



UPDATES AND REFLECTIONS NOVEMBER 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



As November comes to a close, I will be conducting my last board meeting and a new set of officers will take over. I have enjoyed my years as President even though I made several errors as I tried my best to lead our board. We lost Friendship Circle lead faithfully by Peggy Hook. Several of the members did join another Circle. Carol Scott Circle recently joined with Heritage Circle renaming this circle Heritage-Scott. We are now a unit of four Circles. The number will not affect the enthusiasm we display as a unit.

I am very proud of all we have accomplished and will continue to accomplish. It was a colorful Fall as trees turned such beautiful colors, but now winter seems to be right around the corner. I am excited for 2026 to arrive and to once again experience my role as a faithful Circle member (when life does not get in my way). I am leaving our Unit in very good experienced hands. Thank you again for all your support.

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CIRCLE HAPPENINGS

Heritage Scott



The Heritage Scott Circle met on Tuesday, November 4th. Eighteen ladies and two guests attended. Ann Boyle presented the program about Shepard's Fold. We learned the history of this ministry, what they do now and how we can help. Following our business meeting, we had lunch at the Carrot Tree.

Ruth Simpson



Ruth Simpson Circle met on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, with 8 members and 2 guests present. We were delighted to have Pastor Madison as our guest speaker. She shared with us her journey thus far in becoming a pastor and what remains leading to her full ordination. She also shared some interesting experiences during a previous assignment. We enjoyed getting to know her better and look forward to her joining us again whenever her schedule permits. During our meeting time, we discussed upcoming fundraising activities, attendance at membership events, Circle assignments for 2026, and shared suggestions for mission money recipients.

Sisters in Grace



Sisters in Grace met on Tuesday, November 11. Twenty members and 1 guest were present. Nathalie opened with a devotion and prayer. For our outreach and in-reach program we wrote cards to everyone on the Shepherd's Fold list and then engaged in two activities to better know one another. During our business meeting we collected wish list items for Latisha's House for Christmas. We discussed possible recipients for WUWF mission monies, our upcoming "Dining Out for Missions", the Respite Christmas Concert, the Quilters' Guild sale, the upcoming Installation Service, and the plans for the cookie/soup and Christmas card fundraisers. Monies for the World Thank Offering were collected. Appreciation for the upcoming fundraisers and the amazing support for the Wagster fundraiser was expressed.

Sisters in Mission



Sisters in Mission met on November 11. Laura led the devotion. She suggested that, as the leaves change, we explore letting go of worries, embracing change and renewal and finding hope in seasonal cycles. Our program was a Q&A session with Pastor Madison Ailingier, which included her calling, current responsibilities, and recent trip with Adam Hamilton to England. Sisters finished assembling Samaritan Purse shoeboxes. Business items discussed included December fundraising, Cirque de Soleil member social, Winter Shelter meal, and upcoming programs for Patriots Colony and Edgeworth for the holidays. Sharon Short presented the Daughters of the American Revolution Service Award to Sisters in Mission for outstanding service in our mission program for elderly care memory units at Patriots Colony and Edgeworth. Laura Viancour,

Deborah Hewitt and Gwen Hinton were recognized for their outstanding leadership in Volunteer service. The beautiful framed certificate will be displayed in our meeting room.

SOCIAL ACTION/CREATION CARE



Hopefully everyone enjoyed the beautiful projects from our Quilting Guild and the opportunity to purchase from the bountiful selection this Sunday. A quilting shop in Cary, North Carolina, "Quilter's Best", has this saying on their shopping bags: "Honoring the true pioneers of beautiful repurposing and recycling." Quilting blends two messages. The first is social action and our need to reevaluate all the clothing we purchase and then end up not wearing. Do we really need the quantities that we purchase? The second message is one from Creation Care and acknowledges that quilting started as a way to repurpose and reuse all types of materials. We aren't suggesting people start seeking flour sack dresses, but take a moment to look in your closet and be thankful for the clothing we have, donate what we are no longer using and be mindful of future purchases.

CAROL BRINKLEY MEMORIAL BOOK CLUB



Here are the wonderful books that will be read for the next several meetings:

January 12	<i>All That is Secret</i> by P. Raybon
March 8	<i>The Girl With 7 Names</i> by H. Lee