

# **The Newsletter for the Presbyterian Women of Providence Presbytery**

**June 2009**

## **Spring Gathering**

On Saturday, April 4, 2009, sixty eight Presbyterian women met at Beth Shiloh Presbyterian Church in York for the annual Spring Gathering. The theme for the gathering was “*God will do Wonders*”. Registration began at 9:30 am and everyone received handouts and goodies.

The business meeting was called to order at 10:00 am and Rev. Tom McPhail gave the devotion. The meeting was conducted by the PW Moderator, Jo Riner.

After the meeting everyone attended a workshop of their choice. After the workshops a wonderful lunch was served by the Beth Shiloh ladies. After lunch there were two drawings, one for a subscription to *Horizons* magazine and one for *Annie the Kitchen Queen*.

After lunch the PW met in the sanctuary for the installation of the incoming leaders. Peggy Furr conducted the installation of new leaders.

The leaders for 2009-2010 are:

Graceann Jones, Moderator  
Kay Nivens, Assistant Moderator  
Louise Forsythe, Recording Secretary  
Paulette Crawford, Treasurer  
Ann Barnwell, Moderator of Search  
Ann Hurley, Moderator Elect of Search  
Shirley Harris, Leadership  
Althea Truitt & Beverly Hunter, Racial  
& Ecumenical Relations,  
Barbara Lewis, Together in Service

Barbara Williams & Linda Short,  
District 1 Liaison  
Jackie Jowers, District 2 Liaison  
Cathy Moss, District 3 Liaison  
Joyce White, District 4 Liaison

It was a very good day, as everyone who attended left with a good feeling for all the work that all the PW are doing. A special thanks to everyone who attended and those that worked to make this a good day for the work of our Lord.

Please make plans now to attend the PW Spiritual Retreat on Saturday, October 3, 2009 at Bethelwoods.

## **2009 Churchwide Gathering**

The 2009 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women will be July 11 – 15, 2009 in Louisville, Kentucky. The theme is *God Will Do Wonders Among You*. For more information go to [www.pcusa.org/pwgathering](http://www.pcusa.org/pwgathering).

Registration forms and scholarship applications are available from moderators of PW in the Presbytery and in *Horizons*; beginning January 15, 2009, mail or fax your registration, or register online. There are still scholarships available for those that would like to attend.

## **Church Historian**

### **PW Histories**

As of today, 23 churches have submitted their histories. Moderators, please

have your historians mail them as soon as possible.

- Names of the Coordinating Team
- List of special committees
- Reports of gatherings and special programs
- Names of members who attended conferences, and special training events
- Recognition of women who have been honored during the year with Honorary Life Memberships – Brief history of each.
- Deaths of PW members – please use Names and date of deaths.

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### **Together in Service**

We are starting a new year for the PW Coordinating Team at Providence Presbytery. I would like for the moderators of each PW to try and commit to some of the following mission projects or any type of missions that you church would like to do:

1. Promote and interpret “Fellowship of the Least Coin” and use the Circle of Prayer booklets from Church World Service.
2. Promote the work of Presbyterian homes for children and aging.
3. Promote the Birthday Offering in the spring and the Thank Offering in the fall of each year.
4. Support Mission Haven, Villa International, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Presbyterian Hunger Programs, Christmas Joy Offering and the Witness Season.

5. Provide mission interpretation and education to the whole church congregations. Let your congregation share in your mission work.
6. Look at your communities for needs and develop programs based on the needs you discover.
7. Work with other churches in your communities for partnering-in-mission. It is a lot easier to do some of these needs if you have lots of hands, minds, and hearts helping.

These are a few things you can do for missions in your church. If you do other missions, I would like to hear from you so we can share your work with other churches.

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### **Notes From Your PWP Treasurer**

Thanks to each of you who contributed to our offering for the Bethelwoods Scholarship at our PW Spring Gathering last month. Our total check to Bethelwoods was **\$208.00.**

I would like to remind each of the PWC treasurers to **send the “Birthday Offering”** that was collected in your church **to me by June 5<sup>th</sup>** if at all possible. I need to remit all second quarter offerings and pledges before June 15<sup>th</sup>.

I have included a copy of the **new remittance form** to be mailed to me with **every check** for pledges and special missions from your church. These forms are important because funds are posted directly from them to our financial records. They are audited each year as backup records for PW income. Disbursements are also reviewed to

verify that funds are paid to the organizations designated by your treasurer.

An *error was found* on the budget that was presented at the Spring Gathering and has been brought to my attention. This has been corrected and a copy of the corrected budget is included in this newsletter for your review. If you have any questions concerning this please contact me.

Thank you,

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### **Church Moderators**

It soon will be time for us to prepare the new handbook. Please send a list of your officers, along with their addresses and phone numbers to:

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### **Spiritual Retreat**

Our annual Spiritual Retreat will be on Saturday, October 3, 2009 at Bethelwoods. The speaker will be Rev. Elizabeth McGregor Simmons, pastor of Davidson College Presbyterian Church. She is looking forward to this event and we are excited about working with her to ensure that our retreat will be successful.

