

Spring Valley Presbyterian Church

2011-2012 Women's Programs



**PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN**



### **The PW 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.

### **A Logo with Purpose**

#### **Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ,**

Forgiven and freed by grace through faith, the central figure stands in praise.

#### **and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves:**

Rooted in faith, the trio of women emerge. The outline of the central figure forms a cross. We are Presbyterian women, engrafted in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is no longer we who live, but Christ who lives in us.

#### **to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,**

The right figure holds a book to guide her reading, studying, praying or meditating.

#### **to support the mission of the church worldwide,**

The left figure reaches out to care for others, as she shares, nurtures and heals. The circle represents the church worldwide where women offer their gifts and talents in the midst of the global community.

#### **to work for justice and peace,**

The uplifted arms of the central figure reach out to embrace a just peace for the world. The relationship between the three figures depicts lives of wholeness rather than turmoil.

#### **and to build an inclusive, caring, community of women**

The three women have no distinct features and represent all women. The shapes surrounding them express energy, strength and openness.

#### **that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

Our name, Presbyterian Women, ties us to our denomination. The Bible resembles the Bible depicted in the PC(USA) seal.

#### **and witnesses to the promise of God's Kingdom.**

Guided by the PW Purpose, Presbyterian Women witnesses to the reality of God's present realm.

## Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women (PW) is an independent organization within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) of more than 300,000 women. Presbyterian Women offers women in the church meaningful ways to live out their faith in the midst of an inclusive, caring community of women. For more than 200 years, PW groups have strengthened the Presbyterian Church and played a major role in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and witnessing to the **promise of God's kingdom**.

Presbyterian Women is a church wide group organized at all levels of the PC (USA). Spring Valley Presbyterian Women support the basis of PW at the Presbytery level through Trinity Presbytery, which then supports PW at the national level.

### Spring Valley Presbyterian Women

The purpose of the SVPC organization and programs is to provide opportunities for women, as individuals and in groups, to grow in knowledge of Christ and to be strengthened as members of his Body in our contemporary world, in order that they may understand and fulfill the particular responsibilities they have.

### THE 2011-**2012 WOMEN'S DIRECTORY**

The PW Council has completed the new directory. If you need to be added to the directory or if you need to make a correction, please complete the form at the front of the directory and turn it in to the main office. Or you may send your addition/correction to [tabarnes@sc.rr.com](mailto:tabarnes@sc.rr.com). Another printing will be done after we make the corrections.

## Circles

**Involvement in circle life can help a woman's personal** Christian faith to grow and be nurtured as women share with and pray for one another. Members must be willing to participate in prayer, study, and service and learn how to be accepting and forgiving of each other. Members of circles become a part of a small group in which they can be strengthened and supported in their needs, concerns, joys and sorrows.

A circle is:

where faith is nurtured and growth takes place through worship, study, friendship, and outreach.

where women are challenged to stretch beyond their limits.

where women move beyond the safe places of life and reach out to others.

where Christian leadership is born, nurtured and sent forth into ministry.

## Pledges

Presbyterian Women are asked to make a pledge to support the programs and missions of SVPC and the Trinity Presbytery. Your pledges are used at the church level to support fellowship programs, to purchase resource materials for circles, to mail Valentine Boxes to our freshmen, to support the USC Presbyterian Student Union, to purchase Horizon Magazine for our library, and many other programs. Checks may be written to SVPC Presbyterian Women and turned in during circle meetings or to the church office.

At the Presbytery level our contributions go toward benevolences such as:

The Birthday Offering-an annual gift in celebration of the Presbyterian Women

The Least Coin-Women of many countries and denominations seek to express their oneness in Christ by uniting in prayer and by making a gift of their least coin. The coins are collected at circle meetings and then given to the Least Coin Fellowship to be used to meet the needs of women around the world.

American Bible Society

Trinity Presbytery

South Carolina Home at Montreat

Thornwell Children's Home

**Other projects as approved by the PW's Council**

## CURRENT CIRCLES

### CIRCLE ONE

Circle One is new and improved! We will no longer be the "Cooking Circle" and will study the **Liturgical Seasons** of our church. This is a 9 session Bible study on the seasons of the church year, which follows the life of Christ. We will have two meeting times, one in the daytime and one in the evening. The daytime meeting will be the third Monday at 9:30 a.m. in the Library and the evening meeting will be the third Tuesday at 7 p.m. also in the Library. The same lesson will be studied at each meeting time so if you miss your usual meeting you can come at the other time.

Childcare is always available, and we welcome you to come join us for fun and fellowship! Please contact Kristen Davis at 910-286-6042 or Laura Shah at 463-2887 for more information.

## CIRCLE TWO

Circle Two meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month in room 307 at the church. We meet at 9:30 a.m. for fellowship and light refreshments. The meeting is called to order at 10:00. Our women are very caring and concerned for each other. Each meeting is opened with a time of **prayer**. **This year we will study the 2011 Women's Study-Confessing the Beatitudes.** We have a Christmas luncheon and bring gifts to benefit one of our missions such as **God's Storehouse, Thornwell Home for Children, the Women's Shelter, and other projects.** We also have a salad luncheon in May to conclude our regular meetings. During the summer, we meet socially, usually for lunch. Come join us and truly experience a circle, a true group of caring and supportive women. We would love to have you join us and welcome women of all ages. Our contact person is SARA SCRUGGS 788-0816.

