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December Gathering

Date: Wednesday, December 6, 2016

1st Presbyterian Church Farmington
26165 Farmington Rd.
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

Schedule:

9:15 a.m. Coffee time and registration

9:45 a.m. Hymn sing and PWPD Meeting

Program by First Farmington

*Special Christmas music and messages

* A short play, "The Mission,"

by Karen Jones,

performed by the Presbyterian Players

Cost of optional lunch: \$10

Reservation deadline: Friday, Dec. 1

Call Ginny Hubble 248- 804-2228

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Dear Sister in Christ,

Well I think fall has really come. This morning there was frost on my car windows and also on the grass. We are drawing near the end of the year. Actually we are drawing near Advent. When we think of Advent we know that the birth of Jesus is near. What a miracle that God would send his son to earth for us. Can you imagine how Mary felt when the Angel Gabriel came to her and told her that she would bear a son, and you will name him Jesus? Would we be frightened or in awe?

Advent is a time for preparation, a time to look at where you are and where you want to be. Let us strive to make Presbyterian Women's organization be a place where all women want to belong. We commit to nurture ourselves and others in faith through bible study and work to make this world a safer place to be, through mission. That is certainly what Second Mile Center is doing, making a safe place for the children in that community.

This time of year can be stressful, with all the holiday planning and celebration. Here is a positive perspective.

"Stress is everywhere. People stress out because they know today is the tomorrow they worried about yesterday! Dieters know what stress is. Someone said, "I've been on a diet for two weeks, and all I've lost is fourteen days." That's self-imposed stress.

What happens when you think you are winning the rat race and along come faster rats? How do you deal with the stress? The best advice for stress is this: Stress may be a given factor, but your attitude can change the way it affects you.

Stress is nothing but psychological pollution. Flush stuff like that out of your system with a positive outlook. Keep mentally limber; accept what you can't change, and don't dwell on your own or others' shortcomings. Be an imp for a day or an hour; make a neighbor laugh, play a practical joke, delight yourself with a wacky surprise.

Don't waste today's time cluttering up tomorrow's opportunities with yesterday's troubles! God has promised to turn your "hours of stressing into showers of blessings."

By Barbara Johnson from the book "Joy for a Woman's Soul"

May this Christmas season be a joyful time for you and your family.

Grace and Peace,

Janet Morton, PWPD Moderator

Studies/Spiritual Development

As you know Motoko Huthwaite was elected, but unfortunately finds that she will not be able to continue in that capacity. I know you join me in thanking her for her past service to us.

I am excited to see what God has in store for us. I believe that this committee gives us the foundation for the expressions of faith that the Mission and Justice and Peace committees do in the name of Jesus Christ.

What makes the work that PWPD does different from say a social or government agency? There are many organizations that do 'good works' and many of us are involved in them. What sets us apart is our motivation. Our connection to God is through his son Jesus Christ. It is through our understanding of who God is that compels us to action and sometimes inaction as well.

I am also looking for committee members. Please pray to see if you are being called to be on this important committee.

Your sister in Christ
Kari

Mission

If you are on Facebook, consider “liking” our page “Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Detroit” where we post announcements of the Gatherings, photos of past Gatherings and events and news related to PWPD. You can also “like” the national organization “Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA)” and receive info about the upcoming 2018 Churchwide Gathering and interesting posts from the women on the 2017 Global Exchange etc. Stay connected with your sisters in PW through Facebook!

A successful Ingathering was held at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Detroit on Oct. 16-18. Donations were brought in by 33 churches and distributed to 33 agencies around the Presbytery of Detroit. We had 49 volunteers from 17 churches help during the Ingathering. A full report of the Ingathering will appear in the next issue of Prism. Pictured are (left to right) Tommie Lewis (Detroit, Trinity), Emily Nietering (Dearborn, Littlefield), Sherry Brown (Dearborn, Cherry Hill), Ginny Hubble (Farmington, First), PWPD Moderator Janet Morton (Allen Park) and Ruthenia Henderson (Detroit, Trinity). The beautiful quilt was made by the PW at First Presbyterian Church of Brighton.



