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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
Presbytery of the Palisades



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THE PATTERN

2021 Birthday Offering OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing!
For the LORD has comforted the people,
and will have compassion on suffering ones.

—Isaiah 49:13



Give or learn more about the
Birthday Offering by visiting
www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday.

“Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted the people, and will have compassion on suffering ones.” (Isaiah 49:13). This promotional booklet contains resources needed to celebrate and receive Presbyterian Women’s 2021 Birthday Offering in circles, gatherings, and congregations. Includes a letter from the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women; grant recipient summaries; a dedication service; ideas to support the Birthday Offering; a poster/placemat; and promotional resource flier.

Also available are bulletin [inserts](#), bulletin [covers](#); and a [promotional video](#).

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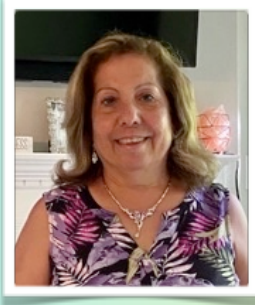
News you can use from Presbyterian Women

“Hey! What is this PW NewsBytes all about?!”

PW NewsBytes, formerly the *PW Quarterly Mailing*, brims with “news you can use” from Presbyterian Women Churchwide! Just like the name suggests, PW NewsBytes is fully digital, which is good stewardship (of finances and trees) and makes for easy sharing and a more connected PW community!

- PW NewsBytes can be effortlessly shared or saved.
- Keeping to fewer pages, the newsletter can also be easily printed for PW friends who prefer paper.
- Although a newsletter named NewsBytes may seem a bit lighter on content, live links make it easy to learn more. In other words, readers choose their own PW adventure!
- And PWC, PWP and PWS newsletter editors can select content from PW NewsBytes to share via their communication channels. PW NewsBytes is a work in progress! Send your thoughts, content ideas and suggestions to patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org

WHAT'S NEW WITH PW?



A Word from the Moderator

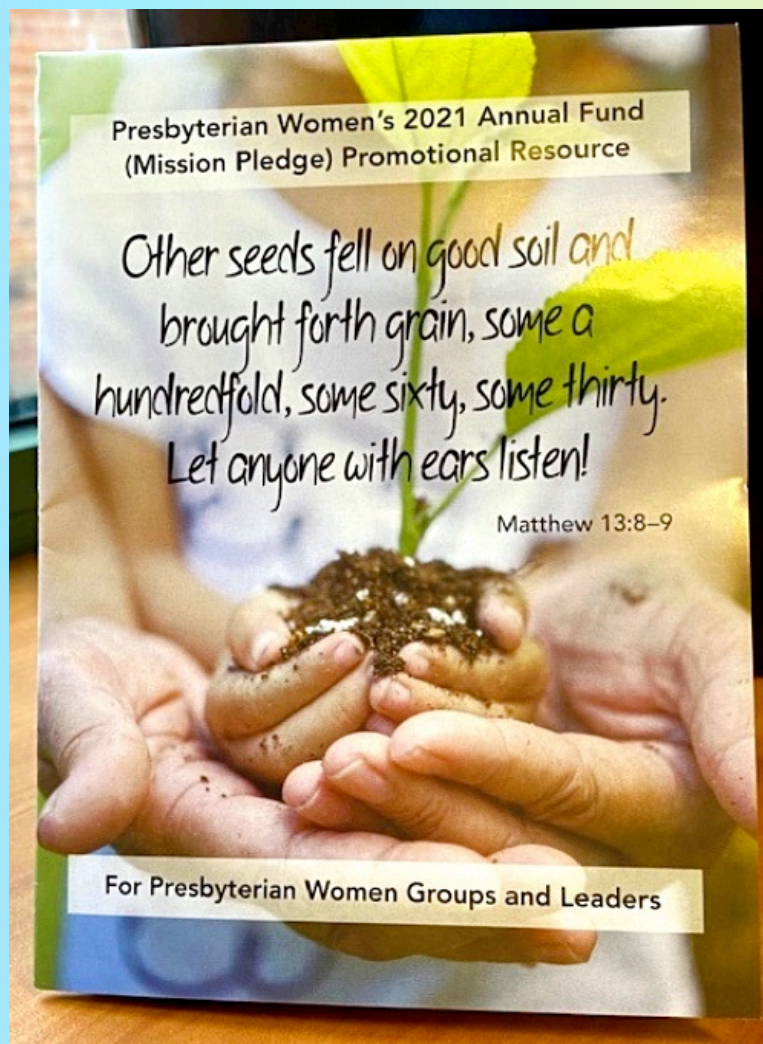
My prayers and sincere wishes are for everyone of you to be healthy and safe during our turbulent times. I wanted to share some exciting news with all of you – in spite of the pandemic, our program coordinator Sophie Corporan was busy planning and finalizing our Spring Gathering which will be held virtually on 5/1/2021. A flyer will be shared with more details and a zoom link to join us. As you know **the Presbytery of the Palisades is merging with Newark and Elizabeth presbyteries effective 3/1/21.** We as moderators met with our Synod Moderator the Rev. Bisi Shofu who recommended that we as **PW from the three presbyteries merge together to become a stronger body.** The coordinating teams from all three presbyteries are in favor of such a merger, and we are in the process of **forming a transition team to facilitate such a merger.** Even though the Presbyteries are merging on 3/1 we will not be ready to follow suit. The transition team will work on the PW merger and come up with recommendations so we could move forward together. **The PW of the Synod of the NE expects our merger to be no later than 9/1/21.** Our presbytery office in Rochelle Park will remain and serve as the headquarters for the newly formed presbytery. On 2/13/21 during a combined Stated Meeting a new name was voted on and selected: **the new name is the Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey.**

