

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWSLETTER (WPW) OF DAYTON, OHIO

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## Moderator's Message by Pat Torvik

### Presbyterian 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.

[www.presbyterianwomen.org/](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/)



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Pat Torvik, WPW Moderator

Susan Jackson Dowd wrote about the power of Presbyterian Women in an interesting article in the September/October 2018 *Horizon Magazine*. She said "Presbyterian Women have strengthened the Presbyterian Church for as long as there have been Presbyterian churches.... That is what we do, what we've always done. Where there have been faith communities, there have been women making them so."

Those of us who have been active in Westminster's Presbyterian Women know this to be true. We have seen the power of working together to make a difference in our local community. We have also experienced the physical and emotional support of our sisters from working, studying and praying together.

Sunday, March 3 is Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday. On Saturday, March 30, the women of Westminster will gather to celebrate the Gifts of Women in the church. This celebration will include a light meal, information about the Presbyterian/Catholic joint Habitat Project and a short worship service celebrating the Gifts of Women in the church – all the women of the church with their various gifts and the many, many, many ways we and our community all benefit from those gifts. Please join us. (See page 4 for details.)



Susan Jackson Dowd,  
Executive Director,  
Presbyterian Women

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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](mailto:torvikpa@gmail.com). In the meantime, we have been featuring 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 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 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 SERENDIPITY Circle:

**GOD'S  
PROMISE  
TO US:**  
  
**I AM  
WITH  
YOU!**

According to the Miriam Webster Dictionary, "serendipity" is the phenomenon of finding valuable or agreeable things not sought for. That certainly can be said about Serendipity Circle! These ladies came together a number of years

ago and have found many joys and much comfort in each other since then — things that they did not think possible at the outset.

These ladies typically meet on the second Wednesday of most months at 7:00 p.m., rotating hostess responsibilities. Some years they studied popular movies, discussing the Christian values in each. Some years they studied the *Horizons* program, such as "A Study of the Liturgical Calendar." This year they are very happy to study "God's Promise to Us: I Am With You." Like other circles, Serendipity has supported a number of charities or missions. In 2018, Serendipity donated \$1,825.00 to The Foodbank, Inc. They also donated over \$500 to The Friends of The Castle in December. Most of the latter went towards presents for the clients and the rest started a line item in the budget for art supplies for The Castle. (The Castle is a gathering place of trust and friendship which supports people with mental illness and disorders to achieve their highest level of competence and independence. Want to know more about this safe haven? Go to: <http://friendsatthecastle.com/release/wellness-and-recovery/>.)



## Serendipity Circle

Front row: Pam Koerner, Pat Torvik  
Second row: Mary McKinley, Co-leader Martha Shields, Jorja Gladden  
Third row: Candy Powers, Gerry Hunt, Co-leader Barbara Wilson, Treasurer Amy Tomich, Skylar Gladden

## MEET DOMINIQUE MYERS —YOUR WPW CT SECRETARY

In 1985 Dominique, then an Air Force federal civil servant, relocated to the Dayton area in order to serve at Wright-Patterson AFB. Her husband, Tom, then active duty, was transferred there, following their concurrent postings at bases in VA, FL, TX, and NM. Dominique served at Wright-Patterson AFB in a number of increasingly responsible contracting and acquisition program management positions in support of multiple systems acquisitions. After a very fulfilling 40-year career, she retired in 2012. Tom, however, continues to serve the USAF as the F-16 EPAF Systems Engineer.

Dominique and Tom have been married for 45 years and are the proud parents of two daughters, Jennifer and Lisa. Both daughters are now serving the USAF as federal civil servants. Jen is the USAF's sole artifact conservator, assigned to the National Museum of the USAF, and Lisa is an acquisition program manager, leading a team responsible for the management of two critical USAF IT programs.

Dominique has been an active church member throughout her life, first in the Catholic Church, then in the Southern Baptist Church, and since the mid-1980s in the Presbyterian Church. An ordained Elder in the Presbyterian Church since 1986, she served as an Active Elder for three terms at First Presbyterian Church, Fairborn, where she also led the Christian Education committee and served as a Christian educator and youth leader. Since becoming a member of WPC, she has served on the Mission and Fellowship committees and the Labyrinth Team.

