

Grosse Pointe Congregational Church

Women's Fellowship
Annual Meeting



January 9, 2018

GPCC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BOARD : 2018

CHAIRPERSONS: Emma Wright & Kathy Frakes

DEVOTIONS : Pat Johnstone

RECORDING SECRETARY: Nancy Peterson

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Mary Johnson

TREASURER: Pat Mullaney

CONGREGATIONAL CARD LIASON: Mary Lou Uridge

PROGRAMS: Kay VanDeGraaf

MARTHA COMMITTEE: Martha Schwartzberg
Darlynn Pierzynski

PUBLICITY: Sandi Cook

SIGNS/GRAPHICS: Cathy Leverenz

MEMBERS AT LARGE: Darlene Sulad Lynne Millies
Roberta Turpin

2017 Women's Fellowship Chairperson's Report

The Women's Fellowship is an organization within the church in which every woman is automatically a member. This year the GPCC Women's Fellowship Board plans to work diligently to engage more women in the activities that promote faith, fellowship, awareness of community needs and to share the love we have in this church.

A generous amount of money has been raised and distributed to many charities. The fund raising has been primarily accomplished by an annual rummage sale for many years. Dwindling numbers of both volunteers and enthusiasm has forced us to look for other ways in 2018 to finance our outreach giving. New ideas will be welcomed !

A most pleasant project of ours as chairpersons is to arrange paper Valentine bags near the church library in early February for each of our members who are homebound and unable to join us for worship. Everyone in the church family is encouraged to drop a Valentine card or small sweet treat into the bags.

Our thanks to our dedicated board members. Please read their reports on the following pages. You will learn the names of the charities that are benefitting from our outreach and what activities we have enjoyed in 2017.

In Christian Fellowship,
Co-chairpersons: Kathy Frakes and Emma Wright

GPCC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
 TREASURER'S REPORT
 DECEMBER 31, 2017

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PRIOR BALANCE</u>	<u>CURRENT BALANCE</u>
CHECKING ACCT BAL AS OF 11/30/17:			18,692.44	
Expenses:				
GP News - ad	12/04/17	78.75		
Charvat the Florist - altar flowers	12/05/17	53.00		
Alzheimers Association	12/11/17	200.00		
Crossroads	12/11/17	500.00		
Detroit Rescue Mission	12/11/17	100.00		
Family Center	12/11/17	200.00		
Focus Hope	12/11/17	200.00		
Friends of GP Library	12/11/17	100.00		
Friends of Vision	12/11/17	200.00		
Gleaners	12/11/17	300.00		
Mercy Education Project	12/11/17	200.00		
Paws With a Cause	12/11/17	200.00		
Red Sweater Project	12/11/17	500.00		
Ronald McDonald House	12/11/17	100.00		
Salvation Army Bed & Bread	12/11/17	200.00		
Services for Older Citizens	12/11/17	500.00		
Seedlings	12/11/17	100.00		
Special Olympics	12/11/17	100.00		
The Fowler Center	12/11/17	200.00		
Turning Point	12/11/17	200.00		
World Medical Relief	12/11/17	100.00		
Wounded Warrior Project	12/11/17	200.00		
YWCA Interim House	12/11/17	200.00		
Pastor Richard	12/18/17	100.00		
Laurie Schmidt	12/18/17	100.00		
Tamm Whitty	12/18/17	100.00		
Georgia Wrinkle	12/18/17	100.00		
Kris Hummel	12/18/17	100.00		
GP News - ad	12/31/17	63.00		
		5,294.75	5,294.75	
CHECKING ACCT BAL 12/31/17:				13,397.69
TOTAL BANK ACCOUNT AS OF 12/31/17:				13,397.69

Grosse Pointe Congregational Church
 Women's Fellowship
 2018 Budget

INCOME:

\$ 7,600.00

RUMMAGE SALE	\$ 6,000.00	
WHITE ELEPHANT	\$ 600.00	
OTHER	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME:	<u>\$ 7,600.00</u>	

EXPENSES:

