

The Lighthouse



August 2014

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the North Northeast

Moderators Message



Maxine Hunter

It was the last evening of the 2014 Triennial Gathering, "Grace Abounds", Silver Bay YMCA Camp and Conference Center, July 18-20, 2014. The installation service of new officers was just finishing. We were all singing. The music and words, "Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?" filled Morse Hall. How beautiful the sound. How poignant the words. As these words and the music washed over me, I thought to myself, "How did this happen? You are moderator. Yes, indeed, "... here I am Lord..." and it is definitely, "...I Lord..." I was overcome with emotion, but not the one you would expect. I thought to myself "God you certainly do have a sense of humor." I began to smile, trying very hard not to laugh. I glanced down the line at the other new officers and thought, "I hope they feel as happy and honored as I do to be here at this time in the life of Presbyterian Women in Synod of the Northeast."

A week and a half has passed since that moment, and I am writing this message to you. Am I still happy? Well, of course I am, because even posing this question makes me smile. I do realize there are challenges, but this is nothing new. Our Peace and Justice leaders are vigilant at keeping us posted on world concerns. Together in Service lifts up projects and needs that we can help to accomplish in our PW's of the congregation and PW's of the Presbyteries. Through Celebration Giving ---Birthday Offering; Thank Offering; Lease Coin; etc---we reach far beyond the borders of our villages, towns and cities into the global world. But of course there is the big concern: Where are the younger women? This has been with us...well, for me, I heard the concern when I, in 1985, first walked into my church's UPW meeting. The women younger than I, placed me in the old category, and the older women didn't notice that I was youngJ. Unfortunately, I have not had a reversal of fortune concerning my age: now that I really am old, I am still oldJ.

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Editor's Note: Next Lighthouse due Feb.1. Hints, label subject in your email : "for Lighthouse Feb 15." You can tell me other info in body of email. Any changes you want please let me know. Sent pics of your PPGs

Your editor, Susan Silliman Smith.

(Moderator's message)

With all these issues---some with answers and some without answers, or at best, easy answers-- - there is good news! We will start where are. You and I are here. You and I are community. You and I will continue to build our relationships within the community. You and I will minister to the community as it is now, and we will minister with out-reach to others. It is "here WE are Lord"...! We will seek specific ways "To Be Springs of Living Water Bringing New Life to Women." This is our vision. Our goal: to discover specific ways to do this.

Prayer: Dear God, we give you thanks for your constant love. Be with us and guide us as we strive to be springs of living water bringing new life to all women. Amen
With love, joy & three cheers for all of you!
Maxine G. Hunter

FYI: Friday, October 17, 2014, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Coordinating Team Meeting; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting. Stony Point Center, Stony Point, NY (see flier and registration form in this newsletter.)

This is followed on Saturday with: "Grace Abounds: Leadership", Leadership Training and Enhancement Workshop, Saturday, October 18, 2014, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. , Stony Point

Upcoming Events

Events around the Synod are posted on the website: Please refer to pwsne.org for all the info of exciting events coming up.

In this issue the Leadership Training event is coming in October. It sounds great hope you can attend.

Also, Don't forget the Churchwide Gathering coming in June 18-21, 2015 in Minneapolis, MN. The theme is "One Body, One Spirit" based on I Corinthians 12:12-27. Promotional info is on www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/pwgathering. More info from your PW Moderator. Registration opens January 15, 2015.

Vice Moderator's Message

One hundred and twelve women and men attended the Presbyterian Women In the Synod of the Northeast, Triennial Gathering, July 18 - 20, 2014, that was held at Silver Bay YMCA Conference Center in the Adirondack Mountains at Lake George. Our theme was "Grace Abounds" inspired by 2 Corinthians 9:8. We questioned ourselves, "Where is the Grace?"

The weather was beautiful. The sun was shining. The flowers and plants seemed to be smiling, and the birds were singing. As the founder of Silver Bay stated in 1908, "invigorating as an elixir". Yes, it was invigorating! The air was fresh, and the lake sparkling. A hummingbird visited us near the Inn porch each day.

Our guest speakers reminded us of issues that need continued dialogue, and their messages were informative, stimulating, and idea planting.

The Evaluation Forms were positive, and provided really good tips and ideas for the next Triennial. I hope all of you come to the 2017 PWSNE Triennial Gathering, where ever it might be held. We come to handle our business, to learn, to share, give kind words, advise each other, laugh together, meet new friends, see old friends, share ideas, and fellowship. Next time, the Chair of the 2017 Triennial asks for volunteers, jump at the opportunity. You will enjoy it, and you will get a lot out of it.

