



# The Messenger

October 2016

## BOUTIQUE-BAZAAR 2016

The 2016 Boutique-Bazaar is a "not to be missed" event!

Come to KIRK HALL on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29th and SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30th from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. We'll have something for everyone. This is a fun way to help us fund our missions.



- For ladies there will be scarves, hats, purses and LOTS of jewelry on display.
- For your home we have pictures, books, desktop items, glassware, dishes and knick-knacks.
- For kids we have toys, games and stuffed animals.
- Some items are beautifully handmade.
- As always there is a lot of Holiday Décor available.
- We even have some items that will interest Dad.
- Need coffee to help you get through the day? Pick up a cup and a roll or grab a hot dog and chips.

It's not too late to donate. If you have items to donate just bring them to the Kirk Hall Welcome area. Look for the Wicker trunk. For information or to have items picked up contact Lori Morrow at 614-882-2347 or [lori.morrow34@gmail.com](mailto:lori.morrow34@gmail.com).

## COOKIE WALK 2016

It's that time of year to get our favorite Christmas cookie recipe out, watch for baking items on sale and start baking. PW Cookie Walk will be December 11th. That is two months away. I will be holding two group baking times at the church's kitchen:



- November 19th from 11 am to 1 pm -- we will bake the small tea type cookies.
- December 3rd from 1 to 3 pm -- we will ice cut out cookies.
- December 9th from 1 to 9 pm -- bring cookies to the church's kitchen.
- December 10th from 9 am to 12 pm -- we will tray up cookies and set up Ballard Hall.
- December 11th it all comes together from 8 am to 12:30 pm for the 2016 Cookie Walk.

There are many hands needed for this PW event PLUS COOKIES. Please consider helping out.



Sweet Blessings,

Gretchen Leddy, Cooke Walk Coordinator



## Presbyterian Women News

### WOMEN'S RETREAT RECAP

#### Central College Women Relax and Are Deeply Inspired at the Retreat!

This year Central College women returned to Sugar Creek, Ohio, for the Lavender Springs Spa retreat. It truly was a most relaxing and refreshing time with our sisterhood. Some folks we knew well and others we now know as new friends. The retreat was Biblically based in the Psalms and was led by our Retreat Team: Carol Windsor, Lori Morrow, Gretchen Leddy and Brenda Watson. It followed the interactive retreat style with group and individual participation and discussion in each session. Each type of Psalm was explored, such as Psalms of Praise, Lament, Imprecation and Thanksgiving, and Jesus was found in the Messianic Psalms. The present day applications that were shared were deeply inspiring and at times evoked a great deal of laughter.

We had our traditional Mission Session and filled 'spa kits' for the women of Choices (a shelter for abused women). The spa theme was beautifully carried out with the lavender theme, lights, and its medicinal calming characteristics and times of quiet reflection at spa stations with soft soothing music. We had a 'wall' on which we wrote our personal expressions with each psalm. In our last session the name of JESUS was written over top of all of the words. The poster was wiped down and all the words of pain and struggle disappeared. The only words and expressions that remained were the positive ones and the name of Jesus.

Our Sister Mixer time on Friday included hotel snacks and fun songs including our famous Sister Slipper Shuffle with everyone in their fun slippers moving to the exclams of "God Power!" During our Saturday evening Sister Mixer we were treated to a beautiful sensory spa experience by Becky Fowler and Sherri Bishop. The soothing music, soft lighting with the backdrop of our lavender lights, relaxation and sensory exercises each laced with corresponding scripture was the perfect ending to our official time together.

We also had some 'free' time to explore the local shops, the Swiss Festival in the town of Sugar Creek, excursions in the area, and beautiful Carlisle Inn amenities and spaces. Hearty Amish meals and bakery items were enjoyed throughout the retreat.

Sunday we worshiped at a nearby church taking up a couple of pews. We were warmly welcomed and each one was given a mug that said, "How to Get to Heaven from Sugar Creek" and included a picture of their church. We enjoyed World Wide Communion Sunday with them and were given a copy of their newsletter that was called The Beacon like ours.



