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Directions To

Second Mile Center of Detroit

Directions:

From any direction take the closest freeway to I-94 and go towards Detroit and take exit 223 to Cadieux.

From west on I-94 going east turn left onto Cadieux. In 0.4 miles make a slight left on Morang and go 1.1 miles to SMCD on left.

From east on I-94 going west turn right onto Cadieux. In 0.4 miles make a slight left on Morang and go 1.1 miles to SMCD on left.

November Gathering

Date: Saturday, November 4, 2017

Schedule: 9:30 a.m. thru lunch

Second Mile Center of Detroit

18391 Morang

Detroit, MI 48205

313-245-5252

**Program: “Loving Our Mission Center”
A Fall Project Work Day**

Lunch \$10.00

Reservations Deadline Friday, October 27

**Reservations to Emily Nietering, Vice–
Moderator for Mission**

Call 313-278-9269 or email

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Dear Sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe that it is autumn when the weather has been so hot. But it is and that means that the holidays are just around the corner. It seems that the year has just flown by. I can remember when I was a child that it seemed like time almost stood still. Maybe that is because as a child I didn't have a lot going on, but as an adult it is different. We are all so busy, with work, family and meetings that there doesn't seem we have time to do anything. Maybe we should slow down and let God be our direction. I know that I need to slow down even though I have lots to do, slowing down should be peaceful. Let us all slow down and smell the roses. That should be peaceful.

As you probably know, The Second Mile Center of Detroit is celebrating 10 years of sharing faith, hope and love to the children of the community, striving to enhance the quality of lives within the community. It is a wonderful mission. The first celebration was held on September 24th at the Glen Oaks Golf Club in Farmington Hills. There were around 100 people who golfed and had dinner there. Money was raised by people and or churches sponsoring golf hole, the silent auction and the 50-50 raffle that was held during dinner. It was a wonderful event. Look for more events as we celebrate 10 years of mission work at the center.

I do hope that you will plan to join us at Second Mile Center on November 4th as we collect and sort food donations, work on children projects, prayer walk in the community, etc. The Presbyterian Men will be joining us to do the cleanup and fixup for the center. We will also have lunch.

The coordinating team of PWPD endorsed the life-giving project of the Thika Partnership Work Group from the Presbytery of Detroit for a grant from the Thank Offering to drill for water in Kenya. As you probably remember Fran Anderson who was active in PW in her congregation and in the Presbytery of Detroit was a tireless supporter of providing water in Kenya. Fran also has a well in Kenya dedicated to her.

I hope to see many of you at the Ingathering October 16-18. I will only be able to be there on the 16th as the churches bring in their donations. We will sort out all the items so that on the 17th we will begin to pack up the items that will go to the different charities. Of course on the 18th we will deliver the packed items to the different charities. We need your help.

It is that time of year when we should be thinking about what we are thankful for. Although, we should be thankful all year long. I am thankful for all the Presbyterian Women doing, their mission work, justice and peace, and the Bible study, especially

this year's Bible study, "A Cloud of Witnesses". I am also thankful for family and friends. I thank all of you for your continued support of Presbyterian Women. Amen.

Grace and Peace,
Janet Morton, Moderator

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
PWPD INGATHERING - WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 16 – 18, 2017

Here is the schedule for Ingathering. Please look at the following positions and see where YOU can help.

Monday, October 16, 2017 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Receive deliveries and sort items by category

Please consider staying to help sort when you deliver the items from your church. Bring along some women (and men) from your PW or church to help, too.

Tuesday, October 17, 2017 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Count and pack items for delivery

Box Crew – Put together empty boxes, label with agency name, and tape when full

Counting Crew – For each item category, tally the number of items received

Distribution Crew – By item, divide the total # of that particular item by the # of agencies needing the item and walk around, placing this item in the appropriate boxes

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Delivery to agencies

Loading Crew – Assist in getting boxes loaded into cars for delivery

Delivery Crew – Drive to the specific agencies and deliver their boxes

We need many volunteers each day to make this a successful event. We always have a need for drivers, so please consider this position. Maps, directions and contact information will be provided to all drivers.

Bring your lunch and spend the day with us. Bring some extra boxes, too.

If you are able to volunteer on one or more of these days, please contact Sherry Brown before the Ingathering and let her know when you will be available. We need men to help out, too!