Lots of changes but we know that PW could work together very well, we will be even stronger and more effective. Our PW moderators from the Synod of the North East would like to advocate for a voice and a vote in the new presbytery structure and we work towards that goal. In these difficult times we continue to pray for God's mercy on all of us and for healing for all who suffer from physical or mental illness. We hope and pray for all of us to see each other again soon and be able to hug again as sisters in Christ. May the goodness of our Lord and healing mercy of Jesus Christ be with all of us, Amen.

Adina

Moderator
Presbytery of the Palisades

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The 2021 PW Annual Fund (Mission Pledge)

As PW leaders who are called to interpret and receive 2021 PW giving, sharing the good news of what PW makes possible is a blessing. To assist you in your ministry, you will soon receive the 2021 PW's Annual Fund promotional resource in your mailbox. Note that the Annual Fund resource has transitioned from the recent booklet format into two separate resources: a promotional resource that interprets (in words and visually) the financial foundation of PW and what our gifts make possible; and "nuts and bolts" info for treasurers. Both items are available for download at www.presbyterianwomen.org/annual-fund. The promotional resource will be mailed in December to moderators of PW in the Synod and PW in the Presbytery, as well as to all PC(USA) congregations (addressed to "PW/Women's Group"). Printed copies are available to order; visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop and search for item PWR20011. If you know of a PW leader who would benefit from receiving this resource in the mail but who may not otherwise be on the mailing list, please contact Patricia Longfellow patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org

WHAT'S NEW WITH PW?

Introducing the 2021–2022 PW/*Horizons* Bible study

What My Grandmothers Taught Me

Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus

by Merryl Blair

Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary—Matthew names these women for a reason. How might Jesus have heard the stories of his grandmothers? What might the young Jesus have felt as he heard about his family? What might the stories of these women have added to his sense of identity, as part of a particular family in a particular time and place?

Have you thought about Jesus' grandmothers? What can these Grandmothers-of-the-Faith teach us? Their stories will lead us into the gospel, the good news about Jesus Christ. By exploring these stories together, we will have a richer idea of what the good news is.

Merryl Blair teaches at Stirling Theological School in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, and is active in the worldwide ministry of women of faith.

Bible study, supplemental materials and other helps!

The following resources will be available in the spring and summer of 2021.

- English
- Ecumenical
- Companion DVD
- Workshop for Leaders
- Large print
- Spanish
- Audio edition
- Pendant/charm
- Promotional poster/flier
- Blogs
- Bible Study resources in *Horizons* magazine
- And more!

To preorder, order or learn more, visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop or call 800/533-4371 (Monday–Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM, EST).



