

# 2016-2017 DIRECTORY FOR DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Our Mission Statement: To Love God and Neighbor through Worship, Witness, Fellowship, Service and Discipleship.



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#### **PRAYER**

Unto you, O God, we give our thanks
And lift our hearts in prayer.
May your presence be with us
And your love surround us
As we work together as women of faith.
Open our eyes to the needs of the world
And fill our hearts with concern for all people.
Guide us that we may truly serve you,
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN

#### **SCRIPTURE**

"What we have seen and heard
We tell to you also,
So that you will join us
In the fellowship that we have
With the Father
And with his son, Jesus Christ."
I John 1:3

#### **BENEDICTION**

God, be merciful unto us, and bless us, And cause your face to shine upon us, That your way may be known upon the earth, Your saving health among all nations, Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN



#### DISCIPLES WOMEN

#### **PURPOSE**

To provide opportunities for spiritual growth, enrichment, education, and creative ministries;

To enable women to develop a sense of personal responsibility for the whole mission of the Church of Jesus Christ.

#### **GOALS**

Women's groups in the church began with the mandate to share the good news of Christ with all the world, which includes a call to Christian unity and the participation of women in the life of the church and community. In keeping with this mandate and recognizing the above purpose, the following goals should be kept in mind:

- 1. To enable broad participation of women of varying interests, ages, ethnic groups and lifestyles.
- 2. To study and interpret the message of the gospel and respond to the issues of the day.
- 3. To prepare women for full participation in the total life of the church and community.
- 4. To assume responsibility for stewardship of time, personnel, and resources.





# DISCIPLES WOMEN AT SOUTH ELKHORN



South Elkhorn Christian Church's Disciples Women have 3 Circles and several groups. The full time circles are the Martha Circle, Marys' Circle, and Priscilla Circle. Each circle is unique. They meet on different days (see the information under each circle for meeting days and times). Hopefully, the choice of days and times provide any woman who wishes to join a circle, with a convenient time to attend.

The Women's Bible Study, or "Hope Group" meets on Thursdays at 10:00am at the church during the school year. They study books which have been chosen by the group and increase their understanding of the Bible, Christian foundations, and encourage spiritual growth. Their service project is prison support and prison literacy.

Asher is a Greek word that means "happy or blessed" and is the name of our young mothers' group. Over a dozen women who are all raising young children within SECC meet one Wednesday night a month for a variety of activities at different locations. We have done service projects on our nights together, exercised, cooked, completed a Bible study, and watched movies, and often, we meet somewhere for dinner. Asher is still developing, but is primarily a wonderful support group for the young mothers at SECC.

The Well Group's name was chosen because this is a place for us to replenish and refresh. Official meetings are on the 2nd and 3rd Sunday evenings. We have a dinner out monthly and have a book study monthly.

# DISCIPLES WOMEN AT SOUTH ELKHORN (CONTINUED)

The president is chosen each year in June, and like the circle officers serves from July through June of the following year. Co presidents are Lizzy Brown and Angie Kerrick.

The Circles engage in a number of service projects and some of these vary from year to year and depend on the interest of the women involved. Projects for 2015-2016 included:

- Collecting used glasses for the Lion's club
- Collecting pop tabs and plastic caps from jars and bottles to send children with cancer to summer camp
- Supplying food staples for God's Pantry
- Giving baby, children's and women's clothing; paper towels, bath tissue, cleaning products; coupons and other miscellaneous household items to One Parent Scholar House residents (Formerly Virginia Place)
- Providing volunteers and magazines to the Shriners' Hospital
- Providing personal items to the residents of the Hope Center for Women
- Sending boxes of snack foods and personal items to our troops overseas
- Providing various services to Habitat for Humanity
- Providing valentines to SECC Sunday school children
- Giving baby and midwife items to Finding Freedom through Friendship
- Collecting soup labels and box tops for the Hindman School
- Providing Christmas for several families

#### PRISCILLA CIRCLE

The Priscilla Circle meets at the Church at 11:30 AM on the first Wednesday of each month.

Our Circle was organized during the mid 1950's. Until that time the CWF women's group was the only organization for women in the church. Two church ladies, Ann Priscilla Meece and Mary Florence Jones, thought there should be something for the women who worked or had small children - thus the first night circle was formed and named The Priscilla Circle.

Two of our present members were a part of that first group—Ann Morgan and Frances Stamper. At first, the Circle met in the homes of the members. Several years ago, we decided to change our time and place. Presently we meet at the church on the first Wednesday of each month.

Over the years we have done a variety of things in and for the church. For a long time we were noted for our candy booth at the Fall Festival; this was our major fund raiser for several years. All the candy was homemade and much in demand. Other projects have included- doing wedding receptions, cleaning in the church (the communion table, candle holders, etc), blacking out Fellowship Hall (an unforgettable day) preparing for Drive Through Bethlehem, putting up the Church Christmas Tree, and adopting special families at Christmastime. We also volunteered to serve the Church in many other ways-where we saw a need or when asked to serve in a particular way.