She teaches elementary-aged children in Creation Station and is a Christian Education/art teacher for MADD Camp. She also serves as the WPW CT secretary and is a member of the Sunshine Circle as well as the "Project Blessing" and "Come to the Table" mission teams.



Hiking just outside Stratford, Ontario.  
Dominique, Lisa, and Jen Myers



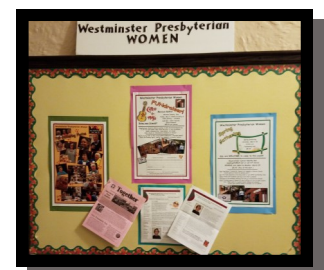
Myers Family at Animal Kingdom/  
Disney World. Front: Lisa; Middle:  
Jen and Dominique; Back: Tom.

Ardent Mickey Mouse fans, Dominique and her family enjoy visiting Walt Disney World as often as they can. And if they aren't there or at home, they are most likely in Stratford, Ontario, enjoying a play, or two . . .

Thanks Dominique, for your service to WPW!

### **DID YOU KNOW? WPW has its own bulletin board?**

Check out the latest news on the WPW Bulletin Board! Currently UP are recent newsletters, some photos from the Fall Gathering, and posters for Spring Gathering and the Cinco de Mayo dinner party. 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.





## WPW SPRING GATHERING:

Just as birds and butterflies are drawn to flowers, so are the women of Westminster drawn to the Spring Gathering! Please join us!

Please plan to have your wings fly you in to Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 30, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. for a lovely brunch with your Westminster friends! (NOTE: Guests are also MOST welcome!)

Hear stories about Catch the Building Spirit, the mission project for which Cinco de Mayo proceeds will benefit. The speaker will be Hank Baust, Trustee for Catch the Building Spirit / Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton. Learn the details and how you can participate in this FUNdraiser!



**For reservations,**  
please email Martha Bell  
at [junebug436@att.net](mailto:junebug436@att.net) or  
call her at 937-277-6216.  
Cost: \$5.00  
(Pay at the door.)  
Please reserve by  
Monday, MARCH 25  
to be included in this event!

**FYI: PW  
TRIENNIAL  
GATHERING  
IN 2018  
WAS THEMED:  
ARISE, SHINE,  
YOUR LIGHT  
HAS COME!  
(ISAIAH 60:1)**

Remember to bring your donation for the Birthday Offering that will be collected at this event. You are also welcome to bring a stuffed animal to donate to the police. Police officers keep these toys in their cruisers to offer some comfort to children involved in whatever crisis to which they've been called.

### Questions about Spring Gathering?

Contact coordinators Candy Powers and Jane Shirley.

## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED (CWU) ITEMS:

- Reserve your place NOW for the **Emma Murray Prayer Breakfast!** \$10.00 is due to CWU Key Woman Jorja Gladden by Sunday, March 10. Join us on Tuesday, March 19 at 9:30 am at Corinthian Baptist Church, 700 South James H. McGee Blvd. (NOTE: CWU membership is not required to attend, but a paid reservation is required.) See the website for more details! <https://www.cwudaytonoh.org>.
- Did you know that Mercy Manor was founded by Church Women United? WPW continues to support Mercy Manor as one of our missions. **The Annual Mercy Manor Fundraiser Banquet** will be at the Presidential Banquet Center on Saturday, March 16 at noon. Cost is \$60/person. Reservations are due by March 4; details are on the web: <http://mercymanor.wixsite.com/mercymanor/2019-founders-day-luncheon>.

## THANK YOU LETTER FROM KIRKMONT CENTER !



Thank you from Buzz Reed,  
Chair of the Kirkmont  
Board of Trustees

Dear WPW,

With the help of your financial support in 2018 and in many previous years, Kirkmont has been able to develop a master plan, put significant money into upgrading buildings and infrastructure, maintain our summer program and add many additional programs that attract a wide range of people and groups – and doing all this with volunteer leadership and limited staff.

