



Together in Service

Presbyterian Women Newsletter

March 2008

Central College Presbyterian Church, Westerville, OH

MOTHER-DAUGHTER-FRIENDS LUNCHEON



PW's 2008 Mother-Daughter-Friends Luncheon will be held Saturday, April 19 at 11:30 a.m. in Kirk Hall. This year's theme is "Steppin' into Spring". Our youth will provide the program, under the direction of Pastor Monte, and the Men's Fellowship group will again serve the meal. Tickets will go on sale soon.

The 2008 Central College Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership Award will be presented at the luncheon. Nominations for this award were due March 10.

Maureen Johnson and Canny Cameron are going to be decorating for the luncheon. They are asking for donations of high-heeled shoes for decorations. They need to be a permanent donation since they are going to paint them. Bring your shoe donations to the Welcome Center, and mark them "Presbyterian Women Luncheon".



PRESBYTERY OF SCIOTO VALLEY SPRING GATHERING

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley Spring Gathering, "Together in Service . . . Building an Inclusive, Caring Community", will be held Thursday, April 24 at 10 a.m. at the Alexander Presbyterian Church in Athens, Ohio. Sign-in will begin at 9:15 a.m.

This gathering will be a celebration of our beloved community of Christian women. Come and take advantage of the opportunity to experience various ways in which cultures worship God, honor Women of Faith, strengthen your Christian health with exercises on racism, support the Coordinating Team in the installation of new officers, participate in mission projects with your offering and special ingathering, enjoy eating and visiting with friends, and hear special music praising God.



Please let your circle leader know if you plan on attending. The deadline for registration is April 17, and the cost is \$8. Make checks payable to PW/PSV.

VISIT US ON THE INTERNET!

www.centralcollegechurch.org

Click on "Be Involved In" and select "Presbyterian Women".

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mother-Daughter-Friends Luncheon
Saturday, April 19 at 11:30 a.m.
Central College Church (Kirk Hall)
Westerville, OH

Presbytery of S.V. Spring Gathering
Thursday, April 24 at 10 a.m.
Alexander Presbyterian Church
Athens, OH

Presbyterian Women News

KROGER GIFT CARDS



Don't forget to use your rechargeable Kroger gift cards to purchase all of your Kroger groceries. PW receives a 5% donation from Kroger for each purchase charged to the gift card. Every cent goes to PW missions. Simply ask the cashier to add money to your card before making your purchases if the value is running low. What an easy way to make money for PW missions!

If you need a Kroger gift card, please see or call Maureen Johnson at (614) 475-4502.

ROVING REPORTER

Lucretia Parga, who joined our congregation last September, has quickly become one of our most involved new members. Coming from the West (San Diego, Lake Havasue, and S.W. Texas), she was ready to begin a new adventure in our community. She has spent most of her life near her family in San Diego. In Lake Havasue and Texas she was assisting her sister through a health crisis. Then she moved to Westerville to house-sit for her daughter, Anissa, who had accepted a position in Georgia. Having become a serious Bible student for the past six years, she looked for a church where she could continue her interest.

Not knowing anyone in Westerville other than Anissa, she was eager to start. She joined the Tuesday morning Bible study class and quickly became a facilitator, beginning with the book of Daniel which she had previously taught. She has put her participation on hold while helping the newly formed divorce support group. She is also in the Disciple class now finishing the book of John. She volunteers in the church office, has joined a circle, and continues to "expand her territory". Lucretia is looking forward to finding friends, keeping busy, and serving where ever needed. She is a dedicated Christian, and we are blessed to have her helping us. Look for a chance to meet and welcome her soon.

- Betty Hoffman, *Roving Reporter*
(614) 882-8405

MEMORIAL LIBRARY UPDATE

New books have been donated to the Memorial Library in memory of the following Presbyterian Women:

"Heaven is Real" by Don Piper and Cecil Murphey. After his miraculous and transforming 90 minutes in Heaven, Don Piper is bringing God's healing message to earth, sharing the spiritual lessons he has learned to show all of us how to embrace God's grace in the here and now, as well as the hereafter.

In loving memory of Doris Taylor.

"A Life Well Lived" by Charles R. Swindoll. The Creator never intended us to be burdened by constant guilt, shame, and fear. In this book the author provides a poignant and inspirational message from the book of Micah that frees Christians from unscriptural notions of failure and shows the rewards of an obedient heart.

In loving memory of Bonne McDannald.

Feel free to borrow these books from our library, found on the kiosk in the Adult Library, 2nd floor, Academy building.

