



*Agreed to differ, resolved to love, united to serve.*

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*Charitable Project for June - Refugee Services of Texas*

June Opportunity--We typically do not have an ecumenical action recipient at our June Wellspring Bible Study, but many of you expressed interest in helping out with the "care bags" given by Refugee Services of Texas (RST) to human trafficking survivors. In addition to bringing hope and immediate relief to the recipients, the bags also help build rapport with the victims who may not be trusting of anyone on a first encounter.

Thank you to Dorothy Kramer and Ann Mund for compiling this information.

**Donations Request**

You may bring any combination of the items contained in the care bags:

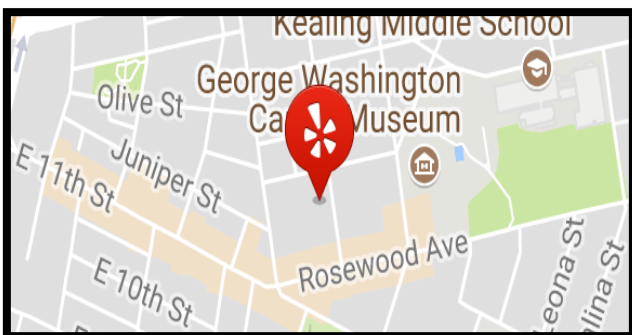
**Travel set of toiletries, hair brush, reusable water bottle, bath wash/bubble bath, stuffed animal, chocolate bar, medium size T-shirt, medium size flip-flops, pair of socks, notebook and pen, box of hygiene pads, box of tampons, HEB gift card for \$30.** The bags will be assembled by RST. Thank you.

*Reaching for Wholeness*

**Monthly Meeting**

**Date:** Friday – June 01, 2018  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m. (refreshments)  
10:00 a.m. (Program)

**Wesley United Methodist Church on the map**



**Place:** Wesley United Methodist Church  
1164 San Bernard Austin, TX 78702  
**Look for the CWU Signs!! Safe Travels. See You There!!!**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to our CWU Sisterhood,

...and the rain came tumbling down. Yes, that is exactly what happened on May 4, 2018 when we gathered at United Christian Church "Reaching for Wholeness in Gratitude for God's Presence." There is no doubt that God was there. He made his presence known through the rain and thunder and the gracious hospitality extended by Carol Kolsti, the women of UCC who volunteered, Pastor John MacIver Gage, and office administrator Diane Baker. We praise God for the safe arrival of the 55 in attendance and thank those who attempted to come.

The beautiful sanctuary of UCC was the perfect setting for our worship service planned by our Ecumenical Celebrations Committee. Through scripture and skit, we focused on our gratitude for God's presence in all things as we respond to human needs with emphasis on childhood hunger. The opportunity for interaction with one another was a blessing and it allowed us time to demonstrate true friendship. After all, it was May Friendship Day.

We were more than proud to present our Valiant Woman Award to Susan Holman, who currently serves as coordinator of Ecumenical Action. Susan is a loyal and dedicated member of our unit and pours her heart and soul into everything she does. You can read more about Susan in this newsletter. Susan, we love you!

Dorothy Kraemer and Anne Mund have planned a Wellspring Bible Study that you will not want to miss. So, plan to join us at Wesley United Methodist Church on Friday, June 1, 2018. We are asking each one to bring one. You will be glad you did.

Sisters, this has been a great year and we are now ready for our summer break. After Wellspring Bible Study in June, we will not meet as a group again until September 7, 2018, when we will present the Young Church Woman Award. Until that time, I pray that each of you will be abundantly blessed and will return with renewed spirit for continuing our reach for wholeness.

In the meantime, we request your prayers for the comfort of the family of our departed member Billie Talley and all those who are currently experiencing health challenges. We know that God does care and He does answer prayer.

