



The Messenger

May 2018

To all Mothers ---- Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue---Proverbs 31:25-26

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD



The Honorary Life Membership program was established early last century in the Presbyterian Church to honor faithful service to the women's organization and to the church. The Honorary Life member is presented a membership pin and a personalized certificate. Our 2018 nominee is Brenda Watson.

Brenda has been the Treasurer for the CCPW for four years. She has been a Deacon and currently serves as a Trustee and is on the Personnel Committee for CCPC.

Brenda has been a member for many years and she and her husband, Jerry (deceased), raised their now adult children Brad and Amy at CCPC. Her grandchildren, Camille and Ramona are also active participants at CCPC.

Congratulations, Brenda!

A WOMAN OF FAITH AWARD

This award was established to recognize the work of women who are faithful, dedicated and steadfast in their walk with Christ. The Presbyterian Women of CCPC nominated Bobbie Redding. She was presented the award on Sunday, May 13th at the 11:00 service.

Bobbie has been a member of CCPC for 23 years. She and her husband, Pastor David, have raised their three children, Alicia, Ian and Cameron here.

For the last 17 years she has taught an adult Sunday school class. Bobbie has long loved her Lord Jesus Christ and has been blessed with a contagious love for the Bible. Congratulations to you, Bobbie, and Thank You for your years of service.



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A TRIBUTE TO CINNY CAMERON

Dear Sisters,

This remains very hard to accept what all has happened to our dear Cinny in our realm of earthly friendship, even as we know she is at peace in eternal healing. The pangs of loss will be tough and remembrances bring tears at times, just as for Jesus, at the loss of a dear friend. We loved her so and have many wonderful memories with her. Her faith inspirations, tireless works, cares and concern for others will remain for a long time. We will always have her joyful spirit and beautiful smile in our hearts.

All that she did and all that we remain to do to encourage one another and those we do not yet know of the loving saving Grace of Jesus through whom God made it possible for us to enjoy a glorious eternal life. We will be together forever on one sweet day. No more good-byes. Cinny's assignment on earth is complete. She has surely won the crown of righteousness in heaven this day. She was a great Proverbs 31 Woman and a great example for us to follow, in her honor.

With gratefulness to God for the privilege of knowing Cinny on my life path,

- Carol Windsor



CONGRATULATIONS TO LILLIAN SEARS



Lillian Sears was recently recognized by Church Women United with the Mustard Seed Award. Church Women United (CWU) is a non-denominational Christian Women's Organization that Central College Church has participated in for many years. Lillian has been the Central College representative for the organization's Layette Project that provides much needed baby supplies for new mothers in need right here in central Ohio.

Lillian has been such an active member with the project and has grown our participation to the point where we are now the largest donor of all the churches in central Ohio. The Mustard Seed Award honors those women who follow the biblical calling of Mathew 13:31-32. The mustard seed is the smallest of seeds, yet when planted and it grows, becomes the largest of the garden plants. Lillian has done just that with the Layette Project. She took something that might seem so small in the sense of giving to others and has grown it into what is now a vital part of our community. Countless mothers and their babies have been helped by what we as a church have provided through her leadership. At the May 4th CWU Friendship Day, held at Westerville's Church of

the Messiah, Lillian was publicly recognized and given a framed certificate. So next time you see Lillian be sure to congratulate this servant of God for all her good work.

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CHURCH WOMEN UNITED LAYETTE MISSION



Central College Presbyterian Church has a new person helping with our Church Women United's Layette Project. Amanda Thomas is taking over for Lillian Sears who has faithfully managed it since 2012 when she took over for Julia Groves. Amanda has met with Sharon Burgess, our CWU Layette representative, and is excited about helping babies in our local community.

Church Women United (CWU) is a non-denominational organization that has strived for Christian unity and prayerful action since 1941. Central College Presbyterian Church has been involved with this group for many years. One project we have been particularly active with is the Layette Project. The Layette Project provides essential baby items to local mothers in need to help the little ones get through their first year of life.

We recently had a wonderful large donation from the Westerville Promenaders who use our church facilities. Keep those donations coming in as it seems the need never

ends. Sharon says she gets up to 25 requests per day for a full new baby layette package.

Group baby showers are a fun way to collect these items. Currently the most needed baby items are bottles (new ones preferred), receiving blankets, onesies, sleepers, infant toys, teethingers and pack-n-play sheets.

You can always turn your donations in to the church office or just contact Amanda to let her know. Contact Amanda by phone at 614-794-9014 or e-mail ajthomas@columbus.rr.com.



SVPW SPRING GATHERING

Central College Women's Ministry hosted the Spring Gathering of the Scioto Valley Presbyterian Women on April 28th. We had 55 women in attendance from several churches in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley. Our special guest speaker was Susan Jackson-Dowd, Executive Director of Presbyterian Women in the PC (USA), Inc. Susan's remarks were titled "Out of Darkness, Light" and spoke to the ways in which Presbyterian Women have brought light into darkness for so many around the world, and gave us updated news of PW today.

After a wonderful lunch in Ballard Hall, we had three workshops. Susan's was "Presbyterian Women Lead the Way" Louise Davidson led one titled "Let's Try Something New" about how to attract the younger women of our congregations to become involved in PW, and Evelyn Walker shared the latest on "PW Offerings." We had a wonderful time of prayer, learned a lot, had a short service and of course fellowship.

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PW MISSION: THE CHRISTIAN APPALACHIAN PROJECT



Central College Presbyterian Women have been supporting the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) for over ten years. The members of CCPC have helped us do this by supporting our various fundraisers. So what is CAP?

