

The Presbyterian Women (PW) of the Transylvania Presbytery convened at Camp Burnamwood on October 5th, 2019 for its fall gathering. Sixty-three (63) people were present. Fifteen (15) circles were represented, and there are currently twenty-six (26) in the directory.

The guest speaker, Jennifer Webb, delivered an intriguing presentation about the opioid situation in Kentucky, particularly from the perspective of the court system. As the coordinator of the Madison County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving-Youth in Action (MADD-YIA) chapter, she gave insight to the risk associated with underage drinking.

Helen Miller shared the Missions reported that 10 circles had reported their mission projects. Projects included giving to

(1) the PW Annual Fund which supports all programs for PW and publishing (Horizons, Bible study), Churchwide Gathering, Churchwide Coordinating Team and all else necessary for PW to function. Transylvania PW's sent \$2,500.

(2) PW Birthday Offering – ideas include a silent auction and pot luck with ice cream (Troy). \$3,365 reported from Transylvania PW's and \$439,000 churchwide.

(3) Thank Offering – consider inviting the entire congregation to contribute at the annual Thanksgiving dinner. Both Birthday and Thank Offerings benefit women and children, including health issues.

(4) Living Waters for the World Necklace Project has raised over \$60,000, with necklaces still available at \$5.00 each!

(5) The Least Coin raised over \$200,000 worldwide.

(6) Transylvania Stamp Out Hunger project raises several hundred dollars each year for Hunger grants here in Transylvania from the annual stamp auction of the Henry Clay Philatelic Society, Rev. Wayne Gnatuk.

(7) Cents-A-bility offering, which raises money for hunger relief.

Additional projects from mission reports included a trip to Haiti (1st PC, Lex), support of a child at New Delhi school (Stanford), warming station, food, sharing at church for needy (1st PC, Richmond), backpack meals for Russell Cave Elementary, Lex (Mt. Horeb), support of family resource center (Whites' Memorial), Christmas gifts for 2 families at Westminster Village (2nd PC, Lex), using Kroger donations for money for mission projects (1st, Winchester) for a total of 65 projects from 9 reports!

An offering was taken and to be divided between Camp Burnamwood and Liberty Place, an addiction recovery center for women in Richmond, Kentucky. Kevin and Peggy Turpin, as well as Jessica Nunnally and her team did a phenomenal job preparing the space and meal. Many attendees remarked at the new white paint job in the dining hall!

Kay Grooms, treasurer shared the current balance forward 4-27-19: \$20,956.65. Income \$3,259.16. Expenses \$3,074.42.

Ending balance as of 10-4-19: \$21,141.39. Pass through account giving: \$8,189.61.

There was the installation of new cluster leader, Emily Carroll for the cluster Elizabeth, as well as the Recognition of Mary Weber's work over the past years initiating and raising money for the Necklace Project supporting Living Waters for the World, the mission project of the Synod of Living Waters. Nell Line presented Mary with a framed certificate of appreciation from the PWP CT, a glass desk memento and a monetary gift. Mary has served PW as our Transylvania PWP Moderator, PWSynod Moderator and officer. Mary said there have been 1,000 installations all over the world. The Necklace project was featured in the April 2010 issue of Horizons magazine and many groups responded and wanted to make necklaces to sell.

The spring gathering will be held at First PC-Richmond on Saturday, April 25th. We hope you to see you there!