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## Circle Updates

### SARAH CIRCLE

Sarah Circle is continuing their outreach to CCPC young adults who are in college. We have been busy trying to track down mailing addresses for our students as typically they change address each year, may be out of the country for a term or living at home and commuting to a local school. Regardless of where we find our students we try to reach out with mailings that include notes of encouragement, devotionals and snacks to let them know they are still part of our fellowship.

Thanks to Amanda Lawson and Norma Ahlborn and parents and relatives who have provided addresses. Postage is being underwritten by PW. Our October package is going to 25 students.

In addition to this project, Sarah Circle is using a study guide produced by the national PW organization .... "Come to the Waters". Sarah meets the third Wednesday at 7 pm in the Academy Library. Visitors and those interested in becoming members are always welcome.

- Carol Barrett, Circle Communicator



### RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth Circle met for our first get together after a busy summer. It was wonderful to be together and catch up. We welcomed a new member, Judith Strader, and would welcome anyone interested in joining our Bible study focused group. We are now meeting in Room 102 in the Meeting Center at 9:30 AM on the second Wednesday of each month.

We are planning to collect items for the veterans' hospital in Chillicothe at our November meeting. We discussed ideas to provide a meal for the Youth Fellowship on December 4th. There are many opportunities in the coming months that will involve our members and all Presbyterian women.

- Marty Shoemaker & Jan Tenney, Co-Circle Leaders

## Circle Updates

### MARY CIRCLE



We got off to a slow start in September. Our October meeting was well attended. We finished the study "Come to the Waters" with the hope from Revelation 21 and 22 that what we see now is not the final word – God's love and grace will prevail. We have the hope of God's kingdom here on earth and a time when Jesus, our Savior, will return and we will forever be with our God.

We had an inspiring presentation by Pastor Malcolm and Amanda Lawson about the mission in Haiti in which our church is participating. We look forward to our November meeting

and starting the study "Who Is Jesus?".

Our meeting time has changed to 1:30 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. If you are looking for a daytime study and circle, we welcome you to join us. Enjoy our beautiful Fall!

- Kathy Johnston, Circle Leader

### HOPE & JOY CIRCLE

Hope and Joy Circle invites church women to join us on the fourth Monday of each month at 1:30 PM in Ballard Hall. We have fun activities planned to go along with our regular meeting which includes devotions, praises, prayers, etc.

- \* At our October 24 meeting we will help price jewelry for the PW bazaar.
- \* At our November meeting we will decorate the Chapel for Christmas.
- \* December 19 we meet for appetizers and desserts at Lori Morrow's home.

PW circles are a great way to get to know other churchwomen, make friends and praise God. Please join us!

- Marcia Meulenberg, Circle Leader

### MARTHA CIRCLE

Martha Circle began our new year with "The Pastoral Discernment" discussion. We will begin the PW/Horizons Bible Study - Who is Jesus? at the October meeting. The Bible study provides plenty of time for discussion with our members volunteering to lead the study each month.

New members and guests are always welcome at Martha Circle. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month in Ballard Hall at 7 o'clock. Come and enjoy the fellowship. Come and join this group of women of faith.

- Brenda Watson, Circle Leader





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## GIRL'S NIGHT OUT, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9



It's Game Night! Sponsored by Presbyterian Women's Ministry. We'll be in Ballard Hall, 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. Do you like Euchre, Bridge, Uno, Mexican Train? We'll have those and several others. Cards and board games will be available or you can bring your own. Bring a foursome or a partner, or come on your own and we'll find a spot for you. We will have sandwiches, snacks, desserts, and drinks.

All this fun, food and fellowship for only \$5.00. You can pay at the door. If you need a ride, let us know. Reservations must be made by Friday, November 4. Call the church office, 614-882-2347

## CHRISTIAN BOOK CORNER

### Killing Jesus by Bill O'Reilly

The author details the events leading up to the murder of the most influential man in history: Jesus of Nazareth. Nearly two thousand years after this beloved and controversial young revolutionary was brutally killed by Roman soldiers more than 2.2 billion human beings attempt to follow his teachings and believe he is God. This book takes readers inside Jesus's life, recounting the seismic political and historical events that made his death inevitable--and changed the world forever.



