



Presbyterian Women's Circle Groups  
Alamance Presbyterian Church – Greensboro, NC  
Minutes for March 2017



### Devotion



St. Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints along with St. Nicolas and St. Valentine. He was born to wealthy parents in Britain, kidnapped by Irish pirates at age 15, sold into slavery in Ireland and held captive for 6 years. After escaping and with the help of sailors, he returned to England, reuniting with his family. There he had a dream of an angel speaking to him telling him to become a missionary in Ireland. After training to become a priest and made a bishop, he returned to Ireland. For over 40 years he preached and converted people from paganism to Roman Catholic Christianity throughout Ireland. St. Patrick used the *shamrock* to explain the Holy Trinity to his followers. His death on March 17, 461 AD evolved into a celebration in his honor.

Because we do not have the curtains drawn back to see what is taking place in heaven, we cannot always determine whether God's active or passive will is involved in the events of our lives, but we do know that all things that take place are under the umbrella of His will, whether active or passive, and, therefore, nothing is a matter of mere chance. When a person rolls the dice to play a board game, God may sometimes cause the dice to land a certain way, but more often than not in such inconsequential matters, He may allow the dice to land as His laws of nature would determine without any active involvement. But even when He is not actively involved, how the dice land is still under His sovereignty. So it is for any event of life; no matter how small (Matthew 10:29-31) or how large (Daniel 4:35; Proverbs 21:1), God is sovereign over all (Ephesians 1:11; Psalm 115:3; Isaiah 46:9-10), and thus nothing is merely the matter of chance.

### Business for March Circles

I cannot tell you how impressed I was with the Women's Retreat that the LIFT circle planned and held this past Saturday and Sunday. It was a jam packed 24 hours. The Campground and facility at Haw River State Park was perfect. There were 30-32 different women coming in and out during the 24-hour period. The committee planned an ice breaker with M and M's for each woman to tell something of ourselves, a self-defense demonstration, a tai chi demonstration, aromatherapy demonstration, a saran wrap game (which was a lot of fun), and more serious moments including a Bible scavenger hunt, a movie (God is not Dead 2), study of Esther, a time to think about our issues that keep us from being the strong woman we want to be, an opportunity to praise our fellow church women individually, time to evaluate our strengths and weaknesses. By the last activity, women were willing to share some of the ways life was keeping them from a full relationship with God and the church family. One member summed it up by saying, "We are such a blessing for one another in Christ." This truly was a "Mountaintop Experience." I wish all of our women could participate."

Enjoy the spring, activities with our new minister and Presbyterian Women.

Jo Ann Camp

### Treasurer's Report

Linda Reid will send the Treasurer's Report separately.

## **Circle Reports**

### **AGAPE**

We met today, March 14, with 7 members and one visitor, Mary Ann Sugg. We had a great meal then returned to church for our Bible study and business meeting. Phyllis Gibbs did a thought provoking study from "Our Daily Bread" devotionals. We discussed our Birthday meeting with all the Circles. Since we are having a meal on May 13 to welcome the Goodman family, we thought maybe we might not want another meal in May. There were no other suggestions. Several ladies had made 47 baby blankets for Women's Hospital to be used for caring newborns home. We made donations to the church sound system, the van fund, and to Hospice in memory of Cathleen Kirkman. Prayer request were made for members of our circle and their families, friends, and members of the church congregation. Great tip – Check out the website Godtube.com and find wonderful Christian videos, music and more.

Leta Pillion

### **LIFT**

Our Circle met March 12 and continued planning and discussing the upcoming two-day Women's Retreat to be held at Haw River State Park.

Sherri Frazier

### **MARTHA BROWN**

The Martha Brown Circle met in the church parlor on Wednesday, March 15th with 7 present. We were happy to have Mary Ann Sugg with us. We began the meeting by remembering those whom we knew with special needs and remembered them in prayer. Pat Royal, who is in charge of the home bound members, had requested names of those who might want or need to be on this list. Several names were mentioned and given to Pat. Our regular offering, along with the Least Coin and Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF) quarters, was received; and we completed our pledge to the PW budget. Brenda Bayne had requested birthdays and e-mail addresses but since many of the members do not have e-mail, we will just check the birthday list in RELAY. Our normal meeting date is the second Wednesday of each month. However, since the senior's luncheon is usually on the 3rd Wednesday, it was the consent of everyone to meet on the 3rd Wednesday after the lunch. In months that the lunch is not held, we will meet on our usual 2nd Wednesday. Thelma Greeson continued our Bible study "Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes". This month's lesson was According to John and, to many, is one of the most beautiful books in the Bible. We closed the meeting with prayer and then enjoyed a time of laughter and fellowship.

Pat Royal

### **MARY, MARTHA, LYDIA, AND RUTH**

Our Circle met on March 14. We heard the lesson on Paul's view of Who Jesus Is. We enjoyed the company and named those who need our prayers.

Pat Royal

### **OPEN DOOR**

Open Door circle met at Jo Ann's home with 4 members present. We had a fun meal as we fellow-shipped with each other. We had a short business meeting. No one had another name to give me for the Life Membership and no one seemed interested in a combined meeting of the women in May. I thought that we could meet without a program. Does anyone have an opinion about that? It may have to be at the end of the month since our new minister will be coming in the beginning of the month. We had our Bible study on Luke. There was little discussion, but I hope that John will create more buzz. The next meeting will be at Jerri Clark's. We ended our circle with prayer.

Jo Ann Camp

**RED HAT**

We met tonight at The Pavilion with 14 members present minus our hostess, Kathy Dick, who had everything decorated for St Patty's Day, but couldn't join us due to feeling ill. Our only business is to provide eggs for the church's Easter Egg Hunt on Apr 9. This is a tradition our circle has done for many years. We collected our paper products for the Food Pantry. Prayer concerns included David and Carol Brown, Bernard Aydelette and Linda Aydelette. Celebrating the news of APC having a new pastor, Rev. Kyle Goodman. Reminding the group of The Sound and The Fury on Fri, Mar 24 to raise money for the new sound system. Toby Jobe



Prayer Requests

- Prayers for Marcia Lane and her daughter, Erica.

May the strength of God pilot us  
May the power of God preserve us  
May the wisdom of God instruct us  
May the hand of God protect us  
May the way of God direct us  
May the shield of God defend us  
May the host of God guard us  
    against the snares of evil  
    and the temptations of the world  
May Christ be with us  
May Christ be before us  
May Christ be in us  
Christ be over all  
*May Thy Salvation, Lord,  
Always be ours,  
This day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen*  
- **ST. PATRICK**



Flower Distribution After Service

- March Flowers: Open Door
- April Flowers: Martha Brown
- May Flowers: Red Hat

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Cindy Morris – April 22



*What do you get when you cross poison ivy with a four-leaf clover?*



*...A rash of good luck*

Submitted by  
Brenda Bayne, Secretary  
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