**Wishing you peace, love, and joy until we meet again,**  
Johnnie, CWU-Austin President

**P.S.** You really don't have to wait to be asked to serve, just volunteer. You will be blessed!



## Valiant Woman Award

What a surprising and humbling honor it was to receive the Valiant Women Award in May. Like all of you who are involved with Church Women United, I am inspired by our programs, the projects we support, and, most of all, treasure the relationships with each of you that have grown over the years of working together. How fitting that the award is presented on May Friendship Day which celebrates our aim "to strengthen a growing sense of unity, the joy of Christian fellowship, and the power of Christianity in the day of need." This sense of community was very evident to my husband who arrived in the middle of the ceremony and was quite touched at how much we truly cared for each other. He knew this "first Fridays" group was important to me, and now he understands why. He shared some pictures with my children who said you could tell from the photos how happy everyone was to be together! When I requested "no flowers" on Mother's Day because your bouquet was still so pretty, they responded by making a donation to Church World Service on behalf of Church Women United. Thank you for showering me with so many blessings and inspiring me to live into the example set by those who have been named Valiant Women before me.

Your sister in Christ,  
Susan Holman



## YOUNG CHURCH WOMEN UNITED AWARD

The *Young Church Women United Award* will be presented at our September 7, 2018 Church Women United Meeting which will be held at Memorial United Methodist Church.

My sincere thanks to committee members (Cheryl Banks, Loretta Hill, Carolyn Thompson and Mary Wiley) for a job well done!

**June Murphy – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, CWU-Austin**

## May Charitable Action Donation Report

**May Friendship Day Thank You**--We collected food and paper items for our host United Christian Church Food Pantry which supports the Bethany Faith Food Pantry. As always, the CWU ladies were generous donating 56 rolls of paper towels, 106 rolls of toilet paper, over 50 food items, and 7 toiletry/hygiene items.

Again, Thank you for your generosity!

*Susan Holman - Ecumenical Action*



### SEEKING HOST CHURCHES FOR 2019

If your church would like to host a 2019 meeting, please contact 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Danita Nelson, who can be reached at 512-239-9761 or [danitamnelson@gmail.com](mailto:danitamnelson@gmail.com).



### HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD - 2018

The Human Rights Award honors a worthy individual who has done extraordinary work and made significant contributions for the cause of human rights. The award will be presented at our annual **Human Rights Celebration** on Friday, October 5, 2018. The award comes with a donation to the recipient's charity of choice.

Committee: Loretta Hill, Dorothy Kraemer, Vernell Moncure, and Mary Wiley.

The deadline for submitting information for this award is:

Wednesday – May 30, 2018

*June Murphy* – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, CWU-Austin



### The Finance Committee of CWU – Austin [ May 2018 Finance Report ]

*Thank you for your generosity!*



#### Expenses:

CWU – National Support	\$200.00	
CWU – Valiant Woman	\$50.00	
CWU – Texas Support	\$200.00	
Share ½ May Friendship Day w/CWU-Texas	\$150.00	
<b>Total Expenses (May)</b>		<b>\$600.00</b>

#### Income

CWU – Fellowship of the Least Coin	\$360.00	
Individual Members (04)	\$40.00	
Love Offering	\$50.00	
May Friendship Day (total)	\$300.00	
<b>Total Income (May)</b>		<b>\$790.00</b>

### Attendance Reporting – 2018 May Meeting

CWU-Austin greeted 55 persons (which included – 6 visitors, the Pastor (Rev. Gage), and 2 male spouses).

**Stop by the Membership Renewal Table:** At the June meeting, your finance committee members will be available to take your individual membership and church fair share renewals for 2018. Individual memberships are \$10 (\$25 Angel). Fair Shares for Member Churches are due November 30<sup>th</sup> of each year (\$25, \$40, \$60). Membership forms will be available at the meeting.

### CWU MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CYCLE



Church Women United in Austin relies on your financial support to communicate news about the organization and to fund the Ecumenical Celebrations, Development and Action activities which continue to make us a vibrant, relevant organization. This financial support is given through paid Individual and Fair Share memberships as well as contributions to offerings collected throughout the year.

