



The Messenger

January 2017

"Whatever you do, work at it with your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." -Colossians 3:23-24

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

As we begin 2017 it is important to recap some of the things the Central College Presbyterian Women's ministry accomplished. Under the direction of Lori Morrow, our board Moderator, we took on a variety of missions to benefit the Church. We had a very successful 2016. This review of our accomplishments was presented at the December board meeting by Lori Morrow.

We:

- Had the best-looking directory we've ever had.
- Had the best-looking Messenger ever with the addition of color.
- Had a fantastic retreat in Amish country.
- Hosted unique and happy "Girls Night Out" events.
- Made plarn pads for the homeless.
- Distributed roses to all of the moms on Mother's Day.
- Created and published a monthly PWM calendar.
- Organized and served many funeral luncheons.
- Were greeters on Sundays
- Offered regular Bible studies.
- Welcomed new members of CCPC.
- Maintained a Prayer Wall.
- Sent greeting cards to many people throughout the year.
- Had a profitable Boutique Bazaar in a new venue, Kirk Hall.
- Had a memorable, well-received Cookie Walk.
- Funded all our missions as planned, including funds to Children's Church, the Beautification of CCPC and all the other outreach missions we designated.

Also:

- The annual spring luncheon was everything we hoped for.
- Our blanket ministry was very fruitful.
- Our Chancel Guild maintained the Paraments in the Sanctuary and Chapel.
- The Bakeless Bake Sale was as successful as always.
- Our Circles have thrived and grown.
- Sarah Circle sent "care" packages to CCPC students who live away from home after high school.
- The Food Pantry benefitted with \$3,000 in food due to our purchase of \$1,000 cards in the Meijer program.

"We were very busy. We served God and observed his teachings of serving our fellow man. We enjoyed a special Christian fellowship. We are a terrific team."

Looking to the future one of our goals is to inspire the women of CCPC to join us for planning, fellowship and fun. So think about how you could participate. We are at work on this year's plans and welcome YOU to 2017.



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RETREAT SURVEY

The retreat team is looking for your opinion of your retreat experience and what you would like your next experience to be like. The retreat team is putting together a short survey that will be in your inbox in the next couple of weeks. Of course we will have it available to those who don't have email. Please take the time to fill out the survey. The retreat team really does value your opinion. We want the retreats to be spiritual, friendly and fun. Please make sure you share your opinions with us.

Blessings from your retreat team,
Carol, Lori, Brenda & Gretchen



BAKELESS BAKE SALE

In February the Presbyterian Women ministries sponsors our annual Bakeless Bake Sale. During the second week in February you will receive a pink envelope in the mail explaining the fundraiser. Your contribution by check or cash will provide assistance to the worthy missions we will support in 2017.

- Judi McMahon, Chairperson

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY

The winter gathering for Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery is Saturday, February 25 at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Upper Arlington. The theme is Justice and Peace and will feature two speakers with hands on valid information and misinformation circulating in the media. Please join us for a day of interacting with other women, lunch and prayer. We will meet behind Kirk Hall at 9 a.m. Lunch is \$10.00. Please e-mail Cinny Cameron at gccameron@sbcglobal.net or call 614.882.1168 to make your reservation. See you there!

MORNING FOR MISSION



The weather did not cooperate for our Morning for Mission on Saturday, January 14th, but a few hearty souls did attend to create a couple of blankets for our mission "My Very Own Blanket". We will be investigating more uses for these blankets before our next opportunity to get together in the Meeting Center on Saturday, April 15th. Our "plarn" project is moving along nicely making mats for the homeless. These mats make a nice "mattress" to keep the damp ground from ruining sleep. Linda Axon, pictured to the left, crochets the plastic bags into these beautiful mats.

Thank you to all who collect the plastic bags for this purpose. Please join us on Saturday, April 15th.

