

21 January 1965

Grace Circle met at the church on January 21, 1965, with 24 members and guests present.

*Ruth Pate & Elise Hurst Hodges*  
The treasurer's report was read showing a balance as of December of \$98.75. Receipts were as follows: Pledges \$19.00, Marcy-Newberry Avenue \$5.40, the luncheon \$60.00, Sunshine fund \$4.05, making a total ~~balance~~ of \$187.20. \$26.00 was paid out for the luncheon, leaving a balance of \$160.49.

~~The treasurer's report was approved as read.~~

It was announced that our circle will serve the March WSCS luncheon and Pat asked for suggestions for casseroles and salads.

It was agreed to have a bridge party on February 11, and Jean Obenhouse offered her home.

Devotions were given by Vera Cogswell.

Our program consisted of a playlet, with the following actors and narrators: Julia, Singer, Jeannette Knodt, Miriam Bechtol, Gladys Dickelman, Trudy LeFevre, Jean Obenhouse, Mary Ann Shultz, Pat Rockwood, Dorothy Blickle, Hazel Sanders, and Jackie Rieke.

The meeting then adjourned.

Dorothy Barnes, Secretary

18 February 1965

Grace Circle met at the church on February 18 with 15 members and guests present. Our hostesses were Jacquie Rieke and Evelyn Grant.

After calling the meeting to order, Pat Rockwood asked if any of us would be willing to transfer to an afternoon circle or to the other morning circle since some of these circles are in need of additional members. No one volunteered.

Pat appointed the present officers of the circle as the nominating committee.

There were a number of announcements with reference to March meetings.

The secretary's minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$26.96. The report was approved.

Devotions were given by Dottie Blickel.

Our guest speaker was Miss Kathleen Brandes who told us about her two year tour of duty with the Peace Corps in Liberia.

The meeting then adjourned.

Dorothy Barnes, Secretary

18 March 1965

Grace Circle met at the church on March 18, with 15 members present. Our hostesses were Helen Stiehl and Dorothy Barnes.

The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report showed a balance in our treasury of \$60.42. Our treasurer, Jean Brown, said that our pledge to WSCS of \$210. has been paid in full.

Chairman Pat Rockwood stated that our circle will dress a doll for the Lake Bluff bazaar. We are asked to make clothes or knit garments for this doll; or, in lieu of that, donate some money to buy extra shoes, skates, etc. for the doll. The doll will be sold at a silent auction.

Pat had tickets available for the Mother-Daughter tea and fashion show, to be held May 2nd at 3 p.m.

Evie Grant said she would not be available to work at the rummage sale and asked that someone volunteer to take her place as the representative of our circle. Audrey Robbins offered to do this.

Pat said that since a nominating committee had been appointed <sup>in 1963</sup> to serve two years that they would act as our committee this year to nominate officers for this circle. This committee consists of "ilma Linder, Mary Ann Shultz and Madelyn Green. Since Madelyn is not available to serve Pat Rockwood will serve in her stead.

Our devotions were given by Eloise Hurst.

For our program Jacquie Rieke led a discussion period, using the theme 'A look at ourselves as Christian Women'.

The meeting then adjourned.

Dorothy Barnes, Sec'y



15 April 1965

Grace Circle met at the church on April 15 with 12 members present. Our hostesses were Dorothy Blickle and Virginia Baker.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read. The treasurer's report showed a balance in the treasury of \$42.54. A motion was made and passed that we keep \$25.00 in our account and turn over the remainder to the Woman's Society.

Dottie Blickle offered her home for the May meeting.

Chairman Pat Rockwood read the report of the nominating committee nominating the following slate of officers for the next two years:

President, Miriam Bechtol  
Program chairman, Virginia Baker and Jean Obenhouse  
Spiritual Life, Katherine Stewart  
Secretary, Eloise Hurst  
Treasurer, Norma Robinson  
Nominating committee, Julia Singer, Jeannette Knodt and Miriam Bechtol

They were elected by unanimous vote.

Devotions were given by Evelyn Olson and our program was a talk by Reverend Olson on the subject: How to Interpret Death to Children. A question and answer session followed.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Dorothy Barnes, Secretary

20 May 1965

Grace Circle met at the home of Dorothy Blickle on May 20, with 18 members and one guest present.

The meeting was called to order by Pat Rockwood who made a few announcements concerning WSCS coming events.

The secretary's minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report showed a balance in our treasury of \$48.64.

Gladys Dickleman said that the Experiment in International Living ~~will~~ begin July 22 and end August 15 and that the Barrington guests will be German professional persons. Anyone interested was asked to offer her home.

