



Presbyterian Women

of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery (PW/MKP)

NEWSLETTER • FALL 2008

OCTOBER 18:

See You at Strathmoor!

“Rethinking How We Live” is the theme of our **Fall Gathering** at Strathmoor Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 18.

Rethinking how we live needs to become more than a theme. Dramatic changes should be happening everywhere with everyone we know – and that includes us, our homes and our churches.

To help us think and act anew, our presenters will focus on automotive energy usage (speaker from AAA); household energy usage (speaker from LG&E); and a greener household (speaker from Agriculture Extension Office).

Gathering leaders say that the morning’s focus will tie into but not duplicate the content of Presbytery’s August 23 PARTI theme, “Going Green.”

A mystery door prize will be given away. Whoever brings the most non-Presbyterian women as guests will win it!

Time: 9:00-Noon.

Cost: None.

Address: 2201 Hawthorne Avenue, Louisville

Instruction: COME! Women from churches throughout our Presbytery will join in fellowship.

SEPTEMBER 6:

PW/PMK’s Annual Prayer Service

Our 6th annual Prayer Service will be at 10:00 in the chapel of PC(USA) headquarters, 100 Witherspoon Street. It is organized by Dianne White and the Committee for Racial Ethnic/Justice and Peace. They report that we’ll experience a few “surprises” this year.

The offering will go to Glade House, a 10-bed living facility in Old Louisville that is affiliated with House of Ruth.

Parking for our women will be available at the Center’s parking garage.

Dear PW Sisters in Christ:

I recently returned from my first experience of an AL/MS PW Conference in Huntsville, Alabama. Mary Weber, our Synod Moderator, and I facilitated a workshop titled “PW: Now What?”

Attending also from this area were Normajeanne Maddox, who serves on our Synod’s Search Committee, and Amy Robinson, a Beyond Borders mission participant. We had a full class of 23.

AL/MS is a conference sponsored by the Presbyteries of Alabama and Mississippi, rotating from state to state each year. Workshops are offered along with an overview of the upcoming Horizons Bible study. There is a market place and a Cokesberry Book Store display. Items for the market place are donated and sold with proceeds going to a designated agency or area of the church. Living Waters for the World was one of the recipients. At the close of the conference, they offer a half-price sale, and later in the evening, all you can stuff in a bag for \$5.00!

The experience was enjoyable and rewarding.

Many thanks to the planning committee of our annual Bible study for another outstanding study overview. For those of you who attended, you see how important it is to promote next year to all our churches. At the end of the day, women were asking for the 2009 date! It is clear our women are hungry for a deeper understanding of God’s word through our Bible Study.

Cluster Leaders: Please get the word out to churches concerning our Fall Gathering on October 18.

Continue to stay in prayer for the ministries of Presbyterian Women.

Love and peace to each of you,

Gloria Moorman
PW/MKP Moderator

Scholarship and School \$ Available

The PW/MKP coordinating team has allotted \$100 for scholarships to women wishing to attend the July 2009 Horizons Bible Study.

Also, PW/MKP will provide \$250 to help with school supplies for needy youth. Gloria Moorman works with youth and young adults in four African-American churches of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery, and the coordinating team has asked her to distribute the funds.

Please contact Gloria at g.moorman@insightbb.com if you know someone who might need assistance.

LET'S TAP MISSIONARIES AS SPECIAL SPEAKERS

On the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary campus is temporary housing for missionaries on leave from overseas assignments. This housing is what we call the Furlough Home, and its residents can be valuable resources for church programs. Some suggestions: Ask a resident to fill your pulpit, teach a church school class, speak at youth, women's and/or men's groups, and give a "Minute for Mission" statement during church service. Please share with your church this information:

- Here until 9/8/08 - Rev. Choon Lim and his wife Yen Hee Lim serve with the Aboriginal College Ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan. After two years of study of the Mandarin language, they were asked to move to Hualien to plant a college ministry. Phone 502/896-8412.
- Here until 12/31/08 - Tim and Gloria Wheeler are here from Honduras, where they work with the Heifer Project International. Gloria's work is with delegations and mission education, and Tim works in community development. Their daughters are all in college. The Wheelers have been residents several times. Phone 502/893-3934.
- Here until 12/31/08 - Dr. Yong-Hun Jo, his wife and daughter have come from the Presbyterian Theological College and Seminary in Korea. He is studying at the Louisville Seminary. Phone 502/897-6233.
- Here until 8/11/09 - Ellen Dozier comes from Guatemala, where she spent 12 years, first as a volunteer and then working with women there. She will be a missionary-in-residence working on the mission project for 2009. Phone 502/897-6289.

