. We have too few hands to do the work! Because of our limited capacity, we haven't been able to serve local units in an effective manner. In essence, we haven't been able to do the labor we love - helping you!

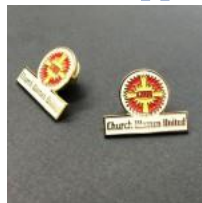
We need your help to further the work of our National Office staff and to raise funds to continue the vital ministries of Church Women United.

Our goal is to raise 35,000 by Labor Day, September 4th, 2017, so we can hire additional staff persons dedicated to serving our local units' needs! With a larger staff we will be able to:

- Process store orders and awards more seamlessly
- Create an updated database of all local units
- Provide staff support for social media campaigns and outreach.
- Provide targeted outreach to younger church women
- Provide resources and staff support for our Quadrennial priorities
- Provide staff times and resources for creating new units
- Provide and create tools targeted to local units needs
- And much, much more

With your help, by Labor Day September 4th, 2017, we will be able to have a more robust presence that can better support the ministries of your local unit. Will you join us in helping us raise the funds needed to better sustain and secure the future of Church Women United? Help Church Women United house a larger staff and create even more labor for us to do with dedication and love.

A Gift of Our Appreciation



If you give 30 dollars or more to our Labor of Love campaign, we will give you a brand new CWU pin as a sign of our appreciation. All checks should be made payable to Church Women United with **Labor of Love** in the memo line.



CWU STATE ASSEMBLY

(Friday, September 8 – Sunday, September 10, 2017)
Embassy Suites by Hilton
Dallas DFW North

- ❖ The Airport Shuttle will be provided. The Opening Session will occur from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm.
- ❖ Registration fee is \$125.00 and includes all meals. Breakfast is free and each evening there is a manager's reception with free snacks and complimentary drinks.
- ❖ All members are encouraged to attend and hear the National President Patti Polk; Ms. Polk will be the banquet speaker on Saturday night.
- ❖ Workshops will address education, diversity and inclusiveness, hunger, poverty and health and wellness.
- ❖ A Memorial Service for members who have died since the last assembly in 2015 will be remembered. Please forward names to Elizabeth A. Sanders, State Parliamentarian and Area Six Coordinator by August 1, 2017.
- ❖ Room rate per night is \$148.73 and can be shared to reduce nightly room rate.

Elizabeth Sanders, Area 6 Coordinator
512-272-4647

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT



If you are interested in receiving the quarterly newsletter published by *Street Youth Ministry*, you may contact Terry Cole at terry@streetyouthministry.org. This ministry helps individuals who are between ages 17 and 27 and have become dependent on the streets in Austin. Should you desire to read one of their past newsletters go to www.streetyouthministry.org/ublications/newsletters.



New Mailing Address!

In the future, please send all correspondence to:

Church Woman United in Austin
Attention: (the name of the person to receive mail)
P. O. Box 14336
Austin, Texas 78761-4336

COMMUNICATIONS NOTE

A link to this newsletter edition has been sent out via e-mail. If you didn't receive the e-mail, please contact Annye Jones, using either of the forms of information listed below. Likewise, if you do not use e-mail, please let Annye know that you still need to receive a paper copy in the mail.

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