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Presbyterian Women



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Connie Wood & Karen Stevens, CO Moderators

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Greetings from Olivet Presbyterian Church

All 3 women's circles meet each month and there is a weekly Bible Study held at the church with Pastor Thomas. Circles are busy with their study guides and preparing for charitable giving activities this holiday season. Our Diaper Ministry is going strong. We have added new families to the list to assist. We are currently assisting a single mother of 4 with clothing for the children also.

Olivet's support of SACRA continues with the collecting of non-perishable canned goods for donation.

The Women of Olivet recently sponsored a church-wide work day on Saturday, October 8th. Volunteers cleaned up plant and tree areas, and planted beautiful fall colored pansies. Refreshments were provided.

Blessings to All,
Karen Stevens

News from Third Presbyterian

The ladies and men catered a luncheon to Wilson Memorial School class of 1959. There were 57 present. They have already reserved for 2023.

We donate food items and money to the pantry at First Baptist of Staunton it is then used to fill what is termed Sacks of Love for students in the Bessie Weller School District to take home for the weekend so that no child goes hungry. On Monday a group from Third filled 100 sacks. Breakfast items to soup, snacks and drinks were put in the sacks.

The C O R E group got together to pack 400 snack bags in preparation for Trunk or Treat. Last year we had 345 children.

In Christ Darlene Mason

Pam Snyder Shares

I wanted to share the information regarding the upcoming Commission on the Status of Women at the UN. Our PW Delegate Planning Team is busy making plans for this March 6-17, 2023 event. Currently, the event is scheduled to be a hybrid mix of offering both "in person" and "virtual" options. However, things can change rapidly at the UN and UN Women. This is an excellent advocacy opportunity and is especially of interest to younger women who want to be more active in advocacy efforts. Please note that PW, Inc. has scholarship money available for young women to attend through our Leadership Development funds.

For the Mission Community Coordinators: Please share this information with your respective congregational PW leadership contacts right away.

For the CT: Please share this with your congregations or with women who you feel may be interested and benefit from this global advocacy opportunity.

Please note that Applications must be received by December 10,

I will be sharing this information at our November 5th CT meeting which will be held at Staunton Second Presbyterian. However, I wanted to

to ensure the information gets out to the women in the pews as soon as possible.

Reminder: Don't forget to let me know if you will be attending the November 5th meeting and encourage your individual congregational PW leaders to do the same. I need an approximate headcount to ensure we have ample food and beverages for all in attendance. Let's pack the Fellowship Hall with PW!

Looking forward to seeing you November 5th in Staunton.

Blessings and peace,
Pam Snyder

NEWS FROM BUNKER HILL

Bunker Hill is enjoying Sunday School starting back up with some children and we have young and energetic youth group leaders that are getting that program going again since covid. We are slowly getting things back and up again, it is taking time but we are hopeful and prayerfully working through it.

We have a pastor search committee working on securing someone back into our pulpit and averaging about 40 per week now for worship and our supply is scheduled through the end of the year. Trunk or Treat is planned for Oct. 31st (first time in 2 years) and a vendor fair is planned for Dec. 10th. We had a great turnout for tacos and game nite in Sept. with 50 people in attendance enjoying cotton candy, yard games and bingo!

We've recently collected eyeglasses for Lions Club, Backpack program, VA hospital and it is now Operation Christmas Child box packing time.

We pray all is enjoying a beautiful fall!
SHARED BY VICKANA NORTON

Massanutten Presbyterian Shares

There is a 10:30 worship service which is also live streamed. This service is also taped and shown on Massanutten Facebook page.

Hannah Altman and her husband Scott have a little baby girl born on October 26th. The church also had a dinner and baby shower for Hannah and Scott. Hannah is as youth director.

Refreshments and fellowship are held once a month between Sunday school and worship.

During time with the children and a read a wonderful book called WHAT IS GOD LIKE? For anyone who would like to donate a book to the children's Library which is located in the Gathering area a list is available. The books are available on Amazon or anyone can purchase a book wherever they please. All who have already purchased books are so appreciated. When a certain title is donated the book is removed from the list.

Three Presbyterian women's circles are meeting monthly.

All are invited to join in cooking meals for the middle school youth who meet on Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m.

