

## TRINITY CIRCLE MEETING

February 19, 1981

The February Meeting was held at the home of Grace Van Arsdell. Circle chairman Nan Pangborn called the meeting to order. Grace presented a Devotion, based upon Psalm 125, written by Reverend Robert Schuller.

The Circle Chairman brought to us the business of the executive board:

March 5th will be the United Methodist Women's meeting. Our Trinity Circle will serve the sacrificial Luncheon. The luncheon will be followed by a Communion Service conducted by Reverend Jane Barton.

March 21 & 22 will be a Spiritual Retreat for Methodist Women at Lake Geneva.

May 1st will be May Fellowship Day sponsored by the United Church Women.

The first week of May will be our semi-annual Rummage Sale.

The executive board discussed the need for members who would be interested in making up a committee to serve refreshments for functions that take place in our church, such as, wedding receptions and following funerals. A suggested name for the committee was: Wedding and Remembrance Committee.

The kitchen stove will be replaced at a later date.  
(The oven should be operated by the maintenance man.)

We circle members decided upon a Sacrificial Luncheon Menu to consist of: Fresh fruit, cheese, hard cooked eggs and crackers, with coffee and tea.

Plans were made to remember our Circle member Dorothy Barnes

and Shut-in Mrs. Platz<sup>ee</sup>, with plants for Easter. African Violets were thought to be especially appropriate for them.

The March 19th meeting will be held at the home of our chairman, Nan Pangborn.

Our meeting concluded with the reading of the Deborah Chapter in the Study Book, Ongoing Journey: Women and the Bible.

Grace Van Arsdell

Trinity members present were: Nan Pangborn, Anne Johnson, Mary Carleton, Mary Ann Lyle and Jeannette Knodt.

*Jeannette Knodt*

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The March 19th meeting of Trinity Circle met at the home of Nan Pangborn at 9:30 o'clock.

The following members were present: Mary Carlton, Mary Ann Lyle, Jeanette Muench, Nan Pangborn, Jeannette Knodt, and one guest, Janette Kwitchoff.

Nan opened the meeting with Devotions led from World Outlook, entitled, You Can Do It - We Can Help. Based upon the theme of Love, and its many aspects, such as between friends, a physical love, and the self giving love which Jesus gave. True love for one another discounts the need to receive credit for our acts of love. Nan ended the thoughts with this quotation: "Unless we let God keep the score, the credit may go to the wrong player."

Nan shared the business conducted at the board meeting. The kitchen stove will not be replaced at this time due to needed urgent repairs. It was recommended that the gas to the ovens be turned off, and turned on only when authorized personnel are present to turn the ovens on. This should prevent misuse.

Monies are again being collected for Church Women United for the purchase of blankets. Our circle collected \$23.00 for this purpose.

Mary Carlton and Mary Ann Lyle will call on Mrs. Ploetz before her March 23rd Birthday. They plan to take her some cut flowers and a small remembrance from the circle.

Jeannette Knodt reported that Mel Barnes said that Dorothy's birthday is June 4th. The circle asked Jeannette to take to Dorothy cut flowers and a remembrance from us at Easter time.

\* We continued the reading of The Ongoing Journey: Women and the Bible. We read the Chapter entitled, HULDAH, who was like Miriam and Deborah, a Prophet.

The April 16th meeting will be held at the home of Flo Bash.

\* In preparation for the Thank Offering Sunday, March 29th, one member from each circle has been asked to participate in the service. Rosemary Skinner Keller, Assistant Professor of Religion and American Culture at Garrett- Evangelical Theological Seminary, will be the speaker.

Several of us will try to attend one day of the Georgia Harkness lectures. Wednesday, April 8th was suggested, for Bishop Marjorie Matthews, of Wisconsin will preach, and Rosemary Keller and Rosemary Ruether will lecture on the topic of, "Our Historical Roots."



TRINITY CIRCLE: April 16, 1981

Trinity Circle met at the home of Flo Bash. Beside the hostess the following members were present: Mary Carlton, Grace Van Arsdell, Ann Johnson, Jan Schneider, Phyllis Janis, Jeannette Knodt, and Circle chairman, Nan Pangborn.

Flo Bash led the devotions on the subject of Reincarnation, sharing the experience of Charles Lindbergh on his flight to Paris in 1928. The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

Nan brought to our attention several important dates: May Fellowship Day of Church Women United, May 1st, in our church at 11:30 A.M. This will be a Pot-Luck Luncheon..the Anniversary May Fellowship Day in our area. May 3rd will be the District Meeting of the United Methodist Women, from 2 to 5 P.M. in our church, with Linda Eller in charge of the program. (One helper and six dozen cookies are needed from our circle. Mary will help and Jeannette K. and Mary Ann will bring cookies.) Thursday May 7, and Fri. May 8th will be the Spring Rummage Sale. The following is needed on Thursday Noon from our Circle: 2 casseroles and 2 salads. (Volunteers were: Jan Schneider, J. Knodt, Nan and Deloris Walker.) The Snack Shop will open at 6:30 P.M. on Thursday. Needed: 4# Ground Beef for Sloppy Joe's & 2 cakes. (Phil Janis, Ann & Grace volunteered .) also, Ann will bring 6 sandwiches and Grace will prepare one batch of large cookies. It was also announced that an annual event, the Marcy-Newberry Spring Enrichment Brunch would be held on May 20th. A future date to be remembered: July 24-28th, the School of Missions, to be held at Rockford College.