- Betty Adler, *Library Coordinator*
(614) 890-5070



Presbyterian Women News

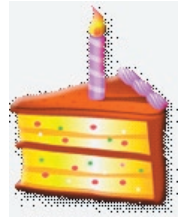
MISSION UPDATE

West Second Avenue Presbyterian Church:

Our support for this outreach was \$300 again this year. Rev. Heckathorn has applied it to making available for their seeking attendees the same study Bible that we are using here at Central College Church. He states that the entire price is prohibitive for many, and he is very appreciative of having resources available for that purpose. He has been quite busy and out of town a great deal recently but promises to give us an update on things at West Second Avenue Church in the near future.

Upcoming Offerings:

Coming up in April.....our annual opportunity to participate with Presbyterian Women across our country in mission. The Birthday Offering was begun in 1922.....the idea being to put into the offering a penny for every year of age attained....or \$1 if declining to reveal one's true age...! I imagine in 1922 that amount, collected from many women, enabled PW to be quite generous and accomplish much in aiding others. I wonder how much today we would need to contribute per woman to have that impact?



The Creative Ministries Offering Committee has selected two projects for the 2008 awards, rather than the five done in each of the past several years, so that a greater community impact can be made. One is in Africa, the other in Louisiana. Details will be available soon. Please be in prayer that the size of the blessings in your life be reflected in your generous gift to these deserving projects. Offering will be collected in circles in April.

Youth Mission Trip Support:

We've all heard about the ambitious Mission and Music trip planned for our Jr. and Sr. High youth this summer. WOW! What an adventure! Pastor Monte says "yes", this combined effort does replace the separate activities of the past few summers. The youth are working hard to raise funds, and our planned budget support of \$500 for each group will now go in total (\$1,000) toward this youth mission work.

- Carole Cole, *Vice Moderator for Mission Interpretations*
(614) 891-7906
cole_carol@yahoo.com

PRESBYTERY OF SCIOTO VALLEY WINTER GATHERING



Eight women from Central College Presbyterian Church braved the elements to attend the Presbytery of Scioto Valley Winter Gathering held at Parkview Presbyterian Church in Reynoldsburg on Saturday, February 23. The day was dedicated to the almost overpowering program entitled "Things No One Wants to Talk About".

A young victim herself, Theresa Flores spoke of her kidnapping and of being held by men for two years. They threatened to show her parents photographs if she exposed them. She is a daughter of upper middle class parents who did not suspect her entrapment.

Retired State Trooper, Brent Currence, is the Director of the Ohio Missing Children's Clearing House and works from the office of Attorney Marc Dann. He spoke of the many children abducted each day and urged aggressive steps be taken to protect our young. For ways that we can help, please go to www.mcc.ag.state.oh.us.

Attending from Central College Presbyterian Church were Marilyn Gale, Carole Cole, Cinny Cameron, Betty Hoffman, Zuelah Goldsmith, Betsy Townsend, Debbie Bryson, and Mona Leonard.

Circle Updates

HANNAH CIRCLE

The Hannah Circle met Friday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. at New Albany Grille. Members present were Karen Longanbach-Poe, Julie Heckathorn, Heidi Snow-Hope, and Terri Tucker. We enjoyed an evening of good food and conversation. We discussed possible circle service projects, including donating backpacks with back to school items for needy children in the fall, finishing the work we started in the clothing room at West Second Avenue Presbyterian Church, a toy drive for Nationwide Children's Hospital, or a clothing drive for Franklin County Children's Services. All members are encouraged to share their suggestions for possible group service projects. The April meeting will be Wednesday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. The location is to be determined.

Our circle will be serving the Eighth Grade Membership Class Dinner on Thursday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. All circle members participating need to arrive at the kitchen by 6 p.m. One hundred twenty-five people are expected to attend the dinner.

The Hannah Circle is always accepting new members! This circle consists of women in their late 20's to early 40's. All of us are busy mothers who gather to enjoy time with other Christian women. We meet once a month, alternating meeting days between Wednesday one month and Friday the next. All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. Contact Terri Tucker for more information.

- Terri Tucker, *Circle Leader*
(614) 855-0935
tatucker@wideopenwest.com



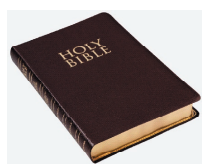
MARY CIRCLE

Twenty-one members of Mary Circle met on March 18 at 1:00 p.m. in Ballard Hall. Gwen Clark explained the Purpose of Presbyterian Women. The hostess committee was Betty Hoffman and Zeulah Goldsmith. Irene Koval presented an Easter devotional. The Mission Moments was given by Betty Hoffman. Irene explained how circle givings were distributed at Bryden House.

