

# Presbyterian Women of Bryson City Presbyterian Church



Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to nurture our faith through prayer and bible study, support the mission of the church worldwide, work for justice and peace, and build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA), and witnesses to the promise of God's Kingdom.

We are a group of over 20 women who meet on the *second Thursday of each month* at 1:15pm in the Hut next to the sanctuary, under the auspices of the Lois Circle. The Lois Circle is a circle where faith is nurtured, and growth takes place through worship, study, friendship, and outreach. Those members who are available often meet for lunch at the Everett Street Diner before our meeting. Each meeting includes bible study conducted from the Presbyterian Women's *Horizon* Bible Study series.

## We have several Ministries:

### 1. The Blessing Ministry

Provides funds and resources for local mission requests such as: Bible School, Youth Mission Trip, Family Resource Center, Black Mountain Home for Children & Families, Hawthorne Heights (youth center), and Swain County Caring Corner.

### 2. The Ruby DeHart Fund

Started in memory of Ruby DeHart to assist the needs of children. Provides funds for children and school needs.

### 3. Christmas Ministry

*READ ME A STORY* is a program run through the local prison where incarcerated mothers can choose an age appropriate book for their biological or adopted children aged 10 and under and read it aloud while being recorded. The CD and book are then mailed to their child.

## We have several Offerings:

### 1. The Birthday Offering

A special offering collected in the spring of each year to fund up to five specific projects that are not included in the ongoing General Assembly mission support.

### 2. The Thank Offering

A special offering collected each fall to help fund projects that meet the needs of people who are aging, disabled, homeless, or displaced as well as children, youth, and women through educational, health, peace, and justice programs.

### 3. The Fellowship of the Least Coin

An ecumenical prayer movement focused on peace, justice, and reconciliation. As each of us offers prayers, we set a side a least coin symbol of our prayers. These coins join others from all parts of the world to advance the causes of justice, peace, and reconciliation, and to support a variety of projects that help women and children achieve a better life.

For more information, call the church office at 828-488-2480

