

EAST GOSHEN WOMEN'S SEWING

Members:

Arianne Hochstetler, Alma Bontrager, Mildred Friesen, Edna Hoover, Martha Y. Kauffman, Barb Eiler, Maria Hershberger, Mary Ann Schrock, Miriam G. Schrock, Dorothy Schmucker, Esther Yoder, and others.

Retired this past year are: Miriam Charles, Wilma Roth and Dora Troyer.

Delores Greenawalt, Karen Powell, and Sheril Mullett donated quilts.

Bethany Shank and family processed the school kits that many S.S. classes and individuals donated to.

The group is open to all women.

In 2008. . .

We prepare quilts and wall hangings at our monthly sewings. We usually meet in our fellowship hall but while attending a special guest day sewing at the Clinton Frame Mennonite Church, we were invited to hold our sewings with them on the first Wednesday of each month. Since May, we have been meeting with them and it has been a wonderful blessing to us!

This year we donated 2 quilts, 1 quilted throw, and 2 wall hangings to the MCC Relief Sale which brought in \$2800. One quilt was donated to Bethany's benefit, 2 wall hangings to Gospel Echoes, and 1 knotted quilt to the Goldenrod benefit.

Many others made personal donations:

Esther Yoder, a quilt to Bethany

Miriam G. Schrock and Mildred Friesen, 2 dozen comforters to MCC

Delores Greenawalt, a quilt top

Wilma Roth, a large quilted throw

Bonny Driver, an appliqued wall hanging.

It has been a wonderful opportunity for working together for God's kingdom.

This ministry connects with our EGMC mission. . .

We believe this working together to donate to local needs and to MCC's world is a very positive way to give food to the hungry (and dying), water to the thirsty and clothing to those who are cold. We will continue to support local needs at Bethany, at Goldenrod, at Gospel Echoes, and especially needs in our own congregation as they arise and in our neighborhood. We want to worship and communicate the good news of the Kingdom of God in word and action. We work hard at supporting each other and not gossip as we meet together monthly.

The vision for ministry in the coming year. . .

We will continue in donating to these various ministries in combination with our church's local ministries, as we are able. In addition, we also continue to make baby quilts to present to parents at the birth of their first child born while they are attending East Goshen. We are open to other needs that arise in our congregation.

Questions and concerns. . .

One of our concerns is that our group is aging and we would like to draw in more younger women. We believe this is an important role in reaching out to people in desperate situations, physically, spiritually and emotionally both in our country as well as in many places in the world where people are suffering through no fault of their own.

Reported by Arianne Hochstetler on December 2, 2008 for Mennonite Women of East Goshen