The Treasurer's Report by Phil Janis was as follows: \$22.98 is on deposit and in the bank; the Courtesy Fund exceeds \$2.00.

Courtesy: Mary Carlton took to Mrs. Ploetz, our shut-in, a bouquet of fresh flowers for her birthday. Jeannette Knodt reported that Dorothy Barnes has had some serious setbacks. It was agreed that Jeannette should take Dorothy an Easter Lily from the Circle.

Concern was expressed by members for the continued use of the gas stove in the church kitchen. We recommend that the stove be replaced. The Memorial and Wedding Reception Committee has outlined the menu's available to members.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Jan Schneider, 254 Aberdeen, on May 21st.

*Jeannette Knodt*

TRINITY CIRCLE: May 21, 1981

Trinity Circle met at the home of Jan Schneider, 254 Aberdeen. The following members were present: Mary Carlton, Phyllis Janis, Ann Johnson, Nan Pangborn, Jan Schneider and Jeannette Knodt.

Our meeting was opened by repeating the Lord's Prayer. The minutes of the April 16th meeting were read by Jeannette Knodt. The treasurer reported a balance of \$22.98. \$9.75 had been collected in the Courtesy Fund. (*Flower Fund?*)

Nan Pangborn read a thankyou note from Dorothy Barnes thanking us for the courtesies extended to her. Mary Carlton shared her concern for a wheel chair resident living on Barry Road, *named Mary Wilkins*.

The date for the Annual United Methodist Picnic, with Martha Kirk, Hostess, was announced. Guests were asked to bring a salad to serve six, or dessert, and our own service. It was suggested that on that same morning, June 4th, which is the Birthday of Dorothy Barnes, we help her to celebrate her Birthday. Phyllis offered to make the Birthday cake, Nan the beverages, paper plates and napkins, and Jeannette purchase a gift for Dorothy.

Before adjourning the meeting, we were asked to save the date of September 10th when we will hostess the annual Autumn Membership Tea. Jan Schneider will be the hostess, and several offered to prepare foods for that event. The final details will be decided early in the fall.

After reading together one more chapter from our Study Book: The Ongoing Journey: Women and the Bible, our meeting closed.

..... - *Jeannette Knodt*

June 4th: the following members were able to be present at Dorothy Barnes, to wish her a Happy Birthday: Circle chairman NanPangborn, Flo Bash, Mary Carlton, Phyllis Janis, and her lovely niece, Anne Johnson, Mary Ann Lyle, Jan Schneider and Jeannette Knodt. It was a beautiful morning..for all!

..... - *J.K.*

TRINITY CIRCLE: September 3, 1981

The September Meeting of Trinity Circle was held at the home of Nan Pangborn on Thursday, September third. The change of date was due to the Hostess responsibility on September tenth. Mary Ann Lyle presented the devotion, based upon the sermon of Bill Kirk's, "God Isn't Fair."

Planning for the Membership Tea was conducted by Nan Pangborn, circle chairman. Hostess is Jan Schneider. Her



address is 254 Aberdeen. The hour is 12 noon. The refreshments will be:

Punch and Coffee; Salmon Boats, made by Nan and Phyllis; Finger Sandwiches by Mary Carlton and Jeanette Muench; Banana-Nut finger sandwiches by Jeannette Knodt; Fresh Fruit Bowl by Mary Ann Lyle; Cookies, Grace Van Arsde 1; Bar cookies, Deloris Walker, Janette Kwitchoff, Flo Bash & Jeanette Muench? Jan will arrange for the centerpiece, napkins, sugar & Cream, and will be helped by Jeanette Muench in bringing from the church serving pieces which will be needed to serve about 50.

All of the circle members had received letters of invitation to attend the first of eight study classes, on September 8th, 9 to 11 A.M. The study is sponsored by our United Methodist Women's Spiritual Life chairman, Mary Ann Lyle, and is entitled: Speaking Out for Women: A Biblical View. P. Siddons is the author of the text. Many members expressed a desire to join the study.

Phyllis reviewed our "financial status" and it was suggested by Nan that the Flower Fund collection be deposited in our regular bank account. *Nan asked the desire of our circle regarding a second U.M.W. hostess responsibility; continue with the*  
The following circle members were present: Mary Carlton, Phyllis Janis, Mary Ann Lyle, Jeanette Muench, Jan Schneider, Nan Pangborn and Jeannette Knodt.

The meeting was adjourned., following the announceme that Jeannette Knodt would be hostess for the October meeting on Thursday the 15th, and Mary Carlton will give the devotions.