This Newsletter Wants To Be GREEN

We want to save money, as well as a tree, so for the first time, starting with the newsletter you are reading, we are distributing electronically. Those readers for whom we have no e-mail address will continue receiving news by regular mail.

Did you receive this by regular mail but have an e-mail address? Virginia Kozak is handling our electronic distribution, so please contact her at v.kozak@att.net with your address – and note that when your inbox has mail from her address, it is not spam. If you have questions, her phone number is 502/261-1919.

Do you receive this newsletter but don't want to? By all means, please contact us.

Thank you!

Coming Back One More Time!

The triennial Presbyterian Women's Churchwide Gathering is coming back to Louisville, so mark your calendars now for July 11-15, 2009.

That sounds a long way off, but it's really less than a year! And, again, we will be looking for volunteers to show our Louisville hospitality and make the Gathering the best ever.

Note that this will be the last time we will have the opportunity to volunteer and attend Gathering plenary sessions on our volunteer nametag – no airfare required! Let's make the most of it.

The Gathering will be held in Orlando in 2012, which means 2015 is the earliest the Gathering could possibly return to Louisville – seven years away.

Birthday Offerings

Treasurer Carol Lee Severs says she expects more 2008 Birthday Offering receipts, but so far they total about \$5,480, or \$300 behind last year. Of churches with offerings at \$350 and more, at this time Briargate tops the list (see "Church Corner"), followed by Highland, Calvin, Beulah, Harvey Browne, John Knox, and Springfield.

✚ CHURCH CORNER

✚ Briargate

Dotty Buck, Cluster B leader, proudly reports that Marylou Stevens, Briargate's PW moderator, recently shared the history of the Birthday Offering during a worship service. Marylou then invited everyone to stay after worship the following Sunday for a pot luck luncheon and bring a wrapped gift, costing no more than \$7 or \$8, to be auctioned. Starting auction price was \$10. Although this is a small church, they had about 40 people in attendance and raised \$945!

✚ Hopewell

On Saturday, September 6, Hopewell Presbyterian, 13721 New Hopewell Road, will host the Hopewell Community Fish Fry, and we are all invited. From Noon until 7:00, rain or shine, you can hear live music, children will have special activities, and you'll enjoy fish sandwiches, chicken nuggets, bratwurst, and much more.

✚ Okolona

Thank you, Okolona PW. On Saturday, November 8, they will host the next meeting of our Coordinating Team. Address: 8015 Shepherdsville Road. Time: 9:30.

✚ Peace

Can someone come out to play? Peace Presbyterian expects to be alive with friends on September 20. Come at 5:00 and join "When Friends Meet."

✚ Trinity

Congratulations, Trinity! They celebrate their 50th in October. The church continues being dedicated to the Center for Faith and Arts, with facilities and training for potters, felting, knitting and painting. Their PW recently donated money for rocking chairs at Westminster Terrace, and they were wonderful hosts to the Coordinating Team in August.

PW Churchwide Mission

Linda Garrett, our "Together in Service" (TIS) mission coordinator, wants to hear from those in charge of PW mission about projects our PW groups are doing locally, globally, and ecumenically. Please contact Linda at ldgarrett@insightbb.com.

This year, as we plan mission projects for our PW, Linda asks that we consider these three projects:

Palm Project for Congo

The Palm Project is a new mission program in which groups or individuals can make donations for the establishment of palm plantations in Congo, once the world's largest producer of palm oil. The destruction of agricultural capabilities in Congo has forced the country to import cooking oil from Malaysia for its domestic use. Rather than continuing this dependency, the Congolese could plant new varieties of palms, providing both needed palm oil and income. This opportunity can have great returns. One \$20,000 investment from PW will fund 80 hectares of palms that will generate \$200,000 per year for 30 years to subsidize educational programs, hospitals and clinics.