The study portion of the meeting was given by Lucretia Parga and followed an Easter theme. Members signed up for the spring trip to tour the Governor's Mansion on April 29. The next meeting is scheduled for April 15.

- Irene Koval, *Circle Leader*
(614) 855-0935

MOM'S BIBLE STUDY *(extension of Hannah Circle)*



Mom's Bible Study continues to meet twice a month, usually on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. The April meetings will be held April 2 and 16 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the home of Bronwyn Ginty. Children are welcome to come and play. We are currently studying the gospels.

Our group has a new batch of handmade baby blankets waiting to be delivered along with meals to new moms.

If you need information or directions, please call Bronwyn Ginty at 337-9025. New members are always welcome.

- Bronwyn Ginty, *Leader*
(614) 337-9025
bronwyn@wideopenwest.com

Circle Updates

RUTH CIRCLE



Nine Ruth Circle members met in the Memorial Dining Room on Wednesday morning, March 12, 2008. Our friend and member, Doris Taylor passed away in January. Lillian Sears read a tribute to Doris, and a donation was taken as per her request for the Academy. Doris will be missed by all.

Discussion centered on our spring banquet to be held April 19th and the upcoming brass cleaning in the church on April 8 for which many of our members have volunteered to assist.

Our Bible Study was led by Ciny Cameron in the absence of Freida Bennett. We discussed the steadfast love shown by Ruth to her mother-in-law, Naomi and the chain of coincidences that led to a happy outcome of their lives. We shared the coincidences in our own lives that have led us to be better servants.

We are always happy to have new members and would welcome you to join us on the second Wednesday of each month, September - May, in the Memorial Dining Room at 9:30 am. Come and share your spirit and ideas.

- Cynthia Cameron, *Circle Leader*
(614) 882-1168
gccameron@sbcglobal.net

SARAH CIRCLE

Sarah Circle sent care packages to over 20 Central College Presbyterian Church college students in February. By reaching out to our students, three students participated in the recent New Orleans Mission Trip because of Jason's letter that was included in the packages inviting them to join the mission group.

The circle continues to seek names and addresses of our college aged students. This is a great opportunity for us to minister to our students and let them know there's a church family at home cheering for them! To submit a name, simply contact the church office and leave Jason Loehr the name and address of the student.

- Jaye Ord, *Circle Communicator*
dotolojaye@yahoo.com

HOPE & JOY CIRCLE

The March meeting of the Hope & Joy Circle was held on the 10th. Louise Stanton reported that the CCCA has raised \$948 in profit from the sale of the "Team Mason" dog tags. The money will be used to buy games, toys and necessities for the children on floor J5 at Children's Hospital.

Our study lesson was derived from 3 articles; "How Do You Spell Presbyterian?", "FAQs about Lent" and "How to Speak Presbyterian." We will continue our study of "What Presbyterians Believe" next month as we research the "Connectional Church".

As our scheduled Fair Trade Coffee Sale date was March 9 (blizzard conditions), we decided to move it back a week and sell products on March 16. Our April sale date is the 13th. Communion servers and greeters were assigned. Congratulations were extended to H&J member Carole Cole who is the new PW Moderator. Our next meeting is April 14.



- Cheri Hall, *Circle Leader*
(614) 899-1292
cherilyn@wowway.com

COORDINATING TEAM:

Moderator: Marilyn Gale

Secretary: Betty Hoffman

Treasurer: Marcia Kline

Vice Moderator for Mission

Interpretation: Carol Cole

Vice Moderator for Studies &

Spiritual Development: Eileen Beardsley

Vice Moderator for Peace & Justice:

Betsy Townsend

Membership Coordinator:

Emma McDonough

Coordinator of New Church Circles:

Maureen Johnson

Joyful Encourager: Lillian Sears

PW/PSV Representative: Nancy Carrick

Church Women United Representative:

Julia Groves

Historian/Communicator:

Mona Leonard

Search Committee: Anna Shaeffer,

Margery Stuhlmann, Marcia Meulenberg

PW/CCCP Session Representative:

Betty Meabon

PW Advisor: Linda Ellsworth

PW/PSV Coordinator for Columbus

North: Sandy McKitrick

PURPOSE

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves:

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study
- to support the mission of the Church worldwide
- to work for justice and peace, and
- to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.



CENTRAL COLLEGE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Women
Central College Presbyterian Church
975 S. Sunbury Road
Westerville, OH 43081
614-882-2347
614-882-1380 (fax)
e-mail@centralcollegechurch.com