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UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 2 Asbury United Methodist
Friday 1090 Berntzen Rd.
9-11:15am World Community Day

Nov 6 Breakfast At Brails
Tuesday 1689 Willamette
7-8:30am World Community Day

Dec 4 Breakfast at Brails
Tues 1689 Willamette
7-8:30am Annual Meeting/Peace Reflection

Dec. 7 Emerald Baptist Church
Friday 631 E. 19th
9-11:15am Annual Meeting/Peace Reflection



NOVEMBER FORUM **World Community Day**

This is our World Community Day celebration. It will be a celebration of our working together for peace and justice for 70 years, and our worship service will reflect this. The theme is "Love in Action" in your community. Our speaker is Jean Stacy, who has been very involved in our community, and has been working with our homeless population. She will share her experiences and her hopes for homeless solutions.

An offering is always taken at this event for National CWU. Our support of National is important for us all.

CARING CONNECTION

If you know of a CWU woman or family member needing a card or connection because of sickness or other need, call Jane Heidegger at 541-485-6229.

COMING IN DECEMBER **Annual Meeting**

Please join us at Breakfast at Brails and Emerald Baptist for our Annual Meeting. Highlights include the election and installation of officers. And there will be time to reflect on Jesus as peace incarnate and how we bring this gift of peace to our world today. Mary Sharon Moore will guide our reflection.

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Phyllis Hockley

"Think Global, Act Local"

Think "Global, act Local" depicts a couple of things for me. First, the importance of acting out of the whole picture, not our individual thinking, and a consideration of what's best for "us" vs. what's best for me.

Second, it points to the importance of remembering that our local actions tho they may seem to be on a small scale in view of the immensity of things, are the actions needed. I'm always most pleased to go to a city council meeting and hear women from CWU speaking out, or to go to the interfaith Earthkeepers meeting and see several women from CWU taking action. Local actions count!

Our Ecumenical Action committee has been planning our forums for next year. But the planning went beyond, "What would be some good topics." They looked at the 2012-2016 Quadrennial Priorities that National CWU created out of the wisdom and concern of women across the movement to give the local units a guidepost in creating their local actions. And our committee used them to create the topics of our forums for next year. Global thoughts from National have created local thoughts for our forums.

These are the Quadrennial Priorities, holding for me the global to be acted out in the local.

Promote the health and well-being of all people by working for healthcare for all, healthy lifestyles, clean water, etc.

Promote personal, communal and governmental decisions that express care for all God's creation with programs on climate change and sustainable practices.

Promote shalom through understanding, forgiveness, and non-violence by supporting programs that embody diversity and inclusiveness, and that work to end sexual exploitation of all people.

Promote the dignity, safety, and economic opportunities for all people by working for policies ending poverty, assuring living wages, ending exploitation of children and adults.

"Think Global, Act Local" as we continue to work for peace and justice in big and small ways, right here in our community.

CWU CELEBRATES FAITH WITH WORKS

Cindy Kokis

VOTING: The right to vote, drafted by Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, was first introduced in 1878, and not ratified until 1920. Oregon women had the right earlier - 1912. The women's suffrage movement fought for 42 years for this right, at both the state and national level. The League of Women Voters (LWV) grew from this victory, working to empower and educate. Our October forums saw how well the Lane County LWV fulfills this goal.

The Ecumenical Ministry of Oregon Voters Guide to Ballot Measures was shared at the meetings. "Two primary themes run through our ballot measure recommendations for this election. The first is protecting the well being and economic security of Oregon families. The second is maintaining adequate government revenues for public education and other critical public programs."

Celebrate suffrage. Honor those women who worked and died before the goal was reached. Vote wisely, share CWU resources, and inform your faith community.

WORKERS RIGHTS: CWU members did "Solidarity Shopping" to help the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) get fair contracts. The supermarket chains want part time workers with no benefits, increased health care deductibles and expect staff to be 24 hours on call.

