

# SISTAH NEWS



The Women's Ministry of Union Baptist Church

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*“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.”*

*(Romans 15:5-7 NIV)*

## The Who, What, When & Where

The Sistah to Sistah Christian Fellowship Women's Ministry of Union Baptist Church was created in 1997 for the sole purpose of having a venue where women could get together and discuss issues we face every day. The goal of the ministry is to equip the members to offer love, strength and support for each other.

We meet in the chapel on the first Friday of every month at 7 PM, except for the months of July and August. We serve a light fellowship meal from 6 - 7 PM, prepared by a duo of women on a monthly rotation. All women of Union are invited and encouraged to attend and bring a friend.

## Our Mission Statement

“Equipping women to impact others for the Glory of God.”

## PURPOSE STATEMENT

*“As Christian Women Reaching Toward Unity and Spiritual Growth, we will study God's Word and embrace Christian Doctrine that will empower us to develop a stronger bond as Sisters in Christ. We are committed to providing resources that will enhance, enlighten and educate our Sisters*

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## Meet our President

*Greetings, I have been a part of this ministry since its inception. I have had the privilege to serve as President since 2014; it has been a humbling experience. While the Women's Ministry meets to bond friendships and discuss topics of interest, we also study God's Word. In 2015, we had a workshop titled "Am I My Sister's Keeper?" A take away from the workshop was that we should affirm one another in love and encourage all the women of Union to actively participate in the ministry. In addition, we have been created to love one another and reflect the image of Christ as we serve and tell others about Christ (the Good News).*



### **A Great Start!**

The Women's Ministry had its first 2107 meeting on January 6. Our President, Deacon Patricia Miller thought it would be a great idea to begin the year with the "hot" topic – finances. Subsequently, we had a Finance & Wellness Seminar. Although the weather was inclement, we had over 20 women in attendance. The Seminar was led by Minister Gail Parker of Memorial Baptist Church. A few of the principles that we were informed about are:

- (i) God is the source of everything.
- (ii) Giving is essential.
- (iii) Living on a margin, which simply means allowing room for things to happen.
- (iv) Save money – set something aside for a rainy day.
- (v) Keep out of unnecessary debt, thus avoiding the debt trap.
- (vi) Learn to be content with what you have.
- (vii) Keep records and make a budget.
- (viii) Don't cosign for "**nobody.**"
- (ix) Work hard and seek godly counsel.



It is believed that as one learns to follow these principles in their personal finance, they will know the joy that comes from trusting and obeying God.

## Officers for 2017

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Sis. Patricia Miller

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Our Secret Sister program is similar to having a “secret pal” - each participating sister is charged with praying for and encouraging her sister throughout the year by sending cards [not revealing who you are] from time to time or gift(s), of candy, etc. For the past two years it has united sisters and participants have enjoyed getting to know their sisters. We have found that praying for your sister will strengthen you and the rewards are immeasurable.

At our February meeting our President presented the ministry with a Bible Study on Prayer and the ACTS formula for prayer: Adoration – Confession – Thanksgiving – Supplication.

## ACTS Prayer

Adoration - Praise God for who He is.  
Psalm 48:1

Confession - Confess your sins to God.  
1 John 1:9

Thanksgiving - Thank God for what He has done. 1 Thes. 5:18

Supplication - Request God's help for yourself and others. Phil 4: 6-7

## What's Ahead...

The Sistah-to-Sistah Women's Ministry has been on the move and is continuing to move forward to promote Christian sisterhood, Christian living, love and fellowship among the family of God. Join us as we journey on:



- March 3 – Premiere of the movie “The Shack” – Magic Johnson Theater
- April 7 – Women’s History Month – Care Takers and Sacrifices
- April 29– Women’s Ministry Annual Bowling, Bowler City, Hackensack, NJ
- May 5 – Mother’s Day Recognition
- June 2 – Summer Closing – Sip & Paint Party
- August 26 (Saturday) – Joyce Meyers Conference – Hershey, PA
- September 8 – Regular Meeting – Topical Workshop
- October 7 – Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- November 4 – Regular Meeting – “An Attitude of Gratitude” – Workshop
- December 2 – Christmas Celebration – Secret Sisters Revealed

The Women's Ministry, in our effort to provide support to organizations seeking to fulfill the Great Commission of the church, has joined with Walker Memorial Baptist Church, in their “So Send I You” mission project – Swaziland Kitchen. The Women's Ministry is committed to making quarterly donations to the project. It is our hope to become involved with other mission projects in the near future, such as – “Angel Tree” project. This is a Christian Prison Fellowship group that serves incarcerated parents by mobilizing people to share the love of Christ with their families. Angel Tree was founded in 1982 by an ex-prisoner who witnessed firsthand the strained relationship between prisoners and their children; Angel Tree has grown to become the largest national outreach to the 2.7 million children of prisoners. It is our humble desire to be conduits of sharing the Gospel that lives are forever changed to the glory of God!



22nd Annual Women's Retreat  
Thursday, September 28—Saturday, September 30, 2017  
Villa Roma Resort & Conference Center, Callicoon, NY  
Retreat Cost—\$425, early bird special \$375 due by 5/21/17

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