

## FIRST CHURCH WOMEN

14 OCTOBER 2024

Those in attending were: Mary Ann Arico, Gwen Robbins, Rhodella Brown, Shirley Burtnett, Rose Adams, Amanda Dougherty, Denise Miller, Jody Valente, Teeter Mauldin, and Leader tonight, Lisa Hightower.

Following refreshments and social time the Program was presented. A short video "The Rabbi' Gift" was followed by a group discussion. The conclusion of the group was, the way you treat people, and your 'God-Like Attitude,' makes all the difference. We need to see others as God sees them.

Up coming events were covered.

1. The **Harvest Festival** is on October 26<sup>th</sup> and Judy West is asking for donations of baked goods be brought to the church on Friday afternoon the 25<sup>th</sup> or by 9:00 AM Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>.
2. The Neighborhood Center Fund Raiser, '**Empty Bowls**' is on Thursday, November 14, and the group is planning to attend. Contact Lisa if you would like a ticket. The cost is \$20.00. The event is 5:30-7:30 at Deland High School Cafeteria.
3. Since our regular meeting in November falls on the 11<sup>th</sup>, and that is Veterans Day, it was voted to meet on the third **Monday the 18<sup>th</sup>** for that month.
4. Our **Christmas dinner** will be on December 9, 2024 and the gift exchange will be a 'White Elephant' gift. It will begin early at 5:00PM in building 6. It will be a Pot Luck meal with the main dish provided by First Church Women. Please be thinking of a dish you would like to bring. Choices are a vegetable dish, salad, dessert, drink, rolls, plates and napkins (at least 35). The teachers from the Philippines will be invited again this year. There will be a sign-up sheet at our next meeting. **Please contact Lisa if you will be able to attend the dinner by November 18<sup>th</sup> for planning purposes.** We pray everyone will be able to attend. We will also pack a shoe box with our gifts for seniors, as is our tradition and bring them to the meeting in December.
5. **Let Lisa know** if you would like to help with set-up, decorations, game for gift exchange, or clean-up. Everyone is invited to have a role in the preparation/facilitation of the dinner. Please be prepared to pick an area/task in which you can assist. It is important that all "grab an oar" for these various activities.
6. If you would like to participate in **Operation Christmas Child**, please contact Jessica Smotherman for a box to fill. Those need to be turned in between Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>.
7. We were sad to hear that Beverly Drazul will be stepping down from her role in leadership after the first of the year. A new leadership team needs volunteers to work together. Many hands make light work. Pray and consider volunteering to help in the planning next year. **First Church Women Needs You!!!!**  
Thank you, Beverly, for all the time, energy, and leadership you shared with us the past few years.

We closed in prayer for those in our group and friends, led by Lisa.

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON THE THIRD MONDAY. MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!! MONDAY NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>!!!**

Respectively Submitted, Teeter Mauldin

Revised #5 by Lisa Hightower