On Friday, October 19th from 5-6 pm, CWU members will shop at the Safeway at 18th and Oak. UFCW will provide support cards, which shoppers can hand to their cashier showing support. They will hand a card to the manager stating that shoppers expect fair contracts.

Wage theft is experienced by farm workers who are denied the minimum wage, their legal right. Ramon Ramirez, nationally known labor leader, based in Woodburn, spoke at Temple Beth Israel. Construction workers also are robbed and not paid: 16 workers owed a total of \$79,000 received nothing. Bills to prevent these thefts will be introduced in the 2013 state legislature. Watch for updates.

HOUSING: Faith communities continue working to provide people with the human right to be housed. Gifts collected at our October meetings were taken to Brattain House, a Springfield Public School program for homeless students. This is part of the federally funded McKinney Vento Act. CWU shared gifts last December and used their speakers for our January program.

Occupy Interfaith and Citizens Action for Lane County (CALC) presented at the Women's Action for New Directions (WAND) meeting. CWU members are part of these actions, which point to relief and real changes to help local people without shelter.

OCTOBER FORUMS Leslie Hall

We had a good crowd at both Tuesday and Friday October forums. Thank you to Jane Heidegger, pastor Liz Leavitt, and the women of Peace Presbyterian Church for hosting us.

Flo Alvergue from Lane County's League of Women Voters and Pat Hocken were our speakers and gave us valuable information about nine state measures that are on the November ballot, five of which are constitutional amendments.

How will Oregon deal with catastrophic disasters, real estate transfer taxes, inheritance taxes, and the cultivation of marijuana and hemp?

Should Oregon allow privately owned casinos, not on the land of and owned by Native American tribes, and if so, should there be one in Wood Village?

Should corporations receive back income/excise tax "kicker" refunds and should commercial non-tribal fishing with gillnets be allowed?

Should each Oregon Secretary of State be referred to as "He," including our current female SofS, or should the constitution say "She" or "He"?

We also had a copy of the voter's guide from Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO). You can download that at www.emoregon.org.

Flo also shared information about several Springfield, Bethel School District, Eugene, and Lane County measures. She and others encouraged CWU members to have information available at their places of worship, including forms for registering to vote.

People newly registering to vote need to sign up by the 21st day before an election, so October 16. Ballots are not forwarded, so if you have changed your address or name you need to re-register. That can be updated through Election Day at a county election office, according to EMO.

Women have been voting in Oregon for 100 year; please keep it up! Use your rights and power to make a difference, women of faith!



NIGHT SHELTERS NEEDED

Anne O'Brien

St. Vincent de Paul's Night Shelter program shelters families at various faith communities throughout the area. There are a few weeks this winter where there no church is able to shelter folks.

Is it possible your church might be able to join the group of churches that have been able to help. If you don't have enough people to support the families during the week that they are at your church, SVDP can muster a group of volunteers to help with that.

Please contact Diana Wise at First Place Family Center 541-342-7728. Thank you!

'TIS THE SEASON...FOR FLU

Judy Romans

" According to health experts, the flu season runs from October through May, and they urge each of us to get vaccinated as soon as the vaccines are available since it takes about 2 weeks for your body to produce antibodies (blood proteins that fight foreign material such as viruses and bacteria).

" Each year scientists studying virus outbreaks around the world choose three flu types that they consider will be the most common in the United States. There are many varieties of flu virus and a virus strain can change (mutate) fairly rapidly, which is why three kinds are included in each year's vaccine makeup. Private manufacturers receive the information and begin growing the virus in eggs, which takes about 6-9 months and is why people allergic to eggs cannot be vaccinated. The viruses are killed and used to prepare the vaccine, which is then shipped to doctors, health clinics, and other providers.

" Because the vaccine contains a different virus combination each year, last year's shot may not offer any protection this flu season. The single best way to protect yourself is to get vaccinated each year.

