

Lexington Park Church of The Ascension's ECW 2013 Report

We have a total of 62 ladies on our ECW mail out list.. Participation in many of our projects has as always been followed through by a very small band of workers. Dana Davis and Jess have continued the Souper Sundays for this past year... Some volunteers have stepped forward, yet the Davises do the Lion's Share of the Work needed.

We have attempted some money making projects and have had some success. The regular Cookie Sale we have done in the past has often been a lot of work for just a few folks and the outside community along with members of our own congregation has not participated well. This past year we chose a different venue. Pre Made items to be pre sold... We met with somewhat better success and will do this again next year. We found less work for those participating and perhaps with more advertising we may be able to open this up a bit. If the requirements become stringent on us cooking and selling to the public we may have to address all cooking being done in the church kitchen, but those kinks can get worked out in the upcoming year.

Shonna and Tom Meiser hosted a lovely Tea for the ladies and young girls of our congregation this past year in June... Everyone who came had a delightful time.

A very small group showed in support of the Pride in the Park Parade... Always a fun event. Folks met back at the church after the parade for a bite to eat and to work in the yard a bit. Not an ECW event but a few ECW members and families participated.

ECW has had a few Garden Club Luncheons. Two of these functions this year are considered ECW. Due to a decrease in ECW peoplepower, however, the meals provided for groups such as the Lion's Club, funds no longer go into ECW... proceeds go into General Funds.

ECW had pledged to give funds to Buildings and Grounds for a heating unit to be installed in the choir room... This is in the works and by Jan of 2014 should be installed... We continue to send funds to our Adopt A Child in Guatemala and get

info on her progress... ECW has always felt Sunday School an important aspect of our church.... We have been supportive of the plans and curriculum.... Sadly now for a bit we will no longer have Sunday School due to lack of participation.

There seems to be a message in here somehow. We are having less participation in many of our programs... Changes of sorts are being made. We will continue to struggle with why we do not have more participation. Perhaps due to the fact times have changed and church is not as important to young families as it used to be excuses are made to not attend... In the day; those of the old guard left with us remember church was not only our spiritual place to be, but often more than not our social place as well. That has changed and we must either accept that and move on with new thoughts or give up.... Lord knows Ascension ECW folks do not give up...

Fondly,

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