

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The purpose of Presbyterian Women is: forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ: 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 and caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promises of God's Kingdom.

The Presbyterian Women's program is active from September through June. Circle meetings where we study the Horizon Bible Study are held monthly. The year's Bible study is "Confessing The Beatitudes".

The Presbyterian Women's budget for this year is \$1,200 annually for worldwide General Assembly mission giving. We emphasize giving to three groups: the Thankoffering gives to medical mission throughout the world and for creative areas of mission; the Birthday offering is for predetermined projects selected by the Creative Ministries Offering Committee; the Fellowship of the Least Coin gives women anywhere a sense of being part of a worldwide family of faith as they pray for peace and set aside the least coin of their country as a symbol of that prayer. Grants are made by an international committee for special projects throughout the world.

An annual Book Review Luncheon each February raises funds to send women to the National Presbyterian women's Churchwide Gathering to be held in 2012 in Orlando, Florida. Elaine Walker, Librarian at The Claremont School of Theology, reviews a book written by a women author which embraces cultural, religious, and /or feminist themes. This year we will be reading "The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. An annual baby shower is held in October with other religious groups in the community for Angel Interfaith Network, to supply needed baby items for the USC Hospital and Medical Center.

2011- 2012 PLANNERS

Co-Planner Moderators: Pat Beswick, Carolyn Kingshill, Jane MacLeod

Treasurer: Pat Beswick

Membership: Helen Forsyth

Mission: Barbara Patch

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Church Women United: Carolyn Kingshill

Bible Study Leader: The Rev. Bear Ride

Prayer Chair: Joyce Alexander

Church Nominating Committee: Helen Forsyth