Priscilla Circle is not involved in many physical activities these days. Activities are more sedentary since many of our members are older. We give to God's Pantry and encourage others to do the same, contribute to the Heifer Project each meeting, and contribute to other circle and church projects. Our latest project has been giving to the Angel Fund which assists SECC youth that need financial assistance to attend certain activities.

Our program for each meeting is decided by the person who has the responsibility for that month.

#### PRISCILLA CIRCLE OFFICERS

#### **LEADER**

Nancye Smith

#### **CO LEADER**

Liz Short

#### **TREASURER**

**Shirley Sandusky** 

#### **SECRETARY**

Ann Morgan

#### **STUDY**

Materials chosen by all members.

#### **PERSONAL SERVICE**

Frances Stamper

#### **PHONE TREE**

#### PROGRAM

September 7-Shirley Sandusky
October 5-Juanita Keller
November 2-Lois Walker
December 7-Christmas Luncheon
January 4
February 1
March 1-Ann Morgan
April 5-Frances Stamper
May 3-Nancye Smith
June 7-End of Year Luncheon

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#### MARYS CIRCLE

The Marys' Circle meets at 10:15 AM for Fellowship and 10:30 AM for meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at the Church. If Fayette County schools are canceled because of weather conditions, the Circle does not meet.

Marys' Circle is a continuation of an organized group of women that began in the late 1800's by the Christian Woman's Board of Missions headquartered in Indianapolis, IN and the members of a board of Christian women in KY. They have always met in the mornings, and through the years have been known by various names. For many years they were known as "The Morning Group." Several years ago the name was changed to The Marys' Circle in honor of Mary Florence Jones, Mary Blanche Sandusky, and Mary Grace Davis.

We contribute yearly to the Disciples Mission Fund, Shriner's Hospital, One Parent Scholar House (single mothers residency), the Hindman School, Habitat, Blessing Box, and others as the need arises. We have a booth at the Fall Festival to raise funds for our mission projects.

We support each other by having prayer sisters, and also send birthday, anniversary, get well, and sympathy cards to our members.

Our monthly circle programs come from *Just Women*, a quarterly DWM program magazine that gives us a wide variety of Christian topics to discuss or from presenter's preferences.

Like the other circles, we welcome new members and encourage you to call Agnes Sandford (299-4717) if you have any questions concerning Marys' Circle.



"I am the vine, you are the branches; those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatsoever you wish, and it will be done for you."

John 15:5.7

# MARYS CIRCLE OFFICERS

#### **CO-LEADERS**

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#### **TREASURER**

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#### **PERSONAL SERVICE**

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#### **EMAIL/PHONE TREE**

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May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

#### MARYS CIRCLE PROGRAM

Date	Study***	Devotional***
Sep 6	Jane Phillips Introduction The Table and Beyond	Phyllis Rohlf Woman-to-Woman Lebanon and Jordan
Oct 4	Visiting Angels	Jean Gatewood
Nov 1	Offering Hospitality	TBA
Dec 6	Christmas Devotional Evelyn Cartmill	
Jan 3	Jesus Feeds the Multitudes	Madonna Hurst
Feb 7	Jesus Welcomes the Children	Paula Whitmer
Mar 7	The Last Supper	TBA
Apr 4	Peter & Cornelius	Elaine Vaughn
May 2	Sending out the Disciples Report about Spring Conference	Jane Phillips
Jun 6	Reveal Prayer Sisters Install Officers	Responsive Prayers Spring Luncheon

\*\*\*You may choose a study from *Just Women* magazine or one of your choice. For the Devotional you may choose an article from Just Women Magazine <u>OR</u> a devotional of your own choice.



<sup>&</sup>quot;Study to show thyself approved by God, a worker who need not be ashamed, rightly divining the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15

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#### MARTHA CIRCLE

The Martha Circle meets at 7:00 P.M. on the first Monday of each month at the homes of the members.

Martha Circle was started in 1994. It was begun for working women to have a circle they could attend in the evening. The name Martha was chosen for Martha in Luke 10:38-42. It appears as if Martha was the head of the household and had a business of some sort. She was known for her hospitality. Currently, Martha Circle members are using the book, *Lives of Fame and Shame* by Herbert Locklear, as a guide for our programs. The members take turns providing the program and are free to use any style and resources that they want to use. Martha Circle chooses a couple of charities to assist each year. During the past year, they devoted their resources to:

- 1. The Nest-Center for Women, Children and Families. The Nest is a local, nonprofit organization that promotes healing, stability, and well-being of children and families. Their mission is to provide education, counseling, and support to families in crises. They have programs involving child care, self-help parenting, domestic violence counseling and crisis case management.
- 2. **Finding Freedom through Friendship.** FFF is a charity that helps single Moms in Guatemala and helps train and support midwives in rural areas which have no doctors. Martha Circle makes a monthly cash donation to help provide food and to assist in building homes for Moms and children. The Circle has an annual shower to provide baby items to new mothers and equipment needed for midwives.
- 3. **The Hope Center for Women.** This center is a rehabilitation program for women who have abused drugs or alcohol and want to turn their lives around. The circle members give personal items, bed clothing, and other needed objects to the center. Each Christmas, the circle provides Christmas gifts for a resident and her family.

