

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 the women could get together and discuss issues we face everyday. The goal of the ministry is to equip the members to offer love, strength and support for each other.

We meet 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 PM-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.

PURPOSE

STATEMENT

“As Christian Women Reaching Toward Unity and Spiritual Growth, we will study God's Word and embrace Christian Doctrine”

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A Servant after God's own Heart

JoAnne Swain



My years here at Union have been and will continue to be rewarding to me. As a young woman growing up here at Union I had many church mothers' that paved the way for me. They would take the time to teach me the Word, teach me how to pray and they prayed for me.

No matter what I did in life I knew that God had his hand on me, so I never strayed away from church even when I wanted to. I always took time to read the Word and seek God's promises over my life.

I had the pleasure of chairing Women's Day, Church Anniversary, Homecoming, Pastor's Anniversary and other events.

I have served as usher, served as ministry presidents and vice-presidents in several missionary ministries as well as served on any events that I was called to do.

I presently serve as the Director of Missions, Church School Teacher, New Members Teacher, President of the Georgia Missionary Ministry, the Sistah to Sistah Women's Ministry, Co-Director of the Soup Kitchen Ministry, and the Christian Education Council.

I have recently celebrated 50 years of service here at Union and I pray that our Lord and Savior will continue to use me as He sees fit.

I thank my Union family for allowing me to continue to love and help me on this Christian walk because this is an awesome journey.

END OF YEAR HAPPENINGS

As the year progressed, our meetings were continually filled with spiritual, enlightening, education and fun topics. Thanks to our illustrious leaders, President Patricia Miller and Vice President Desiree Davis.

- ◆ For breast cancer awareness month we were reminded of the importance of yearly screenings and discussed many different statistical data regarding this most common cancer among women in the United States.
- ◆ Did you know that You Matter To God? Galatians 1:15 of the New Living Translation says: "But even before I was born, God chose me and called me by His marvelous grace." There was a wonderful discussion about this topic that truly helped us in our Christian walk.
- ◆ The Power of a Thankful Heart was our emphasis in November. Our President, Dea. Patricia Miller, gave a wonderful presentation on the importance of being thankful no matter what. Our heart should be in tune with God and we should practice an attitude of thankfulness everyday.
- ◆ There were many Bible related games throughout the end of the year that made us realize that Sunday School, Bible Study and personal study are important.

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WOW CONFERENCE 2018



“Walking In Unity: Christian Women Doing God’s Work,” adapted from Ephesians 2:10 of the New International Version was our theme. There were over a hundred women in attendance and the day was spectacular. From the start of the day with a continental breakfast, which was much more than that to Praise & Worship, you could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. Facilitator Rev. Audrey Jones workshop on Chasing God on Purpose, taught us how Chasing God can take you on an amazing and enlightening journey. Facilitator Rev. Seretta C. McKnight gave us insight on Walking Through God’s

Opened Doors. We have a better understanding that it is in the power of the Holy Spirit that we find answers to many of our questions and are able to go through those open doors. The buffet lunch was far more than we expected and the food was delicious. Thanks to FWF Caterers for doing an outstanding job. Our day culminated with our closing message which was preached by Rev. Lisa Jenkins. She brought everything we learned that day together with her powerful sermon on our theme. The day was filled with fun, fellowship, love and most definitely the Spirit of God. Kudos to the WOW conference committee for a well planned day.



2018 HIGHLIGHT



Angel Tree®, a program of Prison Fellowship, reaches out to the children of prisoners and their families with the love of Christ. This unique program gives you an opportunity to share God's love by helping to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the families of prisoners.

The Sistah to Sistah Ministry participated in the Angel Tree Project for the first time this year. Each Sistah was given a child to purchase a Christmas gift for on behalf of their imprisoned parent. We celebrated the gift giving with a Christmas Party and a fun-filled day of food and fellowship. The invited caregivers, children and guests had a wonderful time and the Women’s Ministry made sure there was plenty to do with a bounce house and games. The Women’s Ministry also exchanged their Secret Santa gifts. Cornell Freeman of FWF Caterers supplied the food and it was enjoyed by all. Seeing the smiling faces of the children and the appreciation from the caregivers made all of us happy to be giving back to the community. Members of the Women’s Ministry enjoyed themselves as they interacted with everyone.

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7*

THE YEAR OF 2019

SISTAH TO SISTAH WOMEN'S MINISTRY 2019 CALENDAR—MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES

Friday, January 4
New Year's Table Talk

Friday, February 1
Hearing God's Voice, Priscilla Shirer

Friday, March 1
Women's History Month
Identifying Family Violence
MIT Kenyetta Morris

Friday, April 5
Workshop
MIT Laurita Moye, Facilitator

Saturday, April 27
Annual Bowling Outing Bowler City, Hackensack, NJ

Friday, May 3
Mother's Day Observance

Friday, June 7
Closing Meeting
Annual Sip & Paint Party

No meetings during July and August

Friday, September 6

Friday, October 4
Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Friday, November 1
Thanksgiving Awareness

Friday, December 6
Christmas Celebration