



MEMOS



2020 SPRING GATHERING ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Blackhawk

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Action

Devotion

Service

PUBLIC ACTION TO DELIVER SHELTER

SATURDAY – APRIL 25, 2020

WALTHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
809 N 3450th Rd., Utica, IL 61373

10:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

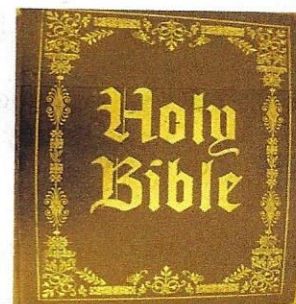
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WORSHIP & COMMUNION

Karen Williams, Commissioned Pastor

Women of the Bible Workshop

HANDS ON & SHARING TIME



NEWS FROM YOUR MODERATOR

Our Fall Memos was published after our July 12th CT meeting. Details for registration to volunteer at the food bank in Rockford were included in the newsletter.

What a joy it was working with the women, men and teen (on her homecoming day) as we volunteered at the Northern Illinois Food Bank Rockford! On Oct. 5th we had 11 from 4 churches assist 208 families shop the food pantry 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. On Tuesday, Oct. 8th 12 from 4 churches re-stocked the pantry shelves and also sorted and bagged fresh zucchini, cucumbers and green peppers from 1-3 p.m. This volunteer time offers great fellowship while serving a great need in the community.

I attended the Synod of Lincoln Trails CT meeting in Danville, IL in November. There we made plans for the SOLT Triennium to be held in Danville June 6, 2020 - Registration \$35.00. Do plan to join us!

Our Coordinating team met January 17th and we are excited to have a nominee for Vice-Moderator! We made plans for our Spring Gathering to be held Saturday, April 25th at Waltham. We thank you for your continued support – our 2019 Mission Giving totaled \$15,251.72. This total includes your giving to Celebration of Mission, Birthday Offering, Thank Offering, Honorary Life Members and Least Coin. Together we do make a difference!! We thank you for your continued support to the Church World Service Kits collection. In 2019 our kits were collected in Oswego at the September Presbytery meeting – school kits, 1121, hygiene kits, 311 and 41 clean-up buckets from 23 churches. We know some churches took their kits directly to Elgin to the Church of the Brethren headquarters. The 2020 Kits challenge is included in this newsletter. We know some ladies are already sewing school bags. We continue the Cozy Blanket ministry and are grateful for your talents and generosity to this ministry. We encourage you to share a blanket with someone who needs comfort in your congregation or community. We do have inventory stored at Coal City and Waltham.

We look forward to seeing you at the Spring Gathering/Annual Meeting at Waltham Sat. April 25th. We welcome you to join our CT – new ideas are always welcome!! You are welcome to visit anytime as we meet only 2 times a year - next meeting July 10th 2020 at Waltham.

I continue to have docket time and display space at Blackhawk Presbytery meetings promoting PW. Birthday Offering information is in the January/February Horizons and in this newsletter. We continue to use Blackhawk e-Connections to update PW news.

Hope you are saving the dates and funds for the 2021 Church Wide Gathering to be held in St. Louis, August 5-8, 2021!! Registration is \$450.

Contact Bev with questions or if you would like to join us for a PWP CT meeting. Contact her by e-mail at tkdo1961@gmail.com or phone 815-667-4970.

Blessings, Bev Scharlau, PWP Moderator



**PWP Fall Gathering
At
Northern Illinois Food Bank
Rockford, IL**

Presbyterian Women of Blackhawk Presbytery once again decided to donate time and muscle power to a food bank instead of a having a Fall Gathering. On Saturday, October 5th, and on Tuesday, October 8th, volunteers gathered at the Northern Illinois Food Bank located in Rockford. On Tuesday afternoon, a group of 12 volunteers got produce into sacks and stocked shelves from boxes, getting ready for the distribution of products to clients the next day. Of course, there was plenty of friendly fellowship going on between our volunteers. What a great way to serve our neighbors that are in need! Last year, you may remember, that we helped in the Northern Illinois Food Bank warehouse in Geneva, getting products ready to ship out to other Northern Illinois Food bank Distribution centers.



