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*"Think Globally, Act Locally"*

# Wow!

## WITNESS OF WOMEN



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## *Dorcas Circle*

Dorcas Circle met November 10 with five members present. Joan Neighbarger was hostess in the downstairs parlor.

It was decided who would bring candy and cookies for the December 8 cheer basket construction. Joan said she would help pack and drive. We will have our annual women's luncheon December 1 at 11:30 a.m. All are invited to come whether you bring a dish to pass or not.

Virginia Kline had prepared a very interesting pledge service. Catherine presented it with the help of Barbara Jones and Marietta VanFossen. All the women had part in preparing a sheet of Our Talents.

Dorcas Circle will not meet in January or February. We are expecting unsafe walking weather! Have a Happy Holiday Season!

~Catherine Seward

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## *Special Program Given at Glora Wysner Circle* ~ excerpts from Janet Jennings' Circle Minutes



Lois Carter, April & Avery Hanners, Kathleen Breneman

Eleven members of the Glora Wysner circle and four guests met at the home of Bonnie Magaw on a sunny Wednesday afternoon, November 10, 2010.

Attending in addition to Bonnie were Linn McNeill, Alta Smith, Marge Winkle, Rosa Lee Hogg, Elsie Spurgeon, Janet Jennings, Shirley Workman, Kathleen Breneman, Helen Connell, Marcia Needham, Alice Bark and program presenters Lois Carter, April Hanners and Avery Hanners.

Kathleen opened the program by reading Psalm 100 and a poem called "My Creed" taken from a book once owned by our circle's namesake, Glora Wysner. Next she introduced her granddaughter, April Hanners, April's three-month-old daughter, Avery and Lois Carter, Executive Director of the Mount Vernon CareNet.

April Hanners began by saying that she and her husband greatly appreciated the emotional, educational, and financial support that they received from CareNet, at the time she was pregnant for their first child, a son who is now 2 ½. Because of their positive experience, they returned to CareNet for support during her second pregnancy.

The next speaker, Lois Carter, helped start Mount Vernon's CareNet, located on Woodlake Trail in Mount Vernon, twenty-one years ago. It is affiliated with a national network of 1100 agencies whose primary purpose is to offer Christian support to single or married women experiencing planned or unplanned pregnancies. CareNet does not offer abortion referral, information on contraceptives, birth control pills, or adoption counseling, but instead counsels abstinence, teaches abstinence strategies, prays with and for, and helps prospective parents prepare for and cope with a new baby. They also provide counseling for women who have had abortions in the past. Lois, the mother of five, was motivated by having worked as a nurse in Colorado when Roe vs. Wade became law and having seen firsthand the effects of abortion.

Not only the prospective mother but also the father has an incentive to attend CareNet classes and counseling sessions because by doing so each earns Baby Bucks that can be traded for baby equipment and supplies. Lois pointed out that CareNet is not the only Christian care network; Heartbeats is another one, but CareNet is the only local agency. In the past year in Mount Vernon CareNet assisted with about 200 pregnancies. The total number of visits—this includes the expectant mother, the father of the child, and other family members—totaled about 2,800. They work cooperatively with local doctors Stilson and Sullivan who refer pregnant women to them. Using a program called Dreamkeeper, CareNet works with the GRADs program in the schools. A non-profit organization, CareNet's funding is provided by eighteen local churches, a generous donation of \$26,500 from the Knox Community Foundation, fundraisers such as a spring banquet, the CareNet Walk, the baby bottles program, and private donations. There is no government funding. Lois brought brochures and passed around some of the items that they use such as models of fetuses at various stages. It was a very informative program and we were glad to learn more about CareNet.

Our next meeting will be Dec. 1 at 11:00 in Fellowship Hall. We do not meet in January or February, but will resume meeting in homes on Wednesday, March 9, 2011.

~picture of Shirley Workman

# School Bags - Sewing Love & Hope - One Stitch at a Time

During worship on November 21, at Gay Street United Methodist Church, over 100 School bags were brought to the altar for dedication by the choir children.

The Piece Corps had invited anyone who wanted to help sew school bags to a two day sew-a-thon on November 1 and 2. Many UM Women participated in this ministry outreach.

The first goal set was 40 bags, then they changed it to 70 bags to celebrate 70 years of UMCOR .....then when it was all said and “sewed” over 100 bags were made. To God Be The Glory!

Giving hope and love to young children throughout the world.

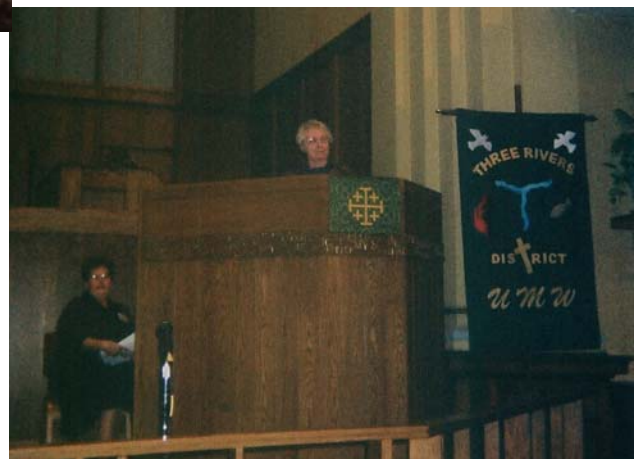


Choir Children bring school bags to the altar.



School bag sew-a-thon in progress

“Think Globally, Act Locally”



Marilyn Wyler, UMW President of Three Rivers District looks on as Maurine Scott shares about the UMCOR School bag mission work.



Blessed School bags— soon to be sharing God’s love & hope to children all around the world.