### The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver

The Poisonwood Bible is a story told by the wife and four daughters of Nathan Price, a fierce, evangelical Baptist who takes his family and mission to the Belgian Congo in 1959. They carry with them everything they believe they will need from home, but soon find that all of it, from garden seeds to Scripture, is calamitously transformed on African soil. What follows is a suspenseful epic of one family's tragic undoing and remarkable reconstruction over the course of three decades in postcolonial Africa.

## HOLINESS

- DO** Do not worry over things that may never happen, and even if they happen, worry will not help.
- RE** Radiate good will and a spirit of benevolence. Like laughter, it makes you feel better.
- ME** Mete kindness, understanding, tolerance, and forgiveness generously.
- FA** Far-reaching are the therapeutic benefits of spiritual thinking. Resentment, hatred and envy pack radioactive fallout that gnaws at your vitals. They are self-consuming.
- SO** Sow the seeds of love, friendship, empathy and helpfulness. These hardy seeds take root in the crustiest ground.
- LA** Laugh at yourself now and then. You who can laugh at yourself are less apt to be at war with yourself.
- TI** Teach yourself awareness and appreciation of all the wonders of nature. Thank God daily for the precious gift of life. Genuine gratitude and discontent are never found together.
- DO** Do not expect someone else to open the door to happiness for you. You must do it yourself. You alone have the key. Turn it.

# Presbyterian Women News

## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Central College Presbyterian Women are a part of Church Women United and support the layette project of this organization. A layette is a complete outfit for a newborn baby, including clothes, bedding, and accessories. Church Women United gathers newborn baby items to give to families in need.

Items donated to the layette project are sorted and packaged into layettes by volunteers and given to case managers from the Columbus Health Department. The case managers deliver the layettes to needy mothers when they leave the hospital. Caseworkers then continue to visit and help the mothers as the child grows and develops. Sometimes there are older children in the home so larger children sizes that are donated are given to brothers and sisters.



### **The History of Church Women United:**

In 1941, three organizations - the Council of Women for Home Missions, the Committee on Women's Work of the Foreign Missions Conference, and the National Council of Federated Church Women - combined to form one national organization representing women from seventy Christian denominations. The founders of Church Women United met in Atlantic City, NJ in December 1941, while bombs were dropping on Pearl Harbor and the world was at war. Their first action upon convening was to circulate a petition signed by 84,000 churchwomen "urging the United States at the signing of the United Nations Charter to join and take its full responsibility in a world organization."

The action received wide publicity in the media, encouraging Eleanor Roosevelt to later involve the leaders of CWU in a conference at the White House on "How Women May Share in Post War Policy Making." Such action remains typical for CWU today, as its quest for informed prayer and prayerful action continues.



In Columbus a group of Episcopal women invited other women from nearby churches to join together. In 1915, they formed the Federation of Women's Missionary Societies of Evangelical Churches - the precursor to Church Women United in Columbus and Franklin County.

CCPW donates many items to the layette project, but the need continues. Circle groups hold showers and bring items for newborns but all the members of our church are encouraged to participate. The most needed items are diapers for all ages, sheets, towels, receiving blankets, onesies and bottles. Donations may be dropped off at the church Welcome Center or church office marked "Layette."

## UPCOMING PWM EVENTS

**BOUTIQUE / BAZAAR**  
Sat., Oct. 29, 9 am - 2 pm  
CCPC - Kirk Hall

**GIRL'S NIGHT OUT**  
Wed., Nov. 9 at 6 pm  
CCPC - Ballard Hall

**COOKIE WALK**  
Sun., Dec. 11, 8 am - 12:30 pm  
CCPC - Ballard Hall

## **PWM Board 2016-2017:**

**Moderator:** Lori Morrow

**Secretary:** Lory Jenkins

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## *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.



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