

# *We have served*

Preparing a yearbook which -

- ☪ Places every woman in the church in a circle so that we can be of service to her, and she can be offered opportunities to serve others
- ☪ Lists officers and committee chairmen
- ☪ Gives phone numbers and addresses of all women in the church
- ☪ Answers questions about our organization.

Providing the study book “*Prayer*” by O. Hallesby for our circles. A world famous classic to deepen and enrich the prayer life of our ladies.



Presenting Life Memberships to Frances Hasty and Dianne MacIlwinen and Service Awards to Susan Dunn.

Helping in many aspects of Vacation Bible School.

Taking responsibility for the Parlor and Historical Room furnishings by overseeing repair and refinishing of the large table in the Parlor. Receiving a silver tray given to the church by Oneida Bowles Bain.



Welcoming eight new babies of our members and presenting them with their first Bible.

Providing Chapel flowers for the 8:30 a.m. service of worship when there were not memorial flowers and providing flowers for special receptions and occasions throughout the year.

Keeping a schedule of Sanctuary flower memorials.

Preparing the entire church for the Advent season with beautiful decorations.

Visiting our homebound ladies and remembering them with cards and flowers.

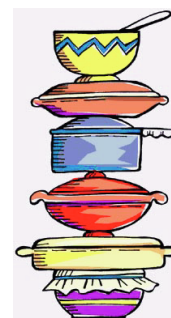


Providing meals for bereaved families and members who were ill, through our four comfort teams.

Hosting a baby shower to provide supplies for young mothers in need at Save the Children House of Refuge.

Remembering our college students with “care packages” and cards while they are away from home.

Seeking leadership for Presbyterian Women.



**Covered Dish Dinner**

Coordinating and decorating for the church luncheon honoring our 10 high school graduates. Presenting each graduate with a personalized Bible.

First Presbyterian Church hosted the Coastal Carolina Presbytery in October. Presbyterian Women Circles provided snacks for breaks and served lunch to the 250 attendees.

Providing a reception for the Confirmation Class on Palm Sunday.

Collecting an offering for our Birthday Objective, the sewing machine ministry in Haiti.

Supplying 126 baby blankets, 122 burp cloths, 157 knitted baby caps, and 28 teddy bears to Cape Fear Valley Medical Center and 31 prayer shawls to the shut-ins.

Remembering our departed women with a memorial service at our Annual Gathering.

Organizing church-wide collections for:

- ☪ City Rescue Mission
- ☪ Care Clinic
- ☪ Mrs. Green’s Home for Women
- ☪ Salvation Army
- ☪ Operation InAsMuch
- ☪ Care Kits for Mission Conference
- ☪ Operation Blessing
- ☪ First Church’s Clothes Closet



Presbyterian Women serve as Elders and Deacons, Sunday School teachers, Vacation Bible School leaders, office volunteers, choir members, handbell ringers, Stephen Ministers, Lay Ministers, and participants in Haiti and Mexico mission trips.

*All of this speaks of our love of God and our devotion to His church and its ministry to the world.*

May 18, 2009

Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Council met six times during the past year.

Bible study is a very important part of the life of our women. Our seven circles met once a month. Some met for traditional Bible study. Others met for sewing or for book reviews and lunch.

We held three combined Bible studies last summer led by Dr. Jay Coker, Dr. Randy Bremer and Mr. Andy Foley. The study was "Making a Difference: Three Women from the New Testament - Phebe, Eunice and Lydia."

PW continues to maintain the schedule for the Sunday coffee after the 10:55 Worship Service.

The Presbyterian Women met and exceeded their approved budgets for 2008-2009. The pledges received were over the budget amount of \$4,800 which enabled additional mission gifts. The PW also met all expenses, missions and projects as stated in our budget.

The full report on the activities of Presbyterian Women is enclosed with this brochure, under the "We Have Served" section.

The Presbyterian Women of the First Presbyterian Church have continued daily to worship, to study, to grow, to pray, to love and to serve. It has been a privilege and a joy to serve as your moderator. May God bless each of you!

In His service,  
Grace Hall



## Combined Circle Report First Vice Moderator – Sharon Buroker 2008 – 2009

Fourteen new members were assigned to PW circles during 2008-2009. The yearbook was published and distributed in a timely manner.

The members of the Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, North Carolina continuing in their glorification of God through their Bible study and their ministry for the church by participation in their circles –

1. Had an average of 12 in attendance each month.
2. Pledged over \$5100.00.
3. Made over 200 visits to those church members who were homebound, hospitalized, sick at home and/or grieving.
4. Participated in Mission Conference and Operation In-As-Much, Summer Serve and the Haiti Kit packing day.
5. Provided items for all PW and church project collections through the year.
6. Sent cards to homebound members.
7. Remembered college students by sending cards and/or "care" packages.
8. Provided cookies/sandwiches/muffins for special receptions throughout the year and hosted the Presbytery meeting in October.
9. Welcomed new babies into the church by presenting children's Bibles and welcome gifts to the families.
10. Distributed flowers from the Sunday services to ill or homebound members
11. Studied "Prayer" by O. Hallesby which was led by inspiring and informative Bible moderators.
12. Made 126 baby blankets, 122 burp cloths, 157 baby caps, and 28 bears for Friends of Cape Fear Valley Hospital. First Stitches also made 31 prayer shawls which were prayed over and distributed by Andy Foley to members of our congregation who needed some extra love and comfort.
13. Sponsored the Graduate Luncheon in June and purchased Bibles for the graduates.
14. Provided clothing, household items, and volunteers for the Clothes Closet.
15. Sponsored a baby shower at the Save the Babies House of Refuge.
16. Gave memorials and special gifts ( e.g. Minister's Fund at Christmas) to the church through circle Sunshine Funds or special collections.
17. The circles continue their project of interaction with Thornwell Children's Home in Clinton, South Carolina by sponsoring a child (Hannah Circle) and/or sending school supplies and other needed items for students.
18. Provided meals in the home for members who experienced illness or surgery.
19. Participated on the Comfort teams, providing meals for bereaved families.
20. Decorated the church for Advent and Christmas.
21. Made donations to Stanton House.
22. First Chapter studied such books as "Being Dead is No Excuse" and "Three Cups of Tea."
23. Donated funds for Fayetteville Cares' Military Baby Shower.
24. Prayed for each other and our families.

## *Presbyterian Women Annual Gathering and Birthday Celebration*



*Monday, May 18, 2009*

*"But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations."*

*Psalm 33:11*