

# **Women's Christian Fellowship**

**Together We Make  
A Difference**





# Welcome to the Women's Christian Fellowship

The Women's Christian Fellowship encompasses all aspects of women's ministries here at Central Schwenkfelder: Bible studies, retreats, quilters, mission work, fund raisers and social events. The WCF's foundation of faithfulness began over 100 years ago with the Ladies' Aid Society. The first ladies of Ladies' Aid began by sewing bonnets and blankets for those that might not be able to afford them on their own. They held meetings for both business and fellowship; for the founding of friendships throughout the faith. They raised monies for missions and service projects and to provide items that the church might need. They were a large organization and from their desire to serve, their dedication to the church, and their apparent fearlessness when facing hard work, the seeds of Central Schwenkfelder's Country Fair were planted and began to grow. Service, dedication, hard work, fellowship and faithfulness; the Ladies' Aid Society wove a beautiful tapestry of tradition. Eventually, some reorganization was necessary due to changing lifestyles of women. The WCF now honors the past by remaining dedicated to the rich heritage left to us by the Ladies' Aid Society while ensuring that, even with today's busy lifestyles, our ideals of service to our God, our church, our community and each other are carried into the future.

The Women's Christian Fellowship is served by five officers: president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary and corresponding secretary. There are five core committees within the WCF and they are designated by Country Fair assignments: Attic Treasures, Clothing Reruns, Country Market & Bakery, Games, and Kids Clothes & Treasures. There are also a number of special committees handling administrative duties such as the nominating committee, program committee, and others. In addition to the Country Fair, the WCF also organizes the Ladies' Tea in the Spring, and the Mother Daughter Banquet in May. Fundraisers have included an event in March and a Yard Sale in June. Some events are organized by one of the core committees; larger ones are handled by two of the core committees.

But who is the WCF? Really? It's you. It's us. It is every woman of Central. And it is also our friends, our visitors, our neighbors, our family members. All events of the WCF are open to all women. Never hesitate to invite anyone to any activity whether it's the social get togethers, the service work or the Bible studies. And while we hope every WCF member will find a home in one of the core committees and support The Country Fair in that respect, doing so will not confine you to doing only what that committee does. Is another committee supporting a mission that is near and dear to your heart? By all means, join them for that. Want to help with the Ladies' Tea but it's not your committee's year for that event, don't worry, help out anyway. And remember that the WCF encompasses bible studies, women's retreats and quilting. Feel free to sample everything the WCF has to offer.

You are invited. There is much to be done and much to enjoy. Let your efforts and joy praise our God!

# WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ORGANIZATION CHART

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Games

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Bakery/  
Country Market

Kid's Clothing  
& Treasures

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LAMPS

Women's  
Bible Study

Retreat  
Ministry

Quilters

## **CORE COMMITTEES**

There are five Core Committees based on the Fair assignments. Each Core Committee will select events and mission projects and will be responsible for the planning and execution of assigned events and mission projects. The Core Committee will solicit help from members of the other committees and the women of the church to plan and run these events. As the body of Christ, we can accomplish more together than we would dream possible by ourselves. Working together, we can express the fullness of Christ

### **Clothing Reruns Committee**

We meet about four times a year to organize and assign the shut-ins and the College student secret pals. We start to prepare the barn for clothing reruns in late May and begin organizing and displaying the clothing during June, July and August. We work on alternate Monday and Tuesday mornings from 9:00 – 12:00 sorting, hanging, displaying and pricing various items for men, women and teens. Our committee also takes part in the planning of one of the main events of WCF. We are always looking for members.

### **Attic Treasures Committee**

Attic Treasures collects treasures from people who donate items they no longer want or need and sell them to raise funds for missions and non-profit organizations. If you like going through other people's treasures, you will enjoy working with us. We start working in June once or twice a week until Fair Day. We need many workers and appreciate any help. It is a good way to fellowship with one another. We also help coordinate one of the larger events planned by WCF. Please give joining us your prayerful consideration.

### **Games Committee**

Games Committee is in charge of the children's games at the church fair. We meet two or three times a year to plan for our events. We also meet monthly for lunch to socialize and enjoy Christian Fellowship. We ran the Silent Auction at the CCC and raised money for WCF. We ran the games for the fair in September. Last year, our committee hosted an in-house silent auction in November for "Why Not Prosper" and raised money to help local women recently released from prison. We are mostly comprised of women with school-aged children and are defined by our love for each other and Christ.