## CIRCLE THREE

Circle Three meets the second Monday of each month at 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the church library. This year we will be studying Confessing the Beatitudes. By nurturing our faith through prayer and Bible study, we grow in the knowledge of Christ and become closer to Him. Our mission efforts include the Salvation Army Christmas stockings, Valentine Day boxes for our college freshmen, **the USC Presbyterian Student Center, and the Children's Garden.** We enjoy a salad/dessert dinner in May to

conclude and celebrate our year. We would love to have you join us. The contact person for Circle Three is LINDA GRIFFIN at 788-5194.

#### CIRCLE FOUR

Circle Four has two meeting times, one in the evening and one in the daytime. The evening meeting is the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the library and the daytime meeting is the third Tuesday at 11:00 a.m., also in the library. The same lesson is discussed at each meeting. This year the group will be studying Confessing the Beatitudes and Confessions and Creeds of PCUSA. In December and May the group enjoys a salad supper. Our meetings begin with fellowship and refreshments made by Janice Love. A short business meeting follows and we take up an offering to support the PW. Members are invited to make a small pledge that **goes to the Presbyterian Women's budget to provide for benevolences and programs during the year. We also collect donations for "The Least Coin" program.**

The remainder of our meeting is spent discussing the lesson and ends with prayer. The meetings last for an hour. The circle participates in several mission projects during the year. All are welcome to join our group of caring, supportive women.

The contact person for this group is Tracy Barnes at 736-4579 or [tabarnes@sc.rr.com](mailto:tabarnes@sc.rr.com).

## MEALS MINISTRY

The Meals Ministry group will meet the first Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the kitchen. This group plans and cooks casseroles, soups, veggies, and desserts that are stored in the small freezer in the kitchen. Deacons may take meals for their flocks as needed and other church members may also do so. The contact person is Amanda Uhall-803-447-0009. Watch for more details about how you can help with this ministry on the SVPC web page and in the bulletin.

### **The Presbyterian Women's Council**

The Presbyterian Women's Council is charged with developing and implementing programs that help our women grow in their faith. The council meets monthly to plan activities that will actively engage our women in study and fellowship opportunities.

The 2011-2012 Council members are:

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## YOU ASKED FOR, YOU GOT IT!

The information that women filled out on the Women's Survey showed that our women are interested in many different programs. Over seventy women indicated they were interested in joining an evening group and more than forty women were interested in joining a group that meets in the day time. Bible study was the top topic checked with over seventy-five women interested in this topic. Other topics of interest that were selected by a large number of women were faith sharing, prayer, needs of the working woman, parenting, caring for aging parents, beliefs and confessions, and the liturgical seasons. The **Women's Council has studied the data collected and is working with the Christian Education Ministry to address these interests.** This fall there will be three new opportunities for women to pursue these interests and more topics will be addressed as the year progresses.

### **WOMEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

Starting Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011, we will have a Sunday School class just for women. The focus of the class will be Bible study. We will begin the first months studying the women of the Bible. We will study scriptures that tell the story of the women and then discuss the story and how women today would handle the same issues.

An outline of the Women of the Bible and the scriptures for study will be available on the first Sunday. We will begin with Eve. To be ready for the first class, read the scripture: Genesis 3:1-16. We look forward to sharing Bible study with all of you this new Sunday School year.

Belinda Rutledge and Karen Coker will lead this class.

## **'GIRLFRIENDS AND GOD'**

Another exciting opportunity for Bible study will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month beginning in September and continuing through January. This Bible study is uplifting for every woman who feels she isn't godly enough...isn't loving enough...isn't doing enough...

We are inviting ...the busy moms, working girls, and retirees...all girls to join 'Girlfriends and God.' Laura Griese and Roz Catoe will lead this informal study. The study book is "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" by the author Joanna Weaver. The life of a woman today isn't really all that different from that of Mary and Martha in the New Testament. Like Mary, you long to sit at the Lord's feet...but the daily demands of a busy world just won't leave you alone. Like Martha, you love Jesus and really want to serve him...yet you struggle with weariness, resentment and feelings of inadequacy.

'Girlfriends and God' will be a group of women who will laugh, share, and uplift each other as they take this 12 week journey. The group will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, with child care provided, beginning on September 14<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, you can sign up at the SVPC Presbyterian Women's fall dinner, at the 'Time and Talent Fair' or e-mail Roz Catoe at [rcatoe@sc.rr.com](mailto:rcatoe@sc.rr.com).

## PARENTING WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS OF JUNIOR HIGH AND SENIOR HIGH KIDS

Jon Keyser and the Youth Council are offering a workshop on the Youth Kickoff night of September 11 starting at 5:30 p.m. This will be a wonderful event where the youth and their parents can participate in a fun and informative event.

The youth will be participating in outdoor activities while their parents will be in a workshop. A panel of people who work with youth such as school administrators, teachers, youth advisors, etc. will talk with parents and answer questions. This will be a great time for parents to be able to share the struggles and blessings that come with parenting.

Everyone will gather for dinner at 6:30 and childcare will be provided for younger children.

Cost of dinner is \$4.00 person with a \$15 max per family.

Other workshops will be planned for those interested in continuing in this format.

Please sign up on line or call Jon Keyser.