

History of Hampshire Circle

1937 - 1945

The first meeting of Hampshire Circle was held at the home of Madeline Bachman on January 29, 1937. Madeline and Violetta Wilson had felt for some time the need for an organization for the younger women of the church. After a covered dish dinner, the group decided to form a circle. Miss Graham was called and agreed to be the sponsor. There were 18 girls present and it was decided to have 3 girls serve as hostesses taking turns presiding over the meetings.

Original Members:

Violetta Wilson	Ruth Kuhn
Eleanor Murphy	Madeline Bachman
Virginia Sharp	Esther Harris
Myrtle Pierson	Drucilla Wagner
Eleanor Hoover	Alice Hock
Phoebe Kullmer	Alta Tonkinson
Gerda Jensen	Virginia Alpaugh
Helen Louise Hewitt	Evelyn Hudson
Sally Wolf	Phyllis Hewitt

1937

- March 26 Easter play at church
- May 8 Rummage Sale - \$23.00
- Program for Mrs. Norris garden party every year (continued until her death).

On March 17, 1938 the Circle met at the home of Evelyn Hudson and decided to re-organize the group with two co-chairmen: Phoebe Kullmer and Alice Hock, Secretary: Gerda Jensen, Treasurer: Virginia Sharp. These officers with Miss Graham served as an advisory board and a Ways and Means Committee to serve for 3 months. The name of Hampshire Circle was chosen upon the combined suggestions of Myrtle Pierson and Madeline Bachman. Membership was not to exceed 28 members.

1938

- We gave two bird baths to the new Memorial Park in the west side church yard.
- A Christmas play "Why the Chimes Rang", with Sally Wolf as director, was given at the church.
- A needy family was given a complete Christmas: food, clothes, tree, toys and gifts.
- First gift to Agnes Dawson began - \$10. This continued until her death.

1939

- August shower for Madeline Bachman - gift of suitcase
- December - Christmas gift exchange with 10 cent gifts

1940

- January 18 - 15 degrees below zero
- \$2 donation for yearbook
- Movie: Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex at the church - \$28.12
- \$20 to repair clock
- \$4.50 for Easter bulletins
- \$10 to Pleasant Hill
- April - Mary Kasbeer joined
- June - Garden Party at Norris Home
- July - Picnic
- \$10 to Pastor's family at Annapolis, Illinois plus linens and blankets
- \$7.51 for footlights
- Girls painted the dining room. Cost of \$11.88 for paint and brushes

1941

- Lawn Carnival at Ruth Skinner's - \$90.63
- Organ tuned - \$20
- Meat fund donations - 10 cents (later changed to 15 cents)
- April - Charles & Mary Kasbeer's new baby (8 inches of snow)

1942

- Rummage Sale at Republican Building - \$22.39
- Paid for memorial folders
- Lunch counter at the County Fair
- Christmas meeting - Agnes Dawson gift of \$15

1943

- Served 100 dinners to Welfare Workers - \$35 profit
- \$5 donation to Japanese children in Poston, Arizona
- July (war days) with encouragement and help of Genevieve Ashdown, a high school math teacher, government canning project set up at the church. Myrtle Pierson was chairman. Mrs. Althoff was paid \$50 as instructor for each unit of 200 hours. 28 people participated. After 3 units, over 3000 cans of vegetables were processed. The Hampshire Circle netted \$75.

1944

- Ways and Means was a Surprise Box:

July	Eleanor Brown	\$2.60
August	Evelyn Hudson	\$1.50
October	Alice Hock	
- February - Auction Sale - \$13.06
- March - Red Cross Donation - \$10
- April - Cake Walk - \$3.90
- May - Mothers' and Daughters' program and decorations
- July - Benefit Bridge at Ruth Skinners - \$22.60
- October - Telephone Bridge Benefit - \$24.75
- November - Armistice Day decorations for Church
- December: Christmas folders for the Church
 - Birthday fund for the year - \$10.61
 - Church donation - \$50
 - Agnes Dawson gift - \$10
 - Auction Sale - \$35.75

1945

- Turkey Dinner. Hampshire Circle made aprons to be sold.