

Church Women United

Of Tampa

March 2017

World Day of Prayer Celebration Friday, March 3 – Come join us for the Celebration we share with women in more than 170 countries around the globe! Meet with us at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 3 at Mt. Olive AME Church, 1902 W. LaSalle Street, for coffee and conversation to be followed at 10:30 by the program entitled “Am I Being Unfair to You?”

When leaders of the World Day of Prayer National Committee travelled to the Philippines to plan for the 2017 Celebration they heard stories of a recent typhoon that had struck the central islands, spreading fear and challenging the faith of the residents. Upon reflection they saw the correlation between the local reaction to their trials and the workers who complained to Jesus in Matthew 20:1-16 that laborers who started late in the day received the same reward as those who had worked all day. To modern day Filipinos and to Jesus’ followers life just didn’t seem fair!

As the worship service begins women and girls from the Philippines enter carrying symbols, each with a story. The picture emerges of God’s provision of abundant resources for all His children in contrast to the economy where the strong and powerful seize God’s resources for themselves. Come and learn from the women of the Philippines of God’s love for all His children.

Directions: Mt. Olive AME Church can be reached from Dale Mabry by taking Cypress St. east; go two blocks past Howard Ave. to Fremont Ave., turn left (north) on Fremont to LaSalle. The church is on the left-hand corner of Fremont and LaSalle. An alternate route for those coming from the east would be to take I-275 south to the Armenia Ave. exit, go south on Armenia to Cypress, left on Cypress, then two blocks past Howard to Fremont and left on Fremont. There is ample parking along the streets.

ASSEMBLY 2017 April 4-6 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Mark your calendars now for our annual assembly to be held at the Life Enrichment center in Fruitland Park (near Leesburg). Bette Rountree, our assembly chair, has chosen “The Power of Prayer” as our theme this year – one powerful topic and so timely. Our pastor and Bible leader will be Rev. Ernestine Brown of Flipper Chapel AME Church in Tallahassee. Wednesday workshops will include: communicating through prayer, farm worker ministry, a choir, unit procedures and guidelines, a craft and action in motion. Choose any two, learn and enjoy. During these few days I promise you will meet some wonderful women throughout the state of Florida, you will share ideas, learn, be inspired, and hopefully come home full of the Holy Spirit. Your registration form is above, Print it out and share with a friend. I look forward to meeting you!!

President's Message

Hi everyone! Here we are another year. The past year has been very eventful. We have served this community to help fulfill some of their needs. Many of our clients have often expressed their gratitude and thankfulness for our assistance here at the Clothes Closet.

We owe all to our volunteers who so diligently give of their time and energy to serve this community. We do appreciate all of you and pray that energy, strength and health will be with us for a very long time to keep doing God's will. God bless you all!

Elaine Rollock

2017 Yearbook Now Available – Your essential guide to all the Church Women United events scheduled for the coming year is now available! Be sure to pick up one for your church at the World Day of Prayer Celebration or at the Clothes Closet on a Wednesday morning. And thank Betty Brady for all her hard work each year gathering the necessary information and putting it all in such handy form.

Clothes Closet Needs – The good news is that presently we are well stocked with most personal care items, thanks to your generosity, However, we do have a pressing need for linens and household goods – dishes, kitchen utensils, pots, pans, sheets, towels – all those practical items essential to daily living. As the name Clothes Closet indicates, there is always a need for things to wear, but our homes need furnishing too, so please remember that household items you no longer use may be a blessing for someone else!

May Friendship Day Friday, May 5 – The Celebration theme will be "Kindling New Fires of Love" when we meet for our Celebration and pot luck lunch at 10:30 a.m. at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, 709 W. Linebaugh Ave.

WORK DAYS

Feb. 15 Palma Ceia Presbyterian
22 Forest Hills Presbyterian

Mar 1 St. Chad Episcopal
8 St. James AME
15 Keeney United Methodist
22 Palma Ceia United Methodist
29 HELP NEEDED

Apr 5 HELP NEEDED
12 Hyde Park Presbyterian
19 Lake Magdalene UMC
22 Palma Ceia United Methodist
29 HELP NEEDED