



The Messenger

October 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

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual campaign to raise awareness of breast cancer risks, the value of screening and early detection, and treatment options available to women and men who are diagnosed with one of the many forms of breast cancer.

Many of the symptoms of breast cancer are invisible and not noticeable without a professional screening like a mammogram or ultrasound. But some symptoms can be caught early just by looking out for certain changes in your breasts and being proactive about your breast health.

For more information, please visit www.nationalbreastcancer.org.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR MODERATOR

Women's Ministry is such a wonderful thing! It's where CCPC women of all different backgrounds can come together for friendship, work together to help our fellow man and be encouraged in their walk with the Lord.

Our 2017-2018 year was fruitful. Thanks to all the members of CCPC who helped us in our mission fields. Our Cookie Walk, Great Indoor Garage sale, Bakeless Bake Sale, and other fundraising sources, allowed us to help fund a church in Haiti, helped our vacation Bible School, and helped our preschool.

We also sent funds to abused women of our community, the Christian Appalachian Project, Columbus Coalition for the Homeless, and right here at CCPC we helped fund the remodeling of the Lounge.

With the help of the ladies who bring side dishes and desserts for our Funeral Luncheons, we help the grieving families and friends who have just lost a loved one. They can gather in fellowship in Ballard Hall and have a nice warm meal before they depart. We are blessed to be a blessing.

In the spring, our Retreat was a bus trip to Noah's Ark, The Creation Museum and the Aquarium. It was a three day excursion that was both Spiritual and enlightening. All the ladies would recommend it to everyone. It was one of the highlights of the year.

As we start our new year, we are reminded to dedicate ourselves to His service through our mission projects. We also want to encourage all the ladies of CCPC to stay involved or become involved in all our activities.

Your Sister in Christ, Lori Morrow



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CHURCH FALL BEAUTIFICATION

Church Beautification Committee member, Rita Bilikam, once again beautifies our church with her creative arrangements. Be sure to thank her when you see her.



CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



PURPOSE

One of the strengths of this symbol is how new meanings continue to emerge. Here are some of its meanings as aligned with the purpose of Presbyterian Women.

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PW CHURCHWIDE GATHERING

The Presbyterian Women Churchwide Gathering was held in Louisville, Kentucky, on August 2-5, 2018. The theme was from Isaiah 60:1,4 "Arise, shine, your light has come and the glory of the Lord is shining in you." Keynote speakers' topics included Culture and Community, The Timeless Impact of Women, The Way Women in Indonesia Live Out Their Faith and Encountering the 10 Commandments Anew.

Horizon's quilt was presented to a new subscriber. Also a quilt was made based on the Bible Study covers. The Mission giving was to support mission projects of the PW. Also money was raised for the D.I.A.P.E.R. Project, Kentucky Refugee Ministries and Lily's Place and Cents-Ability hunger ministries.

This is the 30th anniversary of Presbyterian Women. The Celebration Giving program was organized around the premise that we are called as God's children to give as we are blessed – money, time, participation and presence. We do this locally, regionally, across the country and globally.

Details about the presentations, the Missions and Presbyterian Women, as well as the Budget, can be found at: presbyterianwomen.org. I urge all to go to the website and learn about PW and what they stand for and do. Be an informed Presbyterian Woman!

The closing statement from Cleda Lacey, 1st PW Churchwide Moderator: "We are here to reflect the light God has provided. We get the rise up part pretty well – we know we must get out of our bed, off our chairs and prepare to act. We rise to the occasion. The shine part gives us more trouble. What does it mean to shine? Like polish our shoes or car? Like students who excel? Like the moon? – which reflects light from the sun? We don't have to generate the light, we reflect the light God has provided. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world", so what are we reflecting? When you let your light shine what do others see? A woman praying, a Bible being read, pennies to provide fresh water, soup and the Good News, the lonely welcomed, unloved hugged, the love of God bringing light to lives still in the dark?"

Held once every three years, Presbyterian Women's Churchwide Gathering is an opportunity for Presbyterian women from across the country (and around the world!) to gather for worship, education, community-building, fun and renewal. Participants enjoy workshops, tours, forums, plenary sessions with inspiring speakers and worship. PW's triennial Business Meeting—where budget, leadership and programmatic emphasis will be decided—takes place in conjunction with the Gathering.



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS



Help raise funds for PW's many missions every time you swipe your Kroger Plus card. Just go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com, click "create an account" and follow the directions.

If you are already signed up for PW's Kroger Rewards Program, our account number has changed. It is now CC727.

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CHURCH WOMEN UNITED LAYETTE MISSION



A big thank you to those who donated to our July Layette Project campaign! We collected much-needed items for our Church Women United organization. So much so I had to make several trips to the drop-off site. It was welcomed with open arms and greatly appreciated. I always get a big smile when they see me pull up. Did you know that 1 out of every 3 families with small children struggle to provide diapers, wipes and other non-food essentials for their babies and toddlers? These items are not allowed to be purchased with food stamps or the federal Women Infant and Children (WIC) funds.

In Franklin County alone, 17% of people live at or below the poverty level, and 8% of all families in Ohio receive some form of financial assistance. The Layette Project's mission is to assure that God's youngest children remain clean, dry and healthy.

Some have asked how the Layette Project knows who to provide the donated items to. There are many state and federal agencies working with clinics and hospitals to help those most in need. When they note that a new child has been born to one of the clients utilizing their agency they contact CWU and try to deliver a complete layette to get the baby's initial needs met. This will include diapers, wipes, blankets, new or gently used clothing, bathing items, sleeping items and more. The agency can then come back to get more items as needed to help the new mother/family get the little one through its first year of life as healthy as possible.