Martha Circle is also active in meeting needs within our church. The circle assists in keeping the CMC kitchen in good order and clean. They have made costumes for Drive Through Bethlehem and the Christmas Eve program and provided meals to the youth on Sunday nights.

Visitors and new members are always welcome.

## MARTHA CIRCLE OFFICERS

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Becky Burklow

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Sharon Woollam & Janet Warren

Committee-Lynn Perron &

Charlotte Postlewaite

**Member Care** 

Sharon White and Dee Campbell

Committee-Lizzy Brown, Pam Zwart

and Jo Kane

# MARTHA CIRCLE MEETING LOCATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Date	Hostess	Refreshments	Study/Worship
September 12	Adina Headley	Adina Headley	Adina Headley
October 3	Janet Warren	Charlotte Postlewaite	Sharon White
November 7	Sharon Woollam	Tricia Michalski	Janet Warren
December 5	Church	Lyn Perron	Jo Kane
January 9	Lizzy Brown	Pam Zwart	Lizzy Brown
February 6	Gaynelle Morris	Gaynelle Morris	Gaynelle Morris
March 6	Kay McAllister	Kay McAllister	Charlotte Postelwaite
April 3	Lois Walker	Jo Kane	Becky Burklow
May 1	Dee Campbell	Sharon White	Donna Nabors

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#### HOPE GROUP

The HOPE Group is a book study group for women. The group chooses a book or two each semester and Rev. Holly Fuqua, Associate Minister, takes the lead in helping the group study the current book. The aim is to grow in grace and to increase one's spiritual well-being. The group meets on Thursday mornings at the church in room 211 from 10:00 AM-11:30 AM. Anyone interested in learning more about the group should contact Holly at 859-223-1433.

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## ASHER GROUP MEMBER INFORMATION

Asher Women's Group was formed in 2011. Asher is a Greco-Hebrew word that suggests blessings or happiness. This group meets monthly in the evening at a variety of locations during the school year. Their primary function is to provide support for each other. They do community service projects and personal enrichment activities together.

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#### THE WELL GROUP

As we discussed possible names for the new women's group, there were several options tossed around. We went with *The Well* though, as this is a place for us to replenish and refresh. Our official meetings will be on the 2nd and 3rd Sunday evenings of each month. If there is a 5th Sunday in the month, we will possibly meet. The times are from 5:00pm - 6:30pm.

The 2nd Sunday will be a dinner out and a chance to replenish ourselves. The 3rd Sunday meeting will be about our book study. Feel free to join us, or if you have any questions you can contact *Angie Kerrick* at <a href="mailto:angiekerrick@gmail.com">angiekerrick@gmail.com</a> or via cell at <a href="mailto:859-338-5234">859-338-5234</a>.

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# HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

The history of women in the Disciples of Christ Churches was mostly laity work in social and political issues and supporting missions (especially those related to education) in Kentucky and throughout the world. In 1874 led by Caroline Neville Pearre, Disciple Women from many states met in the basement of the Richmond Street Christian Church in Cincinnati during the annual convention of the General Christian Missionary Society which met in the sanctuary of the same Church.

The women drafted a constitution and decided on the name of Christian Woman's Board of Missions (CWBM). They decided that the object of their organization "shall be to cultivate a missionary spirit, to encourage missionary effort in our churches, to disseminate missionary intelligence, and to secure systematic contributions for missionary purposes". They set membership dues at a dollar per year and agreed to have an annual meeting at the same place and time of the General Convention.

In 1949, the Disciples women created a new women's organization, named the Christian Women's Fellowship. It's mission was determined to have a three part focus: worship, study, and services. This organization grew out of the desire of women to have a unified program including personal faith growth and the mission work of the auxiliaries. Groups within the CWF became known as Circles.

Since 2006 the International Disciples Women's Ministries has encouraged local Christian Women's Fellowships to recognize other women's ministries in the church and to call them Disciples Women's Ministries.



#### KENTUCKÝ DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Currently there are 242 Disciples of Christ Churches in Kentucky. The Women's Ministries in Kentucky are organized by region and district. Kentucky constitutes a region and there are 9 districts in Kentucky. Various resources and services are provided for Kentucky women engaged in leadership positions in the Church.

