Sisters in Grace

Sisters in Grace Circle met on Tuesday, September 8 with 17 members and 3 guests present. Bonnie came and spoke to the ladies regarding the Special Mission Recognition Awards and then Sandy Towers, director of Williamsburg Public Library, gave a presentation on all the programs available through the library. Everyone was amazed at all that the library system provides. We then discussed our upcoming Arc of Abilities activities, the September Dining Out for Missions at Sal's, Be the Church event on 9/26, and Mission Rivers District meeting needs. Terry McKenna closed our meeting with prayer.

Some fun with our Arc friends!

Sisters in Mission

Sisters in Mission held their meeting September 15th. We had 12 members present, plus our guest speaker, Sara Lewis, who talked about the Olde Towne Medical and Dental Center. Donna Potts read the welcome from the Prayer Calendar and led the reading of the purpose. Patty Benesh gave a devotion that was written by her father for the Upper Room in 1950. Melissa Magowan read the Mission Moment and introduced the lectionary passages from the Prayer Calendar. Donna offered the response moment with an article about Stacey Abrams and her mother, Carolyn (a United Methodist pastor), who were at UWF Assembly in Indianapolis. Nancy Fazzone introduced Sara to the group and Sara gave a nice presentation about how the OTMDC works and how they raise their money. Sara is the Grants and Development Coordinator there. Susan Griffin talked about the Candle Burning ceremony that is scheduled for October 10th and Bonnie gave a report about our most recent fundraising efforts from the August UWF Board meeting and information regarding the Special Recognition Award nominating process. Donna talked about the Sunshine Fund and, as a group, we decided to use $50 to buy a Target gift card to give to Madison at their baby shower on Saturday. I mentioned the birthdays from the Prayer Calendar for the week and Connie mentioned the Quilt Ministry Advent Fair that will be open to the public this year on Saturday November 14th with any leftovers available for church members to buy on the 15th. Nancy closed us in prayer with the Simple Prayer of Saint Francis. Our next meeting will be October 20th, probably at the new FISH location.

<u>SOCIAL ACTION – CREATION CARE</u>

On Saturday, Oct. 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the James City County Police Department will host **National Prescription Drug Take Back Day** in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). The DEA and its partner organizations will collect unneeded medications

at thousands of locations nationwide to combat addiction and the opioid crisis.

Numerous collection sites are planned for the Hampton Roads region, and citizens can visit the James City County Law Enforcement Center at 4600 Opportunity Way, Williamsburg, VA 23188, to dispose of their unwanted and expired medications. Disposal is free and anonymous.

Collection sites will not accept syringes, sharps or illicit drugs. Liquid products should remain in their original containers, with the cap tightly sealed to prevent leakage.

For more information and to locate other collection sites near you, visit www.DEATakeBack.com.

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September has arrived and our schools are in session. As I think of school BOOKS come to mind. Do you find yourself with more or less reading time as Fall is approaching? This may be a tough one for many of you but I want you to go to everyone of your personal book cases. Count your books. OH YES, this may become extremely overwhelming. If you have less than 50 books then $0.25 each. If you have more than 50 then it will be $0.10 for each. After this activity you may be thinking I do need to give some of these book to charity. Books bring me JOY - I hope they do the same for you.!