Mattress Project for Congo

Many of us take for granted basic comforts, such as a mattress on which to rest while in the hospital. However, hospitals in Congo and Malawi are in need of this hospital staple. A grant from PW's 2005 Thank Offering helped purchase new mattresses for hospitals in those two countries, but many beds in Congo still have no mattress or merely an old, unsanitary wedge of foam. With the help of Presbyterian Women, it is possible to supply every bed with a mattress and a sheet in our partner hospitals in Congo. On average, a hospital mattress costs only \$60.

Bicycle Project for Congo

In many places throughout Congo, roads can be treacherous for vehicles, and the trucks in working condition are often too expensive for most villagers to rent. Given these restraints, the bicycle is the best way to transport goods. A family with access to a bicycle has the strongest family member push the bike from their remote village to a city market, loaded with up to 400 pounds of produce. The biker will sell the produce at the city market and buy hard-to-find items for the village, such as sugar, salt and clothing, and then push the bike back to the village. Bikes of high enough quality to haul produce cost approximately \$80. With this minimal investment, Congolese families can lift themselves out of poverty.

Send checks to:

PC(USA), PW Remittance Processing, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652. On the memo line of checks please write "PW Palm Project," "PW Mattress Project," or "PW Bicycle Project."

ECUMENICAL EVENTS AND WORLD SERVICE AHEAD

All women are invited to join Church Woman United, an ecumenical movement that works for peace, justice and unity in diversity. Dues are only \$7.00 a year. Doris Yocum (502/425-5927), our dedicated CWU coordinator, will be delighted if more of us join.

General meetings are scheduled for 9:30 on Fridays – September 5, October 3, January 2, and February 6. All are at First Lutheran Church, 417 E. Broadway, Louisville.

World Community Day will be Saturday, November 1 at 10:00 at Joshua Tabernacle Baptist Church, 426 South 15th Street. Our PW will prepare a light luncheon afterwards, and Doris urges our support. The theme will be "God's Wisdom Sets Us Free."

The theme of the holiday celebration will be human rights for children. This will be on Friday, December 5, 10:00, at Metropolitan Community Church, 1432 Highland Avenue.

Our PWs can help with hygiene and health kits

Service is most important to CWU, and this year the work again will center around hygiene and health kits. Last year the kits responded to tornados and flooding in Alabama, and many needs in Belarus, Cuba, and Zimbabwe. To participate this year, a church's PW needs to complete a pledge form, which Doris will distribute at the October 18 Fall Gathering (see page one), or which she will mail if we call her (502/425-5927).

On the form the PW group must select items for collection and mail the form to the Church World Service Regional office. No telephone pledges are accepted. After CWU confirms the pledge by mail; items are collected. Kits will be received at our Spring Gathering on March 28, location TBA, and Doris will coordinate delivery to the regional office.

Alternatively, we can send money to our treasurer: Carol Lee Severs, 1208 Potomac Place, Louisville, KY 40214.

Further, volunteers are needed to help with regional kit distribution in May 2009. Those who can assist should call 1-888-297-2726.

2009 PLANS UNDERWAY

Meeting dates established for 2009 are:

- Coordinating Team Meeting - Saturday, January 31
- Spring Gathering - Saturday, March 28
- Coordinating Team Meeting - Saturday, June 6
- PW Churchwide Gathering - July 11-15 in Louisville
- Coordinating Team Meeting - Saturday, September 26

Also next summer: We already are planning next July's Horizon Bible study. Seventy-eight attended the 2008 study at Second Presbyterian under Rev. Janice Catron. Several women came from neighboring presbyteries, which is always a special pleasure.

This newsletter is distributed to PW leaders and contacts in all 57 churches of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery. It is published prior to the PW/MKP Spring and Fall Gatherings. Periodically there are additional mailings. The purpose is to keep Presbyterian women informed and involved in PW/MKP's connectional role in fellowship and mission opportunity for the good of the church and the world. If you wish to be removed from distribution, please contact Kay Laird (lairdmaryk@aol.com, phone 502/425-7303) or Virginia Kozak (v.kozak@att.net, phone 502/261-1919).
