

Women's Fellowship Annual Report 2009

For the past few years Women's Fellowship does not have an official board. As the last president, Jerry Rutherford has been our representative on the church board. Raising and managing the budget has been done by the women of the church who wish to participate. When the need arises meetings are called to discuss raising and dispersing funds.

We have funds in the bank which we continue to use for church and community outreach programs. These funds are raised by monthly Mini-Bazaars and other special drives. Programs include: Emergency feeding, KIN, KITH, Kitchen (which includes all supplies for coffee hours, Nursery Care on Sunday morning, Sibling House and Receptions for Care Bears (Memorial services, etc.).

New carpeting for the first floor of the church was purchased from funds donated by members of the church and supplemented by funds already collected by Women's Fellowship to use for special projects within the church.

We have designated February as Women in Mission Month. Last year we raised \$1200 which we divided between three agencies which serve women in need. They included:

1. The YWCA Angeline's Eastside Women's Center in Bellevue
2. Mary's Place (Mary Magdalene) in Seattle
3. UCC Women's Fund (National)

This coming year we will add Sophia's Way in Bellevue which serves homeless women. The service will be held on Sunday, February 14, 2009. An appeal letter will be sent to the members.

Our interim pastor, Ana Gobledale presented a monthly first Wednesday program with a variety of subjects which included UCC Mission in Africa & Australia; Celebrating Life---Preparing for Death; Women in the New Testament; Hospice--Caring for those we love; Church World Service; Memory Loss and Dementia; Trek to Nepal; A Faith Journey: Pat Roche and Social Justice thru Service with Joan McBride.

An open invitation to all women of the church to attend meetings when called; we urge your participation. Martha Baldwin is our treasurer and will have an updated financial report at the next meeting. (No date has been set at this time).

Submitted by Jerry Rutherford