

October 18, 2009

To All Women of the Church:

After an almost perfect summer, with temperatures more in the 70's than 80's, fall hasn't seemed to make up its mind as to what season it is! The leaves are finally turning colors and looking more fall like and soon will be crunchy under our feet. The recent Fall Festival at church got us in the mood for cider, donuts, pumpkins and hayrides!

We have had much support for the Women's League activities this past year from all the women of the church, from our dinner in December and tea in May to the rummage sale in April, plus various group sales. All are welcome to participate in all of our activities whether you are members of Women's League or not.

We have experienced interest from newer members of the church in starting a new circle for younger women of the church. An informational meeting was held on October 15<sup>th</sup>. An organizational meeting is planned for Thursday, November 12 at 6:30pm. Feel free to attend, even if you were unable to make the first meeting!

The Women's League calendar of events is.....

Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009- **Hannah Circle's Homemade Applesauce Sale.** Look for their table following each service.

Wednesday, December 9, 2009: **Women's Christmas Dinner** at 6:00 pm in the chapel. Catered by Karen Wirtz and Mary Pease, we invite all women to an evening of excellent food and soothing music. Tickets are \$17 each and limited to 72, due to the size of the chapel. They will go on sale Sunday, November 8, after each service.

Friday and Saturday, January 8-9, 2010: **The Annual Women's Retreat** at the Jesuit Retreat House in Parma. Almost 24 hours to spend on yourself in fellowship and faith with women of our church and St. Paul's in an awesome atmosphere and setting.

Blessings to all!

Patty Greene  
President

## WOMEN'S LEAGUE CIRCLE NEWS

**MARY/MARTHA CIRCLE (Group 1):** Our circle had a very dear and loving member pass away this summer. Marlene Rousch will be truly missed, but she will be with us always. We had our picnic this summer at the Witzigreuter's. The food, company and weather were all great and the lake offered lots of fun for all. This year at the Fall Festival we face painted and made scarves (we bought hat and gloves to match) to give to Haven Center and St Paul's church. November 15<sup>th</sup> we will be serving pancakes after the 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. services as our annual Pancake Breakfast continues. So save the date, and come hungry. We are a circle of ladies that are busy with families and church activities, and we are always open and welcoming to new members.

**EVE CIRCLE (Group 3):** This spring we supported Relay for Life by having two luminarias in memory of Barb Ice and Patti Longacre and enthusiastically stuffed a cooler with beach related items. We must have been thinking summer sun and fun .... Our May mission was devoted to Love Inc. We collected infant and baby items, running the gamut from diapers to wipes to formula and food which we brought to our annual dinner out at Legacy. Over the summer our fellowship and service continued when we hosted a Coffee Hour and supplied six main dish casseroles for Haven Center. At September's meeting, we shared our "what we did this summer" stories and enjoyed a lovely evening being back together. As the leaves begin to fall and we look towards the approaching holiday season, we are reminded of the spiritual and material components of mission work and the joy that supportive fellowship and laughter brings to our lives.

**RUTH CIRCLE (Group 4):** In May, our group met at the Rose Café in Lakeview MetroPark on the lovely shores of Lake Erie in Lorain. Our meeting was opened with a prayer. We discussed what we would donate for the Relay for Life Auction and decided on a *Garden Basket* with various items to be used in a garden. Plans were made for the dinner our group will donate to the Haven Center in June. Pat Rust thanked all those who were able to assist with the rummage sale, which was a huge success. Pat announced the Women's League offices for the coming year. Our meeting was followed with lunch at the Rose Garden. In June, we met at church for our meeting and our program with Bill & Bev Stives and their African trip. They shared their adventures along with their very professional pictures of the people of Africa and the animals of Africa. It was a very enjoyable trip through Africa for all of us. Our group signed up to serve coffee hour on August 9<sup>th</sup> and the members volunteered their services and/or cookies for the coffee hour. Thelma Usher updated us on shut-ins and those who are ill at home or have someone in their family that is ill. After our program and business meeting, we adjourned to the Legacy for lunch. Our September meeting was held at Ruth Willson's home with a delectable brunch made by Ruth. Pat Rust opened the meeting with a prayer. We discussed when future meetings would be scheduled and decided on a month to month basis depending on the weather and various other reasons. We also discussed our annual bus trip with the MetroParks and decided to cancel the trip we had planned in October as we didn't have that many members that were able to go and we probably would not plan any trips in the future. Thelma Usher advised that Doorstep Dinners were going to be provided for our member, Peg Pearson, upon her arrival home after six weeks at Towne Center for therapy after an accident. We were glad to have Peg and Thelma at our September meeting after their "summer vacations" at Towne Center.

**HANNAH CIRCLE (Group 7):** This summer we had a pizza party in Jane Traster's beautiful backyard with Peg Kneiss as guest of honor and entertainment supplied by Bev Stives who showed us how to blow big bubbles with various contraptions. Many of us tried it out later and impressed our grandchildren! In July we provided casseroles for Haven Center and made a donation to the Back Bay Mission in Biloxi in response to an urgent plea. We served Coffee Hour in August and brought school supplies for CRS. Our September meeting was held at Mary Lou Kirk's and we discussed making applesauce again this fall with money to go to our Mission projects. It will be for sale on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> after both services so mark your calendars now. Our next meeting will be at Sandy Field's on October 28<sup>th</sup> and visitors are always welcome.

**RACHEL CIRCLE (Group 10):** We have a rather exciting year ahead of us. Already we have heard from the co-founder of Blessing House in Lorain. This is an emergency crisis center for children from birth to twelve years. The children can be brought to the center for a day to several weeks to be cared for while the parent is having medical care if they have no support of their own. In the next few months we will review the book *90 Minutes in Heaven*. We will be entertained by "Kelly's Gang" early in 2010. and there will be other surprises along the way. We are a group of older ladies who are young at heart. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at the church at 2 PM September thru June. All women are welcome anytime.

**REBECCA CIRCLE (Group 14):** Rebecca Group continues its celebration of life! It's our place to get together and be thankful for ALUCC, our ongoing friendship and our monthly meetings at each other's homes where we come to share and enjoy. This month we celebrated fall and early Halloween at Shelley Marsh's home. Always fun, we enjoyed her authentic and unusual decorating and the wonderful dinner and desert, along with surprise seasonal "toys" for us. We continue our support of the Haven Center and the Thrift Shop and look forward to its great new location. Some of us sing in the choir, others volunteer at the thrift shop and still others enjoy all of the opportunities to participate in church life. We hope to continue together for as long as Good allows.