## Three Rivers District United Methodist Women Meeting

~Linny McNeill



Gay Street UMW delegation: Maurine Scott, Linny McNeill, Kathleen Breneman, Shirley Workman, & Janet Jennings

The Three Rivers District meeting of the United Methodist Women was held in Coshocton, Ohio at the Grace United Methodist Church on a beautiful crisp Fall day, October 30. Our Gay Street UMW was represented by the Gloga Wysner delegation of: Kathleen Breneman, Janet Jennings, Linny McNeill, Maurine Scott and Shirley Workman. Janet also got a chance to catch up with Irwin’s cousin, Nancy Scott who attended from Park United Methodist Church of Coshocton.

The theme was “Joyful in Missions” and our morning speaker was Pastor Jan Walsh, of the Conneaut New Leaf Church. She was an interesting lady, and she brought her daughter and another with her. Her presentation was called “A Unique Way of Learning the Ten Commandments.” She had an amusing style and had us laughing in our seats. Her general idea was to teach us “mental hooks” to help us remember which commandment was which number.

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Hold up one finger—only one true God.

2. Thou shalt not make any graven images. Hold up two fingers—a mirror image makes two images.

3. Thou shalt not take the Lord’s name in vain—three fingers—makes a “W” shape, “W” for words—don’t use words to slander the Lord.

4. Remember the Sabbath and keep it Holy. Four fingers—4 wheels—drive to church.

5. Honor thy Father and Mother. Five fingers together—makes a “salute to parents.”

6. Thou shalt not kill. Six-shooter gun—killer in the western movies.

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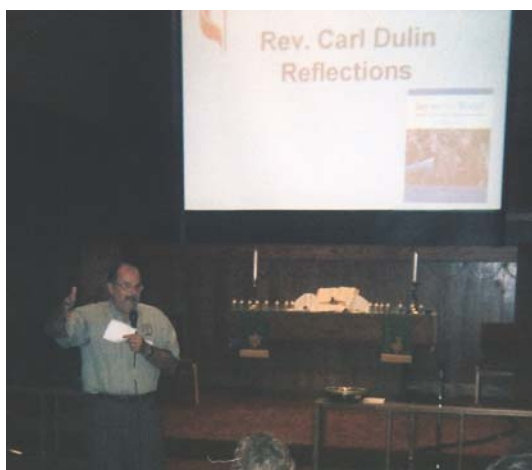
~Pics by Linny McNeill

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- 7. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Seven year itch—movie about adultery.
- 8. Thou shalt not steal. Eight fingers left when they cut off your thumbs in some cultures for stealing.
- 9. Thou shalt not bear false witness. “Nine” - in Hogan’s Heroes, what they yelled when caught lying.
- 10. Thou shalt not covet see 10 fingers— “gimmees” - we are greedy when we covet things.

After a wonderful lunch of chicken casserole, we returned to the sanctuary for our afternoon session, given by Rev. Jim Humphrey, District Superintendent of Three Rivers District and Rev. Carl Dulin, UMC Deacon and Mission Trainer. Their theme was “Joy to the World - Mission in the Age of Global Christianity.” They first showed a slide taken one hundred years ago of a 1910 World Mission meeting in Edinburg, Scotland, at a huge



Rev. Carl Dulin

church. They explained the beneficiary of a mission trip brings us closer to God, and sometimes helps the missionary more than the “administered to” folks, for the road to Heaven is for those who help the sick and poor. Mission work is always possible if you cannot go on a trip to help others, sew book bags, fill first aid boxes for Sager Brown, serve food to needy - such as Hot Meals, etc.

Carl Dulin told of his mission work in Armenia, a former Russian state, about the size of New Jersey. It’s the oldest Christian country in the world, becoming Christian in 301 A.D. Interestingly, there are now more Armenians living in California than in Armenia. Carl Dulin’s daughter, Carrie, first went there on a World Vision Mission. It’s the largest Christian Mission in the world. Carrie was killed in an auto accident over there, and he has continued serving those missions with supplies, coats, boots and hats to villages in remote areas. Salvation

comes when we quit focusing on our own wants and needs, and focus on others more in need.

Jim Humphrey spoke on the INS, OUTS and UPS of ministry—most churches need more OUTS. We need to go OUT and minister to others before they will come in our doors and give it UP to God. We need to be more open to all people, not just those who look like us. Diverse missions for a diverse world are important. Go out and find people different and share the word of God. A church of “Ten Thousand Doors” - open church doors to connect - a journey to change our world. Each door opens to a different concept or experience of church. We must not practice our evangelism to judge others. That’s how many people think “church folk” perceive them. There are so many ways to serve—touch young people’s lives, mentor, volunteer, teach reading to kids, tutor, help with Children’s Connection.

Do you realize “Women in Mission” was started by Jesus? After his resurrection, the examples of his female followers (the Marys and other women) went out and told people about Christ and shared the good news.

Our mission is the same now as it was one hundred years ago at that first meeting in Edinburg, Scotland. Our mission could be in our own backyard, perhaps caring for aging parents or an ailing spouse or friend. Mission opportunities are everywhere.



Linny McNeill and long-time friend Linda Oswalt from Danville UMC

~Pics by Linny McNeill

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# Witness Of Women

Deadline for the next issue is:  
January 20, 2011

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**December 1** - Executive Board Meeting,  
11 a.m. Glora Wysner circle meeting,  
11:30 a.m. Christmas luncheon

**December 9** - 10:00 AM Assemble and deliver  
Cheer Baskets

**December 15** - 7:00 PM Sarah Circle

**\*Note**—We will not be publishing a January issue  
of WOW!

EVERYBODY READ A BOOK IN JANUARY!

**February 1** - Deadline for turning in titles of  
books read

