

## **Do You Know—**

**What is the ECW???** ECW stands for Episcopal Church Women. If you are a woman and a member of the Episcopal Church you are a member of the ECW. You can choose to be active or not, but you are the ECW.

**What does the ECW do???** Our women are busy behind the scenes making things happen within St. Philip's, in our Brevard /Transylvania county community, in our Diocese, and in the nation.

**How does the ECW make things happen at St. Philips???** There are many ministries in our parish that are partially or entirely a function of the women of our church. A *Needlework Guild* has been faithfully working on new kneelers since the renovation of our sanctuary. Look at the Bishop's Chair to get a preview of their beautiful work. *The Care Committee* provides receptions for bereaved families and friends after a memorial/funeral service at the Church and/or burials. The *Kitchen Co-ordinator* works with our Sexton to oversee the care of the Miller Hall kitchen. The ECW budget provides financial support for the *Altar Guild*, *the Nursery Staff*, *the Coffee Hour Staff*. The *Discretionary Funds for our Rector, Associate Rector, and Deacon* get some funding from the ECW. Some of the supplies in the kitchen are paid for by the ECW. If you enjoy coffee from the kitchen, thank a woman.

**How do our women help in the Diocese???** This help takes the form of financial contributions to *Camp Henry*, *Lake Logan*, *Valle Crucis*, *Thompson Children's Home*, *a Deerfield Residency Fund*, a pledge to help fund the *Diocesan ECW*, and a donation to *the Periodical Club* that helps seminarians with book expenses. In 2008, our ECW provided funds to buy new Prayer Books for Lake Logan. If you are at Lake Logan, check out the dedication plate

**What can our small group do nationally???** Knitters of our Parish and non-Episcopal knitters in the community send hundreds of garments yearly to the *Seamen's Church Institute* in NYC for distribution to seamen and mariners at sea on Christmas. This year the ECW voted to help fund Deacon Annie's mission trip to Durgapur. So we are even active internationally.

**What about closer to home???** The ECW is a major source of funding for local, non-profit organizations. Since 2001, the ECW has donated \$238,000.00 to local agencies. In 2010, the budget includes the following:

Boys' and Girls' Club-\$2,500

The Bread of Life-\$6,000

The Children's Center-\$3,000

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The Free Clinic-\$6,000

Kids in Camp-\$2,000

KOALA-\$2,000

Meals on Wheels-\$500

New Opportunity School for Women-\$500

Rise and Shine-\$3,000

Sharing House(two programs) \$10,000

SHIELD Youth Camp-\$1,000

Imagination Library-\$500

Whitewater Cove-\$2,400

Emergency Reserve-\$2,000.

This local Outreach budget totals \$41,900.00. When the Diocesan Programs are added, our total expenditures outside our parish in 2010 are almost \$48,000.00.

Our goal is to dedicate 80% of our ECW budget to groups outside our parish.

**Where does all this money come from???** Well, we don't have a secret printing press in the ECW closet. These funds come from The Shop of St. Philip's-Upscale Resale. Our resale shop has become a destination for many visitors whose trip to our mountains is not complete without a stop at the Shop. We get many amazing donations. Over ninety volunteers man or woman the front and help customers find special treasures and everyday goods, work in the back sorting and pricing, and travel the roads making pick-ups. During all this hard work, we manage to have fun, fun, fun.

**How can you get involved???** There are numerous ways you can help. Choose to be active. Come to quarterly general meetings and learn what is going on. The Shop always needs volunteers—front desk staff, pricers, and sorters, strong backs, and special events helpers. If you develop a cleaning

frenzy during these early Spring days, the Shop accepts donations daily during business hours. We cannot take large appliances and electronics. Special arrangements can be made for us to pick up donations. You can also shop with us. In addition to low-priced everyday items, there are boutique treasures, and amazing collectibles. Come in and have a look at the best resale shop in town.

**Who do you contact???** Your ECW is lead by a board. Sharon Jenkins is President for 2010 and Binky Curwin is Vice-president. Lynne Penn and Kay Tiddy steer the Shop Board and Karen Palmer is the Shop manager. Dana Herrman is the super, volunteer co-ordinator for the Shop. We are located at 44 Four Seasons Plaza. You can call us at 884-9660.