Marci Hartness, the philanthropy officer for CAP, visited our PW board meeting on April 9th to broaden our understanding of this organization. CAP is a nonprofit, interdenominational organization that is committed to serving people in the Appalachian region who need help. They do this through self-help human services programs. As Ms. Hartness put it, "A hand up is not a hand out" and many of the people they help also volunteer in their programs. CAP's mission is primarily working with children and their families, the elderly and individuals with disabilities by providing food, shelter and clothing.

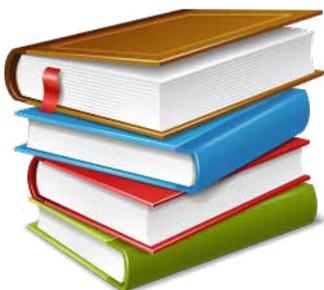
We were impressed by their whole family approach, tying together their various programs to work for health and wellbeing. CAP is able to mobilize quickly to offer assistance throughout the Appalachian region. During the recent West Virginia flooding they sent volunteers with truckloads of food, clothing, personal care items, laundry equipment and even showers.

Ms. Hartness left print materials and a DVD, "50 Years in the Mountains." These materials will be available on loan to members and small groups. CAP also has a multigenerational volunteer program. Learn more at www.christianapp.org.

- Carole Cole, CCPW Mission Chair



CHRISTIAN BOOK CORNER by Lori Morrow



***The Walk* by Richard Paul Evans**

What would you do if you lost everything—your job, your home and the love of your life—all at the same time?

Alan Christofferson is tempted by his darkest thoughts. A bottle of pills in his hand and nothing left to live for, he decides to take a walk. Not just any ordinary walk. With the barest of essentials he begins what turns out to be a journey of life experiences like none other.

Follow Al on this inspirational journey. You'll be amazed at the lessons he learns along the way. A very easy read, you'll want to read the next book in the series right away, *Miles To Go*.

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RUTH CIRCLE UPDATE



Want to connect with warm, friendly folks? Attend a Ruth Circle meeting. Devotions and fellowship with positive Ruth Circle members will warm your heart and brighten your spirit.

Getting together with Ruth Circle-friends at May's meeting offered time for fellowship and personal growth. "Boring Faith" - an Upper Room devotion – generated an animated, engaged discussion with members sharing personal and family faith traditions. Greeting cards were signed sending "best wishes" to those under-the-weather. Prayers of healing, hope, and consolation were offered for the Circle's prayer list, and especially for much-loved Circle

member Cinny Cameron who recently transitioned to her new life in Christ. Ruth Circle remembers and honors Cinny's tireless dedication to CCPC and countless Presbyterian Women's projects.

Ruth Circle meets the second Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m. in Ballard Hall except during summer months. You're invited to our next meeting on September 12th. We look forward to seeing you then!

- Brenda Watson, Circle Leader

CENTRAL COLLEGE WOMEN'S RETREAT: JOURNEY TO THE ARK

Our Journey to the Ark was amazing as twenty ladies traveled to the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area by Motor Coach May 1-3. It was great to relax and leave all our destination itinerary and directions to the Motor Coach driver!

Our Day 1 destination was the Newport Aquarium where we were truly awe inspired by the beauty and variations of God's aquatic creations. We had a fun day viewing sharks, a variety of fish and many stingrays. One of our highlights was the Penguin Palooza. We were treated to an evening out at a Cincinnati hotel with dinner entertainment planned by Diamond Tours that included Frank Sinatra and Marilyn Monroe impersonators who entertained us with tunes, a bit of comedy and dancing.

Day 2 we arrived at the breathtaking life-size structure of Noah's Ark at The Ark Encounter. It was built to the exact specifications from the Bible. The stunning diorama displays within its three massive decks gave us detailed visual insight into Noah's extraordinary faith, family life and animal accommodations. It was laced all the way through with Biblical descriptions, world timelines and archaeological evidence.

Day 3 took us to the Creation Museum with many beautiful and animatronic displays alongside Biblical explanations vs. worldviews. There was a gospel music concert by Steve Hess and the Southern Salvation, Christian author lectures, a Planetarium, a beautiful outdoor garden, a small zoo, and all-important eateries to enjoy.

Many thought provoking topics that were explored along our way will continue to provide a basis for discussion and further study in the days ahead. We shared some serious spiritual discussions, but also a lot of joy and laughter that we Christian sisters always enjoy when we are together.

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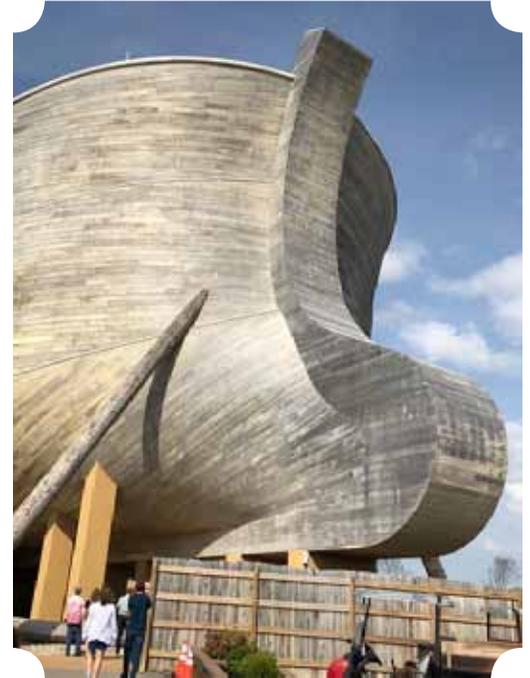
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PURPOSE

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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