- Cinny Cameron, Mission Chair

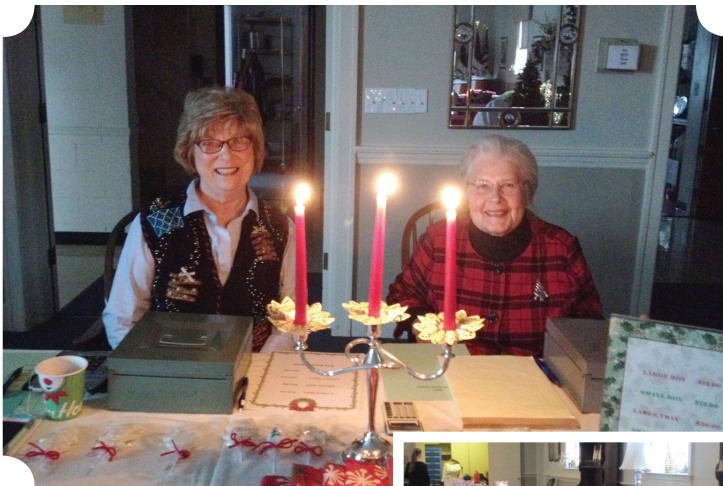
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COOKIE WALK RECAP

The 2016 Cookie Walk will be very memorable due to the power outage. With candles glowing to light the way, people still came to Ballard Hall to pick out their cookies. Someone was overheard to say, "It will just be a surprise as to what type of cookies we will get this year."

By the end of the morning all of the cookies were gone, and we exceeded our budgeted mission goal for the event. So a big thank you goes to everyone who participated by buying cookies and other items.

Thank you to all of the bakers that spent many hours baking. You make this event possible. Thank you also to those who attended the two baking and decorating days at the church. I'm looking forward to the 2017 Cookie Walk! - Gretchen Leddy, Chairwoman



Circle Updates

SARAH CIRCLE

Sarah Circle is completing a second mailing to CCPC college students in February. Twenty-four packages are going out to current students three times during the 2016-2017 academic year. Addressees include students studying out of state as well as those at Ohio colleges and universities. The students will receive snacks, Valentine goodies and a personal note from Amanda Lawson as we try to stay in touch with these important members of our church family. This project receives support from our PW organization to cover the cost of postage.

Sarah Circle is currently using the PW "Come to the Waters" study and we invite other interested women to join us for upcoming meetings. In addition to our study we include time for prayer, refreshments, fellowship and various mission projects, typically focused on our youth or children's ministries.

Upcoming meeting dates are the third Wednesdays of the month at 7PM in the Academy Library (including February 15 and March 15). Please join us to enjoy an evening with this dynamic women's small group ministry.

- Carol Barrett, Circle Communicator

The photo to the right was taken at our last meeting of those in attendance. We had just finished collating everything into the boxes that you see and we hauled them to the post office in the oversized bags. The post office loves to see us coming (not!).



MARY CIRCLE

Mary Circle missed their December Christmas meeting due to weather. Most importantly, we missed the time of fellowship and encouragement. We felt safety and avoiding falls was more important. Hopefully each lady was able to spend time reflecting on the beauty of Christmas and the wonderful gift of Himself that God gave us in the birth of Jesus Christ.

As we start a new year, have a new President and face new and unforeseen challenges, this verse in Zephaniah 3:17 encourages us: "For the LORD your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will delight in you with gladness. With His love He will calm your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs."

- Kathy Johnston, Circle Leader

Circle Updates

RUTH CIRCLE



Ruth Circle continues to meet in the Meeting Center, room 102, the second Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. We welcomed a new member, Vicki Schmarr, to our group and would welcome anyone interested in joining us.

We continue to study the Bible every month and strive to do God's work through study and fellowship. In February, we plan to begin individual "Gratitude Journals" and also write our personal blessings on a tablecloth to be used monthly. We will also discuss other ways to express our gratitude to God.

- Nancy McEanene, Circle Communicator

HOPE & JOY CIRCLE

Hope & Joy really says who we are in Christ. We are women who meet monthly to fellowship, learn more about being Christ's hands here in our corner of Central College and elsewhere and to pray/support each other along our walk.

Our meetings are on the 4th Mondays in Ballard Hall at 1:30 p.m. In December we enjoyed an offsite visit to the Morrrows' home...with food! In January we gathered layette items in support of the Presbyterian Women's participation of the Church Women United project. We also are beginning this year's PW Bible study, "Who Is Jesus?" Lesson 1 was led by Lori Morrow. If you missed Lesson 1, please call us and we can get you a copy to study. Hopefully, you can join us in February for Lesson 2.