Now with our new Executive Director, Jim Sexstone, we are set to take off. We could not have done it without you! We covet your continued support – we still have a leaky roof. Thank you.



## MISSION: KIRKMONT CENTER

Kirkmont Camp was founded in 1963 by the Presbyterian Church USA primarily as a summer camp for children. Today Kirkmont Center is a non-profit organization that continues to offer summer camp with a Christian focus, but now also serves as an outdoor learning laboratory for public and private schools and as a year-round retreat facility and meeting space. One recent weekend had a church school retreat in one building, a boy scout troop in another, and a group of home-schooled teenagers in another. Weddings, Sunday church services, volunteers clearing trails, retreats for abused women, family reunions – all of these things and more happen at Kirkmont!

Kirkmont is located in Logan County near Bellefontaine, Ohio. The 278-acre site is a beauty! It boasts a natural fen, two ponds, cliffs, natural ravines, and pine groves. A family of pileated woodpeckers moved in last summer. There is a prayer trail, an outdoor labyrinth, sites for vespers, a swimming pool, and adventure challenges with low ropes, a zipline, and a giant swing.

Many Westminster children and adults have been to Kirkmont and have grown to love the atmosphere of the place – where all are welcome. Westminster Presbyterian Women has been among many in our Presbytery and in neighboring Presbyteries that have been faithful in their support of Kirkmont. That support has been critical to the continued existence of this unique place.



Kirkmont Center certainly functions as its sign says — “Welcome! .... A place for all people in all seasons!”



Many of you have heard or read the story, “Footprints in the Sand.” Certainly Kirkmont is a place where these footprints in the snow are evidence of the many activities in which God walked with — and indeed carried — those in attendance here.

Website: [www.kirkmontcenter.org/](http://www.kirkmontcenter.org/)

## KIRKMONT CENTER’S NEW DIRECTOR:

With delight and excitement, we welcome Jim Sextone as the new Executive Director of Kirkmont Center. Jim brings a wealth of camp management and administrative experience from 21 years with the YMCA. He is quite passionate about the value of camp and outdoor experiences for people of all ages. He is excited about helping Kirkmont grow while being respectful of its beloved culture of welcoming acceptance of all.

Jim graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a degree in Marketing Management and with a Masters of Science in Recreation and Park Administration. Jim and his wife Jenni have two daughters, Jordan and Josie. Jim is eager to meet Kirkmont’s many former and future campers, friends and supporters.

— Julie Preisser, Co-chair of the KCI Search Committee

Jim Sextone will be the speaker at the Kirkmont Day of Renewal. Please note the date (April 3, 2019) and watch for details.



**NOTE:** Many heartfelt thanks go to Julie and Tom Preisser for their countless hours of service at Kirkmont Center! WPW also thanks Julie for the three special Kirkmont articles in this issue!



## Were you there at the Cookie Walk on December 16? THANK YOU!

**Whether you baked or bought, we needed you, and you were loyal supporters! Thank you!**



WPW showed MUCH success at The Cookie Walk after Lessons and Carols this year! With a profit of \$3,600, WPW was able to give \$1,200 to each of the following three missions: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Camp Kirkmont's Butterfly Garden, and The Friends of The Castle! Thank you for your help!

Curbside service was provided from 10:00 a.m. until noon on the Saturday before; workers put out the food that afternoon. Shoppers arrived at the sale on Sunday. Boxes and disposable gloves were offered to them. After selecting their preferred goodies, they proceeded to the check-outs to have their boxes weighed. Most goods were sold at \$8.00 per pound. Others had the prices marked on them. Still others (pies and cakes) were sold at silent auction.

Certainly this Cookie Walk was a success! Many thanks to the chairpersons, Dixie Bowsher and Janet Ryan for all the planning that went into the sale — as well as the many contributors of the delicious goodies!

Last, but certainly not least, are all the great shoppers for whom we are very grateful!!