Grace truly abounds!

See you there,
Jo Ann Burrell
Vice Moderator



Together in Service

Rita Hooper

One of the Presbyterian Women's partnering agencies is Bread for the World; a collective Christian voice urging our nation's leaders to end hunger at home and abroad.

You may know them as the folks responsible for bringing us the 1000 Day Campaign—they would like us to hold 1000 conversations about hunger and all the issues surrounding food shortages in the world. They choose 1000 Days, as that is the period of time from gestation thru the first two years of life. If everyone does their part, including the government, Hunger could be ended, if not in our lifetime, at least in those of our children and grands.

Now that shouldn't be too hard for Presbyterian Women to do... Lord knows PW can talk. Check out their website and learn the facts. Get a group together, doesn't have to be a big group, and do it together. Write some of those facts down on small pieces of paper and use them to start a conversation. That's one conversation down! Put a jar of these thoughts on your desk at work – put a sign 'take-one' on the jar...bet that just might spark another couple of conversations...put them on the table during coffee hour... opps there goes another couple of conversations... now you're on your way...see how easy that was?

Looking for another 'hands on project?' How about hosting a letter writing event at your church and write to your governmental officials, letting them know how you feel about our governmental food aid program and how important it is. Invite someone from Bread for the World to your Gathering, host a food shower for the local food pantry. Presbyterian Women are a changin', but we continue to lead the church in mission in new ways.

Adaptive Leadership

Lorraine Cuffie

Traditionally, Presbyterian Women in the Newark Presbytery have dedicated our Winter Gathering exclusively to leadership training. This year was no exception. On February 22, 2014 our PWP maintained the tradition by adopting the theme "Adaptive Leadership". We were privileged to have as our main Presenter, Magdalene Lewis, PW Synod of the Northeast Representative to the Churchwide Coordinating Team.

Magdalene outlined the principles of adaptive leadership. In essence, leaders should: "a) address challenges their organization faces; b) determine core components essential to retain; c) abolish what no longer gives life to the organization; d) promote new structures, programs and practices; and e) thrive through innovation and systemic change." Adaptive leadership is, also, described as "the practice of mobilizing people to tackle tough challenges and thrive." Furthermore, the process of adaptive leadership involves three (3) activities: i) "observe events and patterns around you; ii) interpret what you are observing; and iii) design interventions based on the observations and interpretations to address the adaptive challenge."

Armed with that knowledge, we were requested to form groups and respond to directives and questions, e.g. "Name the most important value you inherited from your parents and grandparents." "How do you see your PW in the next three years?" "What strategies do you plan to use to get there?" "What changes would you make?" We had to choose from among seven (7) strategies, which included determining the resilience and readiness of the group to tackle the issue; explaining your strategy to your organization in a way that enables the members to understand what you have in mind, why the strategy is important and how they can help carry it out; and keeping people focused on the strategy at hand. Each group was then invited to share its observations and opinions, e.g., the importance of youth participation and leadership, mentoring of young women, empowerment of women of all ages, collaboration with other PW and non-PW groups, etc.

What emerged from this interactive exercise was a clearer picture of the issues confronting us as leaders, and the actions needed to achieve our desired goals. We have to share responsibility for the future of our organization. In order to thrive, we must hold on to those ideals and values necessary for survival, embrace new strategies and eliminate those practices that no longer work. We have to experiment and innovate and continue the cycle of innovating and learning, even if the way becomes painful. Through it all, we must accept the reality that cultures change slowly, and change takes time and persistence. Adaptive leadership is an ongoing process, a philosophy of life. As leaders, it is imperative that we stay the course.

Any History Buffs Out There?

In 1803, the wife of the pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Newark, NJ (which still exists, now called Old First PC) met in her living room with several women from the congregation to do "Mission Work". That was the very beginning of Presbyterian Women. There were several organizations that grew out of that initial group, including the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. We have a very rich and varied, not to mention interesting, history.

In future issues of The Lighthouse, I would like to have you share some of that history also. If you have heard an interesting story regarding the history of your PW, whether your church or presbytery, please send it to me at sandyg0105@live.com and I will incorporate it into an article in the future. I know many of you have great stories from the past that would be enjoyed by everyone connected with Presbyterian Women. Do a little digging maybe and find out about your groups history or maybe something your mother or grandmother did through Presbyterian Women. I will look forward to hearing from many of you. We have a proud legacy, let's share it!