The Tuesday Group

Note from your Treasurer



Thank you for your continued support of the PW Celebration of Mission and the many ministries Presbyterian Women undertake. If you have not pledged for 2020, you still can! Feel free to send me an email or call if you have questions.

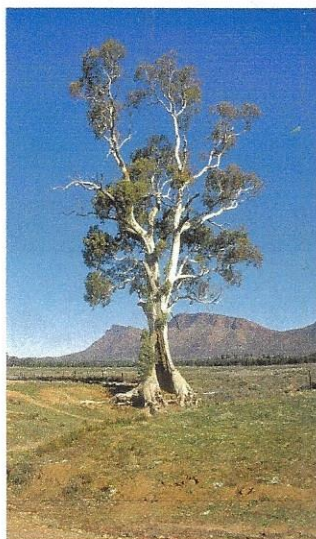
Karen Finch, PWP Treasurer. karen_f61010@yahoo.com or 815-978-5781.

TOGETHER IN SERVICE

On the snowy rainy day at our 2019 Spring Gathering in Savanna 23 attending worked on hands-on projects. Our PWPCT provided 24 pillowcases to decorate for the children in Puerto Rico. Weather was not favorable, resulting with many leaving early, so only a few pillow cases were completed. We sent the paints, stamps and pillow cases to the Youth Triennium to be completed and sent on. Nationally it was hoped to send at least 100. The Sept/Oct. Horizons reported approximately 2500 pillowcases had been collected so far. Just ask Presbyterian Women and the task is taken care of!

The host church also taught us to make a reusable shopping bag from a recycled t-shirt. These were then given to their local food pantry clients to use. These projects gave us great fellowship time.

At the February 11, 2020 Presbytery meeting which was held at DeKalb Presbyterian Church, we recognized the upcoming retirement of the Reverend Dr. John



Rickard, General Presbyter. His retirement date is April 1st. During the Worship service, a sapling tree was presented to him, along with a rocking chair. Although, he did sit down in the chair, it took him a little while before he started to gently rock. Each church in Blackhawk Presbytery was asked to bring a small bag of dirt to help fill the planter for the tree. Many of the churches in Blackhawk Presbytery came with a snack size Ziplock bag with some soil for the pot. Maybe this Spring, he will be able to plant the tree in his yard.



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CHURCH WORLD SERVICE KITS CHALLENGE 2020

To all churches in Blackhawk Presbytery:

The Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church, Princeton are issuing this challenge for 2020. WILL EACH CONGREGATION MAKE AT LEAST....

35 SCHOOL KITS, 10 HYGIENE KITS, AND 2 CLEAN-UP BUCKETS **We suggest you purchase items needed for school kits during the July and August sales.**

We have learned from Church World Service there is great need for SCHOOL KITS and CLEAN-UP-BUCKETS. Last spring all requests for kits could not be fulfilled – CWS warehouse supplies were depleted. Let us try to double the challenge!!! **Whatever kits and amounts you are able to provide are greatly appreciated!**

Kit brochures with details for all three kits will be available at Presbytery meetings or can be ordered from the Church World Service website, cwskits.org. If your church group is sewing the School Kit bags, they should be made of **solid-colored fabric** with no logos or the bags can be purchased thru myshopangel.com. The **wide tooth combs** needed for the Hygiene Kits must have at least 6 inches of teeth. Check latest CWS Kits Brochure for newest details. Your kits will be collected Nov. 10th at the Presbytery meeting at Ridgefield-Crystal Lake. Please bring the kits in **SEALED** boxes, marked with the name and address of your church and the kind and quantity of kits inside – school kits and hygiene kits need to be in separate boxes. Clean-up buckets do not need to be in boxes, but should have the name and address of your church taped to the outside. (You may copy and use the label on next page). Please tape the buckets closed. A gift of \$2.00 per kit (\$3.00 for buckets) made out to Church World Service can be brought to the Presbytery meeting or sent directly to CWS. (Coupon on next page). These funds help get the kits into the hands of those in need.

