

2011-2012 PW OFFICERS

Moderator.....Anne Bennett
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CIRCLES AND LEADERS

Dorcas.....Jane Waters
Elizabeth.....Barbara Ford/June Farmer
Lydia.....Henry Isaacs/Alice Layne
Martha.....Mary Clemons/Dawn Finguerra
Mary.....Shirley Alexander
Rachel.....Granville Taylor
Rebekah.....Judy Miskimmin/Gael Daugherty

MEETING TIMES AND PLACES

PW Gatherings are held the 3^d Mondays of September – May at 10:00am in Stanton Hall.

Circles Dorcas, Elizabeth, Lydia and Rachel meet the 3^d Mondays of September – May following PW Gatherings in Stanton Hall.

Circle Rebekah meets the 3^d Tuesdays of September – May at 7:00pm in a member's home.

Circle Martha meets the 4th Mondays of September – May at 7:00pm in a member's home.



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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

We are women of all ages, from all ethnic backgrounds, living in all communities coming together for one purpose...the Presbyterian Women's 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.

PW offers a place to make lifelong friendships, to share Christian responsibility in helping others through our mission programs, and to grow in our individual faith journeys.

PW GATHERINGS

Presbyterian Women gather on the 3rd Mondays in September-October and January-May and the 2nd Mondays in November and December at 9:45am in Stanton Hall. Each hour-long Gathering offers prayer, hymns, a Mission Speaker, a general business meeting, and an introduction to the selected chapter of the Bible study. PW members are organized into seven "circles". Each circle also meets individually for a more personal time of prayer, Bible study, mission, fellowship, and PW business.

2011-2012 BIBLE STUDY

This year, Confessing the Beatitudes by Margaret Ayner, will be the focus of our Bible study. An introduction and overview of the selected chapter is presented at each Gathering, with the discussion continuing at each circle's individual meeting.

MOMENTS FOR MISSION

PW and the congregation combine forces to focus on one particular organization or project each month. This is an opportunity to supply much-needed items to worthy causes in our own community, and throughout the world. Each month, facts about the organization and a list of its needs are printed in the church bulletin and newsletter.

September.....Lighthouse Center
October.....Zuni Peanuts
November.....Beach Health Clinic
December.....FPC Outreach
January.....Children's books
February.....Souper Bowl
March.....Seton House
April.....Easter Choir Breakfast
May.....
Summer 2012.....School Supplies

MISSION EVENTS

In order to provide for those in need and to financially support our missions, PW holds two "Donation Tables" every year to raise funds in support of those missions. The Sunday before Thanksgiving we offer delicious pies and other baked goodies. On Super Bowl Sunday, we present Brunswick stew, chili, and corn bread. There is a lot of work (and fun!) involved. This year's Bake/Mission Days are scheduled for November 17 and 18, 2011 and February 2 and 3, 2012.

FUND ALLOCATION

From Sept. 2010 - May of 2011, donations totaling almost \$8000 were distributed to 18 groups and endeavors. This funding assisted the Beach Health Clinic, FPC mission trips, and Zuni Presbyterian Homes, just to name a few. Countless lives continue to be touched by the generosity of our congregation.

SUNSHINE PEOPLE

Each circle sponsors a few members of our congregation who are no longer physically able to come to church. They need the fellowship, kindness and prayer to come to them. A friendly face at least once a month and lots of warm wishes on special days go a long way to enriching the lives of these wonderful people.

GREETERS FOR WORSHIP

It's always nice to be handed a bulletin with a smiling face and a heartfelt "good morning". Every Sunday you will find two members of PW in the narthex doing just that prior to the 11:00am service. Each circle is called upon two months a year to coordinate volunteers.

CIRCLE DESCRIPTIONS

Dorcas: A Christian disciple of Joppa, she was well known for her good deeds, charity, and skill in sewing. Circle Dorcas is a group of ladies who love to fellowship, study the Bible, and do mission work together. We try hard to "not worry about tomorrow because God is already there."

Elizabeth: The mother of John the Baptist, she was also a cousin of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Circle Elizabeth meets after each Gathering to discuss upcoming events and make plans for PW activities.

Lydia: She and her household were baptized by Paul, and are thought to be the first converts in Europe. Circle Lydia tries to emulate her combination of making a living, and living to make a difference in our community. We are "good old girls" striving to make life better for all.

Martha: Best known as sister to Mary and Lazarus, her reputation was one of working hard and ably managing a home. Circle Martha members are devoted to growing together spiritually and engaging our school-aged children in community mission work. We meet in the evenings to accommodate working moms and stay-at-home moms. We welcome anyone who would like to grow in their faith journey while making lifelong friends.

Mary: The mother of Jesus. Circle Mary is a group of inspiring women dedicated to supporting and encouraging one another through the joys and trials of parenting young children. We are devoted to providing a chance to form life-lasting friendships. You can support and connect with like-minded moms by participating in Moms Night Out, play dates for the little ones, and a chance to enrich and nurture your spirituality. Meals for Moms is one of the missions we have adopted within the church. We welcome you and your children to Circle Mary.

Rachel: The wife of Jacob and the mother of Joseph and Benjamin. Circle Rachel's purpose is to enhance our relationship with God through prayer and Bible study, and evidence of His love throughout relationships with each other and the world.

Rebekah: The wife of Isaac and the mother of twins, Esau and Jacob, who later became Israel. Circle Rebekah is an enthusiastic and caring group of women, some still gainfully employed, others happily retired, who meet in the evening rather than during the day. We welcome women who prefer an evening circle and who are seeking spiritual growth, warm companionship, intellectual stimulation and a dash of humor to leaven the evening!