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Moderator's Message by Pat Torvik



Pat Torvik,
WPW Moderator

“I am with you.” This is God’s promise. I have been reminded of this promise every day since the WPW Fall Gathering Event. At that event, Rev. Baker shared God’s Promise with us. This promise is the theme of the 2018-2019 WPW Horizons Bible Study. The Bible study is a journey through scripture, considering the many ways and times that God made that promise to us. Think about what that means! God promises to be with us wherever we are, no matter what is going on in our lives, and no matter how we feel. God is with us!

Want to join us in this study? Call me at 937-643-2225 or e mail me at torvikpa@gmail.com and I will connect you with one of the groups doing the study.

The circle Bible Study is just a small part of the many exciting things going on in Westminster Presbyterian Women during the coming year. I am sure if you have not been active in WPW, what you have noticed about us are the fund-raising events – the pecan sale and the cookie walk. Those are important, of course, and we hope that you will participate in them. Buy pecans, bake cookies and other goodies, and buy goodies at the cookie walk. But in addition, come behind the scenes with us and share in the research, discussions and finally the decisions as to which missions to support with our time, our energy, and our funds. Keep an eye on our newsletters and you will learn about many of these missions. Visit some of these projects and you may see some familiar faces volunteering. Perhaps one of these missions will touch your heart, too.

Study, missions, fellowship and service. That is what WPW is about.

Join us,
Pat Torvik, WPW Moderator

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**DID YOU ORDER PECANS? THANK YOU!!
PLEASE WATCH FOR DETAILS ON WHEN TO PICK THEM UP ON SPECIFIED SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER — AFTER CHURCH IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY!**



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WPW
CIRCLES

CIRCLE AROUND!

IMPORTANT Reminder for Circle Leaders: Please remember to begin thinking about your circle's basket for the Cinco de Mayo event!

WPW has six circles at the present time. Each circle has a descriptive page in the *WPW Yearbook* with a list of current members for each circle. If you have not seen and/or received your WPW Yearbook, please contact Pat Torvik! Are you thinking about joining an existing circle? Do you have an idea for a **new** circle? Either way, please contact Pat Torvik at 937-643-2225 or email her at torvikpa@gmail.com. In the meantime, we hope to feature one or two circles in each newsletter!

- **Circle 6:** Noon at Lincoln Park on the third Wednesday of every month.
- **Coffee, Caring, and Crafts Circle:** Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the West Parlor.
- **Evening Circle:** 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesdays from September through June in homes of members except for January, February, and March, when they meet in the West Parlor.
- **Reading Circle:** 10:00 a.m. on the 3rd Wednesdays from September through June in the Chapel Reception Room.
- **Serendipity Circle:** 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesdays from August through June in members' homes, except August, when they meet at a restaurant.
- **Sunshine Circle:** 9:30 a.m. on the second Monday of the month (unless noted in the WPW Yearbook) from September through June in the West Parlor . (June is a brunch.)

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MEET CIRCLE 6:

**GOD'S
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TO US:
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God's Promise: I Am with You!

That is the topic that our Presbyterian Women's Horizon Bible Study has for us for the 2018—2019 program year. Nelle Melko is the Bible Study leader for this circle this year, and Circle 6 has

chosen to use that study for this year.

These ladies typically meet for lunch on the third Wednesday of the month at noon at Lincoln Park.

What a beautiful setting they have to gather and share God's promise: I Am with You! Circle 6 has been faithfully supporting Church Women United and their special mission of Mercy Manor for many years. This project is usually undertaken by Circle 6 at Christmas time. (See the Summer WPW newsletter for more information about Mercy Manor, a residential recovery home for women in Dayton.)

Like other circles, Circle 6 has supported the Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC). (FLC is a worldwide ecumenical movement of prayer for peace and reconciliation. Persons in this movement make a commitment to spend time in prayer, and to uphold in prayer others who are victims of jealousy, hatred, violence, and injustice to the family, community, nation, and the world. Every time we pray, we set aside a "least coin" of currency as a tangible token of our prayer. Those least coins are then collected at circle meetings and sent to Church Women United — the custodian for FLC offerings in the United States.)