HOME CHURCH:		\$ 2,050.00
Discretionary	\$ 1,000.00	
Flowers for Sanctuary	\$ 150.00	
Martha Service	\$ 200.00	
Program/Speakers	\$ 200.00	
Staff Christmas Gifts	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES HOME CHURCH:	\$ 2,050.00	

SUPPORTING CHURCH GROUPS:		\$ 100.00
UCC Women of Michigan	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES CHURCH GROUPS:	\$ 100.00	

OUTREACH PROJECTS:		\$ 5,400.00
Alzheimer's Association	\$ 200.00	
Crossroads	\$ 500.00	
Detroit Rescue Mission	\$ 100.00	
Family Center	\$ 200.00	
Focus Hope	\$ 200.00	
Fowler Center, The (Barrier-free Camps)	\$ 200.00	
Friends of GP Library	\$ 100.00	
Friends of Vision	\$ 200.00	
Gleaners	\$ 500.00	
Mercy Education Project	\$ 500.00	
Paws with a Cause	\$ 200.00	
Red Sweater Project	\$ 500.00	
Ronald McDonald House	\$ 100.00	
Salvation Army (Bed and Bread)	\$ 500.00	
Services for Older Citizens	\$ 500.00	
Seedlings (Braille Books for Children)	\$ 100.00	
Special Olympics	\$ 100.00	
Turning Point (Domestic Abuse)	\$ 200.00	
UCC Disaster Relief USA	\$ 100.00	
Wounded Warrior Project	\$ 200.00	
YWCA Interim House	<u>\$ 200.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES OUTREACH:	\$ 5,400.00	

TOTAL EXPENSES:	<u>\$ 7,550.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,550.00</u>
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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP PUBLICITY REPORT – 2017

It has been a pleasure to serve as Publicity Chairman of the Women's Fellowship for the year 2017. The Publicity Chairman gathers pertinent information from the Women's Fellowship about their activities. This information is then given to Georgia Wrinkle and Laurie Schmidt, Church Secretary for publication in the monthly Comment and the Sunday Bulletin.

Articles are written for the Grosse Pointe News when requested by various Chairpersons such as fund-raising projects and community events. Pictures may also be included.

The Women's Fellowship held our annual Pasta Supper/White Elephant fundraiser at the home of Pat Mullaney on March 28. Kay VanDeGraff served as auctioneer as Emma Wright was hospitalized and did a fine job. We raised funds for our various outreach projects.

The making of Palm Crosses on April 4 was once again led by Maureen Christian. This was a fun and productive evening with crosses being made for the congregation for Palm Sunday.

The Women's Fellowship sponsored a very successful fall rummage sale on September 22 and 23, raising more than Seven Thousand (\$7,000.00) Dollars to be used for our various programs. A picture and article were submitted to the Grosse Pointe News.

The Women's Fellowship sponsored a "Behind the Seen Talk", a lecture by local resident Connie Corrigan on Tuesday evening, November 14. The exhibits she discussed were on Monet and Frederic Church. Both exhibits were on display at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Women's Fellowship activities are open to all women of the Church for both daytime and evening programs.

I look forward to serving as your Publicity Chairman in the year 2018.

Respectfully Submitted

Sandi Cook

Publicity Chair - 2017

Spiritual Life

The spiritual life chairperson begins all Women's Fellowship board meetings with a devotional. She is also responsible for saying grace at all Women's Fellowship luncheons etc.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Johnstone

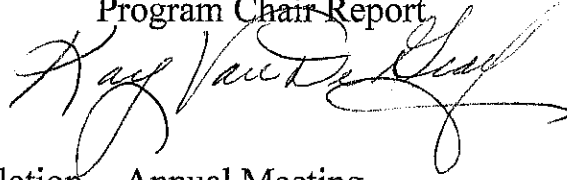
Card Liaison Report 2017

Mary Johnson and I have been sending cards to church members this year. I haven't counted the number of cards we have sent.

