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Moderator's Message by Pat Torvik



We have come to the end of another program year. We look back on this year pleased to learn that we were able to provide more support to mission projects than usual. Through your generous support of our pecan sales, our cookie walk and your donations, we not only continued our support to the Westminster ID ministry and the work of the Westminster Caring, Coffee and Crafts circle, we also continued to support our standard local missions – Care House, Church Women United, City Heart, Food Bank, Kirkmont Center, Mercy Manor, Samaritan Clinic Cooking

Classes, Samaritan Homeless Clinic, The Castle, and the YWCA Shelter Program. We sent both financial assistance and over 200 school kits and some clean up kits to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program. And several of us are sewing children's dresses to be sent to missions in Africa.

Your support went beyond that. WPW maintains a policy of passing all the money you give us on to mission projects. At the end of the year, we had more than \$8000 over and above our budget predictions. We were delighted we could provide additional funds to Care House, the Castle, the YWCA, and the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program. We were even more delighted to be able to help with three new projects. One is near and dear to the hearts of many of us as it fits with our Westminster goal of supporting educational programs. We chose to support a local program called Dayton Scholars. Dayton Scholars is a summer enrichment program provided by a coalition of west-side Dayton churches. This program provides summertime tutoring and enrichment activities at a variety of churches for pre-K to 3rd grade children from low income families who are below grade level in reading and math. They served 200 children last year at a cost of \$150 per child. Their goal this summer is to serve at least 250. Children are tested both at the beginning of the program and at the end. 90% of the children last year made progress during the program.

WPW supported two new projects with \$2000 of our mission funds this year. Both mission projects are supported by the Presbyterian Women Global Mission. The first **project** purchases sewing machines for women in third world countries so they can learn to make clothing for their own families and also to sell to others. The second mission project **provides** teacher training. Your support of WPW does make a difference—both locally and internationally. (Continued on top of page 4.)

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Women's 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 (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

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WPW
CIRCLES

CIRCLE AROUND!

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. Current circles and meeting times include:

- **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 Wednesday of each month 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 third Wednesday of each month from September through June in the Chapel Reception Room.
- **Serendipity Circle:** 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month from September through June in members' homes, and also in August, when they meet at a restaurant.
- **Sunshine Circle:** 9:30 a.m. on the second Monday of each month from September through June in the West Parlor; Christmas and June meetings include brunch.

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MEET SUNSHINE Circle:

**GOD'S
PROMISE
TO US:**

**I AM
WITH
YOU!**

The Sunshine Circle meets at 9:30 a.m. on the second Monday of each month from September through June.

December and June gatherings include brunch.

The Sunshine Circle was created as a spinoff of the Evening Circle about twelve years ago. Some of the women preferred to meet during the daytime instead of driving at night. Sunshine Circle began with movie discussions and then over the years it evolved into having a more varied set of programs. This year's programs include three movies, one book, a speaker, a tour, a Bible study, a Christmas lunch, and an end-the-year brunch in June. The mission they've chose to support is the YWCA battered women's shelter. Currently there are 24 members and they welcome others who might be interested in joining them. Julie Drumheller is the circle leader and Janet Ryan is the circle's treasurer.



Sunshine Circle

Front row left to right: Sally Frost, Linda Lane, Julie Drumheller, Peggy Conner, Sally Sexton

Back row left to right: Brenda Tims, Betsy Whitney, Carol Porter, Carol Faulkner, Janet Ryan, Judy McCormick, Joan Swanson, Gail Evans, Jeanne McIver

