

# DISCIPLES WOMEN (CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP)

## ANNUAL REPORT - 2008

### CWF PURPOSE

*"To provide opportunities for spiritual growth, enrichment, education and creative ministries to enable women to develop a sense of personal responsibility for the whole mission of the church of Jesus Christ."*

Today's CWF is evolving to be more receptive to all women in the church. We are now referring to ourselves as Disciples Women reaching out to encompass all ages, with their many gifts, talents and ideas. As the organization remains sensitive to and grows with the issues of the era in which it finds itself, it continues to fulfill its purpose. Through Disciples Women sponsored events, women are invited to share the good news through worship, Bible study, issue study, mission study, service/action, fellowship, leadership training and stewardship.

On January 27, 2008 the CWF District Winter Retreat was held at Winchester Christian Church with approximately 85 women participating. We enjoyed good food, a time of fellowship and a Christian female comedian who delighted in poking fun at our two male guests.

On April 19 Stephanie McLemore and Kathy Ellis from the Regional Office hosted Self-care Prayer Action Day at Luray Christian Church where the new study on Haiti was introduced and the changing face of Disciples women was discussed.

In May Edinburg Christian Church hosted Evelyn Glascock our Woman-to-Woman program representative from the Region of Virginia to Bosnia. An English High Tea was prepared and served by the youth of the church.

In July we hosted a fundraiser for the church. The meal included homemade ice cream and we had singing on the lawn of the parsonage by The Ambassadors of Joy from the Methodist Church.

In November we made 500 dressing balls for the Community Thanksgiving meal hosted by the Lutheran Church. In 2009 we will be the host church. The offering at this service (and the Community Sunrise Service) goes to the Strasburg Community Relief Fund.

At our December meeting we received donations of mittens, gloves, scarves and hats for the Compassion Cupboard for their Christmas distribution.

In addition to the above, CWF members oversee flowers for the church altar, prepare and serve meals following funeral services of our members, perform on-going Community Outreach Projects, participate in and activate the CWF Prayer Chain, and remember our shut-ins through our Christian Concern/Community Outreach. We collect Blessing Box Offerings for Basic Mission Finance and Gift of the Heart Kits for Church World Service. We continue to sponsor Ambika, girl from India, Caminantes Program Haiti/Dominican Republic, Hurricane Mission Stations in Virginia through Week of Compassion, Project Linus (through the Regional office) and quilts/fleece blankets for Shenandoah County Response, Craig Springs, Cane Ridge Preservation, Fall Harvest, Compassion Cupboard, Meals on Wheels, Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center, Shenandoah County Free Clinic, and more.

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