

# Notes

**As a community of women  
created in the image of God  
called to discipleship in Jesus Christ,  
and empowered by the Holy Spirit,**

**We commit ourselves to grow in faith,  
affirm our gifts,  
support one another in our callings,  
engage in ministry and action,  
and promote healing and wholeness  
in the church, the society and the world.**

**Purpose**

**FIRST ST. JOHN UNIT OF WOMEN OF THE ELCA  
BOARD OF OFFICERS 2026**

President Sue Ann Rogers 419-280-1310  
 Vice-President Chris Hunsaker 419-376-7363  
 Secretary Darlene Lorenzen 419-666-5804 / 419-351-6293  
 Treasurer Esther Bell 419-693-8118 / 419-350-0745

*Board meets: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month at 6:30 pm, except June & July*

**ALTAR GUILD OFFICERS**

*(Typically meet 1st Monday of each month at 6:30pm)*

President Beth Hugueley 419-350-0529  
 Vice President Deb Hagedorn 419-250-3213  
 Secretary Deb Hagedorn 419-250-3213  
 Treasurer Jane Schuetz 419-691-5506  
 419-276-1264 (C)  
 Supply Chairman Debbie Smith 419-344-1691  
 Flower Chairman Cathy Caldwell 419-698-3285 (H)  
 419-345-6316 (C)

**Members**

Debbie Ackerman 419-460-1413  
 Andra Bell 419-350-7358  
 Karen Frey 419-691-8238 (H) / 419-503-0728 (C)  
 Carol Haar 419-885-9405 (H) / 419-540-2163 (C)  
 Beth Hodges 419-392-2801 (H) / 419-260-7594 (C)  
 Chris Kissling 419-691-1134 (H) / 419-260-5590 (C)  
 Emily Kruse 419-836-5473 (H) / 419-654-2842 (C)  
 Bonnie Petroff 419-698-0742 (H)  
 Susie Purewal 419-344-5614 (C)  
 Donna Nelson 419-836-4165 (H) / 419-350-0972 (C)  
 Diane Roberts 419-913-9402 (C)  
 Sandy Stahl 419-693-5671 (H) / 419-356-3309 (C)  
 Lore Warnke 419-350-0940

*Sunshine* Sandy Hecklinger, 419-304-1072  
*Library Staff* Emily Kruse, 419-654-2842  
*Welcome Chairman* Karen Frey, 419-503-0728

**HANNAH CIRCLE**

**“A Woman of Prayer”**

**Meets: First Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm**

Chairman Debbie Smith  
 Vice-Chairman Deb Hagedorn  
 Secretary/Treasurer Andra Bell

**MEMBERS**

Deb Ackerman 419-460-1413  
 Andra Bell 419-350-7358  
 Janine Contat 419-304-0906  
 Sandy Cousino 419-460-5248  
 Deb Hagedorn 419-250-3213  
 Donna Nelson 419-836-4165 (H) / cell: 419-350-0972  
 Bonnie Petroff 419-698-0742  
 Debbie Smith 419-344-1691

**MIRIAM CIRCLE**

**“The Ambitious Woman”**

**Meets: First Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am**

Chairman	Joanne Henningsen
Vice-Chairman	Mary Ellen Miller
Secretary/Treasurer	Dianne Busson
Social Chairman	Ginny Nissen

**MEMBERS**

Marge Bollinger	419-693-4110
Dianne Busson	419-693-4299
Joanne Crandall	419-343-4811
Joanne Henningsen	419-836-9650 / cell: 419-466-6442
Betty Hyre	419-836-9320 / cell: 419-346-4163
Sharon Kassay	419-705-6020
Joanne Koch	419-691-4255 / cell: 941-381-6605
Jane Neal	419-276-5057
Ginny Nissen	419-698-2822 / 419-376-7383
Carlene Trost	419-346-7175

**HONORARY MEMBERS**

Betty Anderson	419-693-4326
Mary Ellen Miller	419-340-1102
Verlene Schweizer	419-691-0694

**IN MEMORIAM:**

Eleanor Cochenour  
Paulette Giaimo

**BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE**

*Co-Chairman:* Emily Kruse      419-654-2842 (C)  
419-836-5473 (H)

*Co-Chairman:* Sue Ann Rogers      419-280-1310

*Co-Chairman:* Joyce Yard      419-698-0895

Karyl Antoine	Janet Morrison
Andra Bell	Donna Nelson
Esther Bell	Ginny Nissen
Marge Bollinger	Claudia Patchen
Cathy Caldwell	Bonnie Petroff
Joanne Crandall—call	Joan Probasco
Karen Frey	Susie Purewal
Brenda Fussell—food	Wanda Rice
Michelle Gaskins	Diane Roberts
Elaine Gladieux	Sue Ann Rogers
Carol Haar	Gloria Ross
Sherrie Haar	Dee Dee Ruedy
Deb Hagedorn	Janet Schacht—dessert only
Sandy Hecklinger	Jane Schuetz
Jessie Henneman	Dianne Schumaker
Joanne Henningsen	Carol Schwegler
Beth Hodges	Debbie Smith
Beth Hugueley—food	LuAnn Spoerl
Chris Hunsaker	Sandy Stahl
Betty Hyre	Lore Warnke
Chris Kissling	Donna Winslow / Mike
Darlene Lorenzen	Winnie Wohlgamuth
Julie Moritz	