PLEASE INCLUDE A SHIPPING & PROCESSING FUNDS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK

Make checks payable to
Church World Service and send to:

Church World Service
P.O. Box 968
Elkhart, IN 46515

Please do not include money with kits.

Shipping of the kits to their final destination is expensive. Costs include renting space on trucks, boats and planes, paying for gas, paying for the insurance of each shipment and paying other fees for delivery. We ask that our donors help cover a small amount of this cost. Please include at least \$2 for each hygiene kit and school kit and at least \$3 for each emergency cleanup bucket. Thank you for your generous donation to cover part of these shipping and processing expenses.

Many of you continue to exceed the challenge amounts – let's try to increase our totals in 2020!! CWS is so grateful to all in Blackhawk Presbytery for being a part of this world wide ministry!!





SHIPPING & PROCESSING FUNDS FORM

Complete and send with your check.

Congregation/Group _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Congregation Phone # _____

Congregation Email _____

Contact Person _____

Contact Person Phone # _____

Contact Person Email _____

Indicate the amount you wish to designate: _____

Processing/Shipping: _____

Donation for CWS Kits (in lieu of making kits): _____

TOTAL: _____



KITS FORM

Complete and include with your shipment of CWS Kits.

Congregation/Group _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Congregation Phone # _____

Congregation Email _____

Contact Person _____

Contact Person Phone # _____

Contact Person Email _____

Indicate # of kits _____

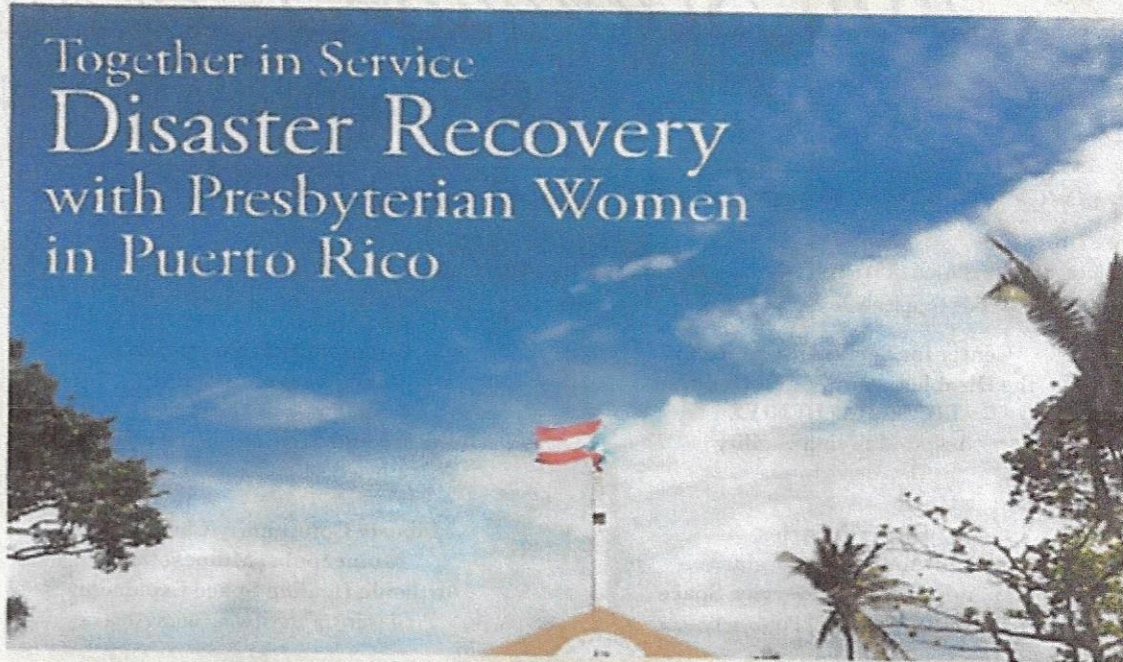
School Kits _____

Hygiene Kits _____

Emergency Cleanup Buckets _____

Other _____

Together in Service
Disaster Recovery
with Presbyterian Women
in Puerto Rico



Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Puerto Rico are key leaders of recovery efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane María. They quickly mobilized to serve their communities and churches immediately after the storm and now they are part of the transition to long term recovery. Though the island's infrastructure is unstable and the devastation can be overwhelming, Presbyterian Women in Puerto Rico have a strong desire to help their community develop the tools for resilience, recovery, and reconstruction.



