



## Purpose Statement

As Women IN God's Service, we affirm our relationship with the Triune God through prayer, study, and love so that we may use our gifts to serve others.

## DECEMBER, 2016 NEWSLETTER



### **Iredell Christian Ministries Collection**

In November, we gave 323.5 pounds of food for ICM. WOW!!!!!! What a beautiful example of sharing and "giving" thanks! Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> will be the next collection. It will be difficult – almost impossible -- to give more than we did in November. But it would be a goal that we could try to reach. Whatever the amount it will be much appreciated for the holidays ahead and the colder weather that is coming. Remember please do not donate previously opened packages or partially used items. If you would like to volunteer at ICM, contact **704-924-6700**.



### **St. John's WINGS T-Shirt**

Christmas is coming! Stuck for a present? A St. John's WINGS T-shirt makes a great layering piece and it is "moisture-wicking"! You might want to hurry and get one or an extra one if the old one is "wearing" thin because it may be last call for this design and color! Contact Patti Horinka (704-838-1419) to order one, The cost is \$12.00. **All St. John's women should have one because we are all Women IN God's Service[WINGS].**



### **WINGS Cookbook**

The holiday season is just around the corner. Need a useful, practical gift? Need a gift that will last forever? How about the new neighbor that just moved in? Purchase a copy of "On WINGS and a Prayer", the WINGS Cookbook. It has recipes for all lifestyles and diets and they are still available. **Contact BRENDA DUNN [704-876-4028].** We also have them available at the Men's Breakfast each month.



### **Penny Power**

Keep collecting those pennies and extra change for **OPERATION HEAL OUR PATRIOTS**, a project sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. Please turn in money to Sue Hinson, Luther Sunday School Class NO LATER THAN SUNDAY DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>. We need to get them counted and deposited before the end of this year.



### **"Patriot's Walk"**

Thank you to – *Sheila Burger, Alonzo Burger, Daniel Dunn, Faye Goforth, Phil Mills, Jo Murphy and her friend, and Marianne Weigman* – who participated and got sponsors for the "Patriot's Walk" on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. We collected **\$385.00** for "**Operation: Heal Our Patriots**". It was a beautiful day for a walk and fellowship.



### **Thankoffering**

Thank you to all who participated and helped with the Thankoffering/Munchin' for Missions on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to WINGS and Social Ministry for providing the meat, bread, and drinks. We also want to thank Chaplain James Fisher for a wonderful program about "**Operation: Heal Our Patriots**" for which we collected **\$515.00** It truly was a wonderful Thanksgiving not only for the members of St. John's but for our veterans who will receive the benefits from your giving.



### **WINGS Executive Board Meeting**

The Executive Board will meet on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 9:30 am in the room across from the office. This will be our first meeting for the new year so we will be "tying up" loose ends for 2016 and making plans for 2017. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend.



### **Campbell's Labels for Education**

The collection of "Labels for Education" from Campbell's soups, General Mills cereal, Swanson's products is continuing this fall. Please save the "Labels for Education" and the **UPC Code** printed on the item. Place them in the white organizers and Grace Tucker will collect them.



### **Teddy Bear Ministry**

Our teddy bears are looking lonely! We could use some "new" ones to join the clan. If you knit or crochet, please help out this ministry. The bears are have all gathered on the Front Pew in the Nave. Please feel free to give one to someone. Just remember to write down the name of the person who is receiving him in the green book at the end of the pew. Reach out to others and let them know that we do care!



### **Other Collectibles for Recycling**

Coupons for Troops – ONLY ACTIVE ONES that state "Manufacturer's Coupon"

Christmas cards, Guideposts, and devotional books for "My Sister's House"

Tags from beverage cans for Ronald McDonald House in Charlotte

*Place all items on top of the white organizers outside the conference room in the corner!*



### **Words of Wisdom for WINGS**

Remember the communication box on top of the file cabinet outside the Library where anyone can share their ideas and input for activities and make comments concerning our Women's Ministry at St. John's.



### **WINGS' HELPERS**

If you know of a woman in the congregation who is not part of a circle but is willing to help with special projects, please give their name to Patti Horinka so that we can compile a list of WINGS' Helpers.

### **DECEMBER SERVICE OPPORTUNITES**

Kitchen Clean-Up: Priscilla Circle  
Special Friends: Rebekah Circle

**THERE WILL BE  
NO CIRCLE MEETINGS IN JANUARY!**

### **Coming Events – Mark your calendars!**

Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – WINGS Executive Board Meeting – 9:30 am – Room across from Office

*God be merciful unto us;  
And Bless us;  
And cause His face to shine upon us;  
That thy way may be known upon Earth;  
Thy saving health among all nations.  
Psalm 67: 1 – 2*

Please mail or hand-out at church next Sunday a copy of this newsletter to any Circle Member who is absent. Also, please share a copy of this newsletter with another woman in the congregation who is not currently a member of a WINGS' Circle.