



Presby-Woman

March 2012

Newsletter for Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Cincinnati

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery cordially invite you to



The Spring Gathering



Saturday, April 21, 2012

Carmel Presbyterian Church
3549 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45229

Theme: **BLESSED BY MISSION**

Registration 9:30 am
Gathering/Worship 10:00 am
Program 10:30 am
Business Meeting 11:30 am
Luncheon 12:00 noon
Program ends 12:45 pm

The gathering program will feature Charlotte Fischer who will share her experiences on the 2011 Global Exchange to India, a brief business meeting and a luncheon.

Cost of Luncheon: \$6

Reservations must be made by Tuesday, April 17

Please contact Yvonne Fender at 513-281-0142

Or call the Carmel Church office at 513-281-8388, you may leave a message.

Child care will be provided if requested; parents must provide a brown bag meal for each child.

"Together in Service" opportunity will be Every Child Succeeds
(details inside)

Directions to Carmel Presbyterian Church

Carmel Church is located at 3549 Reading Road 45229

From the North: Take I-71 or I-75 South to the Norwood Lateral (Route 562)
Take the Reading Road (Route 42) exit South
Travel 2 miles. The church is on the right.

From the South: I-71 North to the Reading Road (Route 42)
Travel North 2.6 miles. The church is on the left.

The Spring Gathering Program

“Introducing Charlotte Fischer”

Our speaker for the April Gathering is Charlotte Fischer. She was the representative from the Synod of the Covenant to the 2011 Global Exchange to India. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Michigan, where she has served as an Elder, Deacon, and Moderator of PW. Her great grandparents were Presbyterian medical missionaries to India in the early 1900's. She feels she was CALLED to participate in this Global Exchange. In her own words, “I think that I am a Presbyterian today (and a member of Presbyterian Women) because of the faith heritage I have from my ancestors. And perhaps there are Christian women in India today as a result of their faithful witness.”

Together in Service opportunity will be **Every Child Succeeds**

Our PWP Gathering project is support for the Avondale/Every Child Succeeds program. This agency is part of the larger Every Child Succeeds program that is making a difference for families in southwest Ohio and northern Kentucky through home visits that help first time parents create a nurturing, healthy environment for their children. Visits are made from the time of pregnancy through the child's third birthday. Since 1999 more than 17,600 children and their families have been served. Look on the internet for more information about this great agency:
www.everychildsucceeds.org.

We will help by bringing to the gathering: newborn size diapers, baby wipes, and age appropriate developmental toys that encourage curiosity and dexterity. Go wild, Ladies! Baby toys are so much fun!

Moderator's Message

Dear Sisters in Christ,

There is so much to share with you regarding the activities of Presbyterian Women that I hardly know where to begin. Please read ALL of the articles in this edition of the newsletter. There is information here that will help you with the planning of your local PW activities which support the Purpose of PW.

I invite EVERY church to be represented at the April Gathering. We always have interesting programs and this will be no exception. Read the 2012 January-February issue of our Horizons magazine before the Gathering to have a greater understanding of the Global Exchange to India.

Please prayerfully consider attending the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Orlando, Florida, in July. There is partial scholarship money available. Ask me for details. We have three members who will be voting representatives from our Presbytery: Cynthia Focke, Darlene Nored, and Lois Rogers. On behalf of all of us, I thank them for this service.

Those of you who were at the December Gathering at Kennedy Heights PC will recall my enthusiasm for the new Churchwide **Together in Service** project: [Little Dresses for Africa](#). Only now, the dresses go wherever there is a need, all over the world. It brings tears to my eyes as I make a dress to think that somewhere in the world, some lovely little girl will smile when she receives a dress I made. You can learn more about this mission project on the internet at www.littledressesforafrica.org. We will collect the dresses at our PWP gatherings ongoing and will send them to the headquarters in Michigan all together. We will have the sewing directions at the April Gathering (or you can get them online). This is a wonderful way to involve women of the church who are not active in PW small groups. "We're not just sending dresses, we're sending HOPE!"

Please be mindful of our need to support the Mission Pledge of Presbyterian Women and the various ministries of the PC(USA). When you are allocating those hard earned mission dollars (rummage sales, bake sales, church dinners, etc.) do strive for a balance between local projects and Presbyterian projects. We are always glad to hear about your mission efforts and would like to share them in this newsletter. Send us information anytime.

I am always glad to talk about Presbyterian Women. Please feel free to contact me with your questions or concerns.

Love and Joy,

Laura Hovland (513) 232 – 2783
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Dedication of the Least Coin Offering

Each year when we stop to dedicate the Least Coin Offering we are reminded of the great impact we have when we come together for a cause. A penny doesn't buy much by itself, but joined together with the gifts of other women, that least coin provides education, health care, food and shelter for numerous people around the globe. And it is especially heartening to realize that Christian women from all parts of the world participate with their "least coin". Let each coin represent a prayer, and we have a powerful force for good in this world. Bring your church's Least Coin Offering to the April Gathering for the dedication. Thank you.