" For more information, see the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website: www.cdc.gov/flu."

NEWS FROM OUR STATE BOARD

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Roz Collins, our NW Regional Coordinator writes an article for the Church Woman News, a bi-monthly National publication. Send her an article about your local happenings. Let people know what we're doing here in the Northwest. The deadline for the next issue is November. Send to Roz at rcol2000@aol.com.

The state board donated \$50 to the Carter African Fund. Margaret Carter, retired National CWU President is spending 3 months in Africa, helping the people and distributing many donations, ranging from 1700 pairs of flip-flops and 650 packages of seeds to 3,000 school books and 250 lbs of beans. We wish her well!

FIRST INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL

Katharine Hunt, Global Relations

October 11 is the date. "The Day of the Girl" is an international movement that resulted from a UN Resolution in 2011, "To help galvanize worldwide enthusiasm for goals to better girls' lives, providing an opportunity for them to show leadership and reach their full potential."

The Day of the Girl is about highlighting, celebrating, discussing, and advancing girls lives and opportunities across the globe. "When girls come together to talk about what really matters to us, we can teach other people-grownups, boys, girls all across the world-a new way of thinking about issues like gender stereotypes, discrimination, and opportunity. October 11 is not just a day but a movement. 10.11.12 is bigger than one issue, one organization, or even one country."

Learn more at <http://dayofthegirl.org/> Another resource for you or any girl important to you is <http://dayofthegirlsummit.com/> Once registered, girls can register a "shout out" online, join the virtual summit along with girls around the world, and/or plan an event with friends in their own town.

Other resources include: <http://girlsrights.org>.

Praise God for girls everywhere!



AN UPDATE FROM NATIONAL

Marilyn Lariviere is welcomed as the new CWU National president. She talked about the importance of our motto, "**Agree to Differ**," and said this doesn't mean compromising our own faith or principles, but it does mean accepting others where they are. The next part is the logical follow-up: if we agree to differ, we need to do so in love—a love that does not judge, but reaches out in a spirit of Christian Sisterhood. We are "**Resolved to Love**." And finally, we can then truly be "**United to Serve**." It is simple, but not easy.

In one of her first acts as President, after consultation with the executive committee, she included CWU in a list of advocates who have joined the Sikh Coalition in a call for the Senate Judiciary Committee to hold hearings on hate crimes in the United States. In her letter to the board, she commented, "If CWU is to be a prophetic voice, we need to be able to speak up when asked. Hate crimes cannot be tolerated."

Stephanie Jones, our new advocacy coordinator, starts officially on Monday, October 1.

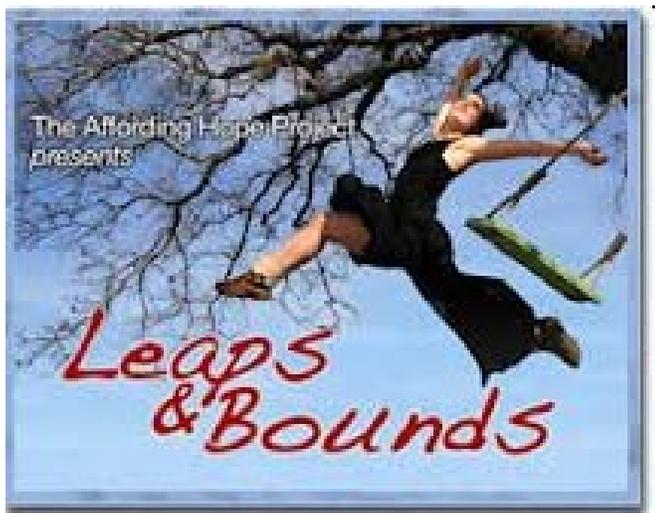
The overall theme for the 2013 Celebrations is taken from Revelation 3:20. "Behold I stand at the door and knock...if anyone opens the door I will come to them." The celebration themes are:

May Friendship Day: "Swinging Wide the Doors of Hospitality"

World Community Day: "Walking through the doors of Opportunity."

