Pine Mountain United Women of Faith Louise Miller Circle Minutes October 14, 2024

Light refreshments were served as the women arrived for the meeting. Our hostess was Peggy Elder.

President Sara Godowns called the meeting to order. She began by making announcements as follows: October 29, 2024 - Open Door Meal - The meal will be cooked in our FLC kitchen and then will be delivered and served that night at Open Door Ministries. Helpers were asked to sign up with Sara Godowns. November 11, 2024 will be our next meeting. Mark your calendars. November 11th - 15th, 2024 - We will be delivering Homebound Thanksgiving deliveries.

Everyone was encouraged to look on their table for the January - September 2024 Circle Treasurer's report. The Ending Balance was \$1, 606.46. This was submitted by Jane Logan, our treasurer.

Winky Parker introduced our guest speaker, Reverend Lynn Meadows-White from Carpenter's Way. Reverend Meadows-White explained the Prevention and Intervention parts of the Methodist Home for Children and Youth. She explained the three parts of Prevention as Community-based, Foster/Kinship Care and Adoption. She explained the Intervention Portion as Residential Care. This is the section that Carpenter's Way for boys falls under.

At the close of the program a motion and second was made to donate \$300.00 to Carpenter's Way program. The motion was carried and a check was written and presented to Revered Meadows-White.

Revered Meadows-White also explained the Georgia Qualified Foster Child Donation Credit for taxes. She explained that if you pay Georgia Taxes you can request that this tax credit which is a dollar for dollar credit be used for your STATE tax liability. The purpose of the tax credit is to support "aging foster children (youth 16 - 18 and former foster children up to and including age 21 or possibly age 25 if legally possible) to assist in their transition to independent living through support of the next step life skills, post-secondary education or career training and finding employment. Information is available upon request from our circle or Reverend Meadows-White, 706-322-5406.

Our meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Mary Helen Terrell - Secretary