Shared by PAT ARMSTRONG

Second Staunton PW

Presbyterian Women remain active and have resumed monthly circle meetings this fall. We are using and enjoying the Celebrate Sabbath! PW Horizons Bible Study. The PW Coordinating Team generally meets monthly also. PW Events for the fall include:

We gave \$50 to the RAM project which is a Remote Area Medical pop-up clinic sponsored by UVA chapter in Augusta Co.

We donate money monthly to Second Presbyterian's general fund.

PW donates to Martha's Meals on Wheels every month. We also have about three ladies who help deliver meals every month.

Both circles met together in August for a "party by the pool" at Betty Landes' home.

3 PW attended The Big Event and one PW

presented a workshop.

The decision was made to combine the 2 remaining circles into one Friendship Circle

In October, we are collecting health kits for Church World Service to help support those affected by the recent fires and hurricane damage and flooding.

October is also Pastor Appreciation Month. PW are sending a card and check to our pastor in appreciation for the many ways he leads our church.*

In November, we will be collecting THANK OFFERING donations and are also collecting canned goods for the Verona Food Pantry.

We are also hosting the Shenandoah Presbytery PW Coordinating Team for their November 5th meeting and looking forward to seeing other PW from throughout the Presbytery!

SUBMITTED BY
MARY RAINEY MODERATOR

COLLIERSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH READIES FOR ITS ANNUAL CHURCH DINNER

Colored leaves, orange pumpkins, yellow chrysanthemums, and cooler temperatures all signal activity at the Collierstown Presbyterian Church as its members and friends prepare for the "ANNUAL CHURCH DINNER." First begun in 1925, the Annual Church Dinner continues to be a day when the CPC family opens its doors and warmly welcomes the community, visitors from the area, and strangers who may be passing by. ALL ARE INVITED to come inside and enjoy a hot meal and share in the hospitality and fellowship offered by the church's members and friends.

This year the Annual Church Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 5 following a two-year postponement due to concerns about the COVID-19 virus. Meals will be served continuously from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The day's menu will

feature country ham, fried oysters, and turkey with all the trimmings. An array of home cooked vegetables will be offered that include sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, and greens beans along with hot turkey gravy, coleslaw, applesauce, pickles, homemade bread, and beverages. The finishing touch for this dining experience is the offering of an assortment of slices of homemade cakes for dessert. The same meals will be available as take out dinners for those that cannot come to the church to dine. A team of people will be assembling and packaging meals for pick up. Take out dinners can be ordered by calling the church's phone number (540-463-5918) and meals can be picked up beginning at 11:30 a.m.



Dressing Prep





Preparing Cole Slaw Dressing

As a part of the day, patrons will want to visit the Bazaar that will be located in the “red building” on the church grounds. The building will be filled with items for sale like homemade baked goods (breads, rolls, pies, cakes, cookies), jars of fresh soups, handcrafted items (woodwork, knitted and crocheted goods, holiday decorations), jewelry, apples, garden produce, and apple butter. Proceeds from the Bazaar will be donated to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Rockbridge County and to Helping Hands, a food bank ministry of Fairfield Presbyterian Church.

The Annual Church Dinner is sponsored by the Presbyterian Women but is a total church effort with CPC men, women, youth, and children working together. Proceeds from the dinner are used to fund mission projects locally and abroad.

The idea of an annual church dinner began in 1924 with a dream held by three Presbyterian Women, Virginia Potter Knick, Rosa Deacon Goodbar, and Ethel Montgomery Thomas. They believed hospitality is a Biblical command

whose purpose is to minister to those around us. Their work and planning became a reality with the first dinner known then as the Chrysanthemum Show and Dinner being held on November 5 and 6, 1925. The event was held at the Collierstown Graded School, the present site of the Collierstown Baptist Church. It was known as a Chrysanthemum Show and Dinner because it included a “Flower Room” for patrons to enjoy, displaying blooming chrysanthemums grown by the church’s women. The event’s success was recorded in the *ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY NEWS*, 19 November 1925:

The Collierstown chrysanthemum show, in spite of the heavy all day rain on Thursday, seemed to be a great success socially, and was by no means a failure financially. The whole upper floor of the graded school building was used. In the flower room were more than one hundred chrysanthemum plants, with many large and beautiful blossoms. The rest of the auditorium was presided over by efficient cooks and waiters. Under the auspices of the Presbyterian Women’s Auxiliary, the undertaking was made more successful by the cooperation of church neighbors over the entire community. In fact, it was a delightful community affair.