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MEET JORJA GLADDEN—YOUR WPW VICE-MODERATOR

After living in the Chicago suburbs for about 17 years, the Gladden family – Bob, Jorja, Teri, Skylar, Corey, Sara and Bridget (as well as Tucker, their yellow lab, and Toffee, their guinea pig) – made a big move to the Dayton area in 2004 where Bob had accepted a VP position with CareSource. At that time, Jorja had been a stay-at-home Mom since 1992 and she managed a Pampered Chef business since 2000. With 5 kids in 4 different schools – Teri entering Bowling Green State University, Skylar and Corey (twins) entering high school, Sara entering middle school, and Bridget going to elementary school – Jorja kept busy shuttling everyone around, finding new activities, new doctors, new stores, *etc.*, and a new church home. The Gladdens had been very active in the First United Methodist Church of Palatine and wanted to find a church home with exceptional music and children’s programs, women’s group, *etc.* similar to what they were accustomed to in Illinois. After attending many churches over the next year, they joined Westminster (WPC) in 2005.



Jorja and Bob met at West Liberty State College in West Virginia and have been married for 37 years. School and jobs led them to call many places home including Wheeling, WV; Bowling Green, OH; Dublin, OH; San Ramon, CA; Hoffman Estates and Palatine, IL; and Beavercreek, OH. During their early years together, Jorja

worked as a Receptionist, Administrative Secretary, Clerk of Council, in Business Development, Office Assistant, Trainer, Data Analyst and held many, many volunteer positions with schools, PTAs, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and church. In 2008, Jorja took her first position since moving here with Premier Health as a receptionist at a local physician office then advancing to Manager of another office. At that point, she retired from Pampered Chef. Her latest position was as Director of Operations. After 10 years with Premier, Jorja decided to “retire.”



Jorja very much enjoys the 3 F’s: Family, Friends and Food. Now that she’s retired, she spends as much time as possible enjoying all three, splitting time between Beavercreek and Pittsburgh where Bob is currently a VP with Highmark Health, helping to take care of her 2 grandsons--Logan (4) and Ethan (18 months), meeting up with friends at local restaurants, as well as traveling, camping, reading, and cross stitching. After 40 years of tent camping with Bob, she is truly looking forward to camping and traveling the USA/Canada in their brand new RV.

Locally, Jorja has been involved with a local TOPS group for many years and is the current chairperson. At WPC, Jorja is a member of the Serendipity Circle where she did a stint as Treasurer. She’s been on a few of the Intergenerational Mission Trips to Mississippi, helped with the EJ Brown monthly dinners, volunteered with ID Ministry, joined the Mission Committee, ushered, and was a confirmand mentor. She is currently the Key Woman for Church Women United. She is very much looking forward to being WPW Vice Moderator and, ultimately Moderator, in order to help carry on the wonderful work of our WPW!



MODERATOR'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1):

**"DO JUSTICE,
LOVE
KINDNESS
AND WALK
HUMBLY
WITH OUR
GOD"
(MICAH 6:8)**

I am excited as I look forward to next year. Presbyterian Women (PW) has worked tirelessly on justice and peace issues for some time. The PW website has quite a bit of good information on these issues for anyone who goes online to read about them. However, little of that information has filtered down to our level. This year at the Spring Gathering, we elected Elizabeth Herr as Justice and Peace Coordinator. You can expect during the next year to hear more about justice and peace issues and opportunities — Both locally and globally. We welcome Elizabeth to this position and look forward to hearing from her!

~ Pat Torvik, WPW Moderator (2018—2020)

WPW SPRING GATHERING:



Spring Gathering was a wonderful event! We heard from Hank Baust, trustee of Catch the Building Spirit. We also gathered the Birthday Offering, installed our officers, and heard about several missions, such as Kirkmont Center and Little Dresses for Africa. Many brought stuffed animals to supply police and fire-fighters with toys to distract young children in crisis situations. We shared friendship time and tasty food! Many thanks to Candy Powers who organized this wonderful time of fellowship and caring.

WPW's Cinco de Mayo was a success on Friday, May 3, 2019!



We Caught the Building Spirit at Moraine Country Club! Catholics and Presbyterians Building Habitat for Humanity Homes Together!



