



The Messenger

January 2018

"Show me your ways, O Lord teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me for you are my God, My Savior, and hope is in you all day long. - Psalm 25:4

2017 IN REVIEW

To all the ladies of CCPC, congratulations!

We have had another blessed and successful year thanks to all the efforts involved. I want to thank everyone who helped with our many missions, especially our board members and committee chairwomen.



One of our latest missions was to put the finishing touches on Tower Hall with the addition of our wonderful Pastors' pictures. This renovation was undertaken some months ago with the help of the Church Beautification Committee. Special thanks go to our photographer, Angie Holmes.

We fund many missions here at CCPC including a contribution for the church that is being built in Haiti. We have donated funds to Vacation Bible School, Pre-school partners, God's gardeners, and postage for the packages sent by Sarah Circle to our members attending college. We are helping the people in Appalachia, the Homeless here at home, Habitat for Humanity Delaware, blankets for foster children, and help provide The Upper

Room for the Military to remind them that they are not forgotten by God or by us. We also donated funds for victims of the hurricane disasters around our country.

How do we do all this? With the Cookie Walk, the Great Indoor Garage Sale, income from Kroger and the one coming up in February, the Bakeless Bake Sale. We have wonderful fellowship as we work together to accomplish these fundraisers. Thanks to all who helped us.

Guided by our Lord we hope to accomplish much more in 2018. Let us all follow his teachings and work together in his name.

If you are not actively involved but would like to join us in these or our "fun" activities, let us know. You will be warmly welcomed!

Your Sister in Christ,
Lori Morrow, Moderator

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CHRISTIAN BOOK CORNER by Kathy Johnston



People are asking...Is This The End? By Dr. David Jeremiah
(Signs of God's providence in a disturbing new world.)

Daily news is disturbing and causes many people anxiety and fear. The opioid crisis, the increasing homicide rate, the decline in morality, the repression of Christianity, the lack of civility and tolerance for opposing ideas, the increasing threat by those who hate America, instability in many countries and the rise of militant terrorism to name a few. How long can things go on like this? Is there hope for our nation and our world? Instead of denial and despair, or "eat, drink and be merry", hope in God - the one who knows the future, whose promises are true and who enables us to endure whatever comes.

This book looks at these current concerns, applies Biblical prophecy and encourages the reader with the knowledge and reassurance that God is present and in control and His promises give us hope and peace. As the author says, "Enough Christians exhibiting faith in God just might be the salt that saves America."

MORNING FOR MISSION NEWS

Faith Mission and CHOICES are outreach ministries we all know. They help many people in Central Ohio year around. PW contributes to their work regularly. This winter we want to give more than money. We are encouraging all members of Central College to participate by gathering needed supplies for these missions. To participate look over the items listed below, go shopping and then bring these items to the hallway by Kirk Hall by February 17th. Look for our signs and help us to be hands helping others, grateful that we are able to do so. Please mark all donated items "PW Missions".



Our next Morning for Missions is scheduled for Saturday, February 17th in Ballard Hall at 10 a.m. We will sort the donated items for distribution to Lutheran Social Services. The coffeepot will be on, and we will find something tasty for munching. Tell a friend and please join us.

Personal Hygiene for all ages: deodorant; shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, hairbrushes, combs, razors

Do not purchase the largest nor smallest sizes, but think bulk packages.

Other Needs: toilet paper, paper towels, shower curtains with hooks, suitcases with wheels, book bags, backpacks

- Carole Cole, Missions Chair

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CHURCH WOMEN UNITED LAYETTE MISSION



Our PWM sponsors the Church Women United Layette Project which provides basic baby needs to parents that don't have the resources to provide for their little ones. We received a thank you note from them.

"Thank you very much for donating baby clothes and items in December for our Happy Birthday Jesus layette project. Our mothers in need are very grateful for any and all donation, so your donations were very much appreciated."

Donations will be accepted any time and can be dropped off at the Welcome Center or church office marked "Layette".

- Lillian Sears, Church Women United Representative

BLESSINGS ABOUND

When you ask God in the morning/For His guidance through the day,
Thank Him for the many blessings /He in love has sent your way.
When asking aid from heaven, / Mingle with your morning prayer,
A word of praise and gratitude / for all His kindly care.

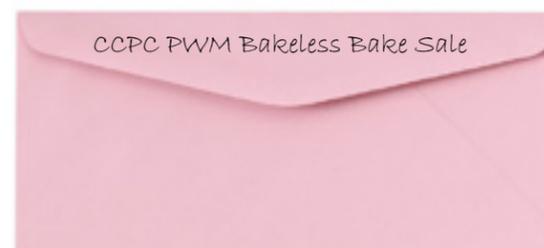
-By Mark Bullock

Oh, that men give thanks to the LORD for His goodness,
And for His wonderful works to the children of men!

- Psalm 107 : 21



BAKELESS BAKE SALE



In February, Presbyterian Women Ministries sponsors our annual Bakeless Bake Sale. By the second week in February, you will receive in the mail a pink envelope explaining the fundraiser. Your contribution by check or cash will provide assistance to the many worthy missions PW will support in 2018.