Submitted by Sandy Grillo

Thank Offering Recipient South Asian Resource Center

One is the 2014 Thank Offering grant recipients is within the bounds of the Synod of the Northeast. The *South Asian Resource Center* located in New Covenant Presbyterian Church in Albany, New York. It provides resources, plus assists immigrants from South Asia by meeting such basic needs as learning how to use public transportation, getting health insurance and applying for citizenship. Self sufficiency as the goal. The grant is for \$10,000. It's director, Rev. Nadeem Sadiq and his wife Sadaf have developed a relationship with Presbyterian Women. They attending the '07 Triennial Gathering of PW in the Synod of the Northeast and did a presentation on their plans for this project at the PW in the Presbytery of Albany '13 Spring Gathering. Information on this project can be found on southasianrc.org.

Submitted by Charlotte Hasselbarth
chasselbarth@hotmail.com

Thanks to PW &PNNY

Two Chazy Presbyterian Church members, Emily Castine, Moderator of PW- PNNY, and Margaret Gruetzmacher, member PW, represented PW-PNNY at the Synod of the Northeast Summer Retreat at Silver Bay, NY, from July 18-20. About 150 women attended. Guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Holly Halle Davis, spoke on racial ethnic/multiculturalism. The music, fellowship, food, and workshops were tops! What an inspirational experience!

Emily led a Learning Circle entitled *Pages Worth Turning* and gave a talk on 30 noteworthy books she had read lately. Titles included: *AHA* by Idleman, *The Year of Living Biblically* by Jacobs and *I Refuse to Lead a Dying Church* by Nixon. **For a complete list, please e-mail Emily at bibliogal9@aol.com**

The twenty-five Presbyterian Women's organizations within the Synod were represented, ranging from the Boston Presbytery, Korean PW, Northern New England, West Jersey and Hispanic PW. What a fine group!

Women's Exchange with South Africa

As you read this, 14 women from the Northern New England and Boston Presbyteries are in South Africa participating in a *Women's Exchange*. They left on July 24 and will be back on August 13. PWSNE was able to give a \$3000 grant from our Leadership Development Fund toward this trip.

Over 10 years ago, the presbyteries of Northern New England and Boston formed the Ubunye Committee to develop a relationship between them and the Amatola Presbytery in South Africa. It organized church partnerships including congregational and pastoral exchanges. A *Women's Exchange* has been part of this project. In 2011 a group of women from the Amatola Presbytery came to the Northern New England and Boston Presbyteries and in 2012 a group of women from these presbyteries went to South Africa. Many of the women who planned and/or went on the first or current trip are active in Presbyterian Women. One highlight of the project was a South African delegation attended the 2013 PCUSA Youth Triennium.

One of the women going on the trip is Elaine Brown who has been on our Leadership Enhancement Task Force. Another going is Melissa Smart, the Moderator of NNE PWP. A member of the Planning Committee for the *Women's Exchange* is Bev Hoover, former Co-Moderator of the NNE PWP.

Below is from a beautiful thank you cards that I received from Janet Furmiester, who contacted us regarding financial support.

Dear Presbyterian Women of the Synod of the Northeast,

*Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Ubunge Fellowship trip to South Africa!
Yours in Christ Janet*

Women from the trip will be available to speak to your group. Contact Janet Fuhrmeister at (802) 793-2530 (cell) or Janet.Fuhrmeister@gmail.com, if you would like to hear about the *Women's Exchange*.

Submitted by Charlotte Hasselbarth chasselbarth@hotmail.com



On Sunday, August 10, 2014, Lynn Hasselbarth, the liturgical dancer at Triennial and a young Women's Rep to the CCT was ordained a Teaching Elder, Minister of Word and Sacrament in her home church in Guiderland. Virginia Champlin and Rita Hooper represented CCT and PWSNE. Also pictured right is her proud mother, our immediate past Moderator, Charlotte Hasselbarth.



Global Exchange

In our February issue of the *Lighthouse*, it was reported that Magdalene Lewis will be representing the Presbyterian Women of the Synod of the Northeast on the Global Exchange to the Caribbean in November 2014.

A detailed report on this is published in the February issue of the *Lighthouse*. Your editor is summarizing this to remind us to pray for Maggie as she ventures on this great mission experience, learning about how the church does mission in that part of the world.

In the two years post trip, Maggie will be available to speak to your PW or perhaps a group of several PWs can join in sponsoring her.

If you wish to contribute towards the expenses of the trip, you may send donations to the PWSNE treasurer, Gloria Hanewald at 181 Sparrow Drive, Hamilton, NJ 08690 by September 30, 2014.

Maggie plans to contribute any honorariums received at speaking engagements to the PWSNE Global Exchange Fund.

If you wish to set up a visit from Maggie you may contact her at 718-528-1973 or maggielewis2@verizon.net.

Good Luck Maggie!

Charlotte Hasselbarth commissioning Maggie Lewis for the Global Exchange on Friday night at the Triennial Gathering.



News from Utica PWP

Our Spring meeting was organized by Anne Reynolds. We met on May 14 at the Ilion Church and had a business meeting and lunch. We then drove to Jordanville, NY and toured the Russian Orthodox Monastery.

During the meeting portion of our gathering, we participated in Bread for the World's Offering of letters to our Senators and Representatives to let them know about our concerns regarding hunger in the world and to ask for more efficient ways of providing Food Aid. Many women also brought in toiletries to be given to Emmaus House and Hope House. Various members brought in crocheted squares which Sheila makes into afghans for nursing homes. Also from our Together in Mission Coordinator, Joanne Strike, she reports that: Living Waters for the World installs a village sized water treatment system that provides sustainable clean water. It also fosters long-term, mutually beneficial relationships between volunteers and communities in need. It partners with communities to provide a water treatment system that's simple, affordable and easily maintained and by teaching local leaders to lead health and spiritual education among the community. Living Waters for the World and its trained volunteer teams help communities take ownership of their health and well-being. Living Waters has installed over 600 systems in places such as Honduras, Haiti, Cuba, the Yucatan peninsula and Kenya.

Our Fall Gathering will be held October 8, 2014 at Niccolls Memorial Presbyterian Church in Old Forge, NY. It will be a beautiful time of the year to view fall colors in the Adirondacks. Our program will focus on Living Waters for the World. And our speaker will be Susan Jones from the Cooperstown Presbyterian Church. Susan led a team from Cooperstown and Niccolls to install a Living Waters water purification system in Las Delicias, Honduras last January. The team plans to return next January to check on the installation and then will install another system in San Miguel, Honduras.

We would like to report that eight of our leaders from Utica attended the PWSNE Triennial at Silver Bay. They were: Julie Fields, Pat Parker, Anne Reynolds, Phyllis Roth, Anita Smith, Joanne Strike, Sheila Virkler and Jan Whiting. It was wonderful, very rewarding and joyful time.

Unaccompanied Minors

In the last six months, nearly 50,000 unaccompanied minors have been detained at the U.S southern border, fleeing severe violence from countries in Central America. The majority of these young people are between eight and fourteen years of age. In New York State, 3,500 unaccompanied minors have already arrived – most released to family members and some to shelters. Another 7000 minors are expected to reach the state in the coming months. The children have faced traumatic journeys over thousands of miles to flee violence, rape and death. As Christian, our responsibility is to embrace these newly-arrived children and support their needs by providing quality shelter, coordinating legal, social, psychological, and educational support. Many of these youth have reasonable claims to legal remedies, but without legal representation they will be forced to return to their countries of origin, rampant with violence. It is time for the United Nations to step in to protect the children and stop the violence against children and women.

Central America must stand-up and become accountable for their actions.

Let's work together by:

- Sent a letter to Congress appealing for the protection of Central American women and children under the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA) of 2008. Support the **"New York Unaccompanied Minors Working Group,"** for legal service providers, health & education providers, state and local government to fashion a coordinated response.
- **Volunteer!** There are many organizations – surf the net. In the coming weeks and months, as more children are resettled in New York, they are going to need your help.

1 John 3:17 But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

Submitted by your Peace & Justice Coordinator
Alpha O. Brown

Editor's note: Since this was written the flow has ebbed.

Honors for Rita Hooper



For the second year Oswego DAWN (Democratic Action Women' s Network) selects an outstanding community woman and leader for the Eleanor Roosevelt Recognition Award.

For 2013, Rita Hooper has been chosen to receive this honor. The award will be presented at the annual Eleanor Roosevelt Recognition Dinner to be

held October 2, at The Oasis Banquet Hall, Thunder Island, 21 Wilcox Road in Fulton beginning with a cocktail hour at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30. The speaker for the evening will be New York State Assemblywoman Addie Russell.

For more than 25 years, Hooper has written the weekly 'In and Around Hannibal' column for the Valley News.

"My immediate reaction to being selected to receive the award was surprise!" she said. "I was away on a mission trip to Appalachia, when I received the news via an email. It's interesting because both Eleanor Roosevelt and I have written a weekly column for the newspaper and have led lives neither one of us would have predicted."

To be chosen to receive the Eleanor Roosevelt Award, the club must receive letters of recommendations nominating someone for the award. According to the club's committee chairwoman Judith Prosser, support letters from Hooper's friends and associates, described her as the "perfect candidate" for the recognition.

The Eleanor Roosevelt Award recognizes Oswego County Democratic women who exemplify the spirit of Eleanor Roosevelt. Eleanor was active in public service and an advocate for human rights, women's and children's issues and left us a legacy of courage and selfless commitment to service, justice, leadership and compassion.

Married to Pastor Bob Hooper until his death in 2006, Hooper fulfilled the demanding expectations of that role, and still found time for a variety of community service activities. Rita Hooper has been an active community leader in Hannibal for many years and she was one of the first members of the original DAWN in 1986 and the force

(Honor for Rita cont.)

behind it's rebirth last year.

She was an active member of the parent-teacher organization during her children's school years and attended many school board meetings. As President of Chemical People, an anti-drug use organization, the group sponsored the first Red Ribbon Campaign in Hannibal schools.

She was a founding member and first President of the Hannibal Elderberries, a group dedicated to creating a support network of and for senior citizens. She currently serves as chair of the Hannibal Senior Council and was one of the moving forces behind obtaining a grant to construct an addition to expand the meeting room at the community center.

The Community Center has always been close to her heart as she and her husband worked side by side with many local people to save the old Baptist Church from the wrecking ball and convert it to a building to serve all the people of Hannibal. She has also been a member of the Hannibal Library board.

She is an Oswego County Democratic Committee member and a Hannibal Democratic Committee member until her move to Fulton 2 years ago.

She has volunteered for many political campaigns over the years including Roz Hastings, Darrel Aubertine, Bill Owens, Amy Tresidder, and Dan Mahaney "making more phone calls and stuffing more envelopes than any person should have to do in a lifetime" she said. She herself has served on the Village Planning Board and Hannibal Town Council.

She continues her church activities serving as elder and deacon at First United Church of Fulton and is active in Presbyterian Women at all levels. She was a member of the church camp (Vanderkamp) board of directors, in Cleveland for many years and is a big supporter of Church World Service.

Around the Gathering

July 17-20, 2014

Some images from the Gathering at Silver Bay.



First time attendees. This is a great number. Hope you ladies had a great time and will continue to attend future gatherings including Churchwide.



Keith Josephs at the piano



Song leader, June Jennings (l) and Rev. Terri Cisse.



Rev. Dr. Holly Halle Davis, Friday Keynote Speaker



A view of the lake, perfectly peaceful



Sunday communion



The people sing!

Let Down Your Rope

An adventure with Rahab, based on Joshua 2:1-24

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho—but before he could, he had to have a way into the city, which only transpired because of Madam Rahab's help—and I do mean Madam! *Although women had few rights and were barely acknowledged in the early days of the Israelites, a few still made their great mark on our faith story. God has a way of using the least likely people to get things done!*

Discover more about this prostitute/ancestor of Jesus as we gather at lovely

Vanderkamp for our Annual Utica and Cayuga-Syracuse PW RETREAT

September 16 and 17

2PM-2 PM



Rev. Leslie Latham is a 2007 graduate of Louisville Seminary and has served as pastor of Randolph United Presbyterian Church since. She has led many workshops and worship services for Presbyterian Women at local, regional and national levels, and last summer achieved a bucket list goal of serving as a commissioner to General Assembly. Some of you might remember her from our last Churchwide, where she led the workshop “Choosing New Life for the Church.” The Presbyterian Youth Triennium also holds a special spot in her heart, especially since she and her son Mackintosh have attended the last three events together. Knitting is her therapy, and cooking brings her great joy.

Please mail in your registration with check for \$65 to Marcia Vair

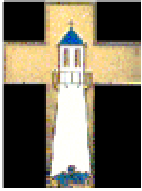
Pack your sleeping bag, flashlight, and a snack to share. Speak to a friend and bring them with you. Leslie is an exciting young woman with much to share.

Registration for Vanderkamp Retreat:

_____ am registering for the Vanderkamp Retreat to be held September 16-17, 2014. Enclosed please find my \$65 Registration fee. I am from

_____ Presbytery.

Send registration to Marcia Vair at PO Box 238, Morrisville, NY 13048 by September 9, 2014. See you there. (If Special diet required please note)



Grace Abounds: Leadership



“God is able to make all grace abound toward you...That you may have abundance for every good work.”
2 Corinthians 9:8

LEADERSHIP TRAINING & ENHANCEMENT WORKSHOP

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST
ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND**

**Saturday, October 18, 2014, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Stony Point Center, Stony Point, NY**

Speakers & Topics:

Stephanie Morris, PW Multimedia Associate, Louisville, KY: “Social Media 101: Why is social media and networking important to Presbyterian Women?”

Jane MacDonald, former Moderator: “Meetings Don’t Run Themselves”

Maxine G. Hunter, Moderator PWSNE: “Why?”

Friday, October 17, 2014 - Pre -Workshop Meetings

2 pm - 5 pm: PWSNE Coordinating Team Meeting is for current, incoming and outgoing members. Others are welcome to attend.

7 pm - 9 pm: PWSNE Business meeting will be held for current, incoming and outgoing Coordinating Team members, PW in the Presbytery Moderators and non-Moderator voting delegates. Others are welcome to attend.

*** See pwsne.org for information on PWSNE scholarships that cover 1 day of room and board.**

*** See <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/pw/leaderdev-fund/> for information on individual grants.**

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Registration Form

Please be prompt! Registration Due: October 3, 2014

PWP Moderators or voting rep. and CT members—PWS pays your room and board (double occupancy)

___ **To stay over Sat. evening you pay an additional expense to PWSNE:**
(cost unknown at this time)

___ **Available Sat. evening: 1 double occupancy room in Gilmor Sloane:**
Cost per person is \$75 + \$130.

Other attendees:

___ **Double room: \$130 per night (3meals)** _____

___ **Commuters pay \$10 (meals)** _____

Program Fee: All pay non-refundable fee **\$35**

Total Cost: **\$ _____**

My roommate is :(if you don't have a roommate we will assign you one): _____

NAME _____ **Phone No** _____

Address _____

E-Mail Address _____

Presbytery _____ **Church** _____

___ **PWSCT** ___ **PWP Mod or Rep** **Amount Enclosed** _____

Emergency Contact _____

Special Needs (dietary, mobility, etc.) _____

Return this form with check payable to PW, Synod of the Northeast and mail to Virginia Champlin, 4381 Wabash Rd, Geneva, NY 14456. Registration questions? Contact Virginia Champlin, danvirginiac@aol.com

(Directions to Stony Point google: <http://stonypointcenter.org/events-retreats/getting-here#.U9em1ONdWSo>)

Public transportation: If you need transportation from the Stony Point bus station or the Nanuet train station, fill out the transportation request found on the Stony Point website.

About the October 18th, 2014 Workshops and Speakers:

Social Media 101: *Why is social media and networking important to Presbyterian Women?*

In this workshop, we will discuss the basic use of social media and explore how using social media tools can . . .

- help deepen relationships and engagement,
- assist groups and individuals to self-organize around causes
- facilitate collaboration, and
acquire social change

Presenter: Stephanie M. Morris, MIS

Stephanie has been with the national headquarters of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), in Louisville, KY, for 21 years. In her role for Presbyterian Women in the PCUSA, Incorporated, she works as a multimedia, technology and design professional with responsibilities including the Horizons website, blogs, social media sites, videos, creation of the Thank and Birthday Offering resources, and all things technical, both MAC and PC.

Stephanie is a graduate of the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and holds a Bachelors degree in Information Technology with a minor in Multimedia Visual Communications, and a Masters degree in Information Systems. She is currently a Doctoral Student in Organizational Leadership at the University of Phoenix in Nashville, TN.

“Meetings Don’t Run Themselves”: If you are the person in charge of the meeting prepare, prepare, prepare.

Begin with Prayer

Have an agenda

Ask for a note taker

Set a time limit

Allow appropriate time for discussion---may need to set some ground rules

Try for consensus, not up or down vote

Presenter: Jane MacDonald, former Moderator of PW in Synod of the Northeast, and currently volunteers at Stony Point Center and Treasurer at her church. Recently moved to another house---am decorator in chief.

“Why?” This question children most often ask is, also, the question faced by Presbyterian Women --- “Why should I give up my valuable and limited time to be a part of Presbyterian Women?” In this workshop we will review and explore the problem and brainstorm possible answers.

Introduction: Our Vision

Where are?

Needs?

Approaches: Hospitality, etc...

Programs

Presenter: Maxine G. Hunter is the Moderator for Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast or as one delightful person asked: “Are you the new Charlotte?”