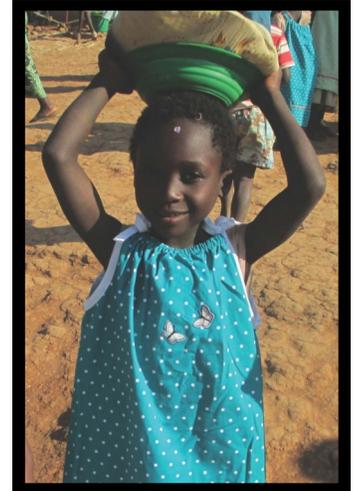
**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
SUPPORT OF
OUR
CINCO DE
MAYO
DINNER
EVENT!**



What a fun evening this was for all — as well being such a successful event! We know that over \$4000.00 was raised by WPW's Cinco de Mayo event for Catch the Building Spirit! Thank you for YOUR part in making this FUNdraiser the great success that it was!

MISSION: LITTLE DRESSES FOR AFRICA (AND ELSEWHERE, INCLUDING USA!)

This mission is one of the twenty-two affiliations of Presbyterian Women (nationwide). It was begun many years ago by a woman who visited Africa for her 50th birthday celebration. She was so impressed by the need — both for the dresses and for the valuation of the young girls in these countries — that she started Little Dress For Africa. This non-profit brings tangible hope to young girls in the form of dresses, clean water, education, and community. The girls feel loved and valued by the action of this organization. Although Africa is the main focus of this mission, about half of the 89 countries (47) are actually outside of Africa. Indeed, needs in the USA (South Dakota and West Virginia) have been met by this mission!



Contact Julie Arnold, Sheila Hookey, or Martha Shields if you would like to contribute in some way towards this mission project.



Coffee, Crafts, and Caring Circle has undertaken contributing to this mission by making dresses and kits. The kits have all the needed supplies except thread; the pre-measured and pre-cut pieces can be simply assembled with no additional cutting or measuring of fabric, *etc.*

Just a few seams are all that are required to complete these dresses. Are YOU interested in sewing up a few of these dresses? Please let CCC Circle members know of your interest. This is an on-going project, so you may sew at your

leisure. (NOTE: Donations of 44/45" wide fabric and/or double-fold bias tape are always welcomed, as are monetary gifts needed to mail dresses.)

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED (CWU) MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2019—2020!



Church Women United is a racially, culturally, theologically inclusive Christian a women's movement, celebrating unity in diversity, and working for world peace and justice. The Greater Dayton organization is part of the national organization. Currently there are about 400 women from 47 churches in our area who are members. Twenty-five years ago, CWU started Mercy Manor, which provides a safe, spiritual residence for homeless women with histories of addiction, incarceration, and abuse while they re-establish themselves into the local community. Mercy Manor

provides several services and programs for women in recovery including Support in Maintaining a Drug-Free Life, Employment Guidance, Transitional Housing, as well as Medical and Dental Assistance. WPW purchases an annual \$25 membership to CWU and it also donates \$100 to CWU for Mercy Manor support. The Motto for CWU is Agreed to Differ -- Resolved to Love -- United to Serve. CWU is on of the 22 listed affiliations of Presbyterian Women. Currently there are twenty-one Westminster Women who have joined CWU at the basic individual membership level (\$5.00) or the support level (\$20.00). Won't you join these ladies for 2019-2020? The membership form may be obtained from Jorja Gladden or found on-line at: https://www.cwudaytonoh.org/uploads/9/4/7/6/94760430/2019-2020_cwu_individual_membership_form_for_2019_-_2020_fillable.pdf. Please give your form and money to Jorja Gladden. Questions? Our Key Woman (contact) person from Westminster is Jorja Gladden and Martha Shields is CWU Communications Chairperson (newsletter/webmaster).

