

**WOMAN@UNITED**  
**REPORT FOR THE PERIOD**  
**15 FEBRUARY 2019 TO 31 DECEMBER 2019**

It is my privilege to report on the work and activities of the Woman@United for the period 15 February 2019 to 31 December 2019.

A number of ladies who had been involved in the organising of the 2019 Women's World Day of Prayer which was hosted by Somerset West United Church, recognised the need for there to be a Women's Group in our Church. Rev Dr George Marchinkowski was approached and it was agreed that he would constitute a Women's group on Friday 15 February. Twenty six ladies gathered together in Kidszone and the branch was constituted. There were seven apologies. It was agreed that the group be called "Woman@United" and meet on the third Friday morning of each month. The following committee was elected: Chairlady – Betty Waddington, Vice-Chairlady – Madalene Cloete, Secretary – Bonita Logan, Treasurer – Bev Kerr, Committee members – Dawn Braun, Claradon Fransman and Karen Peters.

At our March meeting, we discussed the programme for the year. Each meeting is opened with devotions led by one of our members. As the third Friday in April was Good Friday, it was agreed that we would not have a meeting but would serve Hot Cross Buns to the congregants after both services on Easter Sunday instead.

At our May meeting, one of our members, Karen Peters, gave us a very interesting pottery demonstration on how to make a 'rose candle holder'. After the demonstration, we all set to work to make our own candle holder. It was exciting to see the talent of the ladies in the beautiful candle holders that were made.

Our June meeting took the form of organising and discussing the details for the 'High Tea', as planned for August. The meeting ended with a musical programme presented by Rosemary Gray, with a musical quiz.

In July, Bonita Logan gave us a most interesting demonstration on how to make a bead and wire angel. This was enjoyed by all. Once again, hidden talents came to the fore.

Our major fundraising event was a 'High Tea' held in August in celebration of Women's month. The ladies 'High Tea' which was held in the church hall, was very well attended. The hall was packed to capacity and most beautifully decorated. The hostesses went out of their way to decorate their tables, each with a beautiful flower arrangement, their best china tea set and scrumptious eats. As the morning progressed it was obvious all the ladies were thoroughly enjoying the time of fellowship. The guest speaker was Erin Georgiou, Editor in chief of Joy magazine (a Christian magazine), who delivered a most thought provoking address on 'The Fruit of the Spirit' (Galations 5:22). Each table was named after a 'Fruit of the Spirit'. There were also a few musical items. A very special thank you to all who were involved in making the 'High Tea' the success it was.

Dianne Waddington, Manager of the Social Work Department at Helderberg Hospice was our guest speaker for September, and spoke on 'Hospice Care and Support'. This was a most interesting and informative talk on the work and palliative care services of Helderberg Hospice.

Our speaker in October was Leigh-Ann Pretorius, who gave us a most interesting talk and insight on nutrition in the form of a quiz with all members taking part.

A common goal of the branch has been the involvement in Outreach Projects, which we were able to finance from the funds gathered from our High Tea, donations and contributions made by members at each meeting towards our tea fund. Funds were also received for serving refreshments after funeral services which were held at the Church. We were able to give forty children from the Masibulela Presbyterian Church who will be going into Grade R a "Love Box" containing required stationery, personal items e.g. face cloth, toilet soap, tooth brush and toothpaste, a Christian activity book and fruit juice, sweets and chips.

We were also able to give forty residents at the Sen-Cit Resthaven (old age home) in the Strand a "Grace Pack" containing a face cloth, soap, tooth paste, tooth brush, powder, fruit juice, crisps, biscuits and sweets. At the presentation of the Grace Packs, Rev Bevan Sylvester was asked to give a short devotional talk and members of Man@United kindly provided 'boerewors rolls' for each resident. Each resident also enjoyed a plate of pudding provided by ladies of Woman@United. Further to our outreach, nineteen of our own members who are ninety years and older were given a parcel containing Christmas goodies – a small Christmas cake, shortbread biscuits, chocolate biscuits and chocolates. together with a card wishing them a meaningful Christmas.

At our November meeting we were all very sorry to have to bid farewell to our Secretary, Bonita Logan, as she and her husband will be relocating to Durbanville. We thank Bonita for her contribution to our Branch. Felicite Bamford kindly agreed to do the minutes for January and February and was co-opted onto the committee for these two months. As a token of gratitude to Bethuel for getting the tables and chairs ready for our meetings a gift was given to him in November. Although we had planned a Christmas lunch at the end, of November these plans were cancelled due to the unfortunate fire that took place at the Church.

The ladies have also been very busy knitting baby clothes, which were donated to the maternity ward at the Macassar Day hospital, and with the guidance of Marlene Alexander, the ladies also knitted dolls for PATCH Somerset West, an organisation working with children who have been victims of sexual abuse.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the committee and all members of Woman@United for their ongoing support and willingness to help at all times. Thank you also to members of the congregation who contributed to our outreach projects throughout the year. The Lord has truly blessed us this past year and we look forward to another exciting year.

Betty Waddington. Chairlady.

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**CASH FLOW FOR THE PERIOD 15 FEBRUARY 2019 TO 31 DECEMBER 2019**

**INCOME**

Contributions	R	1102.00	
Donations		4 920.00	
Funeral Teas		2800.00	
High Tea		<u>8050.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>			R 16872.00

**EXPENDITURE**

Tea Trolley	R	4255.00	
Containers for cups		460.00	
Gifts for High Tea		1550.00	
Love Boxes, Grace Packs		4317.00	
Gifts for over 90's		1021.80	
Sundry Expenses		<u>1213.20</u>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>			R <u>12817.00</u>
<b>CASH ON HAND</b>			<b>2030.00</b>
<b>CASH IN BANK</b>			<b><u>2025.00</u></b>
<b>TOTAL PROFIT FOR THE YEAR</b>			R <b><u>4055.00</u></b>

Bev Kerr

TREASURER