

Ministry of the Month for November

Women of Worth (WOW)

The Women's Ministry group at St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church was started/re-started on September 2, 2017 by Andrea Liesman. The initial meeting was attended by 22 women and got off to a great start. The name of the group was up for discussion and among the names suggested were WOST, Women of St. Thomas, and LOST, Ladies of St. Thomas!! However, those were dropped in favor of WOW, Women of Worth, and that name has stuck.

The group was started as a service group to help with events such as funerals, weddings, special occasions and fellowship. WOW members have participated in a wide variety of events and services over the past two years.



Women of Worth members attending the Olive Tree Farm outing October 26

With gratitude for Andrea's efforts to start the group, in February 2019 there was a change in Leadership with Virginia Patton, Bishop's Committee member in charge of Hospitality, taking over the reins. Doria Lore became co-leader shortly thereafter. The group meets on the fourth Saturday of each month at 9:00 am in Julian Hall with prayer, breakfast and time for fellowship and planning for upcoming events. Recently we have spent time with ice breaker topics which provides an avenue to know each other on a more personal level. We decided to

have more fun with quarterly special outings. This included visits to the Grand Tradition in Fallbrook for brunch and to the Temecula Olive Tree Farm and other sights in Aguanga.

In addition, WOW wants to give back to the community. Andrea Liesman coordinated an outreach project aimed at assisting those in our community in the most need, the homeless. Through Project T.O.U.C.H., St. Thomas members and Preschool families were encouraged to fill a bag with one item a day during Advent from a list of needs. This program was called "Reverse Advent" to reflect giving instead of getting. We plan on additional community projects in the future.

All women of St. Thomas qualify as members and we hope to have more women attend the meetings and activities. Being involved with WOW allows women to grow in their faith, develop new friendships, and have some fun in the process.



Donna Weiss, Virginia Patton, Doria Lore, and Jackie Klippert at the Temecula Olive Tree Farm outing on October 26

We look forward to seeing lots of women joining us for our next get together on Saturday, November 23rd at 9:00 a.m. (new start time) at church in Julian Hall. Just show up and if you can, bring something to share for breakfast and fellowship.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about the ministry, please call Doria Lore at church at 951-302-4566 between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. M-F.