Since that first dinner changes have occurred, but oysters are still fried on the church kitchen’s woodstove and the menu is much the same. More importantly the dream of extending hospitality and showing care and concern for others is still the heart of the Annual Church Dinner event. It is our experience at Collierstown Presbyterian Church that as we offer hospitality to our guests and each other, we are the ones that are richly blessed. We invite all to join with us on November 5 and share in that blessing too.

*Deborah P. McCormick,
PW Communications Coordinator*

Focus On Missionaries

Cheryl Barnes

Mission co-worker in Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe

Serving as the education facilitator for the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian
Contact: Cheryl Barnes (cheryl.barnes@pcusa.org)

Give in honor of the ministry of Cheryl Barnes

Cheryl is periodically in the United States and available to speak to congregations as her schedule permits. Email her to extend an invitation to visit your congregation or organization.

About Cheryl Barnes' ministry

As the education facilitator for the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP), Cheryl Barnes collaborates with the CCAP Education Department and the education departments of the five CCAP Synods — three in Malawi, one in Zambia, and one in Zimbabwe — to improve the quality of primary school education in the many schools under the CCAP umbrella. In her role as an education advisor, Cheryl strives to assist the CCAP in improving the quality of teaching and implementing best practices in educating children, including those with special needs. A focus of Cheryl's ministry is working with the CCAP to safeguard the rights of children by developing child protection policies and implementing them in schools. Of particular emphasis is protecting young girls against violence and empowering them to continue their schooling.

Research confirms that one of the key ways to lift a community from the grips of poverty is through the education of children. Nelson Mandela wrote, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." The CCAP Education Department is not only transforming children's lives, but it is transforming entire communities. Cheryl is honored to be a part of this process.

Regional context

The Church of Central Africa Presbyterian

(CCAP) is a thriving denomination with a membership of more than 3 million congregants throughout Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Despite minimal budgets, the CCAP has multiple departments through which vibrant holistic ministry takes place — especially in education, health and development. Educating thousands of students each year, the CCAP's approximately 1500 schools play a vital role in their communities.

Due to a lack of financial resources, the CCAP schools face a number of challenges that compromise their effectiveness. They are chronically under-staffed and over-crowded, with student-teacher ratios as high as 100:1. Books are in short supply.

child protection, the rights and needs of young girls, clean water and sanitation.

Unflagging in its commitment to helping children and communities flourish, the CCAP Education Department is working diligently to improve the educational experience for all students

About Cheryl Barnes

Rev. Cheryl Barnes' call to long-term mission service did not fully evolve until her daughter became a 2017 Presbyterian Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) in Lima, Peru. As she supported her daughter and witnessed her spiritual growth during her YAV year, Cheryl became increasingly open to seeing her gifts being used in a different context within the church. She recalls, "As a pastor of a small congregation in a marginalized community, I often prayed the prayer of Jabez, 'Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from hurt and harm!'" Believing that God will keep her from harm, she has answered the call to serve in Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe. God is faithfully enlarging her borders far beyond what she had imagined. "As I have dared to look at my life through a wider margin, I have seen the hand of God leading me to this place," Cheryl shares.

In answering the call to mission service, Cheryl feels great affinity with Abraham, a man of faith who was called out from his familiar surroundings to enter another land. "Like Abraham," Cheryl explains, "I am unsure of the difficulties,

inconveniences, and uncertainties that are on the horizon. But my faith ensures me that I am not alone, that the omnipresent God sees me wherever I am. I know that my journey comes with the opportunity to share my gifts with the loving people of Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe and to learn from them.”

Prior to entering ordained ministry, Cheryl taught special education and worked in early childhood education. Her experience in educating children, a commitment to service, and a teachable spirit have prepared her well for this ministry. Additionally, God has given Cheryl a deep love for people, and a heart for the most vulnerable. Cheryl’s hope for the Church is that it will “focus on well-planned, spiritually motivating ministries that instill knowledge, life skills, and hope while encouraging the body to glorify God through words AND deeds.”

Cheryl grew up in Georgia. She earned her Bachelor of Science in special education at Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Georgia; her Master of Business Administration at Nova University in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; and her Master of Divinity at Colombia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. She is a member of the Northeast Georgia Presbytery.