

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 everyday. 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 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.

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 for their day-to-day living.”

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Eleanor Simmons

It is with both joy and sadness that I am leaving the Sistah to Sistah Women's Ministry of Union Baptist Church. I have met some wonderful people that I have grown to love over the course of the years. In Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, it acknowledges the cycles of life. There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. Just as God determines the weather, He controls the cycles in our lives, and this is my season to move on.



I want to thank the Sistah to Sistah Women's Ministry and my church family for their help in nurturing me to become the woman that I am today. I have learned that we are created for community, fashioned for fellowship and formed for a family, and none of us can fulfill God's purposes by ourselves. While our relationship to Christ is personal, God never intends it to be private. In this ministry, there is harmony, oneness and unity, which is pleasing to God.

Just like our heavenly Father that stands before us with outstretched arms, encouraging us and being there for us, the same holds true for the Sistah to Sistah Women's Ministry. We have women with a variety of backgrounds, abilities and interests. Are we expected to think and act the same? Definitely not. There is nowhere in the Bible that states this. When we let the Lord do His work among us, we become part of a strong, solid ministry. There is glue that binds us together and that is love. For those of you that have not joined, I encourage you to do so and you will not be disappointed.

MID YEAR HAPPENINGS

Our President Patricia Miller and Vice President Desiree Davis, continue to plan events for the ministry that are spiritual, enlightening, educational and fun.

- ◆ We have gained a better understanding of our spiritual gifts. Some of us might have overlooked what we thought was just a characteristic, but in reality was a spiritual gift.
- ◆ In preparation for Resurrection Sunday we read a 40-day Lenten Devotional, which reminded us of the goodness of our Lord.
- ◆ Women's history month was a focus on powerful women past and present who have made an impact in the dynamics of the world. The old adage of "you learn something new everyday" still reigns true as we learned of women we never heard of before.
- ◆ Our prayer chain continues this year as we pray one day a week throughout the day for our church, Pastor Scott & family, the ministry as a whole and our spiritual growth, as well as us being more supportive of each other.
- ◆ We are continuing our "So Send I You" mission project—Swaziland Kitchen with quarterly donations.
- ◆ We met the need in mission as we donated professional attire to Dress For Success. Their mission is to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life.

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MID YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

We enjoyed an evening of basic crocheting as we were given the opportunity of doing a simple bookmark. A few of us never ever picked up a crochet needle in our life. Some of us did it a long time ago and to a select few, it was like "riding a bike." We relied on the instructor, each other and "YouTube" for our left handed Sistahs. Needless to say, there were no bookmarks at the end of the night. The homework assignment was to complete the project by our closing in June. ***Shout out to Dea. Rowena Joseph who was the only one who brought back her bookmark...*** It looks like the rest of us have a summer project now.



Our ***Annual Bowling Day*** was a lot of fun as we were joined by Our First Lady Maja Scott and one of our Teens, Princess Anaya Calixte. We had three teams of five and played two games at Bowler City in Hackensack, NJ. We encouraged and celebrated each other with every strike, spare, gutter ball or.... We culminated our day with dinner at the Coach Diner on Route 4 in Hackensack.



The Sistahs had a chance to channel their inner artist at our 2nd annual ***Sip and Paint Night***. The atmosphere was full of excitement as we dined on tacos, nachos and dips. We sipped on a variety of tasty drinks as we listened intently to the instructor and created our masterpiece. As we parted ways for a two-month break, each Sistah in attendance received The Word For You Today devotional for June, July & August. Our leaders Dea. Patricia Miller and Sis. Desiree Davis always make sure we are fed spiritually even if we are not having a meeting.



WOW CONFERENCE 2018

**Saturday, September 29, 2018
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM @ Union Baptist Church**

It is our prayer that each woman in Union will come to the WOW Conference and bring a friend. This is going to be an awesome day of fellowshiping, communing with God and growing even more in Christ. If you have not made your \$25 deposit yet, please do so today. Don't miss out on an opportunity to worship God as we Walk in Unity as Christian Women Doing God's Work.

Conference Cost \$75.00 which includes Registration, Continental Breakfast, Buffet Lunch, Conference materials (T-shirt, Bag, etc.)

Workshop Topics

Walking Through God's Opened Doors—Rev. Dr. Seretta C. McKnight
Associate Minister, Union Baptist Church, Hempstead, NY

Chasing God on Purpose—Rev. Audrey Jones
Associate Minister, Friendly Baptist Church, Bronx, NY

Keynote Speaker—Rev. Lisa Jenkins, Pastor ~ St. Matthews Baptist Church, NYC



WOMEN'S DAY EVENTS 2018

“Walking In Unity: Christian Women Doing God's Work” - Ephesians 2:10

Saturday, July 21—Comedy Show

Women's Day Apparel, \$6—Will be available @ the end of August

Friday, September 21—WOW Service @ 7pm

***Sunday, September 23—Women's Day
Colors: White/Burgundy***

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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:

September 7 – Regular Meeting – Topical Workshop

October 5 – Breast Cancer Awareness Month

November 2 – Regular Meeting – “Thanksgiving Emphasis” – Workshop

December 2 – Christmas Celebration

December 15 – Angel Tree Christmas Project