

CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF WOMEN

THANK OFFERING--collected in November and December. Dedicated at the December Communion service. Originated in the late 1800's as a *Thank offering to our Lord* in addition to the usual mission giving. Forty percent supports medical missions throughout the world. Sixty percent supports new areas of proposals submitted to the Creative Ministry Offering Committee. Special offering envelopes are provided.

BIRTHDAY OFFERING--collected in January and February. Dedicated at the annual Tea. Originated in 1922 when a special need was recognized at a school for girls in Japan. The offering is given annually to no more than five projects determined to meet the needs of hurting people who are chosen by the Creative Ministry Offering Committee. Suggested offering is one dollar. Special envelopes are provided.

LEAST COIN--collected at each circle and all special Presbyterian Women programs. Dedicated at the annual Spring Breakfast in April. Originated in 1956 as the symbol of prayer for peace and reconciliation in the family, the community, the nation and the world. Grants are given for special projects of evangelism, service and relief throughout the world, particularly programs for opportunity, development and empowerment of women.

PLEDGE--in addition to the church pledge, all women of Desert Palms are encouraged to make an annual pledge to Presbyterian Women. This pledge supports local and worldwide missions and our operating budget of PW at the congregation, presbytery, synod and church wide level.

Note: All offerings are included with our quarterly mission remittance to the Presbytery treasurer. Thank offering in December; Birthday offering and Least Coin in June.