

Presbyterian Women

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Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, Presbyterian Women commit ourselves

- to nurture our faith through prayer and bible study,
- to support the mission of the church worldwide,
- to work for justice and peace, and
- to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom

To those ends, our primary activities in 2019 were as follows:

- Donated monthly allowance support and holiday gifts and offered encouragement to a cottage of young women at Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton, South Carolina.
- Donated 161 handmade knitted, crocheted and sewn items including: little dresses for Haiti; walker bags and afghans for local rehab facilities; baby hats for Mease Countryside newborn nursery; baby blankets for the Pregnancy Center; blankets for the Beth-El farmworkers.
- Managed a collection center in the south narthex for small collectible items such as aluminum can tabs for the Shriners, pill bottles for the Clearwater Free Clinic, and items for the dental clinic at Beth-El.
- Provided financial support to PW Church-wide missions through the Birthday Offering, Thank Offering, Least Coin and the Annual Mission Pledge.
- Through the generous donations from our members and through memorial gifts given in honor of our members that were lost to us this year, PW provided monetary gifts for Hurricane Michael relief, to the Margaret Day fund and to the Northwood Helping Hands ministry
- Donated gifts and provided funds for the Homeless Empowerment Project (HEP) in Clearwater, Northwood's food pantry, Beth-El Farmworker Ministry, and "From Haiti with Love"
- Collected dimes throughout the year and made donations to the Youth program and Helping Hands
- Led the congregation on "Blanket Sunday" to collect more than 219 blankets, 74 coats and jackets plus other miscellaneous items for Beth-El Farmworker Ministry.
- Donated homemade cookies and decorations and partnered with Northwood's Kitchen Krew to host memorial receptions and serve coffee one Sunday morning per month.
- Heavily supported multiple PW conferences and study opportunities including the Presbytery's annual PW Gathering in February, a Bible Study with Eugenia Gamble in October and the tre-ennial Synod Gathering in October
- Honored Sue Miskiewicz with an "Honorary Life Membership" during our annual installation service
- Hosted the annual "Gifts of Women" Sunday service in April.
- Sent cards of encouragement to homebound PW members.
- Greatly supported a Presbytery Meeting held at NPC which featured a speech by our Global PW Moderator, Jenny Lee.
- Contributed Women's Ministry articles for inclusion in monthly publications.
- Welcomed 5 new members into active Circle Membership.

All women of Northwood are welcome at any time of year to join us at our Circle meetings, Bible study and book club and to volunteer to make cookies for memorial receptions. It is a meaningful way to serve the Lord while making new friends and feeling more at home at Northwood!

- Circles are currently using the Horizon Bible Study, "Love Carved in Stone" by Eugenia Gamble.
- Pastor Chris Curvin leads a study the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am in room 5 at the Church.
- Esther-Elizabeth Circle meets the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am at the Church in room 5
- Lydia-Naomi Circle meets the third Monday of each month at 11:30 am at the Church in room 5
- Fresh Brewed Life meets the first Friday of the month at 10:30 am at the Church in room 5. They are currently studying "Fresh Brewed Life: A Stirring Invitation to Wake Up Your Soul" by Nicole Johnson.
- The Tuesday Project Day Group (Women's Sewing Circle) meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am at the church in room 13. Members and friends craft handmade articles at home as well as at their meeting.
- The "4th Monday Book Club" meets at the church at 10:00 a.m.