World Day of Prayer: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (written by the women of Bermuda).

Check our website at www.churchwomen.org for Nickels for National info, CWU Publishings, newsletter signup and much more.



Leaps and Bounds, a one-woman theatrical production about faith, ecology and global economy is coming to Eugene, Sunday, Oct. 14 from PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 13th and Pearl.

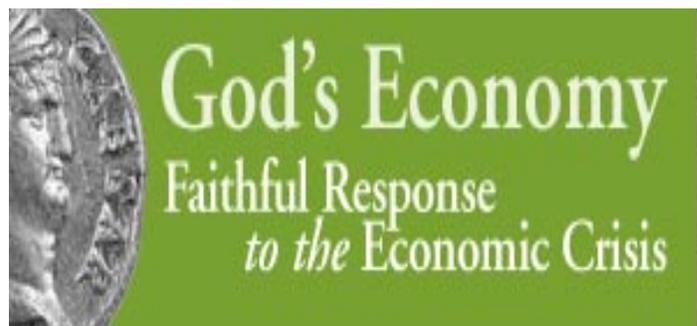
Developed and performed by Tevyn East, this show has been shared with more the 100 communities in over 50 cities across the country. Recently adapted into a film, Leaps and Bounds continues to inspire individuals and communities to consider their response to the ecological and economic crises now upon us.

Using a number of creative tools including storytelling, song, poetry, prayer, movement, and music, this work of theater sheds light on the unsustainable strain of our economic system, while awakening the imagination to a new way of living with and relating to Earth. Grounded in theological reflection, Leaps and Bounds, embodies an adventure both visceral and thought-provoking, asking for a reckoning and a reclaiming of the values that promote human well-being and ecological health.

The suggested donation is \$7-14, but all are welcome.

This is sponsored by Eugene Interfaith Earthkeepers, made up of 12 different faith communities. Several women from Church Women United are part of this group and recommend this event.

Questions, call John Pitney, 541-463-0437



Lecture by Gary Dorrien, "Economy, Livelihood and Our National Priorities." November 2, 11:50 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St. In this presentation, Prof. Dorrien will articulate the vision for "Economic Democracy" as an alternative to Global Capitalism which he believes is responsible for the current economic crisis and is detrimental to the well-being of our nation and the future of our planet.

Dorrien is the Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics at Union Theological Seminary and Professor of Religion at Columbia University. He is the author of 14 books and approximately 250 articles that range across the fields of ethics, social theory, theology, philosophy, politics, and history. He is described by Princeton University philosopher Cornel West as "the preeminent social ethicist in North America today".

Sponsored by the City Club of Eugene. Tickets are \$14 (includes lunch). To register, go to www.brownpapertickets.com/event/269604

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SYMPOSIUM- HEALTH CARE - Nov. 4, 11:15-12:30pm

First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St.

Come learn about how the U.S. health care system from people who know! Meet the leaders of Oregon's state coalition who are working to make *Health Care a Human Right* for all Oregon. Keynote: Dr. Mark Brauner - President of the new local chapter of Physicians for a National Health Plan (and ER doc). Also a panel of Health Care Providers, and time for Q and A.

OLIVE STREET BOUTIQUES - Nov. 8, 4-7pm., Nov 9 & 10, 9am-3pm

First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St.

Bazaar with new and gently used items, antiques to toys.

FAIR TRADE ON MAIN - Nov. 15, 5-7 pm., Nov. 16 11-7 pm and Nov 17 11-6 pm.

Annual International Event at Fair Trade On Main, 1072 Main St., Springfield,

As usual there will be new Fair Trade merchandise with emphasis on the upcoming holidays.

Perfect place to find your gifts for the season.

Phone number for the store is 541-743-0657. Regular hours are Fri and Sat from 11 to 6 pm.