Thank you so much!

We want to thank the women at Kennedy Heights for hosting the Winter Gathering in their lovely sanctuary. The décor for luncheon was beautiful and the delicious quiche triggered many requests for the recipe.

Quiche

Heat oven to 375 degrees.

Ingredients

1 pie crust

For basic recipe:

4 eggs

1 cup milk

salt and pepper to taste (remember cheese is salty)

Beat until well blended

Pour into pie crust

Add ¼ to ½ cup onions, sautéed

1 to 1½ cups shredded sharp cheese

For ham and broccoli quiche, include:

1 to 1½ cups of thawed broccoli (chopped into small pieces) squeeze out as much water as possible then sauté in small amount of oil, mixture of oil and butter
1 to 1½ cups ham Chop ham into small cubes and sauté in oil or mixture of oil and butter. Do not let edges burn.

In a pie crust, layer broccoli, onions, ham, then cheese.

Pour in basic egg mixture.

Bake for 35 to 45 minutes (center should be set). Let stand 5 minutes before slicing.

You may use

- Chopped left over cooked chicken
- Frozen Spinach thawed and squeeze out as much water as possible
- Other veggies (sliced Brussels sprouts or asparagus)
- bacon, or seafood



Celebration Giving

2012 Birthday Offering

“For you have been a **refuge** to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a **shelter** from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.”

Isaiah 25:4

Since 1922, Presbyterian Women have been contributing offerings for new and innovative mission projects throughout the world. It is called the Birthday Offering because the founder challenged women to donate one penny for each year of their lives as a birthday gift for the first project.

The Creative Ministries Offering Committee-Presbyterian Women PC(USA) has selected 3 recipients for the 2012 Birthday Offering. They are:

Circle of Friends: Celebrating Life, Inc.

Project: Living Water for Girls, Peachtree City, Georgia

New Opportunities for Romanian Orphaned Children (NOROC)

Project: Gymnasium and Activity Center, Tulcea, Romania

Synod of the Sun Project: Solar Under the Sun (SUTS), Irving Texas

The goal for the 2012 Birthday Offering is \$900,000. The grant amounts for the recipients will depend on gifts contributed during 2012. Each local church PW receives the offering in the spring. We will dedicate the offering at our Summer Gathering in August.

From Your Vice-Moderator of Mission Interpretation / Together in Service

We received a note from GLAD House

“Dear Ms. Hovland:

On behalf of all of us at GLAD House, I would like to thank you and all of those involved with the Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Cincinnati for your thoughtful and very generous donation of \$400 in gift cards which were used to provide holiday gifts to the children of GLAD House. Many of the children and families we serve are in need of basic necessities and will be grateful for your kindness. You are truly brightening the holiday for these children and their families.

It is only through the benevolence of community members like you whose belief in our mission to break the cycle of addiction enables us to continue Giving Life A Dream for the children and families we serve.

You are a true friend of GLAD House and we sincerely appreciate your support.

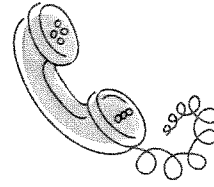
Gratefully,

*Adrienne Cenci, LPCC, LICDC
Executive Director”*

Our Together in Service recipients are truly appreciative and the need is great. The economy may be improving, but the needy are the last to reap any benefits.

Please remember April's recipient, Every Child Succeeds.

Betsy Evans



A Word from Communications

The dates of all the Gatherings and the names and contact information of the Coordinating Team members are in your Yearbook for you to use.

Note that several of the officers will be ending their terms this summer. If a member of the Search Committee calls on you to serve, please keep your heart and mind open as you pray for guidance. The Team meets only a few times a year and many hands make lighter work of providing you with inspirational and connectional Gatherings and you will gain new friendships.

Do let me know if you have events to advertise or good news to share about your PW. Anyone can contribute to the newsletters.

Do good work and keep in touch,

Lois Rogers,

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CHURCH WOMEN UNITED NEWS

As you already know, The World Day of Prayer will be on Friday, March 2 at various times and locations in the Cincinnati area. If you need those details again, please contact Lois Rogers and she will email you the details.

CWU's upcoming meetings after WDP will be:

Friday, April 13 Annual Meeting & Bible Study:
Registration 9:30-10; Twin Towers Retirement Community, Hamilton Ave.

Friday, May 4 May Friendship Day:

Registration 9:30-10; Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church, 5950 Montgomery Rd. (corner of Montgomery and Lester); Lunch provided with reservations

Ann Wood

Representative, Church Women United

Step up and support the SERRV table at the next Gathering!

These items are handmade by highly skilled craftpersons from a developing region of the world. They are produced in partnership with SERRV International, a sixty year old nonprofit "Alternative trade" organization whose purpose is to promote social and economic progress for low-income people by marketing their handcrafts and food products in a just and direct manner. Visit the website, www.serrv.org. Don't forget to bring your checkbook. Your purchase improves the lives of artisans and farmers worldwide.



