

# The Guide

Church Women United of Greater Cincinnati  
P.O. Box 19228; Cincinnati OH 45219; Phone 471-2612



January 2011

*Church Women United of Greater Cincinnati is an ecumenical, racially, culturally, inclusive Christian women's movement, celebrating diversity and working for a world of peace and justice.*

## **World Community Day/ Human Rights Day Celebrated in November, 2010**

Approximately 39 Church Women United attendees were guests of Cheviot United Methodist Church for World Community Day/Human Rights' Day on November 5, 2010. The Celebrations' Committee was very pleased that Cheviot agreed to host. Our Human Rights' honoree was Steven Anderson, a special abilities self-advocate. Rev. Jill Kepler Campbell and Sr. Judy Tensing, past honorees attended. Sr. Paula Gonzalez spoke about our greater community, God's world, and our place in it.

Steven spoke graciously in accepting the award, emphasizing we all have special abilities. Several baskets and more of tissues, stationery, ring binders, and copy paper were offered as donations for Eve Center, a Christian Women's Counseling Center. These supplies were donated and consecrated on the altar, along with our offering for CWU National.

A buffet lunch was catered by PIP. A special donation was taken for Pastor Fred Cook's church, First Lutheran, which had been without heat since last February.

## **World Day of Prayer**

**March 4, 2011**

### ***"How Many Loaves Have You?"***

World Day of Prayer for 2011 will focus on Chile in South America. There are 5 locations planned for this celebration. The locations are: West—Pilgrim UCC, East—Hyde Park United Methodist Community Church, In town—St. Francis Seraph, Central—All Saints Episcopal/Pleasant Ridge, and North—Wyoming Presbyterian Church. Locations and time for the celebrations are on page 3.

There is an emphasis on bread, and recipes for breads this year. ***"How Many Loaves Have You?"*** is the theme. Keep in mind that Chile is the country that had the miners trapped for over 30 days, and has suffered several earthquakes recently. South American colors and foods should be interesting to experience as we send up our prayers to God on Chile's behalf!



## **May Friendship Day**

**Friday, May 6, 2011**

We are so very pleased to announce that St. Paul's UCC on Old Blue Rock will host May Friendship Day this year. JoAnn Bertram and her group graciously came forward after the last Guide in the fall, to offer their church facilities for our spring celebration. The focus is on our KEYWOMEN. Do you know yours? At long last these ladies who have done so much to support CWU are being recognized. Our service project that day is to collect women and children's pj's and underwear for those in shelter at Bethany House and homeless families with Interfaith Hospitality Network.

*Koben Hinman, Chair-Celebrations*

# Winter

## New Program for CWU & CCC

### CINCINNATI WOMEN'S ADVOCACY ACTION NETWORK (WAAN) of the CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND -OHIO

The Cincinnati Women's Advocacy Action Network (WAAN) is made up of interested members of the Council of Christian Communion and Church Women United who have partnered with the Children's Defense Fund-Ohio. The Cincinnati WAAN will focus on educating the public about the juvenile justice system and keeping youth out of the system.

In December, the Cincinnati WAAN hosted a panel of local leaders in a community conversation on fostering the Growth of Kinship Care. For hundreds of Hamilton County children, foster care placement means losing their families, their schools and communities. Kinship care is an alternative that allows children to maintain important connections. Three families shared their experience in kinship care. The community was invited to attend to learn about the resources available to families caring for children of relatives.

Six networks including the Cincinnati Network have been established in major cities throughout Ohio. The Women's Advocacy Action Network (WAAN) of the Children's Defense Fund-Ohio embodies a statewide group of women who possess a heartfelt desire to provide a strong and effective voice for the children of

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Ohio who cannot lobby or speak for themselves. This network of inter-faith, advocates and professional women is particularly concerned about the needs of poor and minority children and families. The Children's Defense Fund Leave No Child Behind mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start, and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities

A Financial Literacy Workshop for Women and a Financial Literacy Workshop for Women with Children will be held in May.

The Cincinnati WAAN welcomes women from Church Women United, the Council of Christian Communion and other interested persons to participate on any of the four committees, Public Awareness, Advocacy, Faith based and Legislative and Juvenile Justice.