Circle 6

Front row: Peg Neff and Caroline Shuey
Back row: Nelle Melko, Joan Swanson,
Jane Riningering

MEET THE EVENING CIRCLE:

Evening Circle is the largest of the six circles in WPW. With twenty-eight members, they meet at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month. From September through December and April through June, they meet in members' homes. During the winter months of January, February, and March, they convene in the West Parlor.



Jane Shirley is the circle leader;
Terry Biers is the Bible study leader; Martha Bell is treasurer.

Their Bible study is the WPW Horizons Bible Study for 2018—2019: *God's Promise: I Am with You!* Traditionally, the Horizons Bible study has worked very well for Evening Circle members and that has been their favorite format.

Front row: Donna Shell, Susan McCoy, Martha Bell, Julie Preisser, Jane Shirley, Susan Day, Sharon Jones, Kat Colclasure, Julie Drumheller.

Back row: Joyce Hutchens, Terry Biers, Kim Gartner, Jennifer DeVries, Joyce Ferguson, Margaret Haney, Andrea Hirtle, Laura Peterson.

Evening Circle supports Mercy Manor by collecting gift cards (Target, Walmart, Kroger, *etc.*), as well as personal-care items and cleaning supplies. Members take those items to the Christmas gathering to be delivered to the residents of Mercy Manor. At the spring picnic, they collect personal care items for the Samaritan Clinic. Several of the Evening Circle members are also volunteers in the Come to the Table ministry at Samaritan. (See the summer issue 2018 of WPW's newsletter for more information on these ministries.)

The evening timeframe of Evening Circle works well for their members because some of them are still employed. All the members appreciate the friendship, support, serious Bible study, and the opportunity to reach out to the local community in ministry. The doors are always open to welcome new members; contact Jane Shirley by phone at 937-236-1006.



NOONDAY CAROL SING!

NOTE: WPW is not organizing a separate Christmas Luncheon this year, so we are asking circle members to participate in this musical celebration as an alternative event with wonderful fellowship and food in the true spirit of Christmas! Please! Won't you join us for this joyful time?

Do you have to have perfect pitch to attend the Noonday Carol Sing? Absolutely NOT!

Please come and sing (or squeak) your favorite carols at the top of your lungs!

This year, WPW is asking all circle members to come and participate in the Noonday Carol Sing and stay for the luncheon afterwards!

How to attend:

NOONDAY CAROL SING

Friday, December 14

12:00 Noon – Handbell Music Westminster Ringers

12:10-12:40 p.m. – Carol singing by all and

choral music by the Xenia High School choir
(Hadley Gammie, Director)

Lunch follows at a nominal cost in Fellowship Hall.

Reservations are not necessary!

MEET JULIE DRUMHELLER —YOUR WPW CT TREASURER



In 1971, Julie moved to Dayton to accept a position with the Dairy Council. Julie had graduated from Ohio State a year earlier with a degree in Home Economics (now known as Family and Consumer Sciences). Shortly after beginning with the Dairy Council, Julie became the Executive Director of the Dayton Area office. After several mergers with other regional Dairy Councils, and 33 years working as a nutrition educator, Julie retired.



In 1973 Julie married Don Drumheller who had been working for the YMCA. When Sinclair Community College opened their new campus, Don joined the college staff and faculty. He retired after 35 years as Sports Information Director and Manager of the Physical Education facilities. Julie began her service to Westminster with Don as Senior High Youth Advisors in the mid 70's. Julie has served on the Board of Deacons; she also served as an elder on Session. She now serves as treasurer of WPW, with her consecutive terms running from 2015—2019. Her other church activities include the Memorial Reception Team, co-chair of the WPW pecan sales project, the 2017 Cinco de Mayo planning committee, chair of the upcoming 2019 Cinco de Mayo event, chair of the Sunshine Circle, and a member of the Evening Circle. Julie says she thoroughly enjoys her church family and the friendships forged by being involved with WPW. In addition to all the volunteer work that Julie does at Westminster, she also serves her community as a Voting Location Manager for the Miami County Board of Elections, as well as assisting them in their preparations for each election day. She still finds time to serve on the Miami County Planning Committee!



Julie and Don live on a small, nine-acre farm in West Milton where they raised 2 daughters, and at times a variety of farm animals, including sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry. They now enjoy 7 grandchildren — 4 from Lisa Pawelski and 3 from Michelle Dennis.

Retirement freed up time to enjoy camping with the Westminster Camping Group in addition to spending time with their 4 local grandchildren.

