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"Think Globally, Act Locally"



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Lakeside Treat

Attention all women! On Wednesday, August 8 the Glora Wysner Circle will be guests of Janet and Irwin Jennings at Lakeside. Becky Stewart will drive the church van. If you have not signed up yet, please call Linny McNeill at 740-507-5066. After the noon meal at a Lakeside restaurant, circle members will attend a 1:30 p.m. lecture, "An Alternative Holy Land History by Rev. John Wagner.



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Fall Rummage Sale/Bake Sale
September 5 & 6, 2012

Begin sorting through your items to bring to the Rummage Sale. You may bring them in the week of August 27 and leave them on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. Baked goods will be needed, too.

In spite of recent info that I am not doing further Rummage Sales, I want to make it clear that I intended, all along, to do the sale in September, but that will be my last one. My last hurrah, if you will. I am just not able to put in the long days. In addition, Norma will do the publicity for the September sale, as she has been doing all along. My daughter, Sue, will be my co-chair. Peg (McCracken)

Hidden Talents—Shirley Snyder Continued from page 2

On still another visit, Shirley decided to give Marsha a shampoo in bed but the pan spilled water all over the place and soaked her bed. They decided after that escapade that her hair washing was better left up to the staff! And again Marsha thought it was all so amusing. I guess it livened up her days.

Shirley looks upon those visits as grand memories of her friend. Marsha was such an inspiration to Shirley and was a study in faith who changed the way Shirley viewed life. And Shirley showed her true Christian friendship by spending time with her.

Shirley's nurturing nature has carried over to her family life, as she has helped care for her mother in her home the past 15 years.



Shirley with some of her landscaping.

For over 40 years Shirley has been an employee of the Snyder Funeral Home System and works in three of the fifteen Snyder Funeral Homes: Flowers-Snyder and Dowds-Snyder in Mt. Vernon, and the Fredericktown Snyder Funeral Home. She is the Head of General Maintenance and also the Hairdresser and Makeup Artist. Her maintenance duties are many: flower and shrubbery care, landscaping, redecorating, upkeep and cleaning the premises, etc. As hairdresser, she handles the hair, nails, and helps with the makeup and clothing.

She has witnessed about the Lord to many individuals from all walks of life. Why she feels led to do this: “Due to my funeral home work I am convinced that since we're all going to die, I don't want anyone to go to hell.” Shirley says “Because of the nature of my work I don't always have a long time to get to know someone, so all you can do in a short time is witness to them, tell them about God in a loving way. You plant seeds and you may never know if they take root, but you trust that some will.”

As you might imagine, she is frequently asked “how can you do this kind of work?” She responds “The reason I enjoy working in the funeral industry is that it opens up a world of witness opportunities because of the sad aspects of the business and having to deal with so many families undergoing personal trauma. Death to a Christian is a rebirth.” Shirley says the way she deals with death is that “God does not allow a death to occur unless more people are brought to Him through death than they would have been in life. God uses the death of that person more than the life of that person. When it comes to death, I believe that God is in control. God did not create death, God created life. Man created death through sin.”

Another thing Shirley likes about the funeral industry is that “during the funeral service the families are at their softest, most vulnerable point, and to hear the minister's words and the comfort of the service is part of the healing process for the living. Without Christ, it could be a depressing job, but with Christ it is easier to realize what a positive service you are performing for the grieving families.”



Shirley with her hair/makeup supply cart.

Shirley is truly an example of one who has been touched by others of faith, and one who now touches others by her faith. She acknowledges her greatest joy in life is her son Wes, her daughter-in-law Stacy, and her three grandsons Braxton, Jaxon, and Maddox. It is also a great joy for her to be able to work with her son in the business every day.

*Scenes from Glora
Wysner Circle meeting
at
Linny McNeill's home*



Left to right: Marna Burwell, Perry Brokaw, Barbara Humphreys, Shirley Workman, Maurine Scott, Marjorie Winkle & Carol Gore



Left to right: Helen Metcalfe, Bonnie Magaw, Elsie Spurgeon & Alta Smith



L-R: Elsie Spurgeon, Carol Gore, Marjorie Winkle & Bonnie Magaw



L-R: Barbara Humphreys, Carol Brown, Maurine Scott & Lee Dunlop

Highlights from the Glora Wysner Circle

~Shirley Workman

Perry Brokaw had a most interesting program and slides of some of his travels where he has had the privilege of teaching English and helping with Bible School programs. His program covered sessions in Russia and Bolivia. While in Bolivia he met the Methodist Bishop as they celebrated 100 years of Methodism in that country and, he also had the privilege of meeting the Methodist Bishop in Russia. This individual is bishop of Urasia as he serves both in Asia and Russia. Perry is now working with a delegation of Chinese students planning to visit Mount Vernon next month and said he is hoping there will be an opportunity for him to travel to China in the future. He encouraged all who travel to keep a journal of their trips, he has extensive journals. He ended the program with a question and answer session.



Perry Brokaw presenting the program



Linny McNeill, hostess for the day and Perry, program presenter.



We were delighted to have Marna with us!

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Deadline for the next issue is:
August 23, 2012



Dates for your Calendar

Sarah and Dorcas Circle will not be meeting
in July or August.

August 8: Glora Wysner Circle meeting at
Janet Jennings' Lakeside home.

September 5 & 6 Rummage/Bake Sale

October 26-27, 2012: Annual Celebration at Faith UMC, North
Canton, OH



Correction:

Maurine Scott stated we
have over 11,000 book bags
to date!