

Women's Fellowship 2018 Annual Report

In recent years, Women's Fellowship has experienced increasing difficulty in finding people to be officers for the group. At the end of 2017, we realized that all those in leadership positions would not, for a variety of reasons, continue with those duties into 2018. No one could be found to fill those positions. That, and the decreasing participation in Women's Fellowship activities, led the group to decide that it was time to restructure Women's Fellowship.

Four women agreed to serve on a transition team: Joie Taylor, Rogalyn Steven, Susan McClure and Linda Wheatley. After meeting throughout the year, a plan was designed and presented at a special Women's Fellowship meeting. The plan was approved and then presented to the Governing Council. The plan is as follows:

Federated Women's Fellowship is a four-member board, made up of one member from each circle and one from the governing council. The board will meet quarterly and have two officers, a chairman and a treasurer. The Board will find chairs for the two major fund raisers-- the garage sale and Cookies 'n' more. Money raised will be used as follows: garage sale funds will be used for missions (mostly local) and money from Cookies 'n' More will be used for Federated church improvements and projects.

Funeral money will be handled by the office to be used for hospitality expenses, (coffee, paper products, dish soap, etc.) Ordering will be done by the office.

Many people worked long hours on the summer garage sale held in July. The money raised, as well as some money that was in the savings account, was distributed to Habitat for Humanity, Holiday Spirit Coop, I Can Camp, Helping Hands, Federated Needle Craft Ministry, Food Pantry, A Place at the Table, Youth for Christ, Kamp Kaleo, Camp Calvin Crest, Youth Mission Trip. A total of \$6250 was distributed.

Cookies 'n' More was held in conjunction with the Downtown Christmas Stroll, chaired by Paula Lange and Allison Wagner. Something new this year was a baking day with 14 women working together in the church kitchen to bake 64 dozen cookies. A total of \$3566 was raised from Cookies 'n' More. It was decided to support Operation Education --a mission project to help children of poverty attend school in Nairobi, Kenya-- with part of the money and to use part of the funds to replace the upright freezer in the kitchen and to buy a new ice machine. Cookies 'n' More will be held again in 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wheatley