

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

In December 2017, the Episcopal Church Women's yearly "Christmas on the River" Pack and Play, held at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, was well attended. Volunteers packed Christmas gifts for crew members that would be away from home during the holiday on the boats and tugs plying the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. This is part of the ministry of the Seaman's Church Institute. The chaplain took the packed boxes to be distributed to the crews. ECW's Pack and Play event is scheduled again this year in December at St. Paul's.

The spring Episcopal Church Women/United Thank Offering Ingathering was held at Christ Church, North Hills, on Saturday, May 5, 2018. An informative program on the Mustard Seed Project, stressing ministry to the street children of Kilgali, Rwanda, was presented by Deacon Christine McIlvain and Joyce Wingett. Many attendees showed their support for the Mustard Seed Project by purchasing artworks and cards.

The ECW business meeting followed, with Janet Stephenson, Chair of the Finance Committee, recommending the following ECW grants that were subsequently approved:

- Bishop's Discretionary Fund \$1,000
- Sheldon Calvary Camp Fund \$1,000
- HEARTH: a safe place that matters \$2,000
- Shepherd Wellness Community, art therapy program \$1,500
- St. Michael's of the Valley, Ligonier
Neighborhood Academy Backpack Program \$600
- St. Peter's, Brentwood
ministry to Sudanese and Bhutanese Refugees \$1,500
- Coal Country Hangout Youth Center \$1,500
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mt. Lebanon
St. Paul and Rose Orphan Care Center, Uganda \$1,000
- Episcopal Relief & Development \$524.80

Memorial Scholarship Chair Betty Duckstein reported three \$1,200 scholarship recipients: Bradley Cooper, Michelle Yang and Bradley Oglie. UTO Chair Darrell Powell presented her report.

A buffet lunch by the women of Christ Church followed. Afterward, a service was held in the sanctuary, where the Rt. Rev. Dorsey McConnell celebrated the Eucharist.

At the July Triennial meeting in Austin, Texas, the ECW of Pittsburgh was represented by UTO Chair Darrell Powell, Church Periodical Club Chair and Treasurer Linda Getts, and immediate Past President and Memorial Scholarship Chair Betty Duckstein. They will present their reports at the Fall ECW/UTO Ingathering, scheduled to be held at St. Thomas, Oakmont, on Saturday, October 13, 2018.

The following are officers of the 2018-19 ECW board:

Betsy Hetzler, President; Gina Brownfield, Vice President; Louise Cannon, Secretary; Linda Getts, Treasurer; Darrell Powell, UTO Chair; Janet Stephenson, Finance Chair; and Betty Duckstein, Memorial Scholarship Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Hetzler

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