Miriam Bechtol said that college or high school age boys and girls are needed for the migrant worker program this summer.

Devotions were given by Eloise Hurst. Our program was given by Mary Ann Shultz who described the program and work of the secretary of campus ministry of our church and what the church is trying to do to help the spiritual growth of our college age young people. A discussion period followed the program.

Assisting Dorothy Blickle as hostess were Jackie Rieke and Trudy LeFevre.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Dorothy Barnes,  
Secretary

The September 16 meeting of Grace Circle was called to order by it's new president Eloise Hurst. Our previously elected president Miriam Bechtel moved away during the summer. A guest, Mrs. Skinner (Jeannine Bowen's mother) was introduced, and a former member, Anna Mae Walters, was welcomed back into the group.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Our treasurer, Norma Robinson reported \$25.59 in the treasury.

The annual fall rummage sale will be held in The former Gartner store on N.W. Highway on October 22 and 23rd. Consequently our October meeting will held on The 2nd instead of The 3rd Thursday or October 14.

Pat Rockwood announced that the Lake Bluff Harvest Festival will be held ~~held~~ on September 24 with luncheon served from 11-1.

Devotions were given by Pat Rockwood.

Ginny Baker, co-program- chairman introduced Miss Violet Carlson, our new Director of Religious Education, who explained the purpose and outlined the content of the new Methodist curriculum, which has been used in our church school for the past year ~~for~~ <sup>from</sup> two year-olds level ~~and~~ up. She showed us the ~~newly~~ recently published Young Reader's Bible which is edited by Methodist Cokesbury editors and is intended for the use of younger children - It is hoped that they can be given to our third grade children as is the custom in our church.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeannine Bowen  
Secretary



The October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of Grace Circle was called to order by Jean Overhouse, in the absence of Eloise Hurst. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer, Norma Robinson reported \$71.99 in the Treasury.

Mrs. Overhouse, Jean Overhouse's mother-in-law was introduced as a guest.

Dot Woodsome questioned the feasibility of continuing a bake sale in connection with our rummage sales. It was suggested that they be continued in the future, but that baked goods be augmented by pantry and gourmet foods both canned and frozen.

Mary Ann Schultz reported on the WSCS Board Meeting. The church has learned of a needy family in Barrington for whom Grace Circle might bring canned food to circle meeting. A

Acclaiming committee was formed for WSCS meetings and luncheons.

The Flemings, missionaries in Nepal, need help in the form of food and crayons. It was suggested that each circle pick a month to send a package. We tentatively picked March.

Pat Rockwood told us about the Lake Bluff Harvest Festival in September at which our doll and wardrobe went for \$17.50 at the silent auction.

The devotions were given by Kathy Stewart.

Mrs. William Sinclair, our speaker, told us about The Experiment in International Living, which is sponsored by in Barrington by our Commission on Social Concerns. The only church

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sponsored chapter in the country. The  
Sinclairs headed a group of ten Barrington  
families of various denominations who welcomed  
eleven German professional men and women  
into their homes for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  weeks last summer.  
Three of these families are represented in Grace  
Circle, namely: The Bowers, Olenhouses and  
Robinsons.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannine Bowen  
Secretary.



The November meeting of Grace Circle opened with devotions given by Helen Stehle.

Pat Rockwood introduced our speaker: Mr. Nicholas, Supervisor of Residential Services at Lake Bluff.

Mr. Nicholas outlined several current national trends in institutional care illustrating his points with references to Lake Bluff.

1) Children in these institutions are more disturbed now, and are usually more hostile toward women than men.

2) The quality of institution staffs is being upgraded, and working and living conditions for staff members are being improved.

Norma Robinson, Treasurer, reported \$81.84 in the Treasury. Circle Grace members voted to send a check to Lake Bluff with a note to Mr. Nicholas as a token of our appreciation for his talk.

\$2404.42 was made during the fall rummage sale.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Bowen  
Secretary

The Christmas meeting of Grace Circle was held on December 16 in the home of Jeannine Bowen.

Norma Robinson, treasurer, reported \$94.84 in the treasury. Norma's mother, Mrs. Bardail, was introduced as our guest.

~~The~~ Means of helping the needy Wilson family, a negro family with 12 children living south of Barrington were discussed. Grace Circle has been asked by WSCS Board to adopt and help them. Circle members decided to give 14 pounds of food left over from the box sent to Nepal to the Wilson family immediately.

Jeannine Bowen read the short book "Let's Keep Christmas" by Peter Marshall and led the group in singing Christmas carols.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannine Bowen,  
Secretary