

Mountain Convocation Spring Report April 12, 2011

In the search for a location for the 2012 ECW Fall Conference two churches have eliminated themselves: Resurrection and Calvary. Resurrection leadership has an ongoing event conflict with early October dates. Calvary is too small. Both ECWs will be very active participants in the production. Resurrection would like to do the Wine and Cheese gathering.

Pat Clanton from Calvary has agreed to stand for Coordinator in 2012 0 2013. Jean Sanderson will be asked to be the Secretary. Pudden McArthur has declined to serve at this time as has Gini Stone. We need a treasurer. I am going to ask Jean to serve as both and I understand she is very capable. She is from Calvary.

Spring Convocation will meet at Church of the Epiphany in Guntersville Saturday April 30. Our speaker will be Maggie Johnson and subject Krik? Krak!

Parish Activities:

Albertville Christ Church Brenda Mayhall is president for this year. She hopes to have fall convocation meeting there pending rebuilding after tornado last year. They usually meet monthly at each other's homes. They began a beans and rice program last year.

Fort Payne St. Philip's Harriet Lillich is president. They are getting ready for their big May Gala. They have two outreach programs, "Bread of Life" and "Beans and Rice." She reports they have fed hundreds twice a month in this town suffering from very high unemployment. The ECW made a large contribution to Krik? Krak! (\$770.00). The Parish took about 20+ for a weekend at Cap McDowell last week and had a wonderful time. They also sponsored a teen boy in foster care and an elderly woman for Christmas. They meet monthly.

Gadsden Holy Comforter Phyllis Smith is President. They had hoped to have Spring Convocation meeting there but couldn't work out the date. Seems they are getting very active again. They meet monthly after church.

Guntersville Epiphany Cherie Blair is president. They do not meet monthly but meet to plan events. They will hold Spring meeting. In the last few months they have had several sales; pepper jelly, cheese balls, Celtic Jewelry. They give to Homeplace, a local residential place for people needing a free place to live for a while. This is the only place like this that we know of. Currently they are raising money to add four more apartments. The land has been donated. As their pot grows, I have recommended they apply for one of the grants. Currently this ECW is busy with Spring meeting and Easter. We help with the luncheon and egg hunt. We also distribute flowers not reclaimed from Sunday service to those in need of prayers. We also collected for CPC last Sunday. Don't have amount yet.

Mentone St. Joseph's on the Mountain No formal ECW but they have Gethryn.

Oneonta Calvary Pat Clanton is president. They are very active and have regular well-attended meetings. Pat has agreed to stand for 2012 Coordinator. Jean Sanderson will serve too. She is very

talented, especially with the computer and internet and does their website. We will hear a lot from them at the Spring meeting.

Rainbow City Resurrection Pudden McArthur is president. They are very active and meet monthly. Currently they are busy with the church's 40th anniversary. They are having events throughout the year culminating with a big December event. Unfortunately the next big event is April 30 and they will miss our Spring meeting. They just had their big Art Auction and raised \$7000.00 and used it to help retire new building debt. They are making needlepoint cushions kneelers and they continue to make and sell cheese balls in November. Pudden and others in their church are very involved in a community event called "A Walk Through Time" that is a costumed program in their town cemetery. This event is always the first Sunday in October and conflicts with our usual Conference dates. She does not think they can do both a few days apart. But they will certainly help.

Scottsboro St. Luke's Janet Shadoin is their president but because she works 3 days a week in Nashville, Gini Stone continues to be the go-to person. They do not regularly but this ECW is very active in church activities. Judith Comer is their priest. They hope to have a group at the Spring meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

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