

Women of Service minutes, November 10, 2021

Eighteen Women of Service members gathered on November 10, 2021, in St. Patrick's Church Hall. A Thanksgiving reflection was said. Connie Kress explained that the WOS committee would like to begin a "women helping women" project at each meeting. This means we will be asking those who want to contribute to bring an item to future meetings that would then be donated to a women's organization. The women present agreed to this idea. So, for our next meeting in January, we will be donating to Opening Doors. This is an organization that helps homeless women and their children in the Dubuque area. Please bring any of the following items to the January meeting: *gift cards for gas or for grocery stores, paper towels, dishwasher detergent, liquid laundry detergent, floor and bathroom cleaner, or garbage bags.* Thank you.

Thirty-two Samaritan Christmas Child shoe boxes were collected. These will be taken to First Baptist Church, 2143 Judson Drive, in Dubuque for further distribution before being sent around the world. If you would still like to contribute to this year's collection, shoe boxes can be dropped off at First Baptist Church Monday - Friday 9 to noon and 3 to 7 PM. until November 22nd. Here is wonderful link to see what happens to the shoe boxes next. <https://video.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child-overview-2021-full/>

The remainder of the gathering was dedicated to writing holiday cards to our local shut-ins and residents of nursing homes. We also created gift bags of assorted greeting cards and ten stamps to later be distributed to nursing home residents as a Christmas gift.

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 12, 2022. We will be tying No Sew Blankets for the the homeless population in Dubuque. Please bring a smaller ruler stick and a sharp scissors. Connie Kress and Patty Bonert will be heading this project with assistance from the Retired Service Volunteer Project. Call 876-3032 or 563-590-2678 if you have questions.

Women of Service is a non-denominational gathering, open to any woman of any age and from any town. Our mission is to use our time and talents to help those in need by recycling our resources.

If you think our hands are full, you should see our hearts.