Thanks, Julie, for your service to WPW!

DID YOU KNOW?

There is a bulletin board dedicated to WPW!

Check out the latest news on the WPW Bulletin Board! Currently UP are some photos from the Fall Gathering! Are YOU in one of those? The bulletin board is located in the East Hallway — close to the narthex — across from the library door! Flip on the light switch if the overhead light is not on! Questions? Ask Pat Torvik or Martha Shields.



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER SCHOOL KITS

Presbyterian Disaster School Kits are assembled church-wide in support of Church World Services national program.



This year Dominique Myers (see photo on the left) headed up the drive as she has in the past. Two hundred kits were assembled from our church — each at a value of \$15.00. Due to careful shopping and many coupons, however, Dominique was able to assemble our kits at a cost of just under \$10.00 per kit!

An additional \$2.00 per kit is required nationwide to help cover transportation costs. This year the 200 kits were delivered to Normandy United Methodist Church where a truck picked up kits to take them to the central distribution center. (One is in Arkansas for those west of the Mississippi River and the other is in Maryland for those east of the Mississippi River.)

Perhaps you've heard of other denominations that also assemble these kits. That is because we are all participating in the same Church World Service project!



We **NEED YOUR HELP** with the cost of these kits. Will you send \$10 for each kit that you can sponsor? Make the check out to WPW and note "School kits" on the memo line. Get the check to the church office. Thank you!

NOTE:

Church World Service gathers three types of kits: School Kits, Hygiene Kits, and Emergency Clean-up Buckets for distribution during emergency situations, such as hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, *etc.* For required contents of all the kits and further instructions, please visit the website at <https://cwskits.org>.



Assembling the kits (photo above):

Left: Candy Powers

(WPW Global Missions Chair)

Right: Pat Torvik (WPW Moderator)

Photo by Julie Drumheller

(WPW Treasurer)

School Kits:

Strict adherence to the required items is necessary. Each kit contains:

- One pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (rounded tip, only)
- Three 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter / 12" ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener removed from the package
- One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers, removed from the package
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- One 12"x14" to 14"x17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag (solid color or kid-friendly fabric) with cloth handles (no reusable shopping bags, backpacks, or bags with logos)

What are some of the missions that are supported by WPW?

WPW supports many missions. In our summer 2018 issue of the WPW newsletter, we listed many of our missions and we featured Come To the Table and Church Women United's Mercy Manor. We also said our farewell to the ministry team that supported Project Blessing for many years before closing its doors. Please see our yearbook for more about other missions we support.

Perhaps you saw *The Chimes* article about our Memorial Reception Team. Certainly that ministry team has been busy this year and their efforts were profound and much appreciated. That information is included again below with additional photos from a reception that took place since the Chimes article.



Memorial Reception Team

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection at Westminster is frequently followed by a memorial reception in Fellowship Hall or the West Parlor.

A team of Westminster Presbyterian Women (WPW) members are on-call to carry out the details of those receptions. Their goal is to provide a warm, peaceful atmosphere that allows family and friends to greet and support one another, share memories, and honor their loved one. Julie Preisser and Julie Drumheller head a team of coordinators, who number nine in all with

Dixie Bowsher, Carol Faulkner, Joyce Ferguson, Ann Herr, Ruth Neely, Sue Perry, and Jane Shirley. Coordinators call on many other members of the church to help. When called to service by Pastor Sue Hamilton, the coordinators contact the many volunteers to prepare attractive and delicious food, such as tea sandwiches, deviled eggs, fruits, vegetables, and cookies. The type of food served is dependent upon the wishes of the family and



PSALM 23:
YEA, THOUGH I
WALK THROUGH
THE VALLEY OF
THE SHADOW
OF DEATH, I WILL
FEAR NO EVIL:
FOR THOU
ART WITH ME...

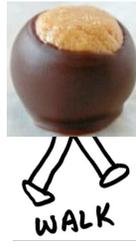


on the time of the reception. Other volunteers set up, clean up, and serve food, as well as pour the punch, tea, and coffee. Any remaining food is offered to the family; alternatively, that food is taken to St. Vincent de Paul Gateway Shelters.

The team and its volunteers incur expenses for food, linen replacement, disposable supplies, *etc.* For families of the deceased, a fee is charged based on expenses, but no one is ever refused a reception due to financial constraints. WPW accepts contributions to support this ministry. Contributions may be made on-line at www.westminsterdayton.org, using the quick link for "Online Giving," or by check to "Westminster Presbyterian Women" with "Reception Ministry" on the memo line.

NOTE: These photos were submitted by Julie Preisser and Julie Drumheller from the reception in memory of Jerry Taylor.

DON'T MISS IT!! It's the WPW Cookie Walk!



Of COURSE, it is the WPW Cookie Walk!

But...We have SO MUCH MORE than just cookies and candy to offer you! As usual, cakes, pies, and more will be auctioned to the highest bidders! We will have some plated items that you can give as gifts! Last year we added other items: mustard, spiced beets, pepper jelly, decorative cookies, and more! This year we hope to increase those offerings!



Pick up a provided box and start filling it up with your favorites! Just pay for the cookies and candies by the pound! (\$8.00 per pound)

**Sunday, December 16, 2018 — Fellowship Hall
(immediately after the worship service)
100% of proceeds benefit WPW Missions!**



BUT ... we need YOU because we cannot sell what we do not have!

Ladies — and — gentlemen: Please contribute your items for this sale!

Please offer to bring your specialty (cookies, pies, cakes) or make candy or jellies or ... WHATEVER”!



Drive your donation to the Wilkinson St. entrance and a volunteer will provide curbside pick-up for your donation between 9 a.m. and noon on Saturday, December 15. NOTE: If you cannot drop off the items on Saturday, please bring your donations on Sunday morning.

Contact Janet Ryan or Dixie Bowsher for more information or to donate your goodies!

**SUPPORT THE
COOKIE
WALK!
YOUR
DONATIONS
AND PURCHASES
WILL SUPPORT
WPW
MISSIONS!**

Save time this Christmas season! Buy your gifts and/or desserts at the Cookie Walk! Remember to bring CASH or your CHECKBOOK! You KNOW you'll find JUST the perfect items!

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:



- All WPW members are welcome to attend and/or speak at the WPW Coordinating Team meetings. Please contact WPW Moderator, Pat Torvik, if you have any questions or concerns about WPW.
- To submit information for the next issue of the WPW Newsletter, please contact Martha Shields, Editor: martha.shields@earthlink.net.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Consider adding one or more of these to your FALL 2018 To-Do List!



Have you found a way to participate in WPW that fits your lifestyle yet? Please ask if you have any questions! Please consider increasing your current involvement by just ONE hour per month. Your rewards will be many!

- Sign up to bake/make items for the Cookie Walk! (Call Janet Ryan/Dixie Bowsher.)
- Join a circle if you haven't done so already. (Call Pat Torvik at 937-643-2225.)
- Add one of the mission projects to your personal calendar and/or your financial contributions. (Contact Pat Torvik or Julie Drumheller for information.)
- Visit Mercy Manor for a tour. (Contact Martha Shields to arrange it.)
- Join Church Women United SOON and attend an event. (Contact Jorja Gladden.)
- Make sure these dates are on your personal calendar:
 - Nov. (TBA), after the service: Pick up your ordered pecans in the Library.
 - Sat., Nov. 17 at 1:00 pm: CWU World Community Day (No charge)
 - Mon., Dec. 3 at 1:00 pm: CWU Christmas Tea honoring pastors (No charge)
 - Fri., Dec. 14 at 12:10 pm: WPC Noonday Carol Sing (and luncheon)
 - Sun., Dec. 16 after worship: WPW Cookie Walk
 - Tues., Feb. 26 at 5:30 pm: WPW CT Meeting (West Parlor)
 - Tues., Mar. 19 at 9:30 am: CWU Emma Murray Prayer Breakfast \$10.00
 - Sat., Mar. 30 at 10:00 am: WPW Spring Gathering (Fellowship Hall)
 - Tues., April 23 at 5:30 pm: WPW CT Meeting (West Parlor)
 - Fri., May 3 at 1:00 pm: CWU May Friendship Day (No charge)
 - Fri., May 3 at 6:00 pm: Cinco de Mayo FUNdraiser, Moraine Country Club
 - Tues., May 28 at 5:30 pm: WPW CT Meeting (West Parlor)
 - Mon., June 10 at 1:00 pm: CWU Human Rights Celebration (No charge)