

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

The Spring Episcopal Church Women/United Thank Offering Ingathering was held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mt. Lebanon, on Saturday, May 13, 2017. Eleven women from six parishes attended.

Betsy Hetzler, elected new president of ECW at the meeting, joined the others officers of the 2017-18 diocesan ECW board: Nancy Kenny (interim vice president); Gina Brownfield (vice president); Louise Cannon (secretary); Linda Getts (treasurer); Darrell Powell (UTO president); Janet Stephenson (finance committee); and Betty Duckstein (memorial scholarship committee).

After lunch, items were packed for Living in Liberty, a local charity that helps women who formerly made their living on the streets adjust to a new life.

The Fall ECW/UTO Ingathering was held at Calvary Episcopal Church, East Liberty, on September 9, 2017. Approximately 50 women were in attendance. Eileen Sharbaugh, co-founder of Jeremiah's Place, the only emergency crisis nursery in the Pittsburgh area, was guest speaker, and donations of needed items given by different parishes were accepted. Eileen is a member of St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon. A catered buffet lunch followed. Afterward, a service was held in the sanctuary, where Bishop McConnell celebrated the Eucharist.

The following ECW grants were approved:

- Walk-in ministry, Trinity Cathedral – \$1,000
- Bishop's Discretionary Fund – \$1,500
- Living in Liberty – \$700
- Frank's Friends, St. Francis-in-the-Fields, Somerset – \$400
- Christmas Day Dinner, Atonement, Carnegie – \$1,000
- Christmas Dinner, Advent, Brookline – \$1,000
- Food Bank, St. Matthew's, Homestead – \$1,500
- Neighborhood Youth Outreach Program, St. Stephen's, Wilksburg – \$1,800
- Homeless Children's Education Fund – \$500
- Mustard Seed Children of Kigali – \$1,500
- Episcopal Relief & Development – \$224.80

Two \$1,200 scholarships were approved from the ECW Memorial Fund for the following recipients:

- Thomas Starr, Youngstown University, music composition (clergy sponsor: Noah Evans)
- Benito Stallings, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, divinity (clergy sponsor: Nancy Chalfant-Walker)

Respectfully submitted,  
Betsy Hetzler  
President