

# UPDATES AND REFLECTIONS FEBRUARY 2026

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Spring is nearly here. It seems not that long ago that the new year began, and we faced weeks of winter weather. Most of the snow and ice have melted now although I can still find piles of dirty ice in parking lots. It won't be long until we see daffodils and tulips in bloom. As we enter this Lenten session and prepare for Easter there are many things we can be praying about. Join us on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> for the Call to Prayer and Self Denial. Thanks to all of the ladies who contributed cookies for the Jazz Concert held on February 13<sup>th</sup>. We not only had enough for that evening but were able to contribute cookies for the coffee service on Sunday and the Red Cross Blood Drive on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Donna Potts for again coordinating the blood drive. If you haven't already made your pledge for 2026, consider doing so at your next Circle meeting. The funds we collect support our local programs and contribute to district efforts. The pledge for this year is again \$50.

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## CIRCLE HAPPENINGS

### Heritage Scott



The Heritage Scott Circle met on Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. We had 17 members and 4 guests present. Nancy Parsons led a wonderful program in which the ladies introduced themselves by sharing a recipe. A good time was had by all! After the meeting, several ladies shared lunch at Honey Butters.

### Ruth Simpson



The Ruth Simpson Circle met on Wednesday, February 4, with 9 members present. Melody Nichols presented a program based on the book, *The Cup of Our Life*, by Joyce Rupp. She read a short story from the book entitled "The Teapot Story" and discussed how teapots can relate to our lives. She then treated us to a tea party she prepared with help from Cassie Maye. While we were enjoying the delicious pastries Melody baked, Cassie talked about how she acquired

each of the teacups we were using to drink our tea.

### **Sisters in Grace**



Sisters in Grace Circle met at Food For Thought on Tuesday, February 10 with 22 members and 1 guest present. Members were reminded of the need for baked goods for the benefit concert and WUWF's February blood, the Book Club's March book choice and zoom date, and our monthly Arc of Abilities program. Diane Robbins shared the courageous story of Sabina Wurmbbrand, a role model of faith and passion for Christ no matter what the cost. After lunch some of our members went to Respite Care to lead the participants in several group activities. On Thursday, February 19, we led a music program with our friends with Arc of Abilities. Jeannie had everyone singing and dancing to all kinds of music!

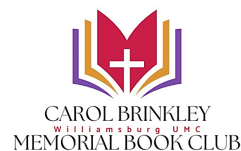
### **Sisters in Mission**



Sisters in Mission met on Tuesday, February 17 with 12 members attending. Libby Daniel, Gwen Hinton, and Virginia Price were Group Leaders. Libby led devotions with thoughts on "Conversation Hearts with God", Libby shared Biblical references with the "traditional" sayings once found on candy hearts and Gwen shared the Mission Moment from the Response magazine for January/February. The leadership team then provided a group participation

program. Donna reported on the Souper Bowl chili sales in January (\$1500), as well as the upcoming Blood Drive. Reports were heard from Bonnie Knizatko for UWF Board meeting and the memory care visiting teams. Joys were shared for new grandchildren, family member's upcoming baptism, and continued prayers for Patty Benesh and James Bland with medical concerns.

### **CAROL BRINKLEY MEMORIAL BOOK CLUB**



Here is the wonderful book that will be read for our March meeting:

March 9: *The Girl With 7 Names* by H. Lee

### **WORLD THANK OFFERING CHALLENGE**



February's World Thank Offering challenge this month centers around the theme **YOU LIGHT UP MY LIFE**. Yes, you will walk around your home and count all your lamps, candles in windows and even your outside fixtures. This time \$.10 for each. Place your contribution into your jar, box or whatever container you have chosen for your World Thank Offering challenges. You all do light up my life and I am sure bring joy to many others. Linda Upshaw