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**Charitable Project for October - Austin Disaster Relief Network**

To aid in the ongoing recovery from Hurricane Harvey, donations at the October meeting will go to Austin Disaster Relief Network. ADRN, established in 2009 to bring hope into crisis, is a network of Greater Austin Churches and trained volunteers. All ADRN staff and volunteers are prepared and ready to meet the emotional, spiritual and physical needs of those affected by disaster great and small. Guided by scripture including the story of the Good Samaritan, they value transformation in the lives of the people they help.

**Greatest demand right now: Baby wipes, dried foods, toilet paper, paper towels, and cleaning gloves.**

**Other needs are:** Bleach and Clorox wipes, sun screen, lip balm, bug spray, foot power, hand sanitizer, and new undergarments and socks.

Class II Officers for 2018-2020 will be elected at the meeting on Friday, Oct 6.



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

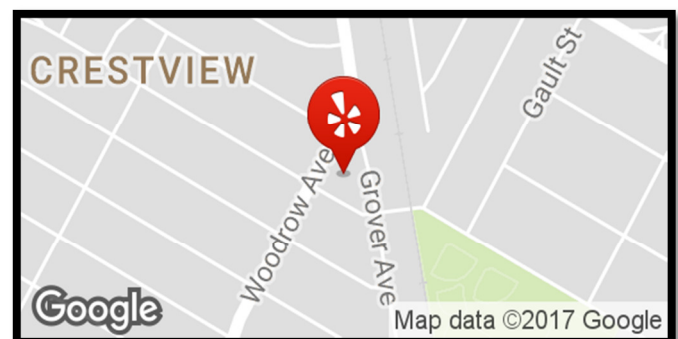
“Serenity is not freedom from the storm,  
but is peace within the storm.”  
—Author Unknown

**Crestview United Methodist Church on the map**

**Human Rights Day Celebration**

**Date:** Friday – October 6, 2017  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m. (Refreshments)  
10:00 a.m. (Program)

**Place:**  
Crestview United Methodist Church  
1300 Morrow Street  
Austin, TX 78757  
512.451-9665



***Look for the CWU signs! Safe travels!***

***Crestview UMC is on the corner of  
Woodrow and Grover Avenues***



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?...  
Isaiah 43:19 ESV*

Greetings CWU Sisters,

We tried a new thing and it worked; what a blessing! We got off to a great start at St. Mark United Methodist Church when our beloved sisters in Christ hosted our September Forum. They treated us royally and we met many new friends. We give a big shout of THANKS to our women at St. Mark. The response to our request for donations to support the Rainbow Room was overwhelming and our guest, Kori Gough, pumped us full of motivation with her enthusiastic presentation of the Rainbow Room and how it benefits our children. It was truly a blessing. This was our first time to support Rainbow Room and it was a wonderful “first.” Susan Holman, chair of Ecumenical Action and her committee are commended for coordinating such a wonderful program and charitable service project. Thanks to each of you for your donations.

Another successful “first” — We tried a new thing by changing the date of presentation for our Young Church Woman Awards; and guess what??? It worked. First Vice President June Murphy and committee members were successful in accomplishing the attendance of each recipient. The Austin unit presented its first Young Church Woman award in 2013 and it has become a way to recognize the valuable contributions of our younger sisters in Christ who are working in many different vineyards of church, school, community, and business. The three young ladies honored were worthy of recognition and we are grateful for the attendance of their friends and family.


The CWU State Assembly was a great experience and I look forward to giving you a brief update from our State President Myrtis Parker and National President Patti Polk, who challenged us to do new things by “Inspiring Women to Ignite Change.”

You definitely will not want to miss our Human Rights Celebration on Friday, October 6, 2017, when we will “Kindle New Fires of Hope” under the guidance of Mari Wylie and members of the Ecumenical Celebrations Committee; June Murphy and committee will present the Human Rights Award recipient.

Let us continue our prayers for those affected by recent hurricanes. Come to Crestview United Methodist Church on October 6<sup>th</sup> and bring a friend.

*Love, Peace, Hope*

Johnnie Overton, CWU-Austin President



**Stop by the Membership Renewal Table:** At the October meeting, your finance committee members will be available to take your individual membership and church fair share renewals for 2018. Renewal memberships received in September, October and November will be included in the 2018 CWU Yearbook. Individual memberships are \$10 (\$25 Angel). Fair Shares for Member Churches due November 30 (Small \$25, Medium \$40, Large \$60). Membership forms will be available at the meeting.



## CWU-Austin *Human Rights Day Celebration*

*The 2017 Human Rights Award*, presented at the annual CWU Human Rights Day Celebration, honors a person or organization in our community who is doing extraordinary work. It recognizes individuals who have been working in the field of human rights.

The Human Rights Award will be presented at our meeting on October 6, 2017 (Crestview United Methodist Church). This award will come with a donation to the recipient's charity of choice.

