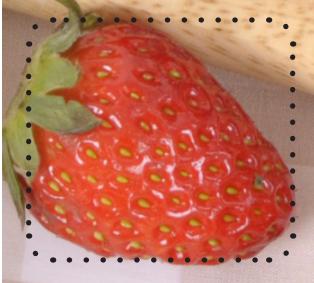


Report on the Leadership Training Seminar

Over ninety women from Metro Atlanta, Foothills and Northwest Georgia presbyteries met at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Decatur on January 24 for a Women's Leadership Training Seminar.



Presbytery Joint Worship Service

August 16th • 6:00 p.m.

Midway
Presbyterian Church
4635 Dallas Highway
Powder Springs, GA

Enjoy worship, fellowship and a special presentation honoring:
TE Todd Allen's 85th birthday and 50th year in ordained ministry.

From the Treasurer's Desk

Appreciation is extended to each local WIC who supported the Northwest Georgia PresWIC with a donation in 2008. God richly provides for our PresWIC through your donations so that we may in turn reach out and minister to you and others. Our bylaws state that "every local WIC 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 the church." Appreciation is extended to the two local churches who have contributed in 2009. For those churches who haven't yet done so, checks should be made payable to Northwest GA PresWIC and mailed to: Nancy Kirschner, 2374 Westport Circle, Marietta, GA 30064. Please check with your local treasurer to see if your church was one of the two who remembered!

In His Service,
Nancy Kirschner



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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Northwest Georgia PresWIC

Connections

Summer 2009

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.



Greetings WIC Sisters of the Northwest Georgia Presbytery

How exciting it is to be a part of the Presbyterian Church in America – a continually growing denomination that holds firmly to the Word of God. As PCA women we are often encouraged by Jane Patete, our PCA director of women's ministries, to be intentional about living in relationship with other women. Your PresWIC council feels the same way. Simply put, we want women to connect. It is our deepest desire to see us connect horizontally with other women in our churches and to connect vertically with God. That is why we are planning our second annual PresWIC brunch – to build stronger connections.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 29 and plan to join other women from our presbytery at Grace Church in Cedartown. Registration begins at 9:30, followed by the devotional at 10:00 with brunch served afterward. For the meal, we are asking each church to bring enough of a brunch dish to serve twelve – either breakfast bread, fruit, or a main dish.

Sue Jakes, a teacher-trainer and educational consultant for Great Commission Publications, will be speaking. She is a mother of four, grandmother of three, and has been teaching children, youth, and women's groups in the church for over twenty-five years.

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This year's speaker, Sue Jakes.



You are invited to a

Building Connections Brunch

August 29th
9:30 a.m.

120 W. John Hand Road
Grace Presbyterian
Cedartown, Georgia

(Go to www.gracepcacedartown.com for directions.)

Please sign up by
Sunday, August 16



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years. Sue serves as Christian Education Specialist for the Presbyterian Church in America; is co-author of *Heart of the Home*, a Bible Study ministry for moms; and creator of *Who's Building Your House?* a video study of Psalm 27 for women.

In addition to good food – both physical and spiritual – we are planning a fun time with music, sharing, and door prizes. It's a connectional gathering you won't want to miss! Earlier this summer, we sent you directions and information of how to confirm the number who will attend from your church. Please mark your personal and church calendars and talk it up among the women in your church.

With Anticipation for Many Blessings,
Your PresWIC Council

Faye Hood (Midway, Powder Springs), Peggy King (Cedartown), Nancy Kirschner (Christ Community, Marietta), Paige Whitfield (Smyrna), Shari Hawley (Hope, Marietta), Peggy Wills (Grace, Dallas) and Sandra Westerfield (Midway)

2009 Women in the Church Love Gift

From the beginning of the PCA, women have cared for and supported our denomination through the annual Women in the Church Love Gift. The purpose of the offering is to promote denominational connectedness and demonstrate our corporate helper design as women.

This year, the Administrative Committee (AC) has been chosen as the love gift recipient. Through its functions and services, the Administrative Committee helps tie together the people and churches of our denomination. Your 2009 Love Gift will enable the AC to serve you more effectively and in doing so it will strengthen the PCA.

Three resources that will be made possible through the 2009 Love Gift include: **Digital Publications** – once only available in print form, minutes and reports from the General Assembly will be accessible in digital form. A **New PCA Digest** – a reference guide to church members wanting to know about PCA positions on different issues. It was last updated over ten years ago. **Historical Center Improvements** – valuable historical records have been entrusted to the Historical Center of the PCA. The Love Gift will provide funds for new shelving and updated technology to care for these priceless records.