The Kentucky Disciples Women's Ministries Cabinet presents the Spring Conferences for women throughout the region. All women of the Church are encouraged to attend. These conferences provide leadership training, Bible study, worship and service, good music, outstanding speakers, and fellowship with women from other churches.

Retreats are also offered annually. The Fall Retreats for the rest of 2016 are listed below.

#### **Fall Retreats**

"Love's in Need of Love Right Now!"
November 11-13, 2016
Barren River State Park, Lucas, KY
Lisa Caldwell-Reiss, Keynoter
Andra Moran, Sarah Williams, and Deborah Garr-Musicians

"Silent Retreat"
November 11-13, 2016
Knobs Haven Retreat House in Loretto, KY
Bonnie Fouts, Facilitator

Regional Spring Conference—TBA Quilters' Retreat, Jabez, KY, summer, TBA

Registration forms for the retreats are available online at ccinky.org. More information is available from your Circle Leader or Regional Office.

#### GLOBAL WOMEN CONNECTING

The World Christian Women's Fellowship was formed in 1955 in Toronto, Canada. It was renamed Global Women Connecting in 2006. This organization is comprised of women from churches around the world who are affiliated with the Stone-Campbell movement. There are three denominations: Christian Church (DOC), Independent Christian Church, and the Church of Christ. It meets simultaneously with the World Convention of Christian Churches.

The purpose of the GWC is to provide a channel through which all women members of the Stone-Campbell heritage churches may be joined in fellowship, prayer, study, and service so they may share the gospel to the ends of the earth.



## INTERNATIONAL DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

In 2006, the name of the International Christian Women's Fellowship changed to International Disciples Women's Ministries (IDWM). This group of women provides a channel by which all women in the Christian Church (D of C) in Canada and the U.S. may be joined in fellowship and in making their contribution to the extension of the Kingdom of God.



Ministry is accomplished through the executive committee in partnership with the IDWM Cabinet, Church Women's Staff Fellowship, and Disciples Home Missions.

Through the Disciples Women sponsored events, women are invited to share the Good News by:

- Worship for spiritual growth and renewed discipleship
- Bible study for greater knowledge, understanding, and service
- Issue study for action and advocacy
- Mission study for knowledge about, understanding of, and acceptance of others
- Service/action for hands on personal involvement
- Fellowship/networking for building the faith community with other women
- Leadership training for service to God through Disciples Women, the church, and the community.
- Stewardship of time, talent, and resources for the mission of the church

#### CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

CWU is a national movement through which Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Orthodox women express the ecumenical dimensions of their faith, working in a visible fellowship to witness to that faith in Jesus Christ, and enable by the Holy Spirit to go out together into every neighborhood and nation as instruments of reconciling love. CWU is open to all Christian women who witness to their unity through fellowship, study, and cooperative action. Ecumenical celebrations of the CWU are:

World Community Day (November, first Friday)
World Day of Prayer (March, first Friday)
May Fellowship Day (May, first Friday)

#### Goals of the CWU include:

- We intend to grow in our faith and to extend our vision of what it means to be Christian women living and working in society
- We intend to strengthen the visibility of the ecumenical community
- We intend to use responsibly and creatively the resources God has entrusted in us-our intelligence, time, energy, and money— as we carry out the mission of Christ through Church Women United

Disciples are represented on the Common Council of CWU by International Disciples Women's Ministries President and other Disciple women elected by CWU in their regions. Women can keep aware of CWU emphases and activities by subscribing to CHURCH WOMAN NEWS, a publication for Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and other Christian women, published every two months at 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115, at a cost of \$15 per year.



## PROGRAMS FOR CIRCLES AND PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR SECC

The circles have programs at their meetings and the topics are determined by the members.

Just Women (Embracing Life) is the official resource and Bible study for Disciples Women's Ministries provided by International Disciples Women's Ministries (IDWM) and the Office of Disciples Women. It is a quarterly publication that comes out in January, April, and October. The magazine has articles and features inspired by scripture, multigenerational conversations and reflections on healthy living, devotions, stewardship, and Disciples history. It is dedicated to celebrating the rich diversity of Disciples women. Study leaders also choose relevant topics from other resources.



The Disciples Mission Fund builds a foundation enabling Disciples to globally share the good news of Jesus Christ. This common fund allows the Disciples to pool their resources accomplishing a greater ministry. One congregation could not achieve this alone. Disciples Mission Fund allows a process of whole church stewardship supporting God-given missions at home and world-wide. Each year, the SECC Circles contribute to the Disciples Mission Fund usually giving in excess of \$2,000.

The Circles also provide support to South Elkhorn Christian Church. They clean the kitchen near the CMC, provide items needed in the kitchen, have made monetary contributions to the Angel Fund for youth, provided meals for the youth, and performed other services as requested or needed.