During the most trying of times, divine grace reveals the constant and unfailing activity of Spirit in our lives.

When we feel confused, we are blessed by grace as a flash of divine inspiration. In moments of anxiety, grace is the inner knowing of divine love that wells up from within. We are strengthened and comforted, for even in the midst of discord, grace shines the light of understanding and reveals a path of peace.

Grace is the transforming power moving us beyond self-doubt to an understanding of our inner potential. It is light in the darkness and hope in times of despair.

Grace moves in and through our lives as whispers of divine wisdom and sparks of insight. It is the power that sets us free.

"When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion." - Act 11:23

Betty Estes,

Vice-Moderator, Spiritual Development

Get Connected! 

New Resource from PC(USA): *Unbound* is the new interactive journal online for justice and peace issues. The current issue is titled "Jesus Returns to Washington: The Public Witness of the Church." You can access this interesting resource at justiceunbound.org. The editor of *Unbound*, Rev. Patrick Heery, grew up in the Mt. Washington congregation.

An important resource for Leaders of PW is a publication named "Quarterly News for Presbyterian Women in Leadership." You can download this resource at www.presbyterianwomen.org. Select *About PW*, then select *Quarterly Newsletter*. The January-April 2012 edition is now available. It is 8 pages of information that we don't have room for in our PresbyWoman, but that you will find informative regarding PW Churchwide.

News from Presbyterian Women in the Churches

From Mowrystown Church...

Mowrystown once again shared it's newsletter with us. It is evident from the many thank you notes the Circle received that the ladies there are very good at providing cards, prayers and cookies for many, many people.

From Pleasant Run Church...

It's fish fry time again at Pleasant. We will be serving delicious fish (the best fish around), macaroni & cheese, coleslaw or applesauce and a cupcake and drink for just \$8 for adults and \$7.50 for children. Carry-outs are available. Proceeds are divided between the Women's Association (for mission) and the Boy Scouts (for camping fees/equipment) Fish Dinners will be held on Feb. 24, and March 2, 9, 16 & 23, serving from 5-7:30 pm at 11565 Pippin Rd., Colerain Twp. 45231.



Justice and Peace



We want to work for Justice and Peace, and we have Biblical mandates to guide us, such as "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matt. 5:44) and to "do justice and to love kindness" (Micah 6:8).

As Presbyterian Women we also have guidelines and encouragement from the National Church, the Synod and the local Presbytery to work for Justice and Peace wherever and whenever we can. However, it has been a daunting task throughout history to attempt to work for Justice, Equality, and Peace for all mankind!

So, as my mother used to remind me when I worried whether or not I had done a fair and just job in the of education each of my students: This is the time to count your successes, to see what you have done right!

Be aware of the good that you have done. Have you encouraged a friend, a child, a neighbor, your family? Notice what you and your church are doing, such as working with a food bank, tutoring at a local school, volunteering for IHN, contributing to your community, and being a servant people.

All these and more contribute to Justice and Peace in the world, for which we can all give thanks!

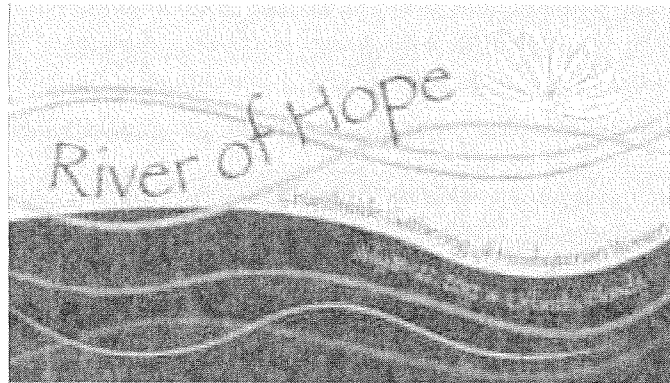
Grace and Peace to each of you,

Susan Stebbins

Vice Moderator, Justice & Peace
Kennedy Heights PC(USA)

Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women

Orlando, Florida July 18 – July 22, 2012



Are you making plans to attend the Gathering this summer? The registration books with all the pertinent details regarding price, arrangements, housing, and program are available now. Contact Joyce Horning (513-631-2686) or ghorning@fuse.net and she will send a copy to you. There is some scholarship money available. Each local PW group is encouraged to provide some level of support to women who attend from their church. This is an educational and inspirational opportunity that always gets rave reviews. The location in central Florida makes it possible for the event to be combined with family vacation activities. The event also provides a great reason for a mother/daughter get away or a reunion with old church friends from a different part of the country. Here are ten reasons why you should attend the Gathering:

1. To nurture your faith
2. To be in community with other women
3. To broaden your involvement in PW
4. To gather resources and learn skills as a PW leader
5. To learn about current issues in the church and the world
6. To learn about missions and mission opportunities
7. To be part of an exciting Churchwide event
8. To meet international participants
9. To be energized through worship
10. To enjoy the facility where the gathering will be held