

Presbytery Joint Worship Service

August 24th • 5:00 p.m.

Smyrna
Presbyterian Church
3130 Atlanta Road
Smyrna, GA 30080

Make plans to attend this
uplifting worship service.

Please bring finger food
for the reception following the
service, and fellowship with your
sisters and brothers in Christ.

From the Treasurer's Desk

Nancy Kirschner, Christ Community Church
Northwest Georgia PresWIC Treasurer

This coming year is going to be exciting and demanding as the new council works together for the purpose of reaching out and ministering to you. With this in mind, I ask that you remember to include the Northwest PresWIC in your giving during the second half of this calendar year. Using our *Constitution and Bylaws* as a guideline, it states that every local WIC organization shall be requested to allocate money in their budget each year for the operation of the PresWIC organization, with a suggested donation of one dollar per woman in their church.

Regardless of your ability to give financially, I ask you to keep your new council in your prayers.

Please mail all contributions to:

2374 Westport Circle
Marietta, GA 30064

In His service, Nancy Kirschner

Northwest Georgia PresWIC

Connections

Summer 2008



The purpose of the PresWIC is to encourage the women of the Northwest Georgia Presbytery to think biblically, live covenantally—fully equipped and serving Christ in their home, church community and the world.



For newsletter comments, edits or submissions, please contact Shari Hawley, member at large, 678-494-0696.

PCA Prayer Assignments

The PCA is divided into regions and we are in the Southeast Region. Judy Honeycutt is our regional Women's Advisory Sub-Committee (WASC) Representative appointed by the Christian Education & Publications Committee. Every year each region is assigned a particular subcommittee or agency within our denomination to uphold with our prayer support. The Southeast Region is made up of ten presbyteries located in Georgia, Alabama, and the panhandle of Florida. This year the Southeast Region has been asked to pray for the Christian Education & Publications Committee and its coordinator, Charles Dunahoo.

Specific prayer requests include:

- Wisdom to be good stewards
- Great Commissions Publications, publisher of Sunday School literature
- A generous Love Gift offering
- The CEP Bookstore as it competes with larger bookstores
- Regional WIC trainers
- Conferences (WIC, Men's, Youth Leadership)
- Children's ministry

Here to Serve

Do you have questions about PresWIC? Comments to share with the council? Please feel free to contact your church's representative or any council officers listed below.

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You are cordially
invited to a

Getting to Know You Brunch

September 20th • 9:30 a.m.
4101 Sandy Plains Road
Hope Presbyterian Church
Marietta, Georgia

Judy Honeycutt, our WASC Representative, will help us cultivate a vision for how a women's ministry can help the local church and the Presbytery.

We hope ALL 13 churches will be a part of this – our FIRST Northwest Georgia PresWIC function.

A PresWIC IS BORN



When North Georgia Presbytery decided to form three new, smaller presbyteries, the women in each new presbytery were encouraged to form new PresWIC ministries. Faye Hood from Midway was asked to lead in establishing a women's ministry for our Northwest Presbytery.

After approval by the Northwest CEP Committee and later the whole presbytery, an organizing meeting was hosted by Grace Covenant in Dallas on Saturday, February 2nd. At this meeting we discussed what we wanted to be as a PresWIC and four women volunteered to serve on a leadership council.

Our second meeting was a council planning meeting hosted by Page Whitfield at Smyrna Church on Saturday, February 23rd. Two more women had joined the council by this time. At this meeting we discussed what would be the first steps to laying the ground work for this ministry. We decided to start with adopting a Constitution and By-Laws and decided to use North Georgia's as a guide.

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Faye Hood hosted a brunch for the Council at her home on April 19th. We made necessary changes to the North Georgia Constitution and By-Laws and adopted it as our own. Wanting to involve all women from our presbytery in this ministry, we decided to hold a "getting to know you brunch" on Saturday, September 20th, at Hope Presbyterian in Marietta.

We now have seven women serving on the Council:

- Faye Hood – Midway, President
- Peggy King – Grace-Cedartown, President-elect/Acting Secretary
- Nancy Kirschner – Christ Community, Treasurer
- Shari Hawley – Hope, Member at Large
- Peggy Wells – Grace Covenant, Member at Large
- Sandra Westerfield – Midway, Member at Large
- Page Whitfield – Smyrna, Member at Large

The Council members feel privileged to serve the women in our new Northwest Presbytery. We hope we can help build a loving, caring community of women believers and provide encouragement and resources for the local women's ministries. All of our council meetings are open to any of the women in our presbytery and we welcome a representative from every church.

*To God
be the Glory!*



Report on the WIC Leadership Conference

Sandra Westerfield, Midway PCA
Northwest Georgia PresWIC Council member

Each year Christian Education & Publications (CEP) hosts a Women in the Church Leadership Training Conference. The conference is open to any woman with a desire to serve in women's ministry but is especially helpful for those who lead Bible studies and those who serve in local or PresWIC leadership roles. The conference is designed with prayers and hope that God will use the PCA to make a difference in the lives of women as they train and equip them for service to God's family.

This year three of us who serve on your PresWIC Council were privileged to attend the three-day conference held in Atlanta in late February. Faye Hood, Peggy King, and I came away joyfully encouraged and with thankful hearts. We came away with a confidence in CEP's ministry to provide biblically sound resources and training to PCA women in the church. It reminded us of the privileges God has given His daughters to be fed His Truth so that we might grow in Christ and in heart for ministry to and with women. We were spiritually refreshed and enriched by the sound preaching and teaching of

God's Word. It refocused our vision for ministry and for our personal growth in Christ. It was exciting to feel a connection to our denomination and to relationships established with women in PCA churches all over America.

I urge you to begin thinking about attending next year's WIC Leadership Training conference to be held March 10-12, 2009 at Covenant College in Chattanooga, TN. I would encourage your home church to help make it possible for the leaders in your local women's ministry to attend the conference. It is a kingdom opportunity that will train, equip and encourage them and you as we serve God and the women in our local churches.

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Women in the Church Love Gift

From the earliest days of the PCA in 1973, women have cared for and supported our denomination through the annual Women in the Church Love Gift Offering. The purpose of the Love Gift is to promote denominational connectionism and demonstrate our corporate helper design as women in the church.

From 1974 to the present a cumulative \$2.6 million dollars has been given as God has used women in the church to love and support the ministries of the PCA. Each year the offering goes to a different need or project in a PCA committee and agency. The 2008 Love Gift will go to help the PCA's Christian Education & Publications ministry support your church – and all the churches in the PCA – by creating powerful, relevant tools for generational ministry. It may not sound dramatic. It's not food for starving children. But it is food for starving young hearts.

America's young people are not hungry, but they're starving for direction. They're not homeless, but they are lost. This is the most unloved, unmotivated, unguided, unchurched generation in history. Your WIC Love Gift will help create:

- Life-changing tools and instruction to help this generation reach out to the next generation to form a biblically Reformed worldview
- Reformed, relevant, Bible studies for teens
- Electronic discipleship training resources
- Live training and leadership conferences for young people and adults.



To request the 2008 Love Gift video, please contact the CEP Bookstore at 1-800-283-1357. The video is available at no cost. Showing the Love Gift video will help to educate the people in the pews, promote unity and greater understanding of the PCA, and provide an excellent opportunity for monies to be appropriately channeled to specific ministry needs within our denomination. Free bulletin inserts are recommended. They are available in packages of 50 and can also be ordered from the PCA Bookstore.



Council Member Spotlight

Faye Hood is currently serving as president of the PresWIC Council for NWGA Presbytery. She has been involved with women's ministry for many years. Faye first served on a PresWIC council in the mid 1980s when the North Georgia Presbytery was just getting started. The past three years she was the treasurer for North Georgia PresWIC Council. When the division was made, forming three presbyteries in North Georgia, this council became the nucleus for beginning each new PresWIC.

Faye is a member of Midway PCA in Powder Springs, Georgia. She is married to Robin. They have two grown children and three grandchildren.

By vocation she was a Home Economics teacher and later worked in the family pharmacy. Now retired, she enjoys yard work and gardening. One of her favorite church activities is singing in the church choir.

Recently, she was spiritual mother to eight young ladies, as she led a Titus II Ministry group in her home. She found this to be a wonderful experience and would recommend it to others.

In speaking of WIC (Women in the Church) she says all churches have one. They may not call it WIC and they may not be organized but every woman member of a church in our Presbytery is a member of our Presbytery Women's organization. The important thing in your local church is that you work together, thus fellowship together and grow spiritually together as sisters in Christ. It is a wonderful thing to be a daughter of the King, willing to serve.

