

February 20, 1975

The February meeting of Rebecca Circle was held on Thursday, Feb 20, 1975. Devotions were given by Shirley Blue. The Secretary's report was read, and the Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$56.88.

On February 24, 1975, they are planning to clean the kitchen. Volunteers were asked to come at 9:30.

Mary Phillips and Ann Mendell agreed to help with the kitchen responsibilities during church potlucks, etc.

At the March meeting we decided to work on paper tote crafts.

The duration of the meeting was spent making wall hangings. Members brought their own for \$2.00 if they wished. It was decided to use this money to buy more craft supplies.

Secretary,  
Joyce Beak

March 20, 1975

The March meeting of Rebecca Circle was held on Thurs., March 20, 1975. Devotions were given by Ann Mendice. The Treasurer's Report was read and a balance of \$55.78 was reported.

We discussed the upcoming Rummage Sale on May 8th & 9th. Plans were being made to have a hotpitter come during that week to make it possible for those with children to help.

We were reminded of the Special Women's Luncheon on Thursday, May 1, 1975. There will be a play "The Mother" presented and a dessert will be served following. Tickets can be purchased from the Circle Chairman.

For the duration of the meeting we marked on plaques <sup>(Mary Phillips)</sup> of paper tails. These are items to be sold at our Dec. luncheon.

Next meeting we are planning to work on pin cushions.

Secretary,  
Joyce Black

April 17, 1975

The April meeting of Rebecca Circle was held on Thurs. April 17<sup>th</sup>. Devotions were given by Maggie Lamb. The Secretary's Report was read & the Treasurer reported a balance of \$58.53.

We were asked to bring a clay pot to the next meeting. Jeanette Meund will teach us how to make macramé plant hangers.

Discussion was held on the following:

The Family Night Dinner - April 27.  
Women's Luncheon - May 1<sup>st</sup>; our circle will provide the popcorn.

Fellowship Day - Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Our circle was asked for helpers to serve the luncheon.

Rummage Sale - May 5, & 8.  
There will be a Sitter available on May 6, 7, & 8 from 9:30-12:00.  
Circle members were asked to come as often as possible; especially on Thurs. May 8<sup>th</sup> to work on marking top.  
Barbara Merwin also requested help in making posters.

The duration of the meeting Chris Andres taught us how to make

the pen cushions we will sell  
at the Dec. luncheon.

Secretary,  
Joyce Black

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Mary - Paperweight  
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May 15, 1975

The May meeting of Rebecca Cerele was held on Thursday, May 15, 1975. Devotions were given by Nancy Marshall. The Secretary's Report was read & the Treasurer reported a balance of \$52.80.

Discussion was held on whether we should have a June meeting. Karen Brinkman offered to teach us to make crocheted shawls. (We need a size "H" crochet hook). The majority of the members wished to attend. The meeting date was scheduled for June 19th.

Mary Phillips showed us an idea for a paperweight made with dried flowers & also a kitchen towel.

For the duration of the meeting Jeannette Meunier taught us to make macramé pot hangers.

Secretary,  
Joyce Black

June 19, 1975

This meeting of Rebecca Circle was specially scheduled for us to learn to make shawls for our mini-bazaar in Dec. Karen Brinkman gave us copies of the shawl pattern & helped us get our projects started.

Secretary,  
Jayne Black

Sept 18, 1975

The September meeting of Rebecca Circle was held on Thurs. Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>. Devotions were given by Chris Andras. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$38.35.

Pat Glementi, our chairman reminded us of the Bummage Sale which is scheduled for Oct 23 & 24. All members were asked to plan on working some-time that preceding week on marking, etc.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>. \*

We discussed our plans for the Luncheon we are serving on Dec. 4, 1975. We tentatively decided on serving turkey casseroles.

The balance of the meeting was used to work on fabric flowers to sell at our mini-bazaar on the day of the luncheon.

Secretary,  
Joyce Black

\* Our circle was asked to take responsibility for fixing coffee the 2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday of each month until Dec. 1975.

October 16, 1975

The October meeting of Rebecca circle was held on Thursday, October 16,

devotions were given by Maggie Lamb.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$44.40 in our treasury.

The Rummage Sale was to be held Oct 23rd and 24th. All members of our circle were asked to help with sorting and marking merchandise prior to the sale. There will be a babysitter here from 9-12 on Oct 14, 15 & 16.

Circle members were asked to sign up for contributions to the Bake Sale or for the <sup>workers</sup> luncheon on Thur.

The balance of our meeting was spent on making wall hangings for our Dec. luncheon.

We were asked to bring <sup>to the Nov. meeting</sup> all the craft projects we have completed for the bazaar.

Secretary,  
Joyce Black

The November meeting of Rebecca Circle was <sup>held</sup> Thursday, Nov. 20, 1975.

Devotions were given by Joyce Black. The Secretary's report was read and the Treasurer reported a balance of \$47.75 in our account.

Shirley Blue told us about the programs for the women's Society luncheon that had been planned for next year. She asked the circle members to indicate which programs they were interested in and for ideas for the November luncheon.

