

# ***NEW RIVER NEWS AND REVIEWS***

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

*March, 2011*

Hello dear Ladies!

As I type this, it's a beautiful sunny afternoon and Spring is in the air ..... don't you just love it! The grass is turning green again, the daffodils are beginning to bloom, there are buds on the trees, and it just lifts your spirits!

Our God is an awesome God and greatly to be praised!

*"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!*

*Serve the Lord with gladness!  
Come into His presence with singing!*

*Know that the Lord, He is God!  
It is He who made us, and we are His, we are the sheep of His pasture.*

*Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!*

*Give thanks to Him;  
bless His name!*

*For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever;  
and His faithfulness to all generations." Psalm 100*

What better words to praise our Lord and Savior with than His very own! I pray that you are all making "a joyful noise to the Lord" today and every day.

With love and prayers and blessings, Barbara xxx



## **❖ THANK YOU'S ❖**

The PresWIC Council received thank you's from the ministries and missionaries that we sent support to at the end of last year,

and we wanted to share them with you because you graciously made it possible for us to do so.

**From WIC in Atlanta:**

*"As we often say down south.*

**BLESS YOUR HEART!**

*The receipt of your gift warms our hearts. How thankful I am for the generosity of these gifts.*

*In this upcoming year, these monies are so needed. I am asking the Lord to multiply them for His glory.*

*For the CEP staff, you have encouraged us and built us up praise be to God."*

Jane Patete, Women's Ministries Coordinator

**From Woman's Choice Pregnancy Resource Center, Charleston**

*"Dear Friends at New River*

*Presbytery Women In the Church,*

*Thank you for your letter of encouragement and generous gift. We thank God for friends like you who responded to His call to be a part of this ministry. All of our volunteers realize that without gifts, prayers and encouragement from others, this ministry could not be sustained. May He give you the joy of knowing you made a difference in the life of a mother and her unborn child.*

*Together in His service, the Volunteers at Woman's Choice"*

**From Roma Marshall, Missionary to Jinja, Uganda**

*"Bless the ladies of the PresWIC indeed. I can't thank all of you enough for your prayers and financial support for the orphans and widows here. If some of you would like to visit, you would be*

*most welcome, come and see, the country is beautiful and the Lord would bless you for it.  
Love in Jesus, Roma"*

**From Wendy Hammond of Mustard Seeds & Mountains in McDowell County**

*"Dear Ladies,*

*Y'all are so sweet! Thank you so very much for praying for us and for sending your recent gift. We truly appreciate it and were encouraged by it. Thanks for thinking of us!" Wendy*



## **♥PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCHES ♥**

**For March:** Providence Reformed

**For April:** Riverview

**For May:** Ministry leaders, Sunday School teachers, Nursery helpers, and all those who serve in any way in our churches  
For Presbytery & PresWIC - meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup> at Providence Reformed, Barbourville

**For June:** Pliney  
39<sup>th</sup> General Assembly  
MTW

If you need a copy of the updated prayer schedule, just email Barbara at: [bhudsonmk@aol.com](mailto:bhudsonmk@aol.com) and ask her for one!

If there have been any changes to your Elders or Deacons, please call Mary Graham at: 304-727-1783 or email her at:

[Mary.E.Graham@wv.gov](mailto:Mary.E.Graham@wv.gov)

## PRAYER FOR:

**Woman's Choice:** •Praises for the bank accepting the offer to purchase the building in Charleston! Closing took place on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Praise God!

•Please pray for the upcoming pro-life event with Rebecca St. James on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Proceeds will be used to help renovate the newly purchased building.

(There are more details of this event later on in this newsletter.)

**Roma Marshall:** •Healing for the HIV+ and special needs children.  
•Continued spiritual and physical wellness for self, the other Good Shepherd's Fold Missionaries, short-term volunteers, and staff.  
•Comfort from the Holy Spirit for recovery from recent orphan deaths.

•Peaceful post national elections.

•Daily travel mercies.

•Success for primary school children.

•Wisdom to treat the sick.

**Wendy Hammond:** "Please continue to pray for our Bible Club at the school. The kids *love* it and the Lord has really blessed us with it. We never dreamed we'd have a room *full* each week!"

**WIC in Atlanta:** Special prayers for the *Amazing Grace 360* Conference in October. Pray for early registrations as several decisions regarding space, etc. are depending on the early registrations. Pray for numbers over 3,000! Pray for all the speakers and workers involved. Pray that your women will attend!