In February we will also be meeting with Amanda Lawson to tour the Ranch to see what our fund raising efforts/donations helped create. We will also learn more about the CCPC programming for our older youth.

Start this new year with friends. Put a Circle Meeting on your calendar!!

- Carol Cole, Circle Leader



Circle Updates

MARTHA CIRCLE



The evening began with peanut butter pie provided by Judy Bruce. Yes, it was a pie evening! While we had dessert we socialized and each woman answered the "getting to know you better" question: Are you vane? If so, what are you vane about? There were lots of laughs and a few surprise answers. Don't look for Martha Circle women to be out in public without eyebrows, makeup, nice clothes, and hair looking good. You might see Sheila Burke driving her white sports car around town. Kay Tomesek did define "vanity" for our near perfect member, Betty Meabon, who decided she might be overly proud of her family. So, be sure to notice how well-groomed the women of Martha Circle are when you see them on Sunday morning.

Carol Windsor opened the meeting in prayer as we prayed for the Wolfe and Yates families in this time of sorrow, Lori Morrow's granddaughter with pneumonia, Janet Gething's infant great grandson in Children's Hospital, Suzanne in the hospital with a racing heart, and an 11 year old boy receiving a heart transplant.

Betty Meabon passed the dented world bank for our "least coins" and she read her poem explaining the Least Coin collection as Cindy Wojcik was attending her first Martha Circle meeting. We love new members and guests.

Brenda Watson was the study leader as we continued the "Who is Jesus?" Bible study with the Gospel of John. We had a good discussion learning how the book of John takes a very different view of Jesus than Matthew or Mark. Next month we will study what Luke says about "Who is Jesus".



We closed the meeting with a Lord's Prayer circle. When women began to leave the doors were opened and an uninvited guest came into Ballard Hall! Someone said, "There is a bird in here." Then, several women looked up at the soaring thing and shouted, "That's a bat!" The bat flew back and forth and around the room trying to get out I assume. It would stop and rest on the eagle on top of the flag stand in the corner in the back of the room for a moment then start again. We finished cleaning up as quickly as possible and closed the doors to Ballard Hall. The custodian on duty arrived to do whatever they do with uninvited guests.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 21st at 7 o'clock in Ballard Hall. Martha Circle welcomes new members, but not bats. Come and join us.

- Brenda Watson, Circle Leader

UPCOMING PWM EVENTS

GIRL'S NIGHT OUT

Wed., Feb. 1, 6-8 p.m.
Mimi's Cafe

BAKELESS BAKE SALE

February
CCPC

PW WINTER GATHERING

Sat., Feb. 25, Meet at 9 a.m.
Upper Arlington

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BAZAAR RECAP

The ever popular annual Bazaar was a huge hit again. It was a lot of fun seeing all those items so generously donated by the CCPC family go flying out the door. Kirk Hall was filled to the brim with sought after items from jewelry to toys and more. Nothing goes to waste. Besides the sale, we donated items to the Food Pantry and the Volunteers of America. We kept some of the items for next year's sale, too. Thanks go out to the folks who came to purchase items. Special thanks to my crew of ladies and men who helped to set it all up, organize items and then turned right around and tore it all down. This successful event helps fund the missions that PWM serves.

- Lori Morrow, Chairperson

CHRISTIAN BOOK CORNER

"Imagine Heaven, Near-Death Experiences, God's Promises, and the Exhilarating Future That Awaits You" by John Burke.

This book was on the New York Times Bestseller list. The book includes over 100 stories of people who were clinically dead, or near death, and revived and had amazing details to report. What the author is trying to show us is something amazing that he thinks God is showing him.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S AREA REFURBISHMENT

Central College Presbyterian Women made a significant donation recently to the refurbishing project of the Central College Sunday School Children's Worship area, located under the Sunday School class wing. Our women's ministry was pleased to help in this project that will enhance the worship experience of the children in our church family under the dedicated leadership of Director, Judy Irwin.



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1. Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18)
2. Speak without accusing. (James 1:19)
3. Give without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)
4. Pray without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)
5. Answer without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)
6. Share without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)
7. Enjoy without complaint. (Philippians 2:14)
8. Trust without wavering. (1 Corinthians 13:7)
9. Forgive without punishing. (Colossians 3:13)
10. Promise without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:12)



Frieda Bennett and Cinny Cameron

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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