The normal membership collection cycle is from September 1 through December 31 for the upcoming calendar year. This allows for your information to be published in the CWU Yearbook that is prepared for distribution in the early months of the upcoming year. In this way, you are paying in advance for your continued membership. For example: If you pay between the beginning of September 2018 through the end of December 2018, you will be paying for your 2019 membership. Your information will be included in the 2019 CWU Yearbook.

When memberships are paid outside of this cycle, payments made from:

- January 1 to June 30 = payment for the current calendar year
- July 1 to August 31 = payment applied to the upcoming calendar year

If additional information is needed, please contact our treasurer, Pat Hochstetler or any member of the Finance Committee – Barbara Alexander, Carole Hatfield, Carolyn Thompson.



#### 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*

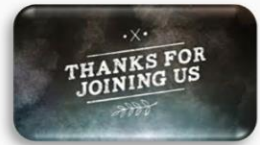
Get Well Cards were sent to:	Dorothy Kraemer, Rosie Hornsby, and Johnnie Harris
Sympathy is extended to:	The family of Billie Talley; a Sympathy Card was also sent.
Thinking of You Card was sent to:	Gloria Moreno
Prayer Request(s):	Continue prayers for the healing of Carole Hatfield's son and grandsons, and June Murphy. We ask that you pause at Noon each day to whisper prayers for healing and peace.

*Prayer changes things!*



We, the members of CWU-Austin, extend to The Pastor, Carol Kolsti and the women of United Christian Church, "our most heartfelt thanks and gratitude" for hosting the May Friendship Day Celebration on Friday—May 6, 2018. The Board Members of CWU-Austin provided an abundance of refreshments. The gracious warmth and hospitality from the women of United Christian Church shall always be remembered.

*First Time Visitors to CWU - Austin!*



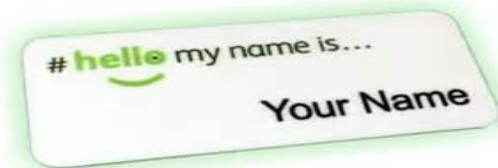
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**SPECIAL NOTE**

Gloria Moreno has moved to Avalon Memory Care, 2215 South Lakeline Boulevard; Cedar Park, Texas 78613. She would gladly welcome visitors! We will continue to send her newsletter and/or shut-in materials to her daughter's address of: 2908 Constitution Drive; Lago Vista, Texas 78645



**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.



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**May Friendship Day**



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Christian  
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*The Charitable Donation for MAY  
United Christian Church supports the Faith Food Pantry  
at Bethany Christian Church on East 12<sup>th</sup> Street*

# Treasured Memories of June 2018



Invocation by Reverend John MacIver Gage, Pastor



# Treasured Memories of June 2018



*Carole Hatfield and Mary Terrell help with registration*



*Carol Kolsti brings greetings from United Christian Church*



*President Johnnie Overton brings greetings*



*A view of the audience*



*Cheryl Banks – Song Leader*



# Treasured Memories of June 2018



*Alice Sessi – Pianist*



*Irene Hairston and Danita Nelson read scripture*



*A Homeless Child*



*The Skit - Sue Sidney, the homeless child; Lydia Polomski, the artist*

# *Treasured Memories of June 2018*



***Bible Study – Pat Hochstetler and Cheryl Banks***



***Vernell Moncure presents Valiant Woman Award to Susan Holman***

# Treasured Memories of June 2018



*Response – Susan Holman*



*Johnnie Overton, Susan Holman, Vernell Moncure*



*Presentations to Valiant Woman Susan Holman*



# *Treasured Memories of June 2018*



*Elizabeth Sanders, Susan Holman, Vernell Moncure*



*Johnnie Overton, Elizabeth Sanders, Susan Holman, Vernell Moncure, Dorothy Kraemer*

# *Treasured Memories of June 2018*



*Treena Pickett gives the Benediction*



*My friend, Julie Stilwell, got me involved with CWU*



*Susan Holman and husband, Alan*

# Treasured Memories of June 2018



## May Friendship Day



*Friendly Reminder...*

*Each one, invite one to Wellspring Bible Study!*