



ELIZABETH ECHOES

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Elizabeth

SUMMER 2010

THE DIAPER BANK

The PWP is still struggling to set up the Diaper Bank at Elizabethport Center. We are currently looking for a centrally-located drop-off spot in the Presbytery. This would allow PWs and churches to bring items as they collect them if Elizabeth was too far or inconvenient. We (the CT) will arrange to get the supplies to Elizabethport every 2 weeks or so.

PW will also be collecting diapers of all sizes and baby wipes at the FALL GATHERING in October. Bring your supplies to Summit and we will take them to Elizabeth.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP

THANK OFFERING

This Fall is the time for collecting and submitting the annual PW Thank Offering, **“Grace Abounds: Rejoice With Thanksgiving.”** Based on last year’s offering, the Creative Ministries Offering Committee

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IMPORTANT DATES

Sep 10, Needle Nite, Fanwood, 7:30 pm

Sep. 14 CT MEETING, 7:30 pm, Summit Central

Oct 16 PWP FALL GATHERING
Summit Central, 9 am to 12:30 pm

Nov 13 FAIR TRADE FAIR,
Cranford, 10 am to 2 pm

MORE INFO IN THE ECHOES

awarded over \$870,000 to 31 applicants comprised of 16 national and 15 international projects.

The Thank Offering dates back to 1888 and supports programs that relieve pain, provide clean water, alleviate homelessness, and generally lift up the lives of women and children around the world.

Please be generous when you give. If your PW would like to be formally recognized, please bring your Thank Offering to the Fall Gathering.

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FALL GATHERING

Please encourage the women in your congregation to attend the Fall Gathering of PW at Summit Presbyterian church on October 16, from 9 to 12:30. The cost for breakfast is \$3.00 and goes to Summit PW to cover their costs.

We don’t have a finalized program yet, but we will be focusing on mission here and abroad. We all have a good time anyway, even if we have to wing it. So come and see what it’s all about.

NOTE: We would like to honor the recipients of PW Life Memberships at our gatherings. Please call or email Amy Aaroe with the name(s) of any women in your PW so honored between January and September 2010.

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pcusa.org/pw for more info and free promotional material.

WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

[From "The Lighthouse" Aug. '10 Issue]

On Saturday, July 17, the first of the regional Presbytery Partnership Gatherings (PPG) was held at First Pres., New Brunswick. Due to the extreme heat and humidity, the group did not go to Johnson Park but remained on church premises. The plenary speaker was Richard Bizub, Director for Water Programs, Pinelands Preservation Alliance. His topic, "The Pine Barrens: 'Up Close & Natural'" provided a sound foundation on this unique New Jersey area using lecture, video and Q&A. Following a lunch provided by Elijah's Promise, Sean Monahan of the law firm Drinker and Biddle addressed some of the sacramental uses of water, followed by a presentation on environmental issues involving water, its usage, contamination, and ways in which we can "reuse, reduce and recycle" to benefit our landfills and water resources.

During social time women from the various Presbyteries in New Jersey joined in a songfest of music which mentioned "river" or water. The finale was a rousing duet of the Rutgers alma mater "On the Banks of the Olde Raritan."

The worship service was led by Rev. Phyllis Zoon. Joann Burrell was commissioned as a delegate to the PC(USA) mission experience to South Dakota.

HIGHLIGHTS IN THE PRESBYTERY & BEYOND

PW in Fanwood is holding a "Show and Tell" night at their monthly Needle Night. Fanwood has been holding these get-togethers for a number years and providing time for socializing and creating. All types of needlework are enjoyed. Bring what you are working on, or an unfinished project, on Friday, Sept. 10. Call Nancy Bassum at 908-754-3046, or Pat Lake at 908-232-8191 if you have questions.

Cena Pollitt is looking for unwearable wool sweaters. She will shrink them and use the fabric to make mittens for the homeless. For more info, call Cena at 908-889-2029.

PW in Cranford will hold a "FAIR TRADE FAIR" on Saturday, November 13, from 10 am to 2 pm. There will be items from SERRV, fair trade coffee and chocolate, home-made baked goods, and more. Do some Christmas shopping and help provide a sustainable living for others.

PWSNE

See the latest issue of "The Lighthouse" and the PW Synod calendar on the website, PWSNE.org.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please send the names and contact information for your new PW moderators to Gloria Hanewald by September 10. We need this data to publish the Elizabeth Presbytery PW Directory in time for the Fall Gathering. Thank you.

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