

Westminster Presbyterian Women

Purpose of Presbyterian Women

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, 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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Major Focus Areas of WPW in 2010

We continue to focus on mission, prayer, study and fellowship.

Special Events Sponsored by WPW in 2010

- **Spring Gathering: Creative Hands** The creative hands of the women of Appalachia and of Westminster was the focus of this event. A speaker discussed the importance of hand crafts in Appalachia. Women of the church who weave, quilt, make jewelry, make cards, make pottery and take photographs displayed their wonderful work.
- **Open House for Kay Davis-Dudding** WPW honored Kay for her ministry and support of WPW with an open house in June. About 100 people attended.
- **Synod Gathering in Detroit: The Many Faces of Mission** Three women from Westminster attended this gathering and learned of the ministry and mission work of women in the Detroit area. The speaker for the event was Ruth Farrell, Coordinator for the Presbyterian Hunger Program.
- **Fall Gathering: Homelessness in Dayton** The problems of homelessness in Dayton and of healthcare for the homeless are difficult but critical issues in our community. We explored these with the help of Roberta Longfellow, Montgomery County Housing & Homeless Solutions Administrator and The Reverend Judith Barr, Director of the Samaritan Homeless Clinic.
- **Cookie Walk:** The second annual Cookie Walk was again a huge success – raising \$2086.00 for mission – and we had a great and delicious time in the process.

Accomplishments of WPW in relation to our Purpose

- **Kroger Neighborhood Rewards Program** – raised \$2678.00 for mission thanks to the faithful use of the Kroger gift cards by the whole Westminster membership.
- Several circles studied the **Book of Revelation**, others looked for **spiritual insights in current literature and films**.
- Pledged to give the **Samaritan Homeless Clinic** \$5000 over the years 2010 and 2011.
- Continued to use **93% of the money we raised for mission work** in our community and beyond.
- **Supported one another** in good times and bad – shared laughter and prayer – worked hard and listened for the voice of God.

Summary Statement

All women are welcome to join us in this work, ministry and fun. Please contact anyone on the Coordinating Team to find a place where you can meet friends and share your talents.