Through this Together in Service project, Presbyterian Women from every synod can offer support to the Women of the Synod of Puerto Rico. Donations will be used for recovery efforts in three key areas: water supply, community building, and home reconstruction.

For more information, contact PW's mission associate, Cheri Harper, at cheri.harper@pcusa.org. To donate to this Together in Service project, go to www.presbyterianwomen.org/give.



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2020 Birthday Offering

OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

But I will hope continually, and will praise you yet more and more. —Psalm 71:14, NRSV

Since 1922, Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering has helped fund mission projects that improve lives. This year's Birthday Offering recipients are:

Center for Social Assistance to
the Disabled, Family, and Children
PREOBRAZHENIYE
Assisted Living Facility
Davydovo, Russia

GAP Ministries
of Augusta, Georgia
Expand Access and Service Space
Northeast Georgia Presbytery

Community Presbyterian
Child Learning Center
in Payson, Arizona
Childcare and Prekindergarten Facility
Presbytery of the Grand Canyon

Liberty Community Church in
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Northside Healing Space Expansion
Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area

Resources to Promote the 2020 Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering

Essentials

Available as a download, as well! The 2020 Birthday Offering promotional booklet, which is routinely mailed to all PCUSA congregations and PW leaders, includes grant recipient summaries; a dedication service; a greeting from the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women; ideas to promote and support the Birthday Offering; a poster/placemat; and promotional resource flier. Item PWR20451; free.

2020 Birthday Offering Korean- and Spanish-language promotional booklets are available on line. Free.

The 11" x 17" 2020 Birthday Offering poster/placemat is versatile: use side one as a poster suitable for bulletin boards and trifolds; use side two as a placemat for dinners and tabletops. Available as singles so order as needed (limit 150)! Item PWR20453; free.

Receiving the Offering

Birthday Offering group giving envelopes, traditionally used in PW circles and congregations, are available in packs of 25. Item PWR12501; free.

Individual giving envelopes are PW's "multipurpose" envelopes! These #10 green envelopes include an attached slip that allows an individual (or group) to choose where to direct her gifts as well as an area for credit card information. Available in packs of 10; item PWR20456; free.

2020 Birthday Offering bulletin insert (one design)—
Download at www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday; free.

2020 Birthday Offering bulletin cover (8½" x 11")—
Download at www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday; free.

2020 Birthday Offering promotional video (English, Spanish and Korean)—Available on PW's YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/presbyterianwomen.

More to Explore!

The January/February 2020 issue of *Horizons* magazine includes the grant recipient list as well as a dedication service. Available to order January 2020; item HZN20200, \$4.00. (Not a *Horizons* magazine subscriber? Call 866/802-3635 or visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/horizons to subscribe!)

Messages of Reconciliation and Hope: 75 Years of Birthday Offerings, 1922-1997, by Catherine Stewart Vaughn, item PWR00507, \$12.00

Ordering is Easy!


- Shop on line at www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop.
- Or call 800/533-4371, Monday–Friday, 9 AM–5 PM EST.

Note: Prices do not include shipping and handling (based on weight of order; \$5.91 minimum). International orders and orders to Puerto Rico may incur additional shipping charges. Prices and availability may change without notice.