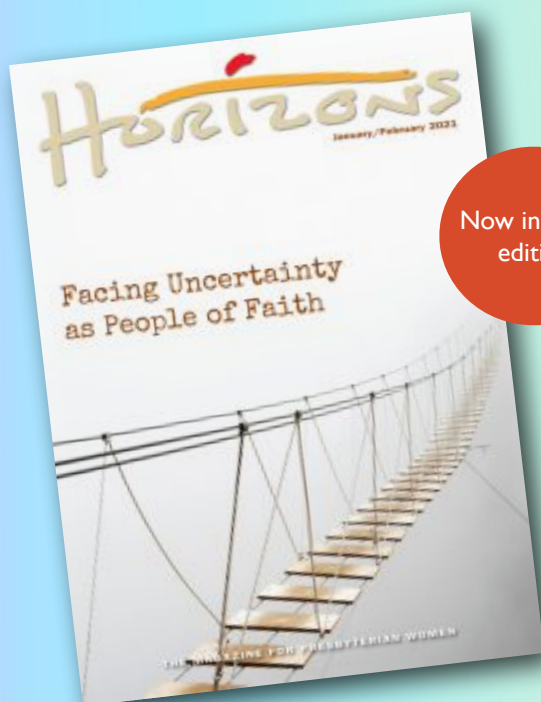
***Horizons* isn't just a Bible study, *Horizons* is a magazine too!**

In fact, current *Horizons* magazine subscribers receive the 2021–2022 PW/*Horizons* Bible study in March 2021. Subscribe by April 1, 2021, and you will, too!

Call toll-free 866/802-3635 or visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/horizons!

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Beginning in 2021, a subscription to Horizons will include five issues of the award winning magazine and the annual, also award winning, Bible study. [Learn more.](#)



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If you're already a subscriber, thank you and good choice! Remember, your subscription comes with [free digital access to the magazine](#). [Subscribe or renew a subscription to Horizons.](#)

Also available is the complete list of *Horizons* magazines available to order! [Click here](#) to download a PDF of the complete list of *Horizons* magazines.

Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament

By P. Lynn Miller

Suggestions for Leaders by Dee Koza

Welcome to the 2020–2021

Presbyterian Women/Horizons Bible study, *Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament*. In this nine-lesson study, Lynn

Miller revives lament as a proper theological response to the difficult situations of our world. One of the foundational points of the study is that, in scripture, lament usually leads to hope. After crying out to God, the one who laments remembers God. And while that doesn't fix things in the moment—the injustice, the loss still exists—the lamenter is strengthened to face the world and to hope.

[Download instructions for video sharing on Zoom.](#)



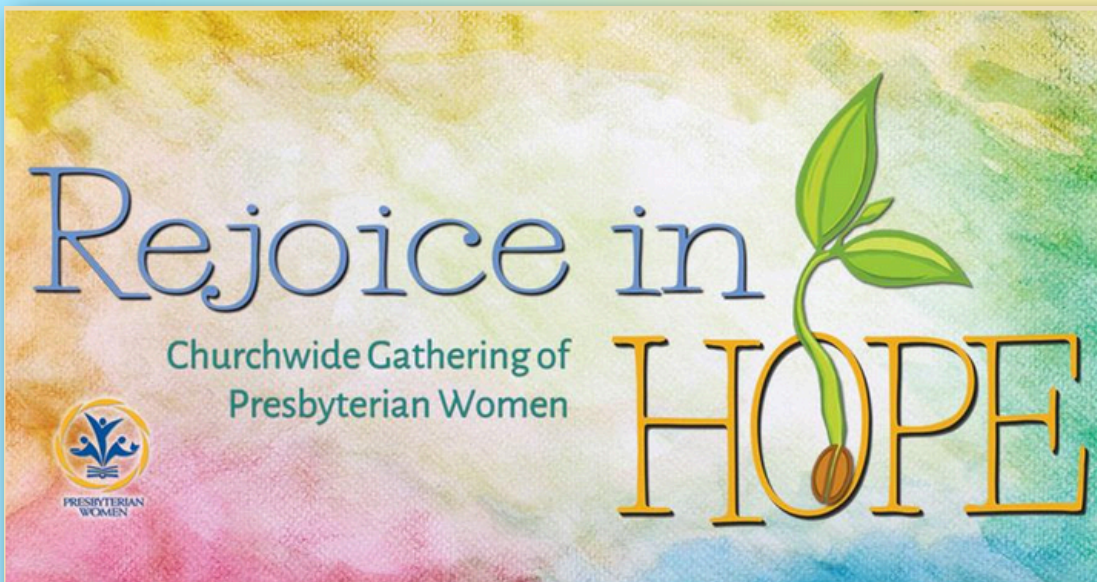
If you wish to subscribe to Horizons Magazine and the Bible Study you may contact our representative Marion Gregg-Whited or Diane Nafash at dvnafash@gmail.com. or go online to:

www.presbyterianwomen.org/horizons

See what's new with Presbyterian Women, www.presbyterianwomen.org.

