

NEW RIVER NEWS AND REVIEWS

*"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."
1 Thessalonians 5:11*

Spring & Summer, 2010

Hello dear Ladies!

It's been awhile, but here we are once again, with lots to share about some of the things that have been happening in and around our churches here in New River over the past few months.

Spring is here, although as I type this it feels like Summer has already arrived! Hot and sticky - and I thank God for providing us with air conditioning!

Everything is so green and beautiful ... how marvelous is God's creation, and how much more beautiful and marvelous is God the Creator!

I wish you all a summer filled with love and laughter, cook-outs and fireworks, and quiet times to give our Creator God all the honor and glory for His wonderful creation.

With love and prayers and blessings, Barbara xxx



◆PRESWIC HIGHLIGHTS◆

From the May 1st and May 15th meetings, held at Faith PC in Cross Lanes and at Providence Reformed in Barboursville.

We held two meetings this time, the first being the business meeting of the PresWIC Council, and then the meeting with Presbytery. It was decided in January that the Council would meet a week or two prior to each Presbytery/PresWIC meeting so

that we could concentrate on providing a different speaker and subject at each of the three meetings held during the year. If there is anything important to go over, we will have a short business meeting first. Copies of the minutes will be available upon request.

September 18th PresWIC Meeting

As the 2010 WIC Annual Love Gift is for MNA (Mission to North America) Special Needs Ministry (SNM), this will be our focus. We will have a few of the ladies here in New River share with us about their experiences with those in their lives who have special needs. If you would be willing to share, please contact Barbara.

Nominations:

Nominations closed on Monday 31st

May for the offices of Vice President and Treasurer.

We asked the current Vice President Sue Parker, and the current Treasurer Cathy Appleton, if they would prayerfully consider serving for another two year term, and both ladies agreed. As there were no other nominations, voting

will take place at the Annual Business meeting at the Fall Retreat in September. The new terms will begin January 1st, 2011, and end on December 31st, 2012. Dear Sue and Cathy, thank you both so much!

2010 WIC Annual Love Gift:

As mentioned above, this year's

recipient is the MNA Special Needs Ministry (SNM). This ministry was launched in 2007 under the leadership of Stephanie Hubach, who is a Special Needs Mom herself, and an advisory team of volunteers from across the denomination.

MNA SNM was started because people with disabilities and their families often live entirely outside the care of the Church or on the fringes of local congregational life.

A variety of barriers - both architectural and attitudinal - have prevented people with special needs from being included. To learn more about visit:

www.pca-mna.org/specialneeds

The 2010 WIC Love Gift will enable SNM to provide the following:

- The Gospel and Disability Educational Gift Packs
- Trainer Development
- Luke 14 Matching Grants

Bulletin inserts and the DVD are available *free of charge* and can be ordered from the CEP Bookstore, 1-800-283-1357, or www.cepbookstore.com and put 2010 WIC Love Gift in the search box.

Stephanie and her team encourage us all to watch the DVD on YouTube! "Let's make this video 'go viral' " she says!

Pastors' Wives Appreciation Tea

We invited our Pastors' Wives and our WIC Contacts and a few special guests to a Tea Luncheon

at The Ferguson Tea Room in Hurricane, on Saturday 27th March. There were 8 Pastors' Wives present, 3 WIC Contacts, 3 PresWIC Council members, and 4 special guests and a wonderful time was enjoyed by us all! The Tea Room gave us a delicious tea luncheon of soup, assorted tea sandwiches, scone, & dessert, served with their Raspberry Leaf house tea. They were even able to provide us with gluten-free bread for those with dietary needs.

Here are some of the comments:
"The whole tea was really nice - food, bookmarks, setting ..."
"Thank you for a wonderful time I really enjoyed getting to meet the other ladies and enjoyed some time to do something 'girly' for a change."
"It was refreshing to be with other Christian women, just to be encouraged and to encourage."

Many, many thanks to Sue Parker for putting this together, and to Debi Brabbin for her beautiful invitations and bookmarks.

2010 Fall Retreat:

The ladies at Providence Reformed will be hosting next years Fall Retreat. Details later on in this newsletter.

