

The Tellhergram

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SECRETARY/TEMPORARY CO-PRESIDENT

- Susan Stotts

Good Morning! Here, in Zanesville, it is a beautiful, sunny (if cool) day. I hope it's glorious at your house, too.

As you may know, we won't be having conference this June. COVID still makes it feel a bit too risky. However, ABWM national is hosting their first Women and Girls' Virtual Weekend on June 11 & 12. On Friday, June 11, at 8:00 PM EDT is the Gala. It will begin with worship with keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Cheryl Dudley. Then, put on your dancing shoes and best disco swag as we celebrate the disco era in fellowship, music, and dance. All from the comfort of your own home. On Saturday, June 12, at 1:00 PM EDT, our biennial Women's Day program will be held. Women and girls from across the country and Puerto Rico will gather via Zoom for Women's Day, and you are invited. The theme is "Let the Walls Fall Down", based on Ephesians 2:14 NIV. Special guests include Rev. Aracelis Vasquez Haye (keynote speaker), Linnita Hosten (keynote speaker for AB Girls), and Lauren Thomas-Moyett (music leader). There will even be a time to work on a community service project of your choice. You make your choice when you register. This is a good opportunity to meet AB women from around the country, and to be introduced to the new two-year theme. It's neat that we can fellowship with our sisters in Christ, even when we can't travel and be with them. There is a small cost, and you do need to register, so do that at www.abwomensministries.org/events. I'll be there. Hope to see you, too!

Now, on to items closer to home. We do have a board meeting (zoom style) on Saturday, June 19, at 10:00 AM. Association Presidents and Reps, please make plans to join us. It's important to stay in touch. Watch for an email from Rev. Jane Gibbons, closer to time, that will have the zoom connection.

As you can see from the notice in this newsletter, we are planning our Spiritual Growth Retreat as an in-person event! Yay!! Of course, we will keep an eye on the COVID safety guidelines, and follow them, even down to canceling, if that is called for. So, get your shot if you haven't, and start planning to join us on September 17 & 18!

One last item; directory changes. I know that some of your churches and associations are starting to get together, again. As soon as you know of any changes in your officer

information, please get them to me. I think I won't distribute the directories until the board meeting, just before the retreat starts on September 17 (postage costs), but I can email out changes, and can share them with Patsy for White Cross and Tammy for Care & Share so they can get information to the correct woman. I will also send out the new theme information to presidents and reps right after the Women's Day weekend. So, I need the updated contact information. Besides, I just like to hear from you.

Blessings,

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Things to Thank God for When Life Hurts

People 1 Thessalonians 3:9

Provision Philippians 4:19-20

Possibility Matthew 19:26

Prayer Matthew 6:6

Pardon 1 John 1:9

Patience Colossians 1:9

Perseverance Romans 5:3-4

His Plan Psalm 40-5

His Power Jeremiah 32:17

His Presence Romans 5:5

His Promises Deuteronomy 7:9

You are Precious to Him Psalm 73:12-13

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CHAIRWOMAN OF CARE AND SHARE - Tammy Hubb

There is a song that my brother and I sing that pretty much hits what is going on in our world. It starts out "This world is filled with trouble, hearts are filled with hate, the walls are closing in, there feels like no escape. But LOVE's the greatest gift that GOD gave to you and me. Fear is the lock, LOVE is the key." Later in the song; "Call on His name, He'll set your spirit free, Jesus cut the Master Key that day on Calvary! Fear is the lock. LOVE is the key."

I am so grateful that we have the Love of God to get us through all things! I Thank you all for the love we share as Sisters in Christ! Our State Project has been extended. We will keep collecting until May of 2022. Our goal is \$13,000 to provide scholarship money in the Master of Theological Studies in Latin America. If you go to our website, you can read more on it. Susan Stotts is doing a fantastic job of updating the site. You can reach it by going in under ABC OHIO and going to ABC-OHIO MINISTRIES and tapping American Baptist Women of Ohio. Please check it out as it has the latest that is going on.

I have been touching base with our Care and Share recipients and will be receiving their latest lists soon. I will be adding it to our website in the near future. Since we are not having Conference in June, please continue to drop things off in Granville Office if you cannot get them to the individual locations. Feel free to contact me with any questions. God is in control and is so good!

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CHAIRWOMAN OF WHITE CROSS - Patsy Rice

Dear Ladies,

It was voted at the last Board meeting to do the request again this year like we have in the past. I am working on this now and your Association White Cross Rep or President should get this breakdown by June 1st. Remember you can deliver it to the location or send gift cards or a check from your church.

Don't forget to send in your Mission money, for we have fallen behind on this. The need is still there. The same goes for the State Project.

I know a lot of Associations are not meeting. Why not try to have a meeting by phone and take an offering by mail?

The Retreat is still on for this year and we will be having a speaker from HeartReach Neighborhood Ministries. We would like to have a special offering this year and everyone bring in school supplies.

If you have any questions about any of this, please give me a call at 740-587-3764.

I would like to thank all of you for your prayers. My heart is now working at 99%! Thanks to God and your prayers.

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AB Women's Ministries of Ohio
Spiritual Growth Retreat

It's back! Live and in person!

September 17 & 18, 2021

First Baptist Church,
303 South Edgewood Road in Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050.

Theme: Let the Walls Fall Down

Theme Scripture: Ephesians 2:14

Bible Study Leader: April Alexander of HeartReach Neighborhood Ministries

Registration: still \$20.00

Meals: still \$6.00 each

We're still making plans, but the tentative schedule is:

Friday, Sept. 17

10:00 am - Board Meeting - games and activities for those riding with board members

12:00 noon - Lunch for those who registered for lunch

1:00 pm - Retreat begins

There will be dinner, devotions and activities in the evening

Saturday, Sept. 17

9:00 am - Gather for more Bible Study, singing, and missions info

12:00 noon - Lunch

1:00 pm ABWM Ohio Annual Meeting (for missed June meeting)

We have a **new motel** this year. It is quite nice and has a continental breakfast.

Comfort Inn

150 Howard Street

Mt. Vernon, Ohio 43050

740-392-6886

Watch for more information and the registration form in June.
We covet your prayers for guidance, strength, and wisdom as we plan.