WHAT'S NEW WITH PW?

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An important update on the 2021 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women

Dear Presbyterian Women, now is the time in our Gathering journey to swerve.

"Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the uncertainty of vaccination distribution, the current state of the virus (including new variants that are more contagious), the Administration Committee, on behalf of the Board of Directors of Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Inc., regrettably, has canceled the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women, which was to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, in August 2021."

So what's next? First, let us give thanks to God, confident that we can . . .

Rejoice in Hope!

The 2021 Churchwide Gathering theme illuminates our way forward as we continue to navigate difficult days. "Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers" (Rom. 12:12–13).

Let us look forward to new plans!

Prayer & Beyond : Faithful response.....

Prayer & Beyond

Faithful Response
in Times of Trouble



Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA)
www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice

In times of natural
or humanmade crises . . .
God calls us to **RESPOND!**



We PRAY.

We thank God for God's
steadfast love, and we ask God
for healing and direction:

Holy One, it is hard to ask
for help, but we know you are
with us. Thank you for your pres-
ence and the hope you provide
for such a time as this. Amen.



We GRIEVE

for those lost and injured;
we grieve for humankind
and our world. We open
our arms to those who are
suffering, as we seek healing
for ourselves and others.



We ACT.

We work to fix systems that
contribute to humanitarian
and natural disasters.
We learn about issues.
We vote and run for office.
We advocate for justice.
We hold courageous
conversations. We seek
solutions together.



We REBUILD.

We come to the aid of
those in need. We hear
their needs and work together
to overcome challenges.
We repair, we reconcile,
we move forward,
trusting in God.



in Times of Trouble.....

We HEAR.

We listen attentively.
We hear the cries
of those in pain.
We are present in silence.
We acknowledge nonverbal cues.
We reflect on stories of pain.
We ask how we can help.

We ACKNOWLEDGE

the pain of those suffering the
impact of a tragedy, disaster,
violence or internal crisis.
We respond lovingly,
remaining sensitive and open
in the faith that God's plan
is wholeness for all.



We look to the Word for HOPE



... neither death nor life ... nor
anything else in all creation will
... be able to separate us
from the love of God.
(Rom. 8:39)



The LORD is near to the
brokenhearted and saves
the crushed in spirit.
(Ps. 34:18)



I will never leave you
or forsake you.
(Heb. 13:5)



For nothing will be impossible with GOD.

—Luke 1:37

In times of disaster ...
earthquakes and floods,
fires and storms, suicides
and overdose, racial violence
and hate, shootings and family
violence, rape and human
trafficking, illness and death,
poverty and oppression ...
we seek understanding, we give
comfort, we extend aid, we work
for healing, we seek peace in the
confidence of God's grace.



Find links to resources at www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice.

Download this item at www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice or order PWR19205
from www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop.

This resource serves as a reminder of God's presence even in the most difficult times. *Prayer & Beyond* reminds us that though we experience hardship and disasters, in God, we find the courage and the strength to face the difficult times and to persevere.

Prayer & Beyond: Faithful Response in Times of Trouble is meant to inspire hope and provide comfort in challenging times—natural disaster, death of a loved one, mass shootings, pandemic, and more.

Here's how to get it.

- Order leaflets free (plus shipping) through the PW Shop—item PWR19205, while supplies last.
- Download the flat version for printing to your own printer. Search for “Prayer and Beyond” at www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads.
- To order PW resources, call 800.533.4371 (M–F, 9 AM–5 PM, EST) or go to www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop.



South Presbyterian donates fabrics for Girl Scouts to hand make masks and donate to charity



The South Presbyterian Church PW Susan Young Circle in Bergenfield recently donated cotton fabrics to the Dumont Girl Scout Troop 5225 to use for a project for their Silver Award. They assembled and sewed masks from the fabrics and delivered them to the Phoenix Center for Rehabilitation and Pediatrics in Haskel, NJ.

South Church is so happy to see the material put to good use.



“Together in service”

PW groups make masks for Native American communities in need

Many caring Presbyterian Women have used their time at home during the pandemic to make face masks, distributing them wherever they determine there is a need—hospitals, nursing homes, frontline workers, underserved communities, firefighters, and more.

Holly Haile Davis, Native American member of the PC(USA)’s Racial Equity Advocacy Committee, says the need for masks for the Navajo Nation continues. Several weeks ago, the Navajo