

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF EAST TENNESSEE PRESBYTERY

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

ANNUAL GATHERING

APRIL, 2009

MEET YOUR NEW OFFICERS!

————— Welcome new leaders —————

PWPCT, EAST TENNESSEE PRESBYTERY

The following new officers who will be learning their responsibilities this summer and assuming office next fall:



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN



WITH GRATEFUL THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO THE WOMEN OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE

TODAY IN THE SANCTUARY AND HALLS OF FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CLEVELAND, PRESBYTE-
RIAN WOMEN FROM EAST TENNESSEE PRESBYTERY
ENJOYED

THEIR ANNUAL SPRING GATHERING.
WORSHIPING, LEARNING AND CELEBRATING FEL-
LWSHIP TOGETHER WHICH WE AS
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ENJOY EACH YEAR
IN THE SPRING.

IF YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS NEWSLETTER AND
WERE NOT PRESENT—PLAN TO BE THERE NEXT
YEAR WHEN WE GATHER AT
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE
DATE TO BE DETERMINED SOON.

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MODERATOR-

JoAnne Fowler- Sequoyah Hills, Knoxville

MODERATOR ELECT-

Mot Krick -New Providence, Maryville

SECRETARY -

Judie Toole- Clover Hill

TOGETHER IN MISSION -

Lisl Jackson - Rivermont, Chattanooga

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Evelyn Flores -Highland, Maryville

LEADERSHIP, RESOURCES, HORIZON -

Gail Hardy- First Presbyterian, Lenior City

SEARCH -

Loretta Teter- Rivermont, Chattanooga

CLUSTER THREE -

Linda Worden –Lake Hills, Knoxville

CLUSTER FOUR-

Eleanor Barker - Second, Knoxville

CLUSTER SIX -

Janice Campbell –New Providence, Maryville

CLUSTER EIGHT-

Effie Heiss Sherrill Hayes -First Soddy Daisy

CLUSTER NINE -

Marilyn Suber -New Hope, Chattanooga

ADVISOR-

Loretta Teter –Rivermont, Chattanooga

————— USING OUR HANDS —————

Last Spring I urged you at your Spring Gathering to “use your hands” to help others in Mission. We listed things such as preparing food and taking it to shut-ins, writing to Congress or Senate reps, driving folks to the grocery or doctor’s appointments, and so on. Then came AL/MS, and I decided to donate some hand-crocheted necklaces to their Market Place. Later in the summer I gave another necklace to Dean Vandegrift, my hostess when I went to Birmingham for the Main Event. I had NO IDEA what would happen next!

Dean asked how to make the necklaces, and the next I knew she was selling them to raise money for the Presbyterian Congo Project. Her goal was to raise \$500. Before long, she exceeded that goal by \$100. At last count, she has raised over \$1600 and reports that the total is still growing!

The necklaces have become a wonderful mission project for me as well. One of my favorite experiences with the necklaces is this story, our county was a victim of Kentucky’s ice storm, and we opened a local shelter. One night I went to visit. Not knowing what there would be to do, I took a crochet hook and some yarn with me. Before I left I had made and given each of the 8 women in the shelter a necklace of her choice! A Red Cross volunteer later thanked me for bringing cheer to a group who had been restless and discouraged.

This necklace project seems to evolve and grow without conscious intention. It is truly God led. My prayer for PW is that we might follow God’s lead in our work. There is no telling what He will bless your hands to do. Mary Weber, PW Moderator

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES ACROSS THE PRESBYTERY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MADISONVILLE

Puppets are not just for children - adults enjoy them too! All of us at Madisonville Presbyterian were anxiously awaiting the arrival of our puppets from Puppet Productions out of Desoto, Texas. We were fortunate enough to receive a grant from the Equip Committee of the East Tennessee Presbytery and had enough gifts from our own congregation to order what we need to get started. We will begin with the Deluxe Starter Set: six puppets, a curtain and frame and numerous CDs and training videos. We ordered another curtain and frame to have room for all of our puppeteers plus a portable sound system.