## PRAYER FOR THE PCA

It is our privilege here in New River, as part of the Mid-Atlantic Region, to be in prayer for one of the agencies in the PCA each year.

Our prayer assignment for 2011 is:  
**Christian Education & Publications (CEP)**

Here are some of CEP's prayer requests. A more detailed list will be sent out to our churches next month.

•Faithfulness: That CEP will, by God's grace, be able to stay true to the PCA General Assembly mandate to be the training and resources arm of our denomination.

•Staff needs: CEP has been operating at a reduced staff level due to financial restraints for two years and the need for additional staff is crucial. Pray for the financial resources needed for more staff and that they will be able to accomplish what God has called them to do. Pray that God would continue to energize the staff; enabling them to be courteous, efficient, and God honoring in this service.

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

If you would like to send a card or note of encouragement to any of these missionaries or ministries, please call or email Barbara for their addresses, 304-586-3831 or [bhudsonmk@aol.com](mailto:bhudsonmk@aol.com)

## ◆ UPCOMING PREJWIC AND OTHER EVENTS ◆

**Friday April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Woman's Choice PRC presents  
A Pro-Life Event with Live Music  
featuring Rebecca St. James**

Location: Gateway Christian Church  
422 "B" Street,  
St. Albans, WV 25177  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Tickets available at  
[www.rebeccastickets.com](http://www.rebeccastickets.com) or by  
calling Woman's Choice PRC at:  
304-346-9779

\$10 general admission  
\$50 Gold Circle - limited number of these tickets to a "meet and greet" with Rebecca, autographed CD or DVD, and the best available seating.

## Saturday April 9th "Equipping Women for Covenantal Ministry"

Location: Covenant Presbyterian Church in Nitro

Time: 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Cost: \$10 each for lunch and materials

This one day training is designed to help your WIC Ministry become more *purposeful and vibrant!* It is designed to help you begin a WIC Ministry. And it is designed to help you!

The areas we will cover during the training are:

**The Covenant  
The Three Building Blocks for  
Successful Ministry  
Practical Help and Application**

Please RSVP to Barbara by  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
304-586-3831  
[bhudsonmk@aol.com](mailto:bhudsonmk@aol.com)

## Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> Presbytery & PresWIC meetings at Providence Reformed in Barboursville

The Worship Service begins at 9:00 am. The meetings generally begin around 10:30 am. Lunch is always a great time to fellowship.

Our study will be on the subject of *"Living in Community."*

**Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>  
Women In the Church  
Morning of Prayer**

We will spend time praising our Sovereign Lord and petitioning Him for our churches, our Presbytery, our denomination, our leaders, our families, and for the 39<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

We will also bring a bag lunch and spend a little time in fellowship before going our separate ways ... blessed and a blessing!

More information will be sent out later on in April. If anyone would like to help, please contact Barbara.

**Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>  
Presbytery & PresWIC  
meetings  
at Redeemer in  
Teays Valley**

Worship begins at 9:00 am, and the meetings begin around 10:30 am. Lunch is provided by the host church .... it's a great time to fellowship!

**Friday September 30<sup>th</sup>  
and Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup>  
PresWIC Annual Fall  
Retreat  
At the John XXIII  
Pastoral Center in  
Charleston**

This year we are happy to announce that our Treasurer Cathy Appleton has agreed to be our guest speaker! Cathy is going to speak to us about *The Fruit of the Spirit* in three sessions: Love, Peace, Faithfulness Joy, Goodness, Gentleness Patience, Self Control, Kindness

The cost is the same as last year.  
Pricing example per person:  
Double Occupancy \$39.00  
Three meals \$30.00  
Meeting space \$8.00  
Total: \$77.00

More information will be sent out over the next few months.  
Meanwhile **please mark your calendar's and come and join us!**  
As one of the attendees told us last year ....

*"The retreat was excellent in all ways. I am spiritually nourished, encouraged, and challenged to go home and share what I have learned."*

**October 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>  
"Amazing Grace 360"  
PCA Women In the Church  
International Conference  
in Atlanta**

*"... that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6*

*"Whole Gospel. Whole Life.  
Whole World."*

"Come and rehearse and celebrate the scope and surety of God's grace. Be refreshed in worship ... instructed in sound doctrine ... encouraged by fellowship.

Amazing Grace 360 is the full-orbed story of eternal life in Christ. Join together to trace our faith journey - past, present and future - and be challenged to live it out in transforming ways.