Questions about Ingathering? Contact Emily Nietering (313) 278-9269 or Sherry Brown (313) 561-6787

Mission Committee Report Including Second Mile Center

“Loving Our Mission Center”

The Second Mile Center is our PWPB Mission project. Let's shower our mission center with our time and talents at a fall work day. After a brief message from the SMCD Director, Ruth Azar, we'll get down to work. Projects may include sorting food donations, kitchen clean-up, and yard work, preparing crafts for the kids, a neighborhood prayer walk and more. Presbyterian Men will be joining us as we work together. Come prepared with comfortable clothes, yard tools or cleaning supplies and a heart for helping. Sit-down jobs will be available!

Please bring Nonperishable food items for Second Mile Center Holiday Food Baskets to this Gathering.

"The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (NRSV)

Our fall program is busy with activities Monday through Thursday. The children and adults are enjoying all we have to offer. We are so looking forward to PWPB and anyone who would like to come for a work day on November 4th.

We want to thank the Committee for the 1st Golf Outing in September. All who came had great fun, good food and stimulating conversation. Northbrook P.C. took home both trophies; the foursome who scored the best score and the most golfers attended from a church. We hope next year another church will challenge Northbrook P.C. for it wasn't even a contest! The highlight was watching Pastor Marjorie Wilhelmi run up to get the trophy. She snatched it out of the hand of Pastor Adam Grosch. It was priceless. Thank you to all who attended. Appreciations to the Presbyterian entities who financially supported a hole including: PWPB, 1st Plymouth Church, 1st South Lyon, Northbrook PC, Presbyterian Women of Cherry Hill and Presbyterian Women of Allen Park.

It is crucial that we receive continual funding for our center to remain open. Please talk with your mission committees, Presbyterian women's groups or other groups you belong to about supporting us. One by one, we will be the change.

The children, families, volunteers and staff thank you and praise God for each and every one of you.

God bless,

Ruth Azar

313-303-4906

Bring the following items to the November Gathering so that families can enjoy the holiday seasons.

It seems like Thanksgiving and Christmas are far away, but Second Mile Center is planning for their food items now. We are asking for your assistance in providing food for families for the holidays.

The items needed for each basket are:

Nonperishable:

- 1 box elbow macaroni
- 2 cans cranberry sauce
- 1 container frosting
- 1 box cake mix or brownie mix
- 2 cans green beans or corn
- 1 box or bag white self-rising corn meal

Perishable:

- 2 bags shredded American cheese
- 1-14 lb. turkey or 2 whole chickens
- 1 package dinner rolls or loaf of bread
- 1 cherry/apple or pumpkin pie

For the purchase of perishable items, please issue a \$50.00 check payable to "PWPD" or "The Second Mile Center of Detroit, " or purchase gift cards from Kroger, Walmart, Sam's Club or Target. Please bring the nonperishable food items to the November Gathering at The Second Mile Center. Any amount is appreciated.

Additional Items needed to supply the pantry:

- Peanut Butter
- Tuna Fish
- Snacks
- PineSol



SHIRLEY GOOLSBY

Many of you will remember Shirley Goolsby as Vice Moderator of Justice & Peace at the Presbytery level. We will all miss her kindness, loyalty and wisdom. We will remember the parties she hosted during Presbyterian gatherings, her homemade jams and of course her husband Al's pickles.

Sunday after Sunday, I sat in the pew in church, a "lukewarm Christian." One Sunday, an announcement was made concerning Vacation Bible School. I decided to enroll my son Dylan and to volunteer. That was the week I met Grandma Shirley. Right away she invited my family to go camping with her family and other church members. We sat around the campfire

sharing stories. It was around the campfire that Shirley really reached me with her deep and abiding faith and her Christ-like love of others. I was drawn to this woman of faith and of pure honesty. I thank God she adopted us into her circle.

It was through her example that I was encouraged into a closer walk with our Savior. Shirley's love of God was expressed in her food, in her hospitality and in her love for my family. Grandma Shirley was my spiritual mentor. I loved every minute of my time with her. She brought me to the Presbyterian Women of Grosse Pointe Woods and the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Detroit (PWPD). The day I became Moderator of PWPD she was so very proud. And she was still prouder when I entered the Lay Pastor Program.

Grandma Shirley was truly the woman who showed me how to be a woman of faith, to love God and to fulfill the great commission by making disciples. I will forever praise God for bringing her into Dylan and my life. I know that when she went home to Jesus she surely heard the words, "well done my faithful servant." I pray that we will all hear those words. She will be greatly missed. For those of us, blessed enough to call her "Grandma Shire," we will continue to be in the light.

Sentiments written by Ruth but for all of PWPD