January 8, 1976 will be the first luncheon.

Pat Ghimenti reported that the profits from the Luggage Sale amounted to \$2,400.

Nancy Marshall asked that we pay up our pledges as soon as possible.

We made plans for serving the luncheon at the Dec. meeting of Women's Society.

The menu: Turkey Casserole  
Jello Salads (red & green)  
Homemade Bread  
Cake for dessert.

Each circle member present at this meeting agreed to bring (1) Casserole and (1) Centerpiece (for table)

decorations.

Our bazaar table will be set up at the back of the room - with the punch served from the same location.

We discussed our Dec. meeting, which instead of a cookie exchange, will be a dinner on Dec 4 with all the circle members and their husbands.

Each circle member will contribute part of the food.

Before the meeting was adjourned, recipes for the Luncheon Casserole & directions to the circle dinner location were handed out.

Secretary  
Jayce Black

December 1975

In lieu of our regular December cookie exchange, we decided to have a dinner on the evening of Dec 4 with all the Wives members and their husbands.

Each member contributed part of the food and a good time was had by all. As a result of the bazaar we sponsored at the Dec women's luncheon, we had a total of \$140.00 to spend toward a Christmas gift for the girls at Martha Hall.

Secretary  
Joyce Black

January 15, 1976

The January meeting of Rebecca Circle was held at 9:30 January 15<sup>th</sup>. The Treasurer's report was read and she reported a balance of \_\_\_\_\_.

Devotions were given by Kay Patenza.

With the ~~next~~ reorganization of the circles, it was requested that we adopt a new name. All members present agreed upon changing the name of Rebecca Circle to Abigail.

[Abigail was the name of one of David's wives in the Old Testament and was known to be a courageous & good-hearted person. Also, with the Bicentennial this year, Abigail, it was pointed out, was the name of Pres. John Adams' wife. She also had many admirable traits & her father had been a minister].

A new calling committee was set up ~~at~~ ~~consisted~~ consisting of 3 people to help notify members of meetings, etc.

There was also a member selected to help Evelyn Ames

in the kitchen when dinners  
were being served.

Some discussion was held on  
what our monthly programs  
should be for the coming  
year. A suggestion was made  
to spend part of the time  
with study programs - & the  
remaining time on ~~a~~ craft  
projects.

We are planning on  
further discussion of this  
matter next month.

Secretary,  
Joyce Black

February 5, 1976

The February meeting of Abigail Circle was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

The Secretary's report was read and devotions were provided by Maggie Lamb.

Our chairman Pat Ghimenti reported that a ping-pong table had been ordered from Sears and would be sent to Martha Hall in the next few days.

For our March meeting, all members were asked to collect any baby clothes they would like to donate toward the layettes we are assembling for needy mothers. Items that are needed are receiving blankets, crib blankets, gowns, plastic pants, booties, etc.

Any profit we receive from the bicentennial hats we made for the women's luncheon in Feb will be used to buy plastic pants & diapers for these layettes.

Mary Phillips demonstrated how to make the duster cape for the luncheon & members were asked to volunteer to <sup>either</sup> make hats or bake homemade bread for the Feb. luncheon.

Our program this month was presented by our Associate Minister, Tom Patenza. His topic was

using Dramatics with children.  
For this program we invited  
Civille #? to join us.

Secretary,  
Jayce Black

April 15, 1976

The April meeting of Abigail Circle was held at 9:30 Thursday the 15th. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$71.00. Minutes were not taken at the March meeting.

We received a thank you note from Martha Hall for the ping-pong table that we sent. Sandy Helgesen suggested the possibility of also sending them a carpet which she would be able to help obtain.

The following people had asked for volunteers to help them:

Judy Betsworth - correspondence with prison

Marilyn Manulson - with FISH - to drive elderly people to the park district.

Carole Zink - with Elgin State Hospital (to visit patients every 2nd Monday from 9:15 - 12:00. [Sitter provided].

Please contact them if you are interested.

Circle members were asked to sign up for work at the Rummage Sale and for items at the Bake Sale.

There will be a babysitter Mon - Thurs 9:30 - 12:00.

We discussed ideas for  
craft projects for our bazaar  
in Dec.

Next month we will  
have a tour of the Historical  
Museum here in Barrington.

Secretary,  
Joyce Black

May 20, 1976

The May meeting of Abigail Circle was held on Thursday, the 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30. The Secretary's report was read and the Treasurer reported a balance of ~~7.34~~ 67.05.

Our chairman reported the profits from the Luggage Sale amounted to \$2,100. We discussed obtaining 2 carpets for Martha Hall. Sandy Helgesen offered to obtain them & Kay Potenza will take them to Dixon.

The June meeting of the Women Society will be a picnic at the parsonage on Thurs, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Each person should bring a salad.

On Sunday, June 6 will be our circle picnic for members & their families. It will be held at Langendorf Park in Barrington. We will meet at 2:00 and plan to eat around 4:00 to 5:00. Each family should bring enough chicken for themselves plus a salad to share - their own take service etc.