2010 WIC Leadership Training

"Gospel Driven Discipleship" was the theme this year. There were 4 ladies from New River Presbytery that attended the Conference this past February in Atlanta ... Becky Powell from Trinity in New Martinsville, Janice Marsh from Redeemer in Teays Valley, Sue Parker from Providence Reformed in Barboursville, and Barbara Hudson from Faith in Cross Lanes. We traveled there and back in style, thanks to Janice and

thank you to those of you who prayed for travel mercies for us. The Lord kept us safe during the snowy parts of our journey! This year we were privileged to be taught by Dr. Jerram Barrs from the Book of Ruth. Dr. Barrs is the founder and resident scholar of the Frances Schaeffer Institute at Covenant Theological Seminary, and the author of several books, the most recent being "Through His Eyes: God's Perspective on Women in the Bible."

Each of us took different workshops and participated in different seminars, and spent time with other women from the Mid-Atlantic Region. We have many things to share for those of you who are interested just give us a call or send us an email! There is one thing that really stood out for most of the women in our regional times together a discussion on "What is Discipleship & What does it Look Like!" One of the ladies shared this statement from her home church

"Discipleship is the work of the Holy Spirit through a relational process in which a person with a life worth emulating commits himself for an extended period of time to a few hungry individuals who have been evangelized ... the purpose being to establish them in their walk with God and equip them to reproduce a third generation and build up the church."

What a challenge to us all!

We have available the entire conference on a USB memory stick, and you can order audio downloads and the USB memory stick from www.cepbookshore.com

Spring Gathering: Women In the Church Morning of Prayer

Held on Saturday 1st May, at Faith

Presbyterian Church. We spent the morning singing praises to our awesome God and praying specifically for our local church bodies, our leadership Teaching Elders, Ruling Elders, Deacons, WIC and other Ministry Leaders for our families marriages, our covenant children, and unsaved family members for our denomination, its agencies and the upcoming General Assembly. We ended our prayer time with a prayer for our country from the Book of Common Prayer. Women attended from 5 of our churches, and we were truly blessed as Brenda George, of Covenant put together our hymns and songs and led us in singing, and Vicki Hall of Faith played the piano for us. The ladies who participated gave us a spontaneous thumbs up! For those who could stay afterwards, we had a bag lunch and a sweet time of fellowship.

Mid-Atlantic Regional WIC Training

Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th July in Durham, NC. Details later on in this newsletter.



♥PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCHES ♥

June: Pliney PC
38th General Assembly
MTW

July: Redeemer PC

August: Kanawha Salines PC
RUF
For our children going back to school or college, and teachers

September:
Covenant PC
Presbytery & PresWIC meetings
Fall Retreat

The prayer schedule will be updated in September for the 2010/2011 schedule. Copies will be available at the September PresWIC meeting and the Fall Retreat.

♥PRAYER FOR THE PCA♥

It is our privilege to pray for one of the agencies of the PCA this year:

The PCA Foundation (PCAF)
This agency provides stewardship services to individuals, churches, Presbyteries and other PCA agencies.

For more information about the PCAF, visit them on the web at:
www.pcanet.org/foundation

Barbara has copies of their prayer requests and will be sending them out with this newsletter.

“But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.” Jude 20



◆ BOOK REVIEWS ◆

Have **YOU** read any great books lately? Or have you been part of a really good Bible Study, either at home or at church? We'd love you to write and share them with us!



♥ “WOMEN’S CHOICE” ♥ PREGNANCY OUTREACH

As many of you know, “Woman’s Choice” has been attempting to purchase a building in downtown Charleston. The latest update is that an offer was presented to the bank but rejected. Contingencies to do with building safety and inspections are part of the problem. Please be in prayer

for the foreclosure officer to be more willing to negotiate a fair price with contingencies.

West Virginians For Life, Inc

Wonderful news! The Ultrasound Option Bill, SB 597, has passed both houses overwhelmingly and was signed into law by Governor Manchin, and goes into effect on June 11th, 2010. West Virginia becomes the 20th State to pass similar ultrasound legislation.

“This bill amends West Virginia’s Women’s Right to Know Law which provides women and girls, 24 hours prior to their abortion, scientifically accurate information about fetal development, abortion alternatives, risks from abortion and childbirth and a list of agencies in the state that would help her carry her child to term. The amendment adds information to those materials informing her that if an ultrasound is done in conjunction with her abortion, she may view or decline to view the ultrasound. Prior to the abortion, the woman would sign a form acknowledging the offer to view the image.”



