

# American Baptist Women's Ministries (ABW)

## About AB Women's Ministries

### Our Mission

The national American Baptist Women's Ministries mission is to provide vision, training, and resources to women and girls in American Baptist churches.

### Our Vision

Every American Baptist church shall have a vital women's ministry program that empowers women and girls to become and develop as God's person, build God's faith community, and serve God's world.

### Our Purpose

As servant leaders, we serve American Baptist churches by encouraging existing vital ministries with women and girls and empowering churches to build such ministries.

Click on the following link if you would like to learn more about the national ABW organization:

<http://abwministries.org/>



## **Our local ABW group is very active in the life of the First Baptist Church in Beloit. Following is an overview of our ministry and a summary of activities in 2010:**

- All women are invited to participate in American Baptist Women's Ministries. Each woman is encouraged to participate according to her own needs, interests and gifts as led by the Spirit of God.
- Our meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month with a 12:00 noon luncheon, business meeting and program in the Gathering Room. We hope you will find time in your schedule to make this very vital ministry in our church a priority and join us at any of our meetings.
- Two Circles meet the first Wednesday of the month, Ruth at 9:30 AM, Martha at 1:30 PM and Rachel at 7:15 PM the first Tuesday of the month.
- ABW Ministries and Circles do not meet in July or August. Your attendance at First Baptist Church is your invitation to join any of the groups.
- Throughout the year we have many great speakers from our community telling of their services and needs. We support many local organizations such as Caritas and Hands of Faith.
- We support the Milwaukee Christian Center through our White Cross collections of many needed items to help them operate efficiently and meet the needs of others.
- Our World Mission offering provides much needed assistance to the Guave Ebenezer Clinic in Haiti.
- March 16 at 9:30 a.m. we will be hosting our 22<sup>nd</sup> annual "Sharing of the Bread". This is an ecumenical outreach to our community. Our speaker this year will be Rev. Melva Bishop, a pastor from Madison. All in the area are welcome.  
***Make your reservation by calling the church office at 608-365-8455.***
- Each circle served Sunday Coffee Hour one Sunday a month during the year.
- On May 1<sup>st</sup> we will host an "Afternoon Tea" at 4:00. This is a very special day for women in our church and their guests.
- We provided and served food at funeral lunches, weddings and anniversary receptions.

- A new cookbook was organized by members and sold as a fund raiser.

***NOTE: They make great gifts at just \$10.00 each. They are on sale in the Gathering Room following worship service or you can contact the church office at 608-365-8455.***



***If you would like to learn more about ABW at First Baptist in Beloit, please call our local President, Donna Hutchinson, at 608-312-2130.***

***Please Come Join Us -- We would love to have you share in our fellowship and service to vital ministries in the church!!***