## Pecan Sale Profits Tallied!

Certainly this year's Pecan Sale was a success! Many thanks to the chairpersons, Julie Preisser and Julie Drumheller and to their committee members who took orders, spiced and herbed the pecans, and distributed all of them for this mission project! Thanks to all who ordered pecans this year! Sales were UP this year! Treasurer Julie Drumheller reported that we ordered 25 cases this year — six cases more than last year's 19 cases. Last year's profit was at \$2,316.09; we were going for a goal of \$2,687.00. However, our profit this year is \$3,787.14! Thank you to all who supported the Pecan Sale; you helped our WPW missions!



## **DON'T MISS IT!! Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with friends on May 3!**

### **Catch the Building Spirit Catholics and Presbyterians Building Habitat Homes Together in Dayton, Ohio**

<http://catchthebuildingspirit.org/>

Watch the five-minute video, view the photos, and/or read the daily blog written by the workers.

#### **Working with Habitat for Humanity**



Friday, May 3, 2019 at 6:15 p.m.

It is a FUNdraiser! Don't miss the Cinco de Mayo Dinner Party on Friday, May 3, 2019 at 6:15 pm at the Moraine Country Club, 4075 Southern Blvd. Mexican Buffet! Silent Auction\*! Valet Parking included! Cost: \$40.00 per person Cash bar! Entertainment TBA!

Deadline to RSVP is April 26, 2019.

Reserve online at [www.westminsterdayton.org](http://www.westminsterdayton.org) or use the form below to mail to Julie Drumheller, 5845 S Wheelock Rd. , West Milton, OH 45383.

Make checks to Westminster Presbyterian Women.

**SUPPORT  
CINCO DE  
MAYO!**

**CATCH THE  
HABITAT FOR  
HUMANITY  
BUILDING  
SPIRIT !**

\* **Here's how a silent auction works:** Walk around the room and look at the baskets or other items. Read the accompanying list of the contents, *etc.* Interested? Write your name on the paper along with the amount of your bid. Proceed around the room. Check back to see if anyone overbid you. Then you can decide whether or not to go higher. When the time is up (warnings will be given), then the winners will be announced! Please bring cash, checks, or credit cards to "make good" on your bid! (NOTE: There is no obligation to bid.)

**NOTE: You are also welcome to donate a basket for this event — by yourself or with some friends! Please contact Pat Torvik ([torvikpa@gmail.com](mailto:torvikpa@gmail.com)) for guidelines and ideas.**

#### **Cinco de Mayo Dinner Reservation**

☐ Donation in lieu of attendance

☐ Group Seating Preferred



**All Guest Names included in this reservation: (You are welcome to request seating at tables of 8 or 10.)**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations (\$40 per person): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ NOTE: Payment MUST accompany reservation.

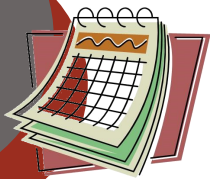
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## Consider adding one or more of these to your Winter 2019 To-Do List!



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!

- Sign up for the Spring Gathering! See page 4 in this issue for details!
- Sign up for Cinco de Mayo! Help support a circle's basket donation for that event!
- Join a circle if you haven't done so already. (Call Pat Torvik at 937-643-2225.)
- 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 dates are on your personal calendar:
  - Tues., Feb. 19 at 5:30 p.m.: WPW CT Meeting (West Parlor)
  - Sun., Mar. 10: Reservations/payment due to Jorja for the CWU Breakfast
  - Tues., Mar. 19 at 9:30 a.m.: CWU Emma Murray Prayer Breakfast - \$10.00
  - Mon., Mar. 25: Deadline to sign up for Spring Gathering
  - Sat., Mar. 30 at 10:00 a.m.: WPW Spring Gathering (Fellowship Hall)
  - Fri., Apr. 26: Deadline to sign up for Cinco De Mayo Dinner Party
  - Tues., April 23 at 5:30 p.m.: WPW CT Meeting (West Parlor)
  - Fri., May 3 at 1:00 p.m.: CWU May Friendship Day (No charge)
  - Fri., May 3 at 6:15 p.m.: Cinco de Mayo FUNdraiser, Moraine Country Club
  - Tues., May 28 at 5:30 p.m.: WPW CT Meeting (West Parlor)
  - Mon., June 10 at 1:00 p.m.: CWU Human Rights Celebration (No charge)