Infant mortality is still rather high, especially for those in poverty. Items just recently added to the acceptable list include pacifiers and small toys to stimulate growth and development. Baby bottles are also being accepted as not all mothers can breast feed.

Our next big donation campaign will be through the month of December so start collecting now. If you are not able to give items, financial contributions can also be made. Just make a check payable to Church Women United and put Layette on the memo line. I will make sure it gets to the right place.

- Amanda Thomas, CCPC Layette Project Coordinator

CHRISTIAN BOOK CORNER



The Search Committee by Tim Owens

A mismatched team of seven hit the road in a church van on a mission to find a new pastor. They don't agree on much other than the stops at Hardee's for coffee and a biscuit. But they stick to the call, trying to slip undetected into worship services across the Southeast--all in hopes of stealing a preacher for their congregation.

Each member is wrestling to balance his or her own busy life and personal struggles. Forced to spend countless hours together, these very different personalities from different generations begin to bond. And their lives are profoundly changed as they love and support each other through the difficulties in each of their lives.

- Marcia Meulenberg

Circle Updates

HOPE & JOY UPDATE

Hope and Joy Circle members use our annual 'summer break' for friendship and fellowship. We go out for lunch on our meeting dates. This summer we ate together at MacKenzie River, the Wine Bistro, and the 101 Beer Kitchen.

The pictures all look the same... us, tables, food... we enjoyed getting better acquainted, planning for the coming calendar year, as well as some really good food.

Our new year has begun... we have returned to our meeting place in the Lounge. We are enjoying its rejuvenation which occurred during the summer while we were away. The thorough cleaning, repainting, and new fixtures give it a whole new feel. Come join us on the 4th Monday at 1:30 p.m. Up the stairways ... above the kitchen.

This year we will be studying 12 Women of the Bible: Life-changing Stories for Women Today. We will meet a group of amazing women... Some whose names we already know, others not. "At moments you might wonder why God captured these particular stories in the pages of his Holy Word," says the introduction. "Their road was not easy, their examples not perfect... yet they teach us lessons that are deeply practical, holding up a mirror to our lives and souls that can help us better understand our own story."

This 12 session small group study is a DVD lead introduction with discussion and a work text with follow-up activities. We are taking turns leading the studies in our meetings.

- Carole Cole, Circle Leader



Circle Updates

RUTH CIRCLE UPDATE



The Central College Presbyterian Church congregation has a Vision: "The Kingdom of God Made Visible". To align closer with CCPC's vision, Ruth Circle will practically display God's grace through service. Every month the Circle will select a different service project – some projects will be new, others the Circle has done for years.

In October, Ruth Circle members donated toiletries, clothing, and entertainment items for veterans at the Chillicothe VA Hospital. In November, Ruth Circle will collect diapers and other baby items to support the CWU's layette project.

If you want to make positive contributions to the community -- in the congenial company of friendly, like-minded women – join us at the next Ruth Circle meeting.

Please note:
Ruth Circle's meeting time & location have changed -- Ruth Circle meets the second Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Lounge. The Circle's next meeting is scheduled for November 13th. We look forward to seeing you!

- Vicky Schmarr, *Circle Leader*

MARTHA CIRCLE UPDATE

Our good friend, Marilyn Gale said "Martha Circle runs itself" when she recruited me to be the circle leader. I almost tested this theory for the September meeting, but instead I asked Lori Morrow to take on the role of Circle Leader while I was busy with kidney stone surgery. As you would expect, Lori did an excellent job with the first meeting of the year welcoming new members, gathering information for the directory, signing up study leaders and hostesses for the year. I am sure other women helped, but I thank Lori for being the Circle Leader while Martha Circle ran itself.

Martha Circle is using The Upper Room for Bible Study this year. The articles provide topics that are thought provoking and generate lively discussions. The women of Martha Circle like to talk.

Martha Circle meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month in Ballard Hall at 7 pm. Come and see if our circle is the one for you and hopefully you will make a new friend.

- Brenda Watson, *Circle Leader*



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SARAH CIRCLE UPDATE



Sarah Circle members met October 17th in the Academy library to continue studies in the "Cloud of Witnesses – The Community of Christ in Hebrews" series and to prepare a mailing to CCPC college students.

We are mailing packages to our college students with notes and snacks as they embark on their fall term studies. Our mailings this school year are going to 39 undergraduate and graduate students in eight states enrolled at twenty-five schools. Our members celebrate the accomplishments and ambitions of our young adults and we remind them that they are still a vital part of our ministry and are in our prayers. Circle members provide contents for the mailings and postage is generously sponsored by PW.

Another project that Sarah Circle women enjoy is sewing sensory fabric toys that are distributed to participants in Moms2B, a program of The Ohio State University that addresses 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 November 14th meeting will include a study that discusses God's word as living and active in our lives based on scripture from the book of Hebrews. If you would like to visit or join this group of caring and congenial women, please contact Jan Neeff for further details.

- Carol Barrett, *Circle Communicator*

MARY CIRCLE UPDATE

Mary Circle is meeting in Ballard Hall the third Tuesday of the month through December and then March through May. We meet at 1:30 for dessert and fellowship, then devotions, announcements, a little stretching and Bible Study and prayer. This year we are studying the PW study, Cloud of Witnesses. It is a study in the book of Hebrews. As a Christian and church we are part of a cloud of witnesses to faith and faithful living from times of old (Adam) through the present, including God, Himself. Come learn and be encouraged.

If you are looking for a daytime Circle, we invite you to come join us. Hope to see you soon.

- Kathy Johnston, *Circle Leader*



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