We discussed our Bazaar plans and made plans to meet at the church this evening to make macramé necklaces. Sandy Helgesen & Carolyn Schultz should

use the table decorations they  
had been working on. A  
Mr & Mrs Santa Claus to sell  
for \$4 per pair. Members  
were asked to save 32oz pop  
bottles which are used for a  
base.

The remainder of our  
meeting was spent on a  
tour of the Barrington Historical  
Museum.

Secretary,  
Jayce Slack

Sept 23, 1976

The September meeting of Abigail Circle was held on Thursday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 am. The Secretary's report was read and the Treasurer reported a balance of \$17.04.

Our chairman, Pat Ghimenti, announced the dates of the fall rummage sale. It will be held October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. All members were asked to help with marking & pricing prior to the sale. Babysitters will be provided. On Thurs. morning there will be two sitters so that we can mark Toys. Members were asked to volunteer for bringing Barbeque, Sandwiches & Bake Sale items.

BBQ - Mary Phillips  
Maggie Lamb  
Pat Ghimenti

6 Sandwiches - Sandy Boncimina

on October 14<sup>th</sup> there will be a retreat at Marianne Funderlip's house. It will be held from 9:00-2:00.

On October 7<sup>th</sup> our Women's Luncheon will be held. The program is titled "Biblical View of Marriage"

Maggie Lamb & Susan Curran  
will hold a Supperware party  
at Maggie's house, on Oct 5  
at 8:00. The profits will go  
to the circle & a hostess gift  
possibly for Martha Hall.

Our next circle meeting will  
be held Thurs. Oct 28<sup>th</sup> &  
— our November meeting  
will be on Wed, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>.

Our speaker will talk on  
"Women in the Ministry".  
Pat Stementi invited members  
to her house after this  
meeting & a babysitter  
will stay for the children.  
Snack lunches will be needed  
for them.

We discussed our desire  
to form a Bible Study  
group. Our initial meetings  
will be held at the church  
on Thursday, Sept 30<sup>th</sup> from  
9:30 - 11:00. We will try to  
meet twice a month.

Nominations for new officers  
of for January, 1977 were held.

Chairman - Susan Curran  
Secretary - Mary Phillips  
Treasurer - Ann Mendell

Secretary  
Joyce Black

Oct 28, 1976

The October meeting of Abigail Circle was held on Thursday, Oct 28, 1976, at 9:30 am. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$18.87. Devotions were given this month by Ann Mendell.

Our chairman, Pat Ghimentis, invited all the circle members to her house for lunch at 1:00 on Nov 17, 1976 following our morning meeting. At this meeting we will bring in our crafts that have been made for sale at the bazaar.

Pat Masius came to talk to us about Elgin State Hospital and the need for volunteers for visitations.

The balance of the meeting was spent working on the Mrs + Mrs Santa Claus dolls that are to be sold at the bazaar.

Secretary,  
Jaeger Block

January 20, 1977

The Jan. meeting of Abigail Circle was held at 9:30 Thursday, Jan 20<sup>th</sup>. Our new circle chairman, Mary Phillips called the meeting to order.

Nancy Marshall read the Treasurer's report for 1976. We presented Martha Hall with a pool table & our sitters with Christmas gifts.

Sitters will go up to three next month & costs to .75/child. The Sunshine fund also covers cards we send, etc.

We will make permanent advent calendars as our largeazaar item. We will make ornaments on our own beside these projects.

Abigail Circle will host the Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> luncheon. (meet at church 10:30)

Menu - soup

Cherry crisp

Homemade muffins

fruit salad

Coffee/tea/punch

Martha Hall has closed the Dixon facility & the girls will be moved to the Roscrance facility. We need to decide whether to continue to support this program or to change to something else. Elgin State? Chicago Homes for Children?

Secretary,  
Joise Black

February 16, 1977

The February meeting of Abigail Circle was held Thurs. Feb 16 at 9:30. Meeting was called to order by Mary Phillips. Devotions were given by Maggie Lamb. The Treasurer's report was given by Lynn Mendell. Bal. Inv. from the previous month 77.50. Balance as of 2/16/77 is \$81.05 (this does not include the \$17.00 profit we made on the Feb. Luncheon.) Anne suggested we have a separate baby-sitting fund, as our Sunshine fund is not adequately covering our expenses. Also it will be necessary to pay \$1.00 per child plus .25/ for each extra child.

Pledge cards were handed out for members wishing to pledge for United Methodist Women.

- March meeting will be a book review of the "Little Prince" by Antoine De Saint Exupéry.
- April 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> - work on Rummage Sale (sitters available for Mon thru Fri)
- May - suggestion was a visit to Rosecrance Memorial Homes for Girls (Rockford). - perhaps have lunch afterwards.

Today program will be presented  
by Lonne Groves a psychiatric social  
worker specializing in Family Therapy.  
She is going to present an  
8 wk course on Effective Parenting  
Thurs March 10 - May 6 at St. Paul's  
United Church of Christ.

We were reminded of a Bible Study  
Class being presented by Bill Birk  
for 3 weeks starting Feb 28 for 3  
consecutive Mondays. 7:45-9:30.  
Please register.