

# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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## Presbyterian Women's Ministries Welcomes You To a Year of Fellowship and Achievement

Happy New Year and welcome to Presbyterian Women's Ministries. We have a full year planned and exciting opportunities for all to join us in fun, fellowship, worship and spiritual growth.

You may want to consider expanding your involvement and volunteer for one or more of these events. If you need a friend to co-

chair with you, the Board will help you, with all of the previous year's notes to guide you.

We will be sending representatives from First Presbyterian Church to the Triennial Gathering for Presbyterian Women from around the world in Louisville, KY from July 7<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a wonderful leadership opportunity.

Please contact Moderator Ann Walsh through the church office for more information.

This is your organization. We want to make it rewarding for all ages and encourage all age groups to become involved in fellowship, study, fun, and service. I look forward to leading this ministry for my second year. Thank you for your support.

## Spring Women's Retreat at Menucha Scheduled for March 10-12

Menucha will again host our annual PWM Women's Retreat March 10 through 12.

Join your FPC sisters in Christ for this experience in fellowship and spiritual growth, lead by Samaritan Counseling Center therapist, Lyn Jenks, MA.

In this beautiful setting, we will explore the work of Thomas Merton to learn how to become conscious of and intentional about a deepening relationship with God and more aware on a constant basis of God's presence in our lives.

You can pick up a registration form for this event in the glass office, at the H.O.M.E. center, or on the nursery bulletin board.

## Highlights of October 2005 Annual Meeting and Tea

At the October 2005 Annual Meeting and Tea, the following was approved for disbursement.

Total Mission giving to be transferred from Trust Funds and distributed totaled \$7308.

Additionally, we will transfer the annual \$2000 towards the Triennium and honor \$300 in scholarships for the March retreat if needed.

All of our earnings from the Bazaar go towards our operating expenses. We do not charge a fee for the annual tea. The Spring Luncheon should be self supporting, with a plant sale contributing to operating funds. PWM has not earned enough to support our activities, and begins 2006 at a deficit. We have budgeted \$3000 in expenses other than Mission.

While we have made great strides to reduce the deficit in 2005, we have a way to go.

Start making items for the bazaar now. We did not have enough of a variety to sell in 2005.



**In all thy ways  
acknowledge Him,  
and He shall direct  
thy paths. Prov. 3:6**

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## Scheduled Events in 2006

Mark your calendar for these coming events in 2006:

- Spring Women's Retreat at Menucha March 10-12 (Katrina Halverson)
- Spring Luncheon and Plant Sale May 6th (Carole Mitchell). If you are a gardener or have contact with a nursery, we could use your help (contact Ann Walsh).

- Fall Tea and Annual Meeting October 7th (Chair needed).
- Bazaar November 12th (Jenni Bergemann). Start making your crafts now; we need more for the sale.

There are holes in the leadership for these events. Prayerfully consider your gifts. You know others will help you.

Consider giving us your email address so that we can email this newsletter to you.

## 2006 PWM Board Members and Staff

The following board members were elected at the October Annual Meeting:

**Ann Walsh**  
Moderator

**Ann Witchel**  
Corresponding Secretary

**Jenni Bergemann**  
Vice Moderator

**Sheryl Freedlund**  
Member at Large

**Sharon Brown**  
Treasurer

**Betty Jo Lee**  
Member at Large

**Suellen Bergdorf**  
Recording Secretary

**STAFF**  
Rev. Anne Stewart Miller



**Thy word is a lamp  
unto my feet  
and a light  
unto my path.  
Psalm 119:105**