### **Kid's Clothing & Treasures Committee**

As our name implies, our fair responsibility is the Kid's Clothing & Treasures booth. We take in and sort donated toys & children's clothing from June through August. We set up our sort days both in the morning and in the evening once a week. When Fair Day comes, we are ready to offer our "treasures" to all. Besides the time spent for the fair, our committee meets for social events like picnics and various mission outreach projects. Our committee also hosts one of the larger events planned by WCF. We are a wonderful group of women and we welcome new members to our group.

### **Country Market & Bakery Committee**

Church members are encouraged to participate in the Country Market and Bakery Committee by baking, contributing handmade needlework and crafts, fresh produce, plants, canned jams, jellies, pickles, etc. for the Country Fair. In May, volunteers are welcome to help make piccalilli for this booth. Volunteers are always needed to help at the Fair. This committee works on WCF mission projects and events and has a summer picnic and a Christmas lunch. All are welcome to join us at any time.

## **Special Committees**

**Program Committee** collects and formulates a list of possible programs that can be presented at one of our special events.

**Membership Committee** will have the duty of informing new women members of the church and other interested women of the work of the Women's Christian Fellowship and invite them to participate.

**Nominating Committee** will be responsible for securing at least one candidate for each office to serve as part of the Executive Committee – President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer by September to be placed on the ballot for the coming calendar year.

**Auditing Committee** will audit the finances of WCF.

**Fair Committee** will serve on a rotating basis for three years and will handle all aspects of planning the Annual Country Fair. The senior member will take on the duties of Fair Chair. These staggering terms of three years will keep a continuing number of active members on the committee.

## **Executive Committee**

### **President –**

The President will preside at all Executive Committee meetings including planning meetings. The President, with the assistance of the other officers, will appoint all Special Committees and be a member ex-officio of all but the Nominating Committee.

### **Vice President –**

The Vice President will perform duties of the President in her absence. She will assist the President in appointing committees and various other duties.

### **Secretary –**

The Secretary will record the minutes of all Executive Committee meetings and provide copies as requested. She will be responsible for sending correspondence and thank yous as needed. The Secretary position may consist of a Recording Secretary and a Corresponding Secretary.

### **Treasurer –**

The Treasurer will receive all monies, pay all bills and enter all amounts in the account book of the organization. She will report on all financial business as requested.

## **Calendar of Events 2015**

Here are the events that are in the works for 2015. There will be more to come! These events offer wonderful opportunities to get involved.

**March 7**  
**Spring "SWAP" Fundraiser**  
**Central Community Center**

**March 13-15**  
**Women's Retreat**  
**Ocean City, NJ**  
**Beth Moore Conference**

**April 13**  
**Ladies Tea**  
**Fellowship Hall**

**May 11**  
**Mother & Daughter Banquet**  
**Fellowship Hall**

**June 6**  
**Yard Sale & Bake Sale**  
**Church Parking Lot**

**September 19**  
**Country Fair**  
**Anders Property**

**TBD**  
**4th Annual Community One-Day Retreat**  
**Central Community Center**

**December 4 & 5**  
**Holiday Shopping for a Cause**  
**Benefits Women At Risk Intl**  
**Central Community Center**

Watch for announcements about various Mission Outreach Projects and Programs to be scheduled throughout the year.

## **WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP MISSIONS**

**REMEMBRANCE LIST**----Shut-ins of our congregation are contacted with visits or cards on their birthdays and Christmas.

**MIGRANT WORKERS**----Hygiene (or other, if needed) kits are assembled and donated, along with blankets, to the migrant workers of Chester County, PA, in May.

**COLLEGE CONNECTION CARDS**----Thanksgiving and Easter cards are sent to our congregation's college students. Submit names and addresses to the church office in September.

**SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MISSION**----Boxes are filled with small gifts for boys or girls in different age groups. Due in October, the boxes are sent all over the world. If you cannot fill a box, donations for shipping are appreciated. Any extra items can be donated and will be used to make up additional shoebox gifts. Pamphlets are available with information on suggestions for the contents of the boxes.

**WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP continues to expand its mission outreach and ENCOURAGES all women to work together on these projects.**

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### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Contact the church office at (610) 584-4480 to get more information about WCF or to join one of our committees or groups.