

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

The Women's Fellowship has been very active throughout the year as in past years. We meet the second Wednesday of each month, September-May. The monthly newsletter and Sunday bulletins always keep you informed about our activities. All women of the church are invited to join us at our meeting, which begins at noon. (Exceptions will be noted in the bulletin.) Our meetings begin with devotions. Everyone brings a bag lunch and the hostess furnishes the dessert and beverages. A business meeting follows our lunch.

Listed below are several of the activities we have been involved with during the past year:

With the help of members and several other ladies of the church, we provide food for and serve at funerals. We had 5 funerals & luncheons during the past year that required our services.

We send flowers to all women in the church who were in the hospital and to all our shut-ins throughout the year. We are also taking bread to those who have received flowers previously.

We are continuing to sell our RADA Cutlery as a fundraiser. We have several items still for sale. They can be seen by contacting the office or if you have something specific, it may be ordered through Pam.

We continued the new practice of having our Spring flowers delivered on two different dates. We had the hanging baskets delivered in time for Mother's Day and the flats and urns came two weeks later – just before Memorial Day. We made \$260.86. We are going to discuss not holding the flower sale for 2016. It has been a lot of work for a few people and less and less flowers are being ordered.

We held 2 Soup Luncheons after the worship service on February 1st and October 11th. We did not have a bake sale or cookie walk this year. We made \$611.

The Harvest Supper was held on November 8th. Our count was about the same as the previous year with 71 people in attendance. The women furnished the rolls and the beverages. Don provided a short message and read the things the individuals were thankful for.

The program was held on December 3rd. We had a program using some of our own women and one man – Rick Tice. He sang a duet with Laurel Parrott. Desserts followed in the candlelit Fellowship Hall. We had 35 women present.

We are continuing to collect Our Family product labels. Just this year we received \$150. It is proving to be a good fundraiser. We have also been receiving Meijer Community Rewards from purchases made by members/friends who have a Meijer Rewards Card. We did not receive a check from Meijer for 2015 yet.

We made Christmas cookies for our shut-ins and brought them to our annual Christmas meeting in December. We put the cookies in covered containers. The cookies were delivered by members of the Women's Fellowship with help from the Diaconate.

We had other things that were completed during the year, some by us and other services paid for by the Women's Fellowship.

- 1. We gave \$100 to the Hope Project for our mission contribution for the year.
- 2. We purchased 36 soup bowls for the kitchen at a cost of \$120.69.
- 3. We purchased 4 shades for the sanctuary windows at a cost of \$93.15.
- 4. We purchased a new tea kettle for the kitchen along with many kitchen supplies for a cost of \$459.47. We try to keep paper plates, napkins, coffee, dish soap, etc. on hand for everyone to use.
- 5. The Silent Auction made \$442 from the donated baskets.
- 6. We paid dues to the Grand West Women's Association in the amount of \$50 for the first time in several years. The money they make is used for "The Gathering" in June and other events that they sponsor for the women of the association.
- 7. Birthday cards were purchased for the office to send out to church members at a cost of \$52.96

Respectfully submitted, Pam Owen, President

Christmas by Candlelight

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