

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN ATLANTA, INC.

NEWSLETTER

September 2024

Calendar Items

Saturday, September 14, 10 am - noon, CWU State Assembly & Leaders Council - ZOOM, \$25 to register - www.cwugeorgia.org/events-celebrations

Monday, September 23, 8 pm - virtual launch of 2025 Celebrations by CWU national office (see separate article)

Friday, September 27, 7 pm - Human Rights Celebration on ZOOM - Matthew 5:9 - God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God

Friday, November 1, 7 pm - World Community Day Celebration on ZOOM

Saturday, October 5- Young Church Women United Program online - for more info go to www.churchwomenunited.net

President's Message from Sheila Louder

As I write this article it is unfortunate that another school shooting has occurred. And this time not far from Atlanta in Winder, Georgia. And as customary we send our thoughts and prayers to the victims' families and start go-fund-me accounts but these acts though well-meaning **Do Not** solve this problem. As citizens we must demand our elected officials take a nonpartisan, critical and comprehensive look at this issue and make necessary reforms so that gun violence in our schools, churches, stores or anywhere we frequent is not the norm

Kudos to **Young Church Women United in Atlanta, Inc.** members: **Leticia Haynes, Veronica Hill, Leslie McCrary and Melanie Louder Brown, Advisor: Maureen Hill** for a superlative and fun "**Everybody's Birthday Celebration**" Sunday, August 25 at Radcliffe Presbyterian Church (USA). This annual Fundraiser will financially support our projects chosen for 2024-2025: The Girls Rites of Passage Program, Atlanta Community Food Bank Annual 5k Hunger Walk/Run, Sadie G. Mayes Health and Rehabilitation Center for senior citizens and small financial stipends for unit members to attend the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York City, annually every March.

As the unit prepares for our last quarter of 2024 beginning September and ending December you will be hearing calling post messages and receiving emails about Getting out the Vote, the Human Rights Celebration, the Atlanta Unit Young Church Women Walk/Run and The Christian Nationalism Conversation via zoom.

I look forward to seeing many of you who accepted the invitation to be seated at the CWU table at the **Interfaith Children's Movement Prayer Celebration for Children** Sunday, September 8, Atlanta, GA. ICM is a partner of CWU in Atlanta and Georgia who actively and daily advocate for Georgia's children.

Registration information for the **CWU in Georgia State Assembly** Saturday, September 14, 10AM-12 Noon via zoom can be found in this newsletter.

Please visit our website (cwuatl.com) for CWU updates and for ways to join or renew your membership. All current members should have received your membership cards via the US Postal Service and the updated membership directory via email. If not send us an email to: cwuatlanta@gmail.com

Everybody's Birthday Pictures



Abundant thanks for your membership and advocacy work these past months! And special thanks to Karen Turney for her excellence as editor of this monthly newsletter.

Blessings, Peace and Love,
Sheila Louder, President

Celebrations in 2025 Announcement

Interested in attending the virtual launch of the materials for the 2025 Celebrations? It will be on **Monday, September 23 at 8 pm** - go to www.churchwomenunited.net to register. The theme for 2025 will be ***God's Daughters Living Powerful Lives*** and the scripture is from Proverbs 31:30 - ***Charm is deception and beauty does not last, but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly praised.*** Themes for the individual 2025 Celebrations are: May Friendship - *Friends Love at All Times*; Human Rights - *Help Others at All Times*; World Community - *Be Kind at All Times*

Quadrennial Priority - Peace/Shalom/Salaam

To promote peace in a broken world:

- Affirm one another's presence and concerns, Mental Health First Aid, <https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org>
- Learn about peace building from the United States Institute of Peace, <https://www.usip.org/>
- Promote Democracy with materials from the National Democratic Institute (NDI), <https://www.ndi.org/>
- Support the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGS), - <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>
- Become familiar with the International Coalition for Peace, icpglobal.org
- Become familiar with the CWU Social Justice Core Value, The Universal Declaration of Human Rights <https://www.ohchr.org/en/universal-declaration-of-human-rights>