★ FAVORITE CHURCH RECIPES ★

This recipe is from Geta McHugh of Kanawha Salines Presbyterian Church in Malden:

“BACON BROCCOLI SALAD”

1lb Bacon - cooked & crumbled
1 lge bunch Broccoli - cooked & cut into bite sized pieces
8 oz. Cheddar Cheese - shredded
1 med. Red Onion - chopped
3/4 cup Mayonnaise
2 Tbsp. Lemon Juice
1/4 cup Sugar

Note: Cook 24 hours before serving.

1. In large bowl mix bacon, broccoli, cheese & onion.
2. Stir together mayonnaise, lemon juice, and sugar.
3. Pour over broccoli mix and stir.
- 4 Refrigerate 24 hours before serving.

Here is another recipe, from Ann Mooney of Riverview Presbyterian Church in Charleston:

“PEANUT BUTTER SNACK MIX”

3 Tbsp. Honey
2 Tbsp. Butter
3 Tbsp. Peanut Butter
1/3 cup Dry-Roasted Peanuts
4 cups Chex cereal - assorted corn, rice, wheat, etc.
2 cups Mini Pretzels

1. Preheat oven to 175 F.
2. Combine honey, butter & peanut butter in a microwave-safe bowl & heat until smooth.
3. Combine cereal, pretzels and peanuts in a large bowl.
4. Pour peanut butter mixture over cereal mixture and toss to coat.
5. Spread on baking sheet & bake for 1 ½ hours. Stir once during baking time.

Makes 6 cups.

Many thanks to Greta and Ann!

Do you have a special recipe that everyone loves to see served when attending your church’s functions? Casseroles, cakes, cookies, salads, snacks, and anything chocolate! Please share them with us too! We love delicious food!

Send in your recipe’s to Barbara at bHUDSONMK@aol.com or call her at 304-586-3831



✿ 2010 PRESWIC FALL
RETREAT ✿

Friday 24th & Saturday 25th
September at the John XXIII
Pastoral Center

*"Redeeming Eve: Biblical
Womanhood"*

**Uniquely Human, Uniquely
Feminine, Uniquely YOU**

The Providence Reformed Retreat
Committee invite you to come and
join us and bring your friends!

Our guest speaker is Sandy Currin,
the Mid-Atlantic Region WASC
(Women's Advisory Sub-
Committee) Representative.
Sandy was a nursing student in her
sophomore year when God drew
her to Himself. She soon met her
husband to be, Jerry, and upon
graduation they joined the staff
of Campus Crusade for Christ. But
they began to sense a call to the
pastorate, and giving up their
ministry with CCC was difficult as
they both loved mentoring college
students. Daily, Sandy claimed
Jeremiah 29:11, *"For I know the
plans I have for you ..."*

So, she began mentoring women,
and her passion for mentoring has
only grown. Sandy serves on her
church's Women's Ministry Team
as the Titus Two representative,
on the East Carolina PresWIC
board, and she also has the joy of
mentoring several women in groups
and individually.

**Ladies, come and learn about
your uniqueness in God's Kingdom!**

More details will follow soon. If
you have any questions, please
contact Sue Parker at
jasparker@comcast.net
304-525-1963



◆ MISSIONARIES ◆

Roma Marshall in Jinja, Uganda

Roma is back home on furlough
right now, and she is due to return
to Jinja on September 9th. She
thanks you all for your prayers, and
for the Lord bringing her safely
home, despite the volcanic ash over
Iceland!

Roma was our guest speaker at the
PresWIC meeting on May 15th, and
she had lots to share with us,
including lots of photo.

If you would like to hear about her
experiences, she would love the
opportunity to come and speak
to you. You can contact her at:

romajinja@gmail.com

or on her phone:

304-529-7247

Please continue to be in prayer for
her and her work at The Good
Shepherd's Fold Orphanage. And
also, please prayerfully consider
donating to Roma for her ministry.

**Wendy Hammond, "Mustard Seeds
& Mountains"**

From Wendy: "Now that we are in
our 5th year here, it's interesting to
see how God changes our direction
for what He has for us to do. The
Elkhorn Girls' Group is no longer
together. In October I
encountered some tremendous
spiritual warfare, but I also
experienced the presence of God in
an amazing way. It was one of the
most difficult experiences of my
life, but also one of the most
incredible to see God work in a
specific way. It's been a huge
adjustment for me to not be
constantly working on things for
the Girls' Group and not be involved
in all the myriad of details of their
lives. Please continue to pray that
God will keep working in their lives."