## QUILTING GROUP

Co-Chairman  
Co-Chairman

Lore Warnke  
Penny DeWitt

Marge Bollinger	419-693-4110
Penny DeWitt	419-215-1072
Sherrie Haar	419-341-5691
Jessie Henneman	419-693-7199
Beth Hodges	419-260-7594
Darlene Metzger	419-297-4509
Janet Morrison	419-265-0544
Jane Neal	419-276-5057
Ginny Nissen	419-376-7383
Susie Purewal	419-344-5614
Michelle Rice	
Wanda Rice	419-691-8328
Carlene Trost	419-346-7175
Lee Wagner	419-356-8449
Lore Warnke	419-350-0940
Joyce Yard	419-698-0895
Janet Zunk	419-836-7390
Ilia & Bob Kinsey	734-716-2365

Everyone is welcome to join us!

Bring a sack lunch.

Workshops on Mondays from 9:30 am - 1:00 pm  
in January, February, and March

If Oregon schools are closed for weather, NO QUILTING

## REBECCA CIRCLE

“A Woman of Decision”

**Meets: First Saturday of the month at 11:30 am**

Co-Chairman	Emily Kruse
Co-Chairman	Chris Hunsaker
Secretary	Jane Schuetz
Treasurer	Carol Schwegler

### MEMBERS

Karyl Antoine	419-350-7040
Kathy Church	419-260-1959
Chris Hunsaker	419-376-7363
Emily Kruse	419-836-5473 / cell: 419-654-2842
Darlene Lorenzen	419-666-5804 / cell: 419-351-6293
Gloria Ross	419-836-7166 / cell: 419-260-4678
Jean Ross	419-704-4053
Jane Schuetz	419-691-5506 / cell: 419-276-1264
Carol Schwegler	419-693-1403 / cell: 419-704-8596
Winnie Wohlgamuth	419-836-9832 / cell: 419-704-1052
Joyce Yard	419-698-0895 / cell: 419-376-1534

### HONORARY MEMBERS

Janet Fox	419-836-9617 / cell: 419-260-5159
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### IN MEMORIAM:

Ada Kreger  
Ruth Ziethlow  
Nancy Gallaher  
Sue Moszkowicz  
Florence Partin

## RUTH CIRCLE

“The Woman of Consistency”

**Meets: First Tuesday of the month at 11:00 am**

Chairman	Esther Bell
Vice/Social Chair	Jean Garey
Treasurer	Sharon Ranchan

### MEMBERS

Esther Bell	419-350-0745
Jean Garey	unlisted
Elaine Gladioux	419-360-4927
Kate Gladioux	419-280-2330
Jennifer Hess	419-356-9828
Sharon Ranchan	419-490-3229
Rita Riegle	419-704-3653

### HONORARY MEMBERS

Eileen Young	419-693-5719
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### IN MEMORIAM:

Jean DeWitt  
Louise Sommers

## MISSION ACTION PROJECTS

**FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR**—*no glass jars, please*

Contact person: Chris Hunsaker 419-376-7363

Peanut butter	Canned tuna & meats
Cereals	Pasta products
Soup	Canned fruits & vegetables
Baby food	Instant milk
Money for perishables	

*BINS ARE LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX AND LOUNGE*

**QUILTING** (January, February, March)

Contact person: Penny DeWitt 419-215-1072

Lore Warnke 419-350-0940

(See list of members on page 4)

Workshops on Mondays from 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

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**BABY CARE KITS** - Rebecca Circle

- 2 lightweight cotton t-shirts (no onesies) \*
- 2 long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet) \*
- 2 receiving blankets, medium weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36” and 52” square
- 4 cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- 1 jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with a hood, or include baby cap\*
- 2 pairs of socks
- 1 hand towel, dark color recommended
- 2 bath size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping (no mini or hotel size bars)
- 2 diaper pins or large safety pins

\* Clothing sizes can be up to 24 months

## FIRST ST. JOHN DAY SCHOOL

Contact person: Andrea Buckley 419-691-6480

The Day School needs items such as paper, ribbons, felt, colorful material, beads, flowers, etc. for art projects. Please bring your donations to the church or Day School offices.

The Day School also runs a few fundraisers throughout the school year and would greatly welcome your support. Thank you.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Contact person: Deb Ladd 419-250-1460

Boxes go to Samaritans Purse, a ministry of Franklin Graham. Need donations from the whole church: filled shoe boxes. A list of possible items and labels for your box are distributed each year.

## 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Easter Cards for Homebound** week of March 23  
Ruth Circle in charge

### Special Projects

Plant Sale (after both services) April -TBA  
Collectable Treasures August - TBA  
Spaghetti Dinner 4-6 pm Oct 3

Chris Hunsaker, Co-Chairman  
Sue Ann Rogers, Co-Chairman

**Women's Awareness Sunday** November 8

**Thanksgiving Cards for Homebound** week of November 16  
Hannah Circle in charge

**Family Christmas Party** 12:00—2:30 pm December 6  
Silent Basket Auction  
Hannah Circle - Kitchen & Clean Up  
Rebecca Circle - Decorations

**Christmas Gifts for Homebound** week of December 14  
Miriam Circle in charge