Vice-Chairman of Mission
Emily Nietering

The Second Mile Center of Detroit

Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."
Acts 20:35

As our mime team and I travel from church to church, I am regularly asked, "What is your ministry?" Very simply, we give hope, love and faith through the Word. We are joining Christ in his ministry and making disciples.

Last month at the Center, we were teaching the book of Jonah when a young boy, Jaylin, came up to me after sanctuary time with a Bible in his hand trying to read the story. I asked him if he had a Bible of his own and he replied, "No." I then asked if he had a Bible in his house and again he said, "No." I told him, "Let's go and pick out a Bible you want." The young boy looked through some of the Bibles and picked a beautiful leather bound one. I bookmarked Jonah for him. Jaylin asked me if he could go back and read Chapter 1 and 2 since he wasn't there when we introduced those chapters. Can you see the delight on my face? Jaylin is one of our toughest, most disobedient children. Jaylin wants a bible to read what we are teaching. My heart melts. It is moments like this that bring us encouragement and hope to continue our ministry in such a tough neighborhood. Jaylin went outside reading his new Bible and shortly two other children came in requesting Bibles of their own. The next day two of them proudly brought their Bibles to school and then to the Center. We had five more requests that day. It is always wonderful to be able to give the community food, clothing and furniture but when children want Bibles, it is such a gift to us. Thank you all for helping us to be the hands and feet of this ministry.

Christmas is approaching and reminding us that generosity brings joy to others and ourselves. The Magi's brought gifts to the Babe in the manger inventing the tradition of giving Christmas presents. We have children and families waiting for us to fulfill some of their Christmas wishes. If you would like to be involved, please contact me to discuss the details of giving gifts or money. Christmas is fun and exciting as we anticipate celebrations and the opening of presents. Watching the excitement of the children in the Center receive their Christmas gifts softens our hearts with a renewed sense of childlike wonder and joy. Let us share from our abundance with others. Have a Merry Christmas!

God bless,

Ruth

Justice and Peace

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL!

To borrow the title of one of Shakespeare's plays *All's Well That Ends Well*, that would describe Wed., Oct. 25. I had signed my husband Jack and myself up to deliver Ingathering boxes to Baldwin Center and the Lighthouse in Pontiac after the hard working crew led by Sherry Brown and Emily Neitering had carefully gathered, counted, and boxed the needed items. However we were scheduled to deliver on Wed., Oct. 18 and I forgot to check my calendar that day. Whoops! I called Emily and found out we could deliver the following Wednesday. We were in Hillsdale at a lecture and stayed overnight. Our van was loaded with boxes for the Lighthouse (thanks to Anita Teresko, a member of our Justice & Peace Committee,) but she didn't realize we also needed the boxes for the Baldwin Center. They were stored at Westminster Church so we were headed there to pick up the missing boxes and directions to both centers. We luckily found the Baldwin Center but somehow got lost finding the Lighthouse. Now comes the good part. We asked a gal at a gas station and she was kind enough to give us directions. But we got lost again. We stopped and asked a guy walking across the street who was going to stop and pull out his phone to help us. But he was guiding an older man across the street and we didn't want to impose on him. We soon stopped another guy walking across another street and he gave us directions we could follow and found the Lighthouse. When we counted the miles from home to Hillsdale to Pontiac and back home it added up to almost 300 miles. Therefore we can happily say: "All's well that ends well" because the centers we delivered to were most appreciative to receive the goods boxed up for their clients, the people we encountered in Pontiac were all like good Samaritans aiding lost travelers, and although a week late, our mission was accomplished!

MISSING STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN T-SHIRT ORDER

A PW at the gathering at Westminster Church on Sept. 6 ordered a STOP Violence Against Women T-shirt and paid the \$10 but the name on a slip of paper has disappeared. If you're the one or know who ordered it, please let me know. I have to have orders for 12 shirts before The Shirtery will print the T-shirts but the Gender Base Violence work group has ordered nine and I'm getting them printed before the Presbytery meeting on Nov. 18.

Pamela A. Frucci, chair
Justice & Peace Committee

Annual PWPD Retreat!

Save the Date: March 24, 2018
First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn
Additional Information will be in upcoming Prism Issues.

Moderator of Retreat
Joan Lockard