Wendy is keeping busy proof
reading their team leader's books

and helping his wife get the Manse
set up for families to come in for
missions trips, but her favorite
work right now is helping out at her
boys' elementary school, and this
has helped her build a rapport with
the teachers and staff, and she has
been pleased to find that some
come to her with prayer requests.

Wendy goes on to say that her
newest project is to set up a library
for her church, and she asks *that
if anyone has any children's or
other books that would be
appropriate, please let her know!*

You can reach the Hammond's at:
bob.hammond@hotmail.com



✿ PROVERBS ✿

*"Trust in the LORD with all your
heart, and do not lean on your own
understanding.*

*In all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He will make straight your
paths.*

Proverbs 3:5 & 6



**MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL
WIC TRAINING**

**We are really excited about this
opportunity! This training is for
all women, and teenagers too, and
the purpose is to encourage and
equip us to "think biblically and
live covenantally."**

Please prayerfully consider coming
with us. The cost is only \$40, which
includes the WIC Trainer, the
materials, and lunch on Saturday.

**Friday 23 & Saturday 24 July
at The Church of the Good
Shepherd, Durham, NC**

Materials presented:

- Helps a women's ministry accomplish the objectives of Biblical Foundations for Womanhood.
- Teaches women a Biblical perspective of their relationship with Christ, family, and church.
- Challenges women to fulfill their helper design.
- Helps women examine the implications of the covenant in their relationships.
- Trains women to cultivate community by becoming the Titus 2 women that nurture one another for God's glory.
- Trains women to be channels of compassion.
- Equips women for leadership roles in the women's ministry of the church.

To register for the Training, go to www.peacepca.org/ and click on the "PresWIC Mid Atlantic Regional Training" link in the left hand column.

Friday evening is registration and "Getting to Know Each Other"

Saturday is training from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm, with lunch provided.

The La Quinta Inn & Suites in Durham have a special rate of \$55 per room per night, plus tax. Their number is: 919-401-9660

For more details, questions about car pooling, etc. please contact Barbara at 304-586-3831 or bhudsonmk@aol.com



EVENTS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

June 29 - July 2: 38th General Assembly in Nashville, TN

July 23 - 24: Mid-Atlantic Regional WIC Training, Durham NC

September 4: PresWIC Council meeting

September 18: Presbytery and PresWIC meetings at Covenant Presbyterian Church

September 24-25: PresWIC Fall Retreat at the John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston

January 8, 2011: PresWIC Council meeting

January 22: Presbytery and PresWIC meetings

February 24 - 26: WIC Leadership Training, Atlanta



★ RESOURCES ★

Materials for Leaders:

Women's Ministry Training and Resource Guide

A 3-ring notebook that includes leader's guides for the two books listed next, as well as ideas and resources to develop and implement a women's ministry.

Leadership for Women in the Church

Written by Susan Hunt and Peggy Hutchinson this book will help train leaders of a women's ministry.

Women's Ministry in the Local Church

Written by Ligon Duncan and Susan Hunt, this practical theology of women's ministry in the local church equips leaders to know why a church

should have a women's ministry and provides ideas to implement that ministry.

Discipleship Materials:

There are two complementary and intersecting tracks of discipleship materials for women. Each track reinforces the other. These materials are written from a Reformed, covenantal perspective.

TRACK 1: Topical studies on biblical womanhood. Each book has a separate leader's guide. These studies include:

Spiritual Mothering, By Design, The True Woman, Treasures of Encouragement, The Legacy of Biblical Womanhood, Heirs of the Covenant, Your Home - A Place of Grace

TRACK 2: Bible studies specifically for women that apply the principals of biblical womanhood. Each study has a commentary, leader's guide, and student book.

Paul's Letters to Maturing Churches: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and 1 & 2 Thessalonians.

The Formation of God's People, Israel: Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy.

The Gospel of Matthew: Part 1 and 2.

The Pastoral Letters, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus.

You can order these resources at the PCA Christian Education & Publications Bookstore at: www.cepbookstore.com 1-800-283-1357