I put the cards out for people to sign them during coffee hour. This continues to work well.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lou Uridge

Grosse Pointe Congregational Church
2017 Women's Fellowship
Program Chair Report



Jan. 9 Officers Installation - Annual Meeting

Feb 7 Board Meeting –Library

Mar. 7 Board Meeting - Library

28 Pasta Supper, White Elephant Auction 6:30 @ Pat Mullany's

April 4 Palm Crosses made Thanks to Maureen Christian / Sandy Cook

22 Tour of Paquette Plant – Richard Hile Among Friends

May 2 Board Meeting

7 Support Crop Walk – Catherine Fly Chairman / Dick Hile Treasurer

June 6 “Dump” Salad Luncheon – Emma Wright's Home

Happy Summer

July and August – No events planed

Sept. 12 Opening Board Meeting – Planning for fall

10 Rally Sunday All Church Picnic outdoors – Jeri and John Gleichauf

18 All Church Rummage Sale – Week of Sept. 18-23

Oct. 3 Board Meeting – Library

14 Red Sweater Project – Ashley Holmer - Eastern Market

Nov. 7 Board Meeting – Library

14 DIA Program – Connie Corrigan Speaker Artist Monet Church

Lecture

20 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

28 Hanging of the Greens – Christmas

30 Arts Ministry – Opening of Gallery 7:00 Exhibit / Jazz Party – Lori

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Dec. 5 Board Meeting (Cancelled) Decision by Co-chairs of Woman's
Fellowship not to have a specific program for December

DEC/0 - CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP - JERI GLECHAUF

Rummage Sale Sept. 22-23, 2017

For set-up the hero of the day was Kris Hummel. She helped us 'create usable space and set up the tables and HID the stuff that was in our way. She remained every attentive throughout the collection days and then, of course, the sale days. We are ever so grateful for all that she did on our behalf. What an introduction to GPCC that was for her!

Then with diminished numbers of GPCC helpers, the Whosoever Church family came to our side and gave much needed assistance during the collection days (5 strong, including Pastor Selma) and even showed up to tend to the tables during the actual sale.

Martha Schwartzberg and crew ran a complete kitchen for our lunch needs ALL week long.

Our church family and friends gave a generous amount of goods to sell. We kept our advertising needs to just the G.P. News and flyers to distribute locally. The Frakes did their usual GREAT job on updating the sandwich board on the front church lawn. They placed balloons and signs on critical street corners to draw in more shoppers on sale days.

Sandi Cook kept us all in necessary supplies.

The men of the church were needed to tend to security and be greeters...and run the sale from the basement table of appliances and Stuff and outside from the garage.

Pat Mullaney and Pat Kurtz were the auditing team of money collectors in the library and guardians of all the workers purses.

The sale netted the GPCC Women's Fellowship over \$7,000 which, for the most part, is donated to charitable causes.

The Salvation Army was the grateful recipient of our unsold goods... all bagged up by 2:00pm and carried by elevator to the side drive where the S.A. truck could load up... we needed 2 Truck trips to empty out our building!

There is much joy and pleasure from working together for such a worthy cause...

Kathy Frakes and Emma Wright, Co-chairs of GPCC Women's Fellowship

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MARTHA COMMITTEE REPORT, 2017

January 11th

The Paris Di Santo memorial service was held in the sanctuary followed by a luncheon. The luncheon was held downstairs in the Social Hall. John Ratsek prepared lasagnas and salad for a large group. Our ladies made cookies and served coffee, tea, and punch as well. We helped with serving and cleanup.

September 12th

The Carolyn Wilson memorial service was held in the sanctuary followed by coffee, tea, cold drinks, and cookies in the lounge. Our ladies provided the cookies and served the refreshments. We also took care of the cleanup.

December 13th

The Robert Martin memorial service was held in the sanctuary followed by a catered luncheon downstairs in the Social Hall. The ladies served coffee, tea, and cold drinks. We also helped with cleanup.

Thank you to all the women who made cookies, and/or helped with serving and cleanup for these receptions:

Nancy Peterson, Mary Lou Uridge, Kathy Frakes, Pat Johnstone, Emma Wright, Sandi Cook, Pat Mullaney, Darlene Sulad, Mary Johnson, Roberta Turpin, Darlynn Pierzynski, Cathy Leverenz, Kay Van De Graaf.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Millies and Martha Schwartzberg