*We look forward to another exciting event!*

*June Murphy*

CWU-Austin, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President



### *Our New Members & First Timers to CWU - Austin!*

**Chede Conder**  
4605 Small Drive  
Austin, TX 78731

512-454-6271

**Gloria Garcia**  
10411 Doc Holiday Trail  
Austin, TX 78753-3744

Hyde Park Christian  
512-836-0651

**Karen McKnight**  
7600 Hemingway Drive  
Austin, TX 78752

St. Annie AME  
512-748-8503

**Elley Morgan**  
8603 Brookfield Drive  
Austin, TX 78758

St. Mark UMC  
512-836-2044

**Evelyn Swinney**  
500 Grande Ave Pkwy Apt 7102  
Pflugerville, TX 78660

Simpson UMC  
512-919-9040

*Please Note this change:*

Pat Thomas 11110 Tom Adams #9, Austin, TX 78753

*Visitors*

Visitors' information has been added to the meeting sign in sheets.

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## September Ecumenical Action Forum Follow Up:

*The 2017 Young Church Women Awards* were presented at our September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting (St. Mark UMC) to three (3) talented and deserving young ladies: Shenea Edison (Wesley UMC); Hannah Joanne Smith (Memorial UMC); and Mirand Zepeda (Westminister Presbyterian Church). All three were present with supporting family and friends.

Sincere thanks to our unit and membership for your support and to a wonderful committee (Loretta Hill, Ann McGinley, and Mary Wiley) for your help and assistance!

At the September Meeting, 82 people attended (63 members, 19 visitors); 5 new people joined! Many were there to see Young Church Woman Awards being presented. Also, several members brought friends!



Thank you so much to our speaker – Kori Gough, Executive Director of Partnerships for Children who spoke passionately about her work. This non-profit agency grew out of Rainbow Rooms that were established around Texas to supply the emergency needs of Child Protective Services workers who were removing children from dangerous situations. The Rainbow Room in Austin, is now the largest in the state, and has expanded its services and mission to fulfill children's holiday wishes, provide mentoring to young adults aging out of the foster care system, and find forever homes for children waiting for adoption. With a motto of "giving a hand to children and those who protect them," they also keep up caseworkers' spirits by showing gratitude for their hard work with a variety of appreciation events and gift cards. Due to some technical problems, she was not able to show two videos.

Listed below are the websites for the YES Mentoring program and the Heart Gallery/Forever families:

<http://www.partnershipsforchildren.org/programs/yes-mentoring/>

<http://www.heartgalleryofamerica.org/>

As usual, CWU-Austin membership was very generous in their donations. Kori was overwhelmed with the bounty of diapers, laundry detergent and hygiene items which filled her van, and came just at the time when supplies were needed by those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

For more information about the ways you can help, go to: <http://www.partnershipsforchildren.org/>

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### *Thank you for your generosity!*

The Finance Committee of CWU Austin presents the following Finance Report from the September Ecumenical Development Forum. A total of \$962 was collected. Church Fair Shares: \$130 Individuals: \$455; Love Offering: \$ 317 and \$60 cash for the Rainbow Room.

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Please begin gathering your group's **Blankets Plus** collections to bring to the **World Community Day Celebration** on Friday, November 3, 2017 at Hyde Park Christian Church.

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## 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:

Carole Hatfield, and Vernell Moncure.

Prayer Request(s):

Prayers of healing for Ruth Ellison, Mt. Olive Baptist Church; and Bobbie Sanders, University Presbyterian Church. Again, we ask for prayers for Carole Hatfield and the healing of her son and grandsons as they continue to recover from a serious automobile accident.

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### CWU – Austin Jail Ministry Team

**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](mailto: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, Sue Sidney.***

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

Email: [suesidney@acweb.com](mailto:suesidney@acweb.com)  
**512.657.6650** (cell #)

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**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.



**WE NEED  
YOUR HELP**





### CWU Austin’s mid-year report from i-ACT

CWU Austin is a supporter of i-ACT (Interfaith Action of Central Texas). i-ACT's core programs are: Hands on Housing, i-ACT for Refugees, the Red Bench and Passport i-ACT. Winners of the 2017 Hope Awards were: A Glimmer of Hope Foundation, Austin Independent School District, Bullock Texas State History Museum, and St. John's United Methodist Church.

So far, in 2017, 3,409 hours Christians, Jews, Muslims and people of other faiths repaired houses together; 445 refugees were taught English / 102 refugee children enrolled in the summer program / 2,404 hours volunteered to work with refugees, 680 people participated in interfaith conversations, and 703 Passport Program visitors to different faith communities.

**SAVE THE DATE**



**National  
April 7, 2018**

**CWU National Newsletter**  
(electronic subscription)  
**\$10.00**

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800-cwu-5551                      212-870-2347

Checks should be made payable to:  
**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.



Mark Your Calendars

# EVENTS



- **Monday, October 2, 1:30 PM, CWU Jail Ministry team** meets at the Travis County Correctional Complex, 3416 Bill Price Rd, Del Valle TX 78617, to present the **Human Rights Day Celebration**. Be ready to go into the jail at 2:00 PM for Ministry.
- **Friday, October 6, 10:00 AM, Human Rights Day Celebration**, Crestview UMC, 1300 Morrow St. (57)
- **Friday, November 3, 10:00 AM, World Community Day Celebration**, Hyde Park Christian Church, 610 East 45<sup>th</sup> St. (51). Bring your Blankets Plus collections!
- **Monday, November 6, 1:30 PM, CWU Jail Ministry team** meets at the Jail to present the **World Community Day Celebration**. Remember: Lead time is needed to prepare to join these festivities!



## 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.

**512-569-9691**

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