Please contact:

**Mary Kercherval Short,  
513-794-0359.**



### From Sister Mary

As I have been retired for a year, I have put more focus on Over-the-Rhine and Juvenile Detention and Juvenile Chaplaincy. Every week, Mary Kercherval-Short, Betty Baker and myself have presented Bible study to the girls at the Youth center. The sessions have been life-giving. It is our hope in the sessions that we are helping the young people to realize God's love is unconditional for each of them. On occasion I have visited the girls and boys in the Center to listen to their stories, pray with them and encourage them to make better life choices. I attended a program about sexual abuse of young people. It was very enlightening.

I always look for opportunities to stop in at Peaslee Center. I have responded to a need in the Center. I volunteered for the fundraising concert and enjoyed the Christmas piano concert.

I participated in the justice writing sessions. I always look for opportunities to share the "good news" about Peaslee. We had a great women's get-together at Peaslee and hopefully the group will continue to meet.

I continue to participate in the contact committees. The BRAGG meeting which emphasizes kinship care has been helpful in our collaboration with the Council of Christian Communion in our "Round Table" discussion about Kinship. The Center had several grandparents who shared their story of taking care of their grandchildren. I did the march for Human Rights Day. At the Hamilton County Human Services, people spoke about their concern of cuts in services for low income people. We proceeded to elect legislators who supported our issues and presented a thank you note to them in appreciation.

I am involved at Sarah Center. I am on the future planning committee. I attend the monthly Over-the-Rhine Community Council to keep up with what is happening in the community. I witnessed the ribbon cutting and open house of the Jimmy Heath House. I encourage people to donate items to the House. The place is a safe haven for high risk homeless men and women. I received vital information about the Healthcare legislation and have shared that information with others.

I continue to encourage families to be involved in the school. We meet every month with parents at Rothenberg's Family Center. The renovation for the old school on Main St. is beginning now. We will be involved in upcoming meetings. There was good news about Rothenberg in the Enquirer regarding improvement in their achievement.

Winter is a great time to reconnect with groups and individuals who are justice-minded people and friends at fundraisers, agencies and neighborhood luncheons for the community.

Your prayers are always appreciated, *Sr. Mary Grafe*

***CWU Annual Meeting  
and Bible Study***

***Friday, April 8, 2011***

United Church of Christ in Oakley  
4100 Taylor Ave, 45209  
513-871-3136

**Officers installed 10:00 a.m, Business Meeting, followed by Bible Study, led by Sr. Mary Grafe, and lunch.**

**Please leave a message!**

**Need to reach Church Women United, call 471-2612.**

Need to speak to a board member or denominational representative, please call them at the phone number in the Directory. General question, call CWU cell phone at **471-2612** which is checked on a regular basis, especially at the time of celebrations.

**Annual CWU  
Membership Drive**

We hope to increase our numbers! Please join when you are contacted by your KeyWoman. **Dues \$10.00**

*Irma Buede, Membership Chair*  
2996 Wardall, #8, 45211  
513-662-5080

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2011**

***“How Many Loaves Have You?”***

*Written by the Women of Chile*

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In town.....	<b>Saint Francis Seraph</b> ..... 1600 Vine, Over-the-Rhine 45202 651-1533	<b>Sr. Mary Grafe</b> 721-2044 <b>Service: 12:00 Noon</b>
Central.....	<b>All Saints Episcopal</b> ..... Parkman & Grand Vista, Pleasant Ridge 45213 531-6333	<b>Pat Jacobs</b> 891-3590 <b>Service: _____</b>
East.....	<b>Hyde Park Community United Methodist</b> ..... 1345 Grace Ave., Hyde Park 45208 871-1345	<b>Janet Zeigler</b> 943-7661 <b>Reception. 9am, Service: 10am</b>
N. Central.....	<b>Wyoming Presbyterian</b> ..... 225 Wyoming Av., 45215 821-8735	<b>Roberta Sprague</b> 761-3500 <b>Service: 10:00am</b>
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**ALL OFFERINGS WILL BENEFIT WORLD DAY OF PRAYER COMMITTEE GRANT RECIPIENTS WORLDWIDE**

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