HZN20200

*Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.
Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.
—Romans 12:12–13*

Rejoice in HOPE



Churchwide Gathering of
Presbyterian Women

August 5–8, 2021 • St. Louis, Missouri



For the latest updates and to sign up for Gathering emails, visit
www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

Danville Days Hotel

77 N. Gilbert

Danville, IL 61832

217.443.6600

daysinn.com

Call hotel for reservations

Friday Night

Meet and Greet (Hotel Dining Room)

For more information contact:

Yvonne Moore

ysgmoore@hotmail.com

773-881-8887

Moderator of Presbyterian Women

Synod of Lincoln Trails

Betsy Kinder

m_kinder88@yahoo.com

REGISTRATION

Deadline: May 10, 2020

Registration Fee: \$35.00

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____

MBL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

CHURCH _____

LOCATION _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

Mail registration form and check
(payable to PWSOLT) to:

Alice Lechiara
730 Cherry Street
Wheaton, IL 60187-4386

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



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SYNOD OF LINCOLN

TRAILS

GATHERING

Saturday, June 6, 2020

ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE WORLD
MATTHEW 25

First Presbyterian Church
100 N. Franklin
Danville, IL 61832

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Reverend Sara Dingman,
Synod Executive of Lincoln Trails

- * Born and raised in Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- * Graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary
- * In her final phase of Doctor of Ministry program at McCormick Theological Seminary (Thesis topic: Presbytery Revitalization)

* Has served in the Church (South Dakota, Taipei, New York City, Edinburgh, Nebraska)

* Has served in the Synod (Synod staffing task force, Heartland Resource Network, COM & CPM training facilitator, Quad Presbytery, Synod School Teacher and Worship Leader)

GATHERING SCHEDULE

9:00 – 9:25
Registration
Breakfast

9:30 – 10:15
Welcome
Devotion
Business Meeting
Offerings

10:15 – 11:00
Keynote Address
Reverend Sara Dingman

11:00 – 12:00
Conversation 1

12:00 – 12:45
Conversation 2

12:45 – 1:30
Lunch
⇒ Tour of Stained-Glass Windows
⇒ Tour Dwelling Place Day Center

1:30 – 2:15
Worship and Installation
Of Officers

CONVERSATIONS

Conversation 1
Facilitator -Reverend Sara Dingham
Matthew 25
Effective leadership approaches

Conversation 2
Facilitator -Jeri Spezia
Vermillion County Mental Health
Department
Mental Health First Aid
• Signs and characteristics
• What to say?
• Resources

TOURS

#1 Tour
Stained-Glass Windows
When the present church building was erected (1893), a number of windows in memory of departed members were placed in the church.

#2 Tour
Dwelling Place Day Center
First Presbyterian Church of Danville
Danville, IL

A day center for the homeless.

DONATIONS NEEDED: Full size toiletries
both men/women; razors; feminine products;
or monetary donations.

AREA LEADERS REPORTS

AREA I



Middle Creek Presbyterian Church

The PW mission projects through the year resulted in collections totaling \$396 for the Church World Service Blanket project, 78 School kits, 36 Hygiene kits and one Clean-up bucket. In addition, \$231 was sent for shipping and handling.

The PW plans and leads the Thank Offering Sunday. Guest speakers from Shelter-care Ministries were on hand to tell how their services impact the local homeless. Our congregation collected new and gently-used household items for their ministry and the PW gave a donation from our Treasury.

During the Advent workshop, many hands helped complete 7 fleece blankets which were donated to "Chase the Chill. The blankets along with other warm clothing were distributed in downtown Rockford to anyone who needed them. Additional blankets were donated to a new ministry, Miss Carly's in Rockford.

We continue the tradition of the Mitten, Hat, Scarf, and Sock Tree at Christmas time to collect new items for those less fortunate. Also, treat bags were made and distributed following the Children's Christmas program.

Karen Finch, PW Moderator

Winnebago First

Saturday, October 19th was our Annual Fall Dinner and Mini-Bazaar. Again this year, we served close to 450 people. Our Fellowship Hall holds 100 people and we have three serving times. The first two times were sold out. We also have carry-outs. The team in that group was very busy dishing up the take out containers. Comments that have been heard are that ours is the best one in the area. The Bazaar was very successful as well.