*Jeannette Knodt*  
*Sacrificial Luncheon or change to one of the other Spring Luncheons?*  
*He decided to make a change this year and prepare one of the Regular luncheons, perhaps April.*  
*(Connected by Jeannette)*

TRINITY CIRCLE: October 15, 1981

The October meeting of Trinity Circle was held at the home of Jeannette Knodt on Thursday the 15th. Circle Leader, Nan Pangborn, called the meeting to order. Beside Nan the following members were present: Mary Carlton, Grace Van Arsdell, Judy Thomas and Jeannette Knodt.

Meaningful devotions were given by Mary on the theme of Friendship. Nan announced several upcoming dates and events in which our church women will be involved. Of major importance was the Semi-annual Rummage Sale to be held October 29 and 30. Each member will contribute food and plan to work during that week. All who are able to do so will work on Thursday morning followed by lunch.

Trinity Circle will serve two United Methodist Women Luncheons: December 2, 1981 and February 4, 1982.

Judy Thomas extended to all an invitation to attend the Judy Chicago Exhibit in Chicago, sponsored by A.A.U.W. on Friday, November 20th.

The November meeting of Trinity Circle will be held at the home of Jeanette Muench, with Phyllis Janis leading the Devotions.

The December meeting will be at the home of Nan Pangborn; Grace Van Arsdell offered her home for our April 15th meeting.

Jeannette Knodt was asked to bring a Thanksgiving card for Dorothy Barnes and bring to the next meeting for all members to sign.

We will continue our study of The Ongoing Journey: Women and the Bible at our November meeting, with Mary & Martha, in Section III. The meeting was adjourned.

- Jeannette Knodt



## TRINITY CIRCLE

November 19, 1981

The November Meeting of Trinity Circle was held at the home of Phyllis Janis. Beside the hostess the following members were present: Dorothy Barnes, Mary Carlton, Anne Johnson, Shirley Blue, Jeanette Kwitchoff, Mary Ann Lyle, Jan Schneider, Grace Van Arsdell, Chairman Nan Pangborn and Jeannette Knodt.

Following the reading of the Minutes, Phil Janis reminded us that December would be the closing month for the 1981 payment of our United Methodist Women pledges. A total of \$31.32 is our circle treasury balance.

Nan announced that \$3,444.00 was realized from the autumn Rummage Sale. From that amount will be subtracted about \$100.00 in expenses, making this one of the most successful sales in many years.

A certain amount of the earnings will be used to hire a professional to make a Master Plan for the renovation of the church kitchen. A "clean-up" day for the kitchen will be announced at a later date.

The possibility of a Women's Retreat led by Jane Barton has been discussed in the Tuesday morning Bible Class. Several members of Trinity Circle were interested. A new book for the Study Class will soon be started. All of us are encouraged to participate.

The November date for <sup>the</sup> Judy Chicago exhibit has been changed to sometime following the first of the New Year.

Anne Johnson offered to present the Devotions for the United Methodist Women's meeting in February. Trinity Circle will serve the Luncheon February 4<sup>th</sup> (date).

Mary Ann Lyle shared with us the plans for a Christmas Party for Inner City School Children, given annually by teacher Sue Duncan and five friends, with the financial help of their husbands. Sixty children are involved. The circle voted to give \$25.00 to Mary Ann for her use, and each member was given a name of a student for whom a gift will be purchased. A collection was taken for our treasury.

We continued our study of Women of the Bible by reading Phyllis Janis closed the meeting with meaningful thought expressed by Moorhead Kennedy, one of the Iranian hostages. The whole problem of Church and State in foreign cultures needs to be explored. He and his wife will devote to the Episcopal Church their expertise in this area.

*Jeannette Knodt*

the chapter on Mary and Martha.



### Trinity Circle

The December 16th Christmas Meeting of Trinity Circle was held at the home of Nan Pangborn at 10 o'clock. The following members were present: Dorothy Barnes, Flo Bash, Shirley Blue, Mary Carlton, Phyllis Janis, Anne Johnson, Mary Ann Lyle, Jeanette Muench, Grace Van Arsdell and Jeannette Knodt.

Nan Pangborn,

The Christmas Devotions were led by *Anne Johnson*

The minutes of the November Meeting were read, and Phyllis Janis, treasurer, reminded us that all 1981 pledges were due. The new year will begin our 1982 pledge.

We were reminded of the January Blood Drive for Red Cross. That will also be the subject of ~~the January~~ <sup>our</sup> United Methodist Women's program on January 7th.

Mary Ann Lyle shared with us the excitement of the Christmas Party held for the Inner City School children. This is an annual event to which we contributed gifts for the children.

The hostesses for our Trinity Circle meetings are as follows: January 21, Anne Johnson; February 13, Shirley Blue; March 18, Jeanette Muench and April 15, Grace Van Arsdell.

We will be the hostess circle for the February 4th Luncheon Meeting of our United Methodist Women. Anne Johnson will give the Devotions for this meeting. We were asked by Nan to bring to our January circle meeting ~~and~~ Menu Ideas that might be used for the February Luncheon.

We closed our meeting and retired to Nan's dining room for a delicious Christmas luncheon. This was truly a very special occasion for our circle.

*Jeannette Knodt*  
Secretary