- Judi McMahan, Chairperson

Circle Updates

MARTHA CIRCLE

Women of the Bible is the theme of the Bible study for Martha Circle this year. We will discuss Delilah in February. Then Elizabeth, Mary Magdalene and Jezebel will complete our study.

Martha Circle women have adjusted to the meeting changing to the third (3rd) Wednesday of the month. We are still working on getting the change on all of the pages of the CCPC website and other publications. If you are available please come and join us at 7 p.m. in Ballard Hall for a fun evening of fellowship, Bible Study and lots of laughter. Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 21st.

- Brenda Watson, Circle Leader

MARY CIRCLE

Mary Circle is on winter break in January and February. We will meet again on March 20th at 1:30 in Ballard Hall. We will be finishing our study on Who Is Jesus.

Though most of our ladies are over 60, we welcome younger ladies to consider joining us. We believe there is much we can learn and share from and with each other. We are a daytime circle that meets the 3rd Tuesday from September through December and March through May. Our meeting time is 1:30 in Ballard Hall for dessert, mission updates, Bible Study and fellowship. We hope to see you in March. Blessings to you all this winter season from God Almighty and Jesus Christ our Savior.

- Kathy Johnston, Mary Circle Leader

HOPE & JOY CIRCLE

Hope and Joy Circle members enjoyed a potluck Christmas luncheon gathering at the home of Betty Owens in December.

- Carol Cole, Circle Leader



Judy Siak & Judi McMahan both brought a baked cornbread dish to share... and discovered their prized dish recipes were identical in ingredients.



Circle Updates

SARAH CIRCLE



Sarah Circle members met in January to continue studies in the "Who is Jesus: What a Difference a Lens Makes" series and to prepare a second mailing to CCPC college students.

We are mailing our college students packages with notes and snacks as encouragement as they embark on second semester or winter quarter studies. Our mailings this school year are going to 35 students in eight states at over twenty institutions of higher learning. Members provide contents for the mailings and postage is generously sponsored by PW.

Another project that Sarah Circle women have been enjoying is sewing sensory fabric toys that are being distributed to participants in Moms2B, a program

of The Ohio State University addressing the high rate of infant mortality in Franklin County. Moms 2B supports vulnerable mothers through their pregnancies and the babies' first year with all aspects of the social determinants of health. Sarah Circle members gather around several sewing machines and complete a couple dozen of these simple toys in an evening.

Our next meeting will include a study looking at Jesus through the "lens" of Paul. If you would like to visit or join this group of caring and congenial women, please mark your calendars for February 17 at 7pm in the Academy library. Contact Jan Neeffe for further details.

- Nancy McEaneny, Circle Communicator

RUTH CIRCLE

Want a break from wintry weather? Attend a Ruth Circle meeting. Devotions and fellowship with positive, outgoing Ruth Circle members will warm your heart and spirit.

During the December "finger foods" potluck, Ruth Circle members feasted on yummy goodies and shared holiday traditions. December's Bible study focused on the Christmas story, as reported in the gospel of Luke. In addition, a thank you note was received in appreciation for toiletries, clothing, and entertainment items collected at Ruth Circle's November meeting and sent to the Chillicothe Veterans Hospital.

Getting together with Ruth Circle-friends during the January deep freeze offered time for fellowship and personal growth. Prayers of healing and hope were dedicated to the Circle's prayer list. Greeting cards were signed, sending "best wishes" to those who were under-the-weather. Gifts from our mothers -- special interests they passed on to family members -- was the theme of a thought-provoking devotion.

You're invited! Join Ruth Circle's next meeting Wednesday, February 14th at 9 a.m. in Ballard Hall. We look forward to seeing you!

- Vicky Schmarr

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THE CHURCH AT TROU DU NORD by Kay Tomesek



Having returned from my second trip to Haiti, I am very excited about the progress made on the church we are helping to build at Trou du Nord. Our group got to spend time with Pas Micerle, the pastor of the church. He is so thankful that he is trying to learn English from a book so when the church is completed and we come to worship, he can thank us in our own language.

In Haiti all construction is done by hand and every available resource is used to its utmost. We worked hand in hand alongside the pastor and members of the church first installing the rebar, and then forming a bucket brigade to carry concrete to where it was needed. Finally we helped unload cinder blocks that will form the walls of the church. It was not easy work, but was very exciting and fulfilling to think that we were

helping to build the church that we funded. When not working we interacted with the children of Trou du Nord. This was truly a community effort with members of the church hauling water to the site, to mixing the concrete by hand, to providing food for the workers.

Touching base with people I met my first trip, it was like seeing good friends that I had not seen in a while. We are truly helping this community to survive and grow with the addition of this church and hopefully a school so the children of this area can learn and find a way to better their life. I could definitely feel the hand of God and am proud to be a part of doing his work.



Pictured left: Pas Micerle and family



Pictured right: Children of Trou du Nord

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN ACTION



Plarn Makers cutting up those old plastic grocery sacks and making plarn which is then woven / crocheted into on-ground mattress protectors for homeless people



My Very Own Blanket Ministry



Great Indoor Garage Sale

PWM Board 2017-2018:

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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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