The general plan is to perform skits and songs for our Little Folks time during Sunday morning worship service on occasion, have skits, etc... for special events at our church, such as, our Valentine's dinner, Earth Day, Easter, Christmas or other celebrations that arise during the year. We want to travel to nursing homes, other churches, town events, etc and we have an invitation from the East Tennessee Health Care facility in Madisonville.

I was the puppet director for ten years at a church in Etowah, TN, It was a lot of fun; we traveled often and performed ALOT. I feel called to start this ministry at Madisonville and the generous response of the Presbytery, our congregation and the eagerness of our youth

**HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP!
PLEASE MAKE AN 8 1/2 x 11 "POSTER"
ABOUT ONE OF YOUR MISSION ACTIVITIES**

TO: JANE GUTHRIE

**2554 CRESTWOOD DR., CHATT. 37415
I NEED YOUR POSTER BY MAY 5TH.**

**If you want my help putting it together just
send the information and any pictures. I will
put it together and mail it to the Churchwide
Gathering. Give me as much lead time as
you can. Posters are due middle of May.**

Thanks, Jane

A SPECIAL INVITATION TO CHURCHES IN CLUSTER SIX

* BAKER'S CREEK * BIG SPRING * CLOVER HILL * EUSEBIA * FIRST GREENBACK *

* HIGHLAND * HOUSTON MEMORIAL * NEW CASTLE * PINE GROVE *

The women of New Providence Church invite The women of Cluster Six and the members of the Presbytery of East Tennessee Coordinating Team to meet with them for their Birthday Celebration Thursday, May 21 at 10:30 a.m.

You don't need to make reservations for lunch at the meeting.

It will be a Salad Smorgasbord. Bring whatever salad contribution you can get together and come join us! Polly Shafer, Church-wide Coordinating Team treasurer is the speaker. She will talk about origins of the Birthday Offering, how to apply for a grant for special ministries you would like to help and information about how grants are processed. It should be a very valuable help for all of us. Polly is lots of fun. You will enjoy getting to know her.

NEW COLUMN IN YOUR NEWSLETTER

Frequently in times when the PWPCT is meeting in our churches around the Presbytery it is evident there are many wonderful Presbyterians behind each open door of our churches welcoming others to come in —sometimes in ordinary ways almost taken for granted—or in extraordinary efforts that tells others something special has happened here!

If there is someone in your church who is one of those 'second milers or gives 'above and beyond there will be an opportunity as space allows to share a good word across our East Tennessee Presbytery.

ABOVE AND BEYOND

On December 4, 2008 PW of Fairmont recognized PW and its 97th birthday. We honored Margaret Herrell with a lifetime membership. Fairmont is proud of the many years Margaret has given generous service to the church and PW.

Congratulations to this gracious lady who for several years in her spare time has been tutoring adults from BRIDGE which resulted in one student from Iraq professing his Christianity and joining us as a member of Fairmont.

Every church has many members who play vital parts that help make it successful. Fairmont has a couple who have worked and been a great part of our church survival. Jean and Eddie Stuart. She was raised in Fairmont, her Dad, Rev. Keaton was minister from 1952-1961. She is very talented and is able to do anything that is asked of her including over the years serving as PW moderator, circle president as well as volunteering with activities BRIDGE at Northgate. She often provides transportation to church.

Our church kitchen was in real need of a renewal. Jean and Eddie took this on as their project. Scraping walls, repairing places and a general overhaul made a beautiful kitchen for us to enjoy. Receptions, dinners or food events always find Eddie elbow deep in dishwater and Jean helping in other ways. Aside from their commitment to Fairmont they help many people outside our walls. We will never know the extent of their generosity. We are very fortunate to have this happy and generous family at Fairmont and hope their light shines on for many years to come.