For women 13 years and up. Gather with others across the church to delight in God's redeeming love."

Conference Cost: \$145.00 before May 31<sup>st</sup>. \$170 afterwards.  
\$95 for students 13 - 18 years old before May 31<sup>st</sup>. \$120 afterwards.

Special Pre-conference Sessions:  
\$50.00 before May 31<sup>st</sup>. \$75 afterwards.  
(Friday 10 am - 3 pm, includes lunch)

Hotel Rooms and Suites: at special rates, are available to conference participants at the Renaissance Waverly, the Sheraton Suites Galleria and the Embassy Suites Galleria. Please register for the conference *before* reserving hotel rooms. Special web links to the hotels will be provided to you during the conference registration process.

Registration deadline:  
September 15<sup>th</sup>

Conference Teacher:  
Nancy Guthrie

Special Music and Worship:  
Laura Story, Kevin Twit and Indelible Grace

Visit: [www.amazinggrace360.com](http://www.amazinggrace360.com) for more information and to register online.

Just a note from Barbara: Ladies, if you have never been to one of these incredible Women In the Church International Conferences ..... *now is the time!* The experience of singing praises to our mighty God with 3,000 other women is so far outside our normal experiences that it will leave a lasting impression in your heart and mind.



**✿ A VERSE TO PONDER ✿**  
*"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation."*  
Isaiah 12:2



## COVENANT COMMUNITY



Shared by Carolyn Snider, from the ladies at Christ Community in Fairmont:

### *Sunshine Baskets*

Started by the late Carol Rhoades, basket-maker extraordinaire, and given to those who need a little "sunshine" in their lives.

The women periodically ask the congregation to donate small items suitable for a basket, giving them suggestions as to what to donate, such as tissues, lotion, soap, tablet, puzzle books, nail clippers, emery boards, deck of cards, mug, pens, devotional books, other small books, shampoo, etc. Carol always put in a coloring book and crayons, saying, "There is a little child in all of us and coloring can be therapeutic."

Each item is wrapped and arranged in a basket, trying to have at least 14 or 15 gifts. The ladies often put in a small stuffed animal, not wrapped, a ribbon on the handle, a card from the WIC. When the basket is delivered they always tell the recipient they can open one gift a day or all at once, the choice is theirs.

The possibilities are limitless with an active imagination, and if there is someone that you know who is on a very limited income, practical things can be given in the "Sunshine Basket" without offending anyone.



## FAVORITE CHURCH RECIPES

Shared by Sue Parker from Providence Reformed .....

### *Annie Guthrie's Scones*

2 cups flour  
2 tsp baking powder  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp baking soda  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup butter  
1 egg  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  cup buttermilk

- Sift together ingredients. Cut in the butter; add the beaten egg and buttermilk. Form into dough.
- Roll out onto a floured surface, forming a round. Place onto a cookie sheet, cut into 8 triangles for breakfast or 16 triangles for tea.
- Bake at 425 for 10-12 minutes.
- Delicious served with marmelade!



### ◆NOMINATIONS◆

### *PRESWIC NEEDS YOU!*

Are you searching for something meaningful and fun to do with your spare time? Do you have a passion for women's ministries? And for sharing the knowledge the Lord has given you with other women, not just those in your own church?

If your answer is "YES"! Please prayerfully consider serving on the PresWIC Council as President or Secretary. Both of these offices need YOU, beginning on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2011.

*Listen to your heart ...  
the Lord may be calling  
YOU!*

*And remember, the Lord doesn't call the equipped .... He equips those He calls!*

Nominations will close on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

### A MESSAGE FROM BARBARA

Dear Ladies, Most of you know by now that this has been very difficult for me, and that I made the decision not to run again after becoming increasingly convicted that 7 years is long enough to serve as your PresWIC President ... at least for now! It really is time for you to have a new PresWIC President! Someone with a heart and passion for women and women's ministries, and who can bring with her new ideas to share with you.

It is my prayer that the Lord will bring us just the right woman for this office, and I ask you to be in prayer too.

Do please prayerfully consider serving on the PresWIC Council.

I can tell you from years of experience that it will be a wonderful and enriching time in your walk with the Lord!

Thank you all so very, very much!



Thanks once again to Dave Fry of Covenant for all the work he has done for us on the New River Presbytery web site. Check out this and past newsletters at [www.newriverpca.org](http://www.newriverpca.org) Just click on "PresWIC Activities" and you will find the link there.

