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HISTORY OF THE WOMEN OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH MOREHEAD
KY

An early history by Miss Inez Faith Humphrey

Dear Mabel,

This paper is an explanation of the missionary society, if anyone ever needs it. Someone- maybe Mr. Ryle-asked me to write it. The gavel was handed to me by Mrs. Peratt, once upon a time. It belonged to the Missionary Society, so now it should belong to the CWF. It is made from some special wood. I've forgotten, but have written to ask Mrs. Peratt.

The Woman's Missionary Societies of the Christian Churches have been coming into existence from about 1874 to the present time. At first they were united in what was known as the C.W.B.M. (Christian Woman's Board of Missions) As such they developed a great many mission stations and fields all over the world, more than half of them in the United States.

We developed and supported all this work by our regular monthly offerings, and by special offerings in December and on Easter Sunday. The first Sunday in December became known as Woman's Day, and an attempt was made to acquaint the rest of the church with some of the needs of the world, and to let others besides members share in the offerings to support the work we were sponsoring, which grew to an annual budget of from \$300,000 to \$500,000. The Easter offering is for the same purpose.

In the United States we had schools for ``mountain'' people (the old Morehead Normal School was one; Hazel Green is the only one still supported by our offerings), for the negroes, and for the Indians. We had work among the Mexicans in Texas, the Chinese and Japanese on the West Coast, the Acadians in Louisiana, immigrants in New York and Pennsylvania, and among various groups in several cities, besides helping to support weak churches everywhere. (I believe that formerly the salary, or part of the salary, of the minister of the Morehead Church came from the C.W.B.M.

Obedying the command, ``Go ye into all the world...,'' we established work in these other countries: Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Paraguay, Argentinia, Africa, China, Japan and the Philippines.

Once each month the women met the needs of the fields, what was being done, and what could be done to meet the needs. We still have these meetings and studies. Often a missionary society or a church undertook the support of a specific

missionary and became known as a Living Link Church, the Missionary being the Living Link between the local church and a very needy field.

All kinds of work were done in the various fields. It would be impossible to mention all. Among them are schools of all kinds, from kindergarten to university; evangelist work; work in the homes; medical work and nursing; Bible schools and the training of native Christian workers.

In 1920, or about that time, several different organizations of the church were all united into the United Christian Missionary Society. That was a wise economic as well as deeply Christian move, for one set of officials and one or more buildings could be used for the ten or twelve organizations that were now united into one.

The women have kept their missionary meetings, studies, and offerings, and are still responsible, along with the rest of the church, for the work they began. In most places they have sponsored missionary education among the young people and children.

The Christian Women's Fellowship is a new way of unifying the women of the church in the work of the Lord's Kingdom. Some of our women are studying it's methods with a view to adopting them here.

For several years, the only missionary offerings from the Morehead Church, have gone through the missionary society. At times, specific missionary offerings have been taken in the congregation, but have been used for local expenses. We are always sure the money will go to the places for which it was intended when it goes through the missionary society.

We do not believe that women alone should be responsible, nor that they should have a monopoly of the missionary interest, knowledge, inspiration, prayers, and participation; hence we have tried to share these with the entire church.

If there are better plans we shall be glad to share them.

These statements are only a drop in the ocean of information concerning the fascinating work that is being done throughout the world. If we could have done enough, soon enough, we would never have had the World Wars.

1938-43

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY MET THE FIRST THURSDAY NIGHT-EACH MONTH.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

- (10-15-39) All day meeting at Hazel Green
- (11-2-39) Pot luck dinner, Dr. Stephen Corey, President of the College of the Bible guest speaker, men invited.
- (12-3-39) "Woman's Day" the purpose was twofold: first to pay recognition to the work and interest of the Missionary Society as it endeavors to support missions, and second to bring before the Congregation the work that is being done in the hope a greater interest will be awakened.
- (2-2-39) Program about life in India by Mrs. Banks. A supper meeting took place. the menu was Hindu. 34 were in attendance.
- (1-7-40) All day meeting-morning sewing and PM Program
- (3-15-40) Missionary Society to Ashland-Dist Convention (hired a bus).
- (10-13-40) Rolled Bandages
- (2-23-41) World Day of Prayer. All day meeting. The morning spent rolling bandages. The afternoon was a program of prayer.
- (3-13-41) Host to the Eighth District Missionary Societies
- (11-22-42) Woman's Day the first Sunday in December.
- (3-43) The Society sponsored a "World Day of Prayer" with the Missionary Group of the Methodist Church. Rummage Sale

1938-1943

WOMAN'S COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

WOMAN'S COUNCIL MET THE SECOND WEDNESDAY DURING THE DAY-EACH MONTH.

- (9-11-38) Picnic Park Lake at the Battsons
- (9-17-38) Served dinner at Planning Conference

- (6-11-39) ``Silver Tea''
- (6-30-40) All day Picnic at Park Lake. Council members holding holding a sale of lemon and vanilla extracts.
- (9-8-40) Picnic at ``Joe's Place''
- (2-18-40) ``Silver Tea''
- (1-5-41) All day sewing for the benefit of the Red Cross in China. Brought or sent sheets suitable for bandages.
- (3-9-41) ``Silver Tea''
- (7-6-41) Picnic ``Joe's Place''
- (7-13-41) Ice Cream and Cake, Friday evening 5:30 to 8:00.
- (5-10-42) Put a curtain across balcony. It served several purposes, it improved accoustics, it helped heating and was a step forward in the beautification of the Sanctuary.
- (6-21-42) Woman's Council and Young Women's Class of the Sunday School cooperated, they furnished paint and labor for the painting of the floors of the Beginner-Primary Department upstairs.
- (6-28-42) Placed a curtain along the railings of the rostrum.
- (7-5-42) Picnic ``Joe's Place''
- (9-20-42) During the week of the 28th the Council sponsored a ``jitney'' supper. All items of food cost a nickel. Those who drank coffee were requested to bring sugar.
- (12-6-42) Members were requested to bring a gift for the kitchen---a towel or a bowl.
- (2-43) The ladies kept a scrapbook in the Church Parlor.
It contained letters and pictures from our ``own boys''.

OFFICERS

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

1939
PRES MRS. ARTHUR BLAIR
V PRES MRS. J.M. CLAYTON
SEC MRS. BILL HUDGINS
TREAS MRS. N.E. KENNARD

1940
PRES MRS. ARTHUR BLAIR
V PRES MRS. D.B. BELLAMY
SEC MRS. BILL HUDGINS
TREAS MRS. N.E. KENNARD

1943
PRES MRS. E.D. BLAIR

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

1939
PRES MRS. G.C. BANKS
V PRES MISS HUMPHREY
SEC MRS. OVAL ROBINSON
TREAS MRS. ARTHUR BLAIR

1940
PRES MRS. C.O. PERATT
V PRES MISS INEZ HUMPHREY
SEC MRS. V. WOLFFORD
TREAS MRS. ARTHUR BLAIR

1941
PRES MRS. C.O. PERATT
V PRES MRS. D.B. BELLAMY
SEC MRS. V. WOLFFORD
TREAS MRS. ARTHUR BLAIR

1943
CO-PRES MRS. HARTLEY BATTSON
MISS INEZ HUMPHREY
SEC MRS. V. WOLFFORD
TREAS MRS. ARTHUR BLAIR

Morehead CWF was organized in December, 1951. We had a Woman's Council and a Missionary Society. Many of the church women were members of both groups.

Now we have 2 circles (afternoon and evening)
Active membership 45
Average attendance 39

Reported books read 65
Cards of sympathy and good cheer 45
Visits reported 30
World Call subscribers 30

The interests have included an organized plan of letter writing and contact with the boys in service. Special attention to shut-ins. Spring cleaning of entire church and redecorating the Pastors Study. (4-23-52)

10-14-52 Clothing for Hazel Green-Jot Em Down Store

8-3-53 Bd. meeting-service committee reported those serving at Red Cross mobile visit

(10-26-53) Service committee distributed clothing to needy families in West Morehead.

(11-18-53) CWF gave choir a dinner. The executive board was responsible.

Fellowship dinners on each 4th Sunday. The three circles took turns for being responsible.

(11-30-53) It was recommended that each circle vote to take money from their treasury to buy a dining table for the basement of the church.

Mrs. Bayless named Mrs. Margaret Jayne, Mrs. Kennard and Mrs. Walter to formulate regulations for those who use the church basement or parlor.

The Bd voted to continue cleaning the basement to save money.

(2-1-54) Race Relations Sunday-Program was discussed but no action was taken because of the scarcity of people of other races in Morehead.

(3-1-54) Took on the job of remodeling the bathrooms.

(10-4-54) It was decided to paint the basement and buy or make curtains for the kitchen. "Love Gift" the first international CWF Project, it went to pay for scholarships for missionaries.

(11-29-54) 200 lbs. of clothing sent to Hazel Green. Mr. Ruly painted the church kitchen, and planned to paint the dining room.

(5-2-55) Bought new chairs for the basement.

(7-55) CWF decided to have YEARBOOKS. Talent sheets were to be sent along with them.

(10-55) It was decided to redecorate and clean the vestibule. The drive for old stockings continued. All members were asked to bring a dish towel to dinner and leave it for the kitchen.

(2-27-56) It was decided to buy curtain rods for the men's room.

(6-56) They voted to use local funds for church carpet.

(7-56) Major project-church carpet

(12-56) Entertained CYF Area Convention-200 delegates.

(6-57) Service Projects CWF
Sweaters, wool gloves and socks sent to Japan
Clothing for Hazel Green
Served fellowship dinners each month
\$200 set aside for new carpet
Flowers for the church
Taking care of communion
Thanksgiving baskets to needy
Helped a family whose home burned
Had a director for student work with college and

church

Organized United Church Women (met 4 times a year)
Sent to World Service 170 lbs of clothing
Furnished center for Bloodmobile

- (7-57) Regrouped circles and now had 4 circles
- (1959) Major project-tiling the basement floor
Hospital gowns for Thailand
Rolled bandages
- (5-2-60) Suggested to start a tablecloth fund
Look into cost of public address system
- (8-60) Serve incoming Freshmen a lunch that listed our church
as their preference-(65 attended)
- (2-61) Bought a bolt of material for tablecloths
- (5-61) District Conference held
- (7-31-61) Mary Jane Bowne reported that \$84.20 was made on the
bake sale that we had for the benefit of the Ravenna
Church.
- (11-2-61) World Community Day, Dr. Mossie Wyker, speaker. Lunch
for \$1.00 (meatloaf, peas with mushrooms, jello salad,
fruit, rolls, apple pie with ice cream and coffee.
- (12-12-61) A new circle was formed-Circle 5 Mrs. Helen Patrick
reported they met at 12:00 at the KY Restaurant, with
nine present.
- (1962) A joint study was held with the Methodist and Church of
God
Saved coupons for free dishes at IGA
Served Kiwanis dinners or luncheons
Sweaters for Hong Kong-cost of shipping 8 cents a pound
Aug. 20 to Sept 20-CWF celebrating its 7th birthday.
Decided to buy pins for Past Presidents
Street widening Sept. 3, 1962
New stainless steel sink \$62.42
Sandwiches for Bloodmobile
No more Circle 5
- (Spring 1964) CWF served a dinner for Lee Clay Products for
\$3.50 a plate.
Girl Scouts were paid for cleaning of the kitchen.

FORMER CWF OFFICERS

1952-53

PRES MABEL BLAIR
V PRES NAOMI BAYLESS
SEC NELL WALTER
TREAS NETTIE KENNARD

1953-54

PRES NAOMI BAYLESS
V PRES NELL WALTER
SEC MAYME WILEY
TREAS NETTIE KENNARD

1954-55

PRES NAOMI BAYLESS
V PRES NELL WALTER
SEC MAYME WILEY
TREAS MAUDE OPPENHEIMER

1955-56

PRES NELL WALTER
V PRES LUCILE CLAYTON
SEC MAYME WILEY
TREAS MAUDE OPPENHEIMER

1956-57

PRES NELL WALTER
V PRES LUCILE CLAYTON
SEC MABEL BLAIR
TREAS MAUDE OPPENHEIMER

1957-58

PRES LUCILE CLAYTON
V PRES MABEL REYNOLDS
V PRES MARY ALICE JAYNE
SEC MABEL BLAIR
TREAS MARGARET JAYNE

1958-59

PRES LUCILE CLAYTON
V PRES MARY ALICE JAYNE
V PRES MABEL REYNOLDS
SEC BLANCHE WALTZ
TREAS MARGARET JAYNE

1959-60

PRES MARY JANE BOWNE
V PRES MARY ALICE JAYNE
V PRES BILLIE JEAN CLAYTON
SEC GRACE CASSITY
TREAS MARGARET JAYNE

1960-61

PRES MARY JANE BOWNE
V PRES MARY ALICE JAYNE
V PRES BILLIE JEAN CLAYTON
SEC GRACE CASSITY
TREAS MARGARET JAYNE

1961-62

PRES MARY JANE BOWNE
V PRES HELEN PATRICK
V PRES NAOMI BAYLESS
SEC GRACE CASSITY
TREAS LAKE COOPER

1962-63

PRES HELEN PATRICK
V PRES MABEL REYNOLDS
V PRES JUANITA MINISH
SEC GRACE CASSITY
TREAS LAKE COOPER

1963-64

PRES MABEL REYNOLDS
V PRES MARY ALICE JAYNE
V PRES BILLIE JEAN CLAYTON
SEC GRACE CASSITY
TREAS MARGARET JAYNE

1964-65

PRES MABEL REYNOLDS
V PRES MYRTLE WOLFFORD
V PRES PATTI RAE SMITH
SEC ALICE COX
TREAS BILLIE JEAN CLAYTON

MINISTERS

F.C. Button	1887-1892
Ralph Julian	1892-1895
F.C. Button	1895-1901
J.B. Dickson	1901-1903
H.B. Wade	1903-1904
D.G. Combs	1904-1906
W.F. Smith	1906-1909
F.C. Button	1909-1911
George Farley	1911-1914
Wesley Hatcher	1914-1915
N. Carpenter	1915-1920
W.S. Irvin	1920-1926
C.B. Cloyd	1926-1930
Robert Riddell	1930-1932
Gilbert H. Fern	1933-1937
Arthur Landolt	1938-1943
Charles Dietze	1943-1946
Elmore Ryle	1947-1951
Miller Dungan	1951-1955
Ray Allen	1956-1960
Charles Brooks	1961-1966
G.C. Banks	1966-1961
Alvin Busby	1967-1969
G.C. Banks	1969-1970
Roy Roberson	1970-1984
Tom Phelps	1984-1985
Harold Tackett	1985-