During November, we take orders for "Memory Angels". These pretty decorations hang on the sanctuary Christmas tree during the Lenten Session. There were two different styles to pick from this year.

Over the holidays, we make up food baskets for several needy families in Winnebago. Our Children's' Sunday School classes get toys and clothes for them, as well.

November 10th was our Thank Offering Service. Julia Jones from the Northern Illinois Food Bank was to present at the Service, but there was a conflict and Julia rescheduled her presentation until a later date. Two of our members received the Honorary Life Memberships.

AREA LEADERS REPORTS (con't)

AREA I (con't)

Winnebago First (con't)

Our Cookie Walk was held on December 14th, along with a Mini-Bazaar.

Both events were very successful and any leftover cookies or candies were packaged up and delivered to our shut-ins.



Our Emergency Committee served for four funeral luncheons this year. Thanks to all the ladies who donated food and/or helped serve at the luncheons. They also helped with a few more festive occasions. This group of ladies is willing to prepare and serve as quickly as possible.

Jill Sunday, PW Moderator

AREA II

Dixon First Presbyterian Church

Our pastor, Reverend Dr. David Spaulding, just returned from a two week mission trip to Kenya. We were pleased to hear about his trip and see the pictures he took while in Kenya. We have been busy at church self publishing a photo directory with individual pictures of our church family as well as pictures of activities in our church and community that we are involved in, such as delivering Meals on Wheels and the blood drive we sponsor at our church each year with the Red Cross. We thank Betty Russell, a member of our church and PW that coordinates these two activities. We take part each year in the CWS kits program and thank our member, Bonnie Cumberland, for sewing the 40 cloth bags that our congregation helped fill for school kits in 2019 as well as the clean-up bucket we sent to CWS. We thank Bonnie also for being our funeral reception coordinator. We are sad to have lost 6 of our church family as well as our church Administrative Assistant in 2019 and one member this year. We served meals following 5 of the services. The Dixon Community Garden, sponsored by our church, had another good growing year in 2019. Our church had opened another lot due to a request for more gardens in 2019. Most of the raised garden lots are already booked for the growing season this year. Our PW meets the third Monday of each month at 1:30 in the church Fellowship Hall for business, refreshments and Bible study. We also belong to the Dixon Area Christian Women and take part in their activities.

Lori McNally, PW Moderator

HANOVER UNITED PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Our Bible Blenders Circle averages about 12 ladies who come for our monthly meetings. We begin with food and fellowship, follow with our business meeting and then have our lesson. Many host in their homes and some prefer to host in our fellowship room at church.

Our mission projects include donating back packs filled with school supplies for students in need at our local school. This year we filled 41 requests. Funds for this project mostly come from a raffle of a beautiful stained glass hanging made by a 97 year old member of our church.

IAREA LEADERS REPORTS (con't)

AREA II (con't)

HANOVER UNITED PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (con't)

This year our group sent 49 hygiene kits and hand sewn school bags to Church World Service.



Each month we send get well and thinking of you cards to those in the community who are in need of a cheery note. We value our prayer chain; it's truly amazing to think that so many are praying at the same time for someone in need.

Each month we serve a meal following worship at our church and enjoy the fellowship we share. Once a month there is a Christian meal held at the VFW on Sunday evenings. This project is organized by churches from Hanover and nearby Elizabeth. There is no charge and people of all faiths seem to enjoy dining together.

In December we gathered to pack 33 cheer plates filled with cookies and candy to be delivered to those who are in nursing homes or maybe just had a difficult year.

In loving memory of three dedicated church members, we served dinners following the funeral services.

Once a year, our group goes to Chestnut Mountain Resort to enjoy the wonderful food and beautiful scenery. We always have a photo taken of our group following dinner.

We feel like our friendships run deep as many have belonged to this circle for more than fifty years. We always welcome new members.