### **Notes From Your PWP Moderator**

Greetings to the PW of Providence Presbytery!

My name is Graceann Jones and I am the newly elected Moderator of the PW Coordinating Team of Providence Presbytery. I am very excited about this new opportunity to serve the Lord and the women of our presbytery.

The Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women will be July 11-15 in Louisville, Kentucky. We have eight women that will be attending from Providence. We are looking forward to all aspects of this event- the worship, the fellowship, the fun, and even the business. Thank you to all of the churches that have contributed to the cost of our travel. We greatly appreciate this expression of your support.

Please contact me if I may be of any assistance to you. I will be glad to visit with you at any of your meetings or PW functions. If you have any questions, please let me know. Other members of the Coordinating Team will also be glad to help in any way possible.

You may contact me at 803-475-9832. This is my home phone. If I am not in, please leave a message and I will return your call. I look forward to working with you for the next two years.

God's Blessing to You,

Graceann

## **Greetings from Mission Haven**

(Email sent from Susan Adle)

It is with great delight that I can finally announce that the renovation of one of the houses and one two bedroom apartment has begun! Our facilities have been full since the Board met in October, which shows you how important our service to our missionaries remains. Now that two units are vacant, the work has begun.

The Greens have found a call in Memphis, TN. Ricardo went up to begin work several months ago, but Reyna and the children stayed to finish out the school year. Reyna has taken the kids to Brazil to visit friends from their many years in the mission field, and they will come back by Mission Haven to collect their household goods on their way to Memphis. Our solicitations for household goods have given them a good stock of furniture, linens, and kitchen equipment to start a home in Memphis. Praise God!

The McGill's have returned to the mission field in Malawi with their six children. The home where they stayed for the past year has seen almost constant use for the past several years by families with abundant kids. It is truly time to create a more comfortable and inviting home for our missionary families.

The work currently begun on 167 includes carpentry work to replace some jalousie windows in the basement, replace several medicine cabinets, remove the old built in oven to accommodate more storage space, and repairing doors and cabinets. All of the old carpets are being removed and then the wood floors will be refinished or new carpet installed. All of the upstairs rooms and some of the exterior will be repainted. Ruata Hmar, who is from India and is at Columbia and Candler Seminaries in the

doctoral of counseling program, is doing some of the hard labor to clean the exterior of the kitchen cabinets, strip the linoleum floor, and deep clean the bathrooms. His wife Nutei, who adds joy to the Clothes Closet with her volunteering on Wednesday, along with Elizabeth Gartrell, a MISH kid, will be helping Annie Laura and me with sorting and cleaning all of the cabinets, drawers, and closets. We will work as a team to clean the basement when the Greens collect their boxes that are stored there.

The two bedroom apartment is in pretty good shape, but we will be repainting, re-carpeting, and replacing two mattresses and linens along with cleaning cabinets and closets. All of that work in the apartment needs to be completed by July 15 when missionaries will come for 6 months.

The basement of the apartment building holds an amazing amount of linens, lamps, dishes, appliances and decorative dishes. We will be able to "shop" for our houses there, along with the basement of the Clothes Closet that holds some donated used furniture. It is time to evaluate what has been stored for many years in the basement, and an anticipated huge sale of unneeded items should yield some money to roll back into the facilities. When some space is created in the basement of the apartment building, we can gather books and shelves for toddlers, children, and adults. We can also have a repository for bikes and toys, so that families can easily borrow what they will need for the kids during their stays at Mission Haven.

The basement of 167 has a wonderful large meeting room that is furnished with many treasures from around the world – along with lots of furniture. Hopefully, we will be able to make that area more comfortable and

useable for the missionary families to use as a potluck supper gathering place or for family gatherings of people living in the small apartments. It holds wonderful possibilities.

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The current residents of Mission Haven are very excited about the changes, and their willingness to support our work is encouraging. The Gordon Gartrell family continues to live in one of our houses as they wait for a call here in the States. Gordon's sister, Virginia, is now living in one of our apartments as she is also looking for a job after returning to the U.S. from Brazil. Pray for the Lord to provide meaningful work for them here.

Mary Elizabeth continues to be a wealth of information and support for all of us. She amazes me with her ability to shuffle available space with incoming families. It is a pleasure to assist her in the overwhelming job of keeping the homes ready for our missionaries.

I hope that this long awaited email provides you with some needed news from the shaded green sanctuary of Mission Haven. I also hope that I have been able to convey some of the enthusiasm I feel with the rewards of working with these wonderful Christian workers. We have a huge responsibility to be good stewards of this exceptional facility that God has provided for our friends in Christ.

Email me or call me with questions or suggestions of ways you would like to help. We have received some wonderful monetary support lately, and I think we would all agree that we also feel the support of your prayers as we approach this huge job with joy in our hearts!

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