



Presbyterian Women Purpose

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we 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.

REPORT FOR STATED MEETING OF PRESBYTERY OF YELLOWSTONE

November 6-7, 2009

First Presbyterian Church,

Butte, Montana

Thirty Presbyterian Women, (from Billings, Hysham, Forsyth, Miles City and Terry) registered on September 25, 2009, at First Presbyterian Church, Miles City, MT., and twenty women registered (from Bozeman, Butte, Anaconda, Dillon) registered on September 26, 2009, at First Presbyterian Church, Anaconda, MT. for the Fall Cluster Meetings. Caroline Fleming, CNADA, at Miles City and Rev. Mary Davis, at Anaconda integrated how "God is Weaving Wonders Among Us" during worship. The offerings received included toiletries for women victims of Domestic Violence and money to be used for diapers, gift cards/supplies for women who are in these situations. Featured speaker, Rev. Neva Rathbun gave a slide presentation on the life of the Roma in Eastern Europe in Miles City and presented a slide show on Foster Care homes in Beregszasz, Ukraine. Janet Guptill, Suzanne Bratsky, and Neva shared their experiences at the July 9-15, 2009, PW Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, KY while Mary and Leslie Stone and Susan Gibb shared their experiences in Anaconda. Updates on mission, "Together We Serve" were shared. The women were also encouraged in the Horizons Bible Study – Joshua: A Journey of Faith. Interspersed through-out the day was singing of new/familiar songs, fellowship and enjoyment of sumptuous lunches. In celebration of the gifts of women, we honored John Calvin's 500th birthday with a skit presentation. At the close of the meetings a drawing for a gift subscription to 'Horizons Magazine' was held. Recipients are: Ann Conley of Miles City and Leslie Stone of Anaconda.

In preparation for the PW Spring Gathering and the PW Synod Retreat, we have received permission from Presbytery Council to celebrate communion during the worship services.

Up-Coming Events for Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Yellowstone and Presbyterian Women of the Synod of Rocky Mountains

Spring Gathering - April 16-17, 2010, First Presbyterian Church Billings, Montana

PW Synod Retreat June 24-27 at Rocky Mountain College, Billings (tentative). Fliers are available at our display and check up-dates on website: www.yellowstonepcusa.org