Patsy Geiger, Contact

AREA III

First Presbyterian Church -Princeton

1. We served 4 funeral meals for members and families.
2. We served as helpers at the January Blood Mobile
3. Cookie making is our specialty. We made cookies for our Live Nativity scene, an open house at the home of Pastor Angie, and for the Christmas program.
4. We did a cleaning of the church kitchen and began to restock the shelves.

Waltham Presbyterian Church, Utica

We continue each month with the Bible study "Love Carved In Stone". Several members attended the Fall Gathering held at the Food Bank Pantry. We participated in our church Harvest Bazaar providing a soup luncheon. We completed the project of redecorating the church restrooms. PW hosted a surprise reception for Pastor Joel to celebrate his 20th anniversary of ordination. We also hosted our annual Christmas Tea. In January we started sewing quilts for a donation to PADS, the area homeless shelter.

Amy Ploch, Area III Leader

AREA LEADERS REPORTS (con't)

AREA IV (con't)

Braidwood First

The Scrap-A-Thon was set for April 13; the Annual Tea was held September 14 with the theme "A Day at Downton".



When all was totaled we had a profit from the Scrap-A-Thon of \$1992.00.

We are continuing to sell Dish Cloths. The Immaculate Conception Church will be closing their Parish Hall so they graciously offered to give us their thermal tea pots. It was decided to donate \$900 toward the purchase of new outdoor carpet and we also decided to check into the cost of a future electronic sign. The Patterson family donated \$500 in Martha's memory; we also had donations in memory of Ruth Bauter. The committee purchased 4 new banners. We have funds left and will continue to look for other appropriate memorials.

The annual Ladies Tea made a profit of \$149 and a good time was had by all.

On October 8 six ladies attended the Living Alternatives dinner. We sponsored two \$250 tables.

We decided to collect funds for Heifer International. Envelopes were placed in the narthex for donations. \$250 was collected and PW voted to give another \$250 to purchase a water buffalo. In total we sent \$500 which purchased the buffalo, a goat, a share of seedlings, a hope basket, a bee hive, a flock of chicks and a flock of ducks. We thank all who donated.

We are discussing helping with cost of new flooring for the Sunday School room.

Many cards of hope, sympathy, and for birthdays were sent.

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Neumann, Secretary

Coal City, New Hope Presbyterian Church

This year we sent local shut-ins, friends in nursing homes and out-of-town friends cards on Valentine's Day, Easter and Christmas. Our usual meetings were held in April, June, September and December. In lieu of our Mother-Daughter Banquet, our ladies participated in making their own terrariums. Along with food and friendship, an enjoyable evening was had by all. One of our members was presented with the cup and saucer which recognized her as our Mother-Of-The-Year. Funeral dinners were served for the family and friends of three of departed members. Our local food pantry, our church and several charities benefited this year from monies we received from funeral dinner contributions, our Bakeless Bake Sale, Mission Giving Calendar and Christmas Card donations. Contributions made to the Least Coin, Birthday and Thank Offerings were collected by us and forwarded to Presbyterian Women, U.S.A. School Kits and Hygiene Kits were assembled and Blanket Sunday donations were sent to Church World Service. Tabs from pop cans are being collected for Ronald McDonald House and Box Tops were distributed to our local schools. Some of the young people of our congregation attended Stronghold Summer Camp through the help of our Association's Scholarship Fund. We hope to continue to help our missions and our church with the help of our Lord. Women's Association.

Carol Lavezzi , Co-Moderator

AREA LEADERS REPORTS (con't)

AREA IV (con't)

Joliet Westminster



When we had our final Victorian Tea in 2018, we did not know what to do with our goblets, teacups and saucers (enough to serve 100), plus teapots, centerpieces, etc. We decided that we would wait one year before making a decision.

After a year, we decided that we would have an Antique Sale. In addition to all of the stuff that PW had, we asked our congregation to donate any antique items that they had at home and no longer wanted. The response was unbelievable! Our social hall was literally packed with antiques. We held a two-day sale that was very successful. However, we still had lots of stuff left. So, we decided to have a second 50% off Antique Sale at our Flea Market in August. With those two sales we profited well over \$5,000, which was divided among several missions.

For as long as I can remember, the women in our church have had two Second Hand Sales each year—one in the Spring and one in the Fall. (The church building was built in 1957.) A year ago, we decided to try something a little different. Instead of pricing each item that was donated, we only priced selected items. Each customer was given a brown paper grocery bag which they could fill level full. We charged \$5.00 for each bag. In addition, we had a bake sale which was very well received. In 2019 we profited over \$1,000 on each sale. We will be having our next Second Hand Sale in March.

On the fourth Friday in January we had our 14th Soup and Sandwich Day. We serve cream of broccoli soup, hearty beef and wild rice soup, chili (which our pastor makes), chicken salad and Italian beef sandwiches. Everything is homemade except the Italian beef which is purchased from a local meat market. Amazingly, we have never had to cancel because of bad weather.

Our PW promotes the Church World Service kits to our congregation each year. In 2019 we made 145 School Kits, 100 Hygiene Kits, and 12 Clean Up Buckets. We gratefully thank our men's group for paying the shipping costs each year. Our Project Day ladies made 50 Linus Blankets in 2019 which are donated to police and fire departments for children who are in a crisis situation. This year they are making fidget pads for Alzheimer patients.

With the money we profit from our fundraisers, we support our PW in Blackhawk Presbytery as well as Rev. Tom Goetz, a Presbyterian missionary in Japan, Kemmerer Village, Morning Star Mission, Meals on Wheels, and Groundwork (a shelter for battered women and children). Our PW also pays all the expenses for kitchen and pantry supplies, exterminating service, Will County Health Dept. permit, and the cost of any maintenance of our kitchen equipment. We also give 10% of our fundraiser profit to our church operating fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Jones and Penny Thomson
Co-Moderators

Notes from the PWP Communications Editor


On the last few pages were comments on activities that the churches in all the areas of Blackhawk Presbytery are participating in. We did not hear from many of the churches and we would certainly like to be able to put more information in MEMOS regarding the events, fund raisers, mission work, and other activities in which you are involved. We are aware that not all of the churches have an active PW group, but we also know that your various groups (Bible Studies, Youth Groups, Sunday Schools Groups, both Youth and Adults) keep busy with mission work and other activities. We want to hear from you about them.

Also, if you have changed PW Moderators or Contact persons, please send me their names, addresses, phone numbers and/or e-mail addresses. It's much faster and easier to send an e-mail to you, than wait for the postal mail (USPS) to arrive. If your PW Group has disbanded, please let me know that as well.

If you would like to submit an article/notice of an upcoming event that would be before the Fall 2020 edition of MEMOS goes out, please send me a copy of your flyer/poster before the July 13th deadline. The MEMOS newsletter is our way to share with others what you are doing, as well as telling you about the PWP CT and SOLT. Please submit articles to me, Jill Sunday, PWP Communications Editor at SundaysHomeOffice@gmail.com or mail them to me at: 142 Clayton Ct., Winnebago, IL 61088.



Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Blackhawk Partial 2020 PW Calendar



Tuesday, April 14	Presbytery Meeting —Bolingbrook First of DuPage Bolingbrook	
Saturday, April 25	Spring Gathering — Waltham First	Waltham
June 8-9	Presbytery Meeting — Stronghold Camp & Retreat Center	Oregon
July 10	PWP CT Meeting	Waltham
July 13	Deadline for submitting articles for MEMOS	Communications Editor



Registration Form

2020



Spring Gathering and Annual Business Meeting

WALTHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

809 N 3450th Rd.,
Utica, IL 61373

Prepaid Reservation Deadline is Friday, April 17, 2020

Cost — \$10.00

Send checks payable to "Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Blackhawk" and mail to:

**Karen Finch
6011 E Woodburn Rd
Byron, IL 61010-9633
815-978-5781**

Church Name _____ **Location** _____

Contact Person _____ **Phone #** _____

Please print names clearly. Your name tag depends on you.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER THE DEADLINE DATE.

Please print name(s) clearly.

Send a copy of this form with your registration.