

BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN in the CONGREGATION



BPWC Budget Update:

February's budget shows income of \$10,634. The women of Bethany continue their overwhelming generosity in support of our mission work. When the budget was approved for 2022, we committed to \$7300 in donations to local and worldwide missions. Because of your continuous support we already have \$3300 above the allocated funds. In light of the struggles in the Ukraine, at our February meeting we approved an additional \$500 donation to Save the Children. This increases the amount being given to Save the Children from \$300 to \$800. We also voted and approved donating \$200 to one of our neighbors on Dewey Avenue, ROC Recovery Fitness. Bethany Presbyterian Women in the Congregation is surely doing God's work. Thank you and God Bless.

Bethany Women's Retreat: Take a trip around the world!

WonderFull World takes you on a journey packed with friendship, God, and spiritual growth. It's a retreat you won't want to miss! Join us for a whirlwind tour of the seven continents, where we'll experience meaningful Bible studies, explore the wonders of a woman's heart, and have time for both quiet reflection and laugh-out-loud fun!

Location: Bethany Presbyterian Church- Large Hall

Date: Saturday, April 23, 2022

Time: 9:30 a.m. Lunch @ 12:30 p.m.

Lunch: Provided by Bethany Presbyterian Women in the Congregation at 12:30 p.m.

For more information, contact: Karen Bolinger- kbolinger@rochester.rr.com or 585-227-2540

March Meeting Speaker: Cherie Livoti

Our March 8th meeting was very well attended with 19 women and 2 Honorary men. Cherie Livoti gave an overview of the trip she and Dick took through northern Europe in May 2018. They flew into Stockholm, Sweden via Reykjavik, Iceland. Provo Finland was their next stop. It had great shopping and cobblestone streets that were difficult to walk on. Their arrival in St. Petersburg, Russia felt very unwelcoming and dour, contrasting to easy entry into Sweden and Finland. The Hermitage was indescribably beautiful and amazing. They visited the Faberge Egg Museum. On the way they had to wait an hour for a motorcycle brigade, 4 bikes wide, that was travelling to a political rally supporting Alexander Navalny to pass.

From Russia they went to Estonia and on to Gdansk, Poland. In Berlin, they saw the Brandenburg Gate and locations where the Wall had been, as well as a few remnants of the old wall.

In Denmark they visited Copenhagen and Alborg. They saw the Little Mermaid statue and demonstrations of Norse life.

Their last stop was Norway, where they saw waterfalls from the melting snow and snow still on the mountains. An unexpected experience was driving through a traffic roundabout inside a tunnel!

Monthly Women's Brunch:

We will be sharing fellowship at Bethany during the Women's Retreat instead of going to Jim's at the Mall on Saturday, April 23, 2022.

Afghan Mission Project:

The last five afghans were donated to the Greece Clothing Closet (next to the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf).

May Meeting/Field Trip:

BPWC will be visiting the Islamic Center of Rochester on May 10 during our monthly meeting time from 10 am to 12 p.m. We will meet in the church parking lot at 10 a.m. and ride share. If you plan on attending, please let Linda Lamb know by May 1 by calling 770-4586 or emailing her at giulind@frontiernet.net to confirm.

Tabassam Javed Ph. D. is the President at **Islamic Center of Rochester** based in **Rochester, New York.**



Building Caring Relationships:

Our faithful "Callers"- Heather Kruspe, Karen McIver, Linda Lamb, Beth Thomsen, Cindy Hetzler, Cheryl Fisher and Karen Bolinger continue making phone calls every month to check in with women who have asked to have a phone call. Any woman currently active or inactive with BPWC and would like to have a friendly call and/or be added to the Communication Distribution List please contact Karen Bolinger- 585-227-2540 or kbolinger@rochester.rr.com.

Next Meetings:

Bethany Women in the Congregation Women's Retreat- Saturday, April 23, 2022. Note: No Tuesday monthly meeting in April.