

*Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows
Fellowship of Northern Virginia & Vicinity*



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*"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work,
and increasing in the knowledge of God;" Colossians 1:10 KJV*

Greetings to you, my Beloved Sisters,

The Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows Fellowship of Northern Virginia & Vicinity are "WOMEN WALKING WITH GOD." Our mission is to encourage, support and empower each other as we effectively serve in Kingdom building.

"Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"

The Novel Coronavirus Pandemic:

From March 2020 until this present day, we have been faced with the opportunities of the Novel Coronavirus Pandemic, known as COVID-19. Our Sisterhood decided to look at opportunities of serving those in need and "Seize the Day!"

First things first; we continued to meet monthly and quickly changed our in-person meeting to conference calls and zoom. Staying engaged has been very powerful; we were able to have fellowship with those who previously were unable to attend in person. What a blessing we received from celebrating birthdays and honoring our senior members.

2020 – 2021 Outreach Ministries:

We are Women who are believers in Jesus Christ, we also believe that every day we should serve to our fullest potential for God's purposes and for His kingdom.

Our Sisterhood routinely reaches out to the sick and shut-in, the isolated, delivers food, sends cards of encouragement and renders help were ever it is needed. We have a very strong Outreach Ministry which is led by Mrs. Michelle Butler. We continue to serve regardless of COVID-19 while observing all the guidelines and restrictions. Some of our activities included feeding the hungry, helping children in need, and prison ministry. We refused to let fear turn us inward, away from our suffering neighbors; this is our time to witness.

We partnered with Northern Virginia Association's Book Donation Drive. The books were collected and taken to the donation site by our very own Dr. Janice Winters.



We sent a love offering to a 12-year-old who was born with Congenital Heart Disease and needed a heart transplant. God blessed him with a New Heart! After spending 57 days in the hospital he was discharged home and celebrated his 12th birthday. “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” James 5:16 KJV



It’s Praying Time:

On Monday, March 30, 2020, at 7:00 pm we held our first Prayer and Praise service by conference call! We have this service every 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Monday of the month from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. We have continued with this ministry in 2021. We have had such a powerful time in fellowship, prayer, and praise. Mrs. Hattie Blackmon leads this service with the assistance of Mrs. Brenda Sandford. You are welcomed to join us by dialing (712) 770-4657 and entering the Access Code: 571813# “Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” I Thessalonians 5:16-18 KJV

2021 Annual Stay at Home Tea:

In February we celebrated our 3rd Stay at Home Tea Fellowship and Fun-Raiser. Mrs. Cheryl Wilson leads us in this wonderful tradition. It is a successful fundraiser but more than that it gives us a chance to connect with family and friends. Mrs. Arie Gray invited the Widows to an online Stay at Home Tea and the ladies really appreciated their time together. “All Glory To God!!! Sister Arie Gray, her two daughters, and her friend Marilyn blessed Sister Ruth Graham, Dr. Eleanor Morris, and me in a Stay At Home Tea today at 1 pm on FaceTime!!! WHAT A BLESSING!!! I am still rejoicing!!! Love, Janice Winters.”

Our Fellowship (All Are Not Pictured)



We are looking forward to the blessings of God that is still to come, Amen, Amen and Amen!

Sharing Gifts and Talents:

Mrs. Ruth Graham is a poet and we have been blessed by her creative writing.

HE 'LL DO IT AGAIN

**When living in an old white house proud and poor
Twelve folks in the family, God open the door
The table was set, some times and food was very low,
AS A PRAYER WAS RENDERED TO, IT BECAME MORE**

HE 'LL DO IT AGAIN

**Sometimes going to the barrels, they were bare;
Tears filled Mother's eyes, while saying God you must care.
Then looking above, saying Master, my family, please feed;
You are a good God and will meet our need.**

HE'LL DO IT AGAIN

**Now the barrels are full...those days are past and gone;
God has made it possible for us to carry on,
With joy in our hearts, we live our best,
Now looking back over our life, we have truly been blessed.
There were times when we had much clothing, but not new
We took all the Hand me Downs, yet still look good too**

**Yes study Gods word it is true
He made a way for us then, And the same now**

He will still Do

YES HE DID IT FOR US THEN

SURELY, HE'LL DO IT AGAIN

YES, HE'LL DO IT AGAIN

**So be encourage and remember for what
God carried you through
He took care of you back then and today still
He will take care of you again**

Yes, now the storms keep coming from Day to Day

I say to you be not Discouraged

Go to GOD and Pray

**He will hold back the Storms
and surely make away**

HE BLESSED US BACK THEN

YES, HE WILL DO IT AGAIN

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In His Love,

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