

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

No formal meetings were held in 2023. Concerns and decisions were handled via phone, computer or in small group conversation after church. We did have joint meetings with the East Guilford PW to plan the Celebration of Ordination dinner for Pastor Ken Simurro in October. In addition, some of us assisted with the preparation of the meal, grocery shopping, as well as funding the meat portion of the dinner.

Other cooking included the side dishes for the Brook's BBQ in June and assisting with baked goods for the Health Fair in September. Coffee hour refreshments were also provided and served throughout the year.

The majority of us also worked at the Soup Kitchen on the third Saturday of each month. This is by far our biggest mission to the community at this time.

We provided the annual Masonic Dinner in mid August, which was our only source of income for the year.

Although not gathering as we used to, we continued to try to keep track of the congregation, especially our oldest members and shared any contacts we had with them.

We still maintain a treasury, and although it does not grow as it once did, it is there as an emergency back up source should it be needed.

I would also like to mention that our PW is among a very few in the Presbytery that have not officially disbanded due to dwindling numbers and aging of members!

Respectfully submitted,

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