**WOMEN IN THE CHURCH
2009 LOVE GIFT**
PCA ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE (AC)

Visit www.pcacep.org/lovegift to schedule your church for the 2009 Love Gift video or order by email: video@pcanet.org. Be sure to include your name, mailing address for shipment and whether you desire a VHS video or a DVD.

WIC Leadership Conference

Along with over 200 women, three of your PresWIC Council members attended the annual WIC Leadership Conference in early March. Held at Covenant College, it was truly a mountaintop experience! PresWIC Council members, Bible study leaders, and leaders of local women's ministries across the PCA attended the three-day meeting. This year's theme was "Family Matters: Loving, Equipping, and Serving God's Church." The conference's goal is equipping

leaders to pass on their training to others in their local churches.

The Reverend Doctor Steven Estock, Associate Pastor of Kirk of the Hills in St. Louis, MO, was our Leadership Training Pastor. His teaching sessions on covenant theology left us with a richer understanding of covenant that will flow into lives and ministries as we reflect the glory of God and the unity of family life in our local churches. The breakout sessions gave us opportunities to hear how other churches do women's ministry to build a stronger church.

It is a blessing to be part of a denomination that values women enough to provide quality training opportunities. Think, pray and plan about who needs to be trained and equipped in your local WIC ministry. Then discuss setting aside funds to help send them to Leadership Training in 2010, February 25–27 at the Marriott Atlanta Airport Hotel. It will be time and money well spent.



Attending the Leadership Conference were Margo Foster, Sandra Westerfield, Faye Hood, Cheryl Lutz, Judy Creamer and Astrid Wilson.

Council Member Spotlight

Nancy Kirschner, a member of Christ Community Church in Kennesaw, is currently serving as treasurer of the PresWIC Council. She is married to Steve and has four grown children and one grandchild.

Nancy has been involved with women's ministry for the past 25 years. During that time she has served as WIC treasurer at two different local PCA churches. When reflecting on women's ministry, she says she has always enjoyed working in her local church and is grateful for the opportunity to serve the Lord at the presbytery level.

Having grown up in Indiana, Nancy graduated from Ball State University in Muncie. She and her husband moved to Georgia in 1979. She currently is a part-time bookkeeper at her husband's CPA Firm, Kirschner & Associates in Marietta, and is treasurer at Christ Community Church. She has also led a women's Bible study and co-organized the yearly women's retreat for her church. Other activities Nancy enjoys include reading and spending time with friends.



A Prayer and a Plea from CEP

Christian Education and Publications (CEP) is a committee of the PCA with the mission of *discipling God's covenant people* for the purpose of equipping His saints for the work of ministry. CEP has been commissioned to serve the denomination by equipping the local church. But financial challenges are forcing CEP to make hard choices.

In the last year many families and churches have had to tighten their budgets. As donations continue

to drop, CEP is trusting the Lord to work His good through all situations. Being confident of this, and of the fact that the Lord is using them for the purpose of equipping His saints, they are asking for our prayers and support. At the 2009 WIC Leadership Conference in March, it was stated that if each church represented were to contribute \$225, CEP's entire deficit would be eliminated.

Our Prayer Assignment: Ridge Haven

Each year every region of the PCA has a particular project or agency to uphold in prayer. This year our region has been asked to pray for Ridge Haven, the PCA Conference and Retreat Center in Brevard, NC. In 1978 the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America established Ridge Haven as a year-round ministry outreach to individuals, families, churches and other PCA organizations.

One of the special summer camps held at Ridge Haven is called Brave Heart. It is for children who are grieving the loss of a family member.

The following is a partial list of prayer requests for Ridge Haven:

- Brave Heart Camp
- Summer Camp Program
- Lives to be transformed for Christ
- Hiring and training counselors and staff
- For a new Executive Director
- Current permanent staff
- Volunteers for camp mission projects
- Conferences
- New marketing tools
- God to bring Himself glory in all that happens at Ridge Haven

In addition to prayer, you or your local WIC can help send an underprivileged child to enjoy a week of summer camp. Contact Ridge Haven through their website at www.ridgehaven.org or call toll free 1-877-862-3916.



Please pray that God would raise up needed funds and consider your ability (and that of your church) to make a contribution. Mail checks to Christian Ed. and Publications, 1700 North Brown Road, Suite 102, Lawrenceville, GA 30043. Or make an online donation at www.pcacep.org. CEP is a not-for-profit organization and will provide a tax-deductible receipt for any donations.