WPW is co-hosting the CWU June event at Dorothy Lane Baptist Church on June 10 at 1:00 p.m. The Foodbank, Inc., will be honored as the Human Rights Awardee. All women of Westminster are welcome to attend! Reservations are not needed and there is no charge to attend. Details may be found online at <https://www.cwudaytonoh.org/2019-human-rights-celebration.html>.

Your WPW Elections are over! These are your leaders for 2019—2020!

Elected Officers:

Moderator (2018—2020)	Pat Torvik
Vice-Moderator (2019—2020)	Jorja Gladden
Secretary (2018—2020)	Dominique Myers
Treasurer (2019—2021)	Martha Bell
Publicity (2018 — 2020)	Martha Shields
Global Missions (2019 - 2021)	Candy Powers
Local Mission (2018 - 2020)	Jane Shirley
Studies / Spiritual Development (2019 – 2021)	Sandy Vining
Justice and Peace (2019—2021)	Elizabeth Herr
Search Committee (2018—2020)	Joyce Ferguson
Search Committee (2018—2020)	Andrea Hirtle
Search Committee (2019—2021)	Katie Brennaman
Search Committee (2019—2021)	Barbara Wilson



**CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP
INCLUDES:
LOVE, MODESTY,
MOTIVATION, SELF
-DEVELOPMENT,
INTEGRITY,
CORRECTION, AND
FOLLOWING GOD'S
WILL.**

Circle Leaders:

Coffee, Caring, and Crafts	Julie Arnold and Sheila Hookey
Circle #6	Jane Rininger
Evening Circle	Jane Shirley
Reading Circle	Linda Lane
Serendipity Circle	Martha Shields and Barbara Wilson
Sunshine Circle	Julie Drumheller

Other coordinators and/or Mission and Special Projects Coordinators:

Historian	Jane Rininger
Church United Women Key Woman	Jorja Gladden
Cookie Walk Co-chair	Dixie Bowsher
Come to the Table	Ruth Neely and Sandy Vining
Memorial Receptions & Spec. Projects	Julie Preisser and Julie Drumheller
Pecan Sales & Special Projects	Julie Preisser

Staff Representative:

The Reverend Nancy Hodgkins

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WPW YEARBOOK TO BE UPDATED OVER THE SUMMER!

Reminder to circles and mission committees:

Please review your pages in the current yearbook and make note of updates that need to be made to your page in membership, meeting times, study, goals, and/or current mission projects. Also ask your circle members and/or committee members to review their individual entries, in case of change of address, phone, email., etc.

Please get these changes to Jorja Gladden prior to June 15, 2019! Thank you!

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Consider adding one or more of these to your Summer 2019 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!

- Did you miss an issue of the WPW newsletter? Catch up on back issues at: <http://westminsterdayton.org/adults/presbyterian-women.html>
- Include some scripture and inspirational books on your summer reading list!
- Explore the list of circles to see if one might be a fit for 2019—2020. (Call Pat Torvik at 937-643-2225 for help with this.)
- Offer your name as someone who'd like to serve on the WPW board or committee!
- Add one of the mission projects to your personal calendar and/or your financial contributions. (Contact Pat Torvik for info.)
- Join Church Women United SOON and attend an event. (Contact Jorja Gladden.)
- Make sure these WPW dates are on your personal calendar:
 - Sat., June 15: WPW Yearbook updates due to Jorja Gladden
 - Tues., Aug. 27: WPW CT Meeting (West Parlor)
 - Wed., Sept. 11: Fall Gathering (Fellowship Hall)
 - Tues., Oct. 1: Pecan Sale launch
 - Tues., Oct. 22: WPW CT Meeting (West Parlor)
 - Sun., Dec. 15: Cookie Walk (Fellowship Hall)
 - Tues., Feb. 25: WPW CT Meeting (West Parlor)
 - Sat., Apr. 25: Spring Gathering (Fellowship Hall)
 - Tues., Apr. 28: WPW CT Meeting (West Parlor)