

First Presbyterian Church  
Huntsville, Alabama  
Responds to Moderators' Challenge

At our Leadership Training in August of last year, I (Stella Wilson, moderator of PW, Northern Alabama Presbytery) put forth Mary Weber's Moderator's Challenge to all of the PW Moderators in our Presbytery. I also e-mailed the challenge to those who weren't at our Training Session.

I want to commend the Moderator of First Presbyterian, Huntsville, as she took the challenge to heart. In speaking with her today she said, "Well, I just took your challenge and went with it." I said, "Well, don't give me the credit, I just took Mary's challenge and went with it."

So, at the end of last summer, Moderator Nan McBride of First, Huntsville, met with two of the young women at her church. She met with Kim Johnson and Amy Stuckey. Both agreed to try to form what would be Circle #6 in their church. And they did so! At Christmas, this new Circle met and had an Ornament Exchange. Between 25 and 30 young women attended. At the Christmas Gathering, each of the other Circles brought items for the military men and women who were on the prayer list. Items included socks, granola, instant coffee, creamer, etc. The women of Circle #6 packed the boxes and shipped them off to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Now these Presbyterian mothers are interested in getting their children to help with some of their projects. They have cooked a meal for the Downtown Rescue Mission and included their children. This summer they plan on packing school bags for underprivileged children, and once again the children of Circle #6 will help.

A bit "Hats Off" goes to the Moderator, Nan McBride! She took it upon herself to appoint a Mission Coordinator. First had not done much in the way of Missions for several years. Nan challenged each Circle to come up with a mission project, and the women have come through with flying colors. It has been an excellent year for Presbyterian Women at First, Huntsville.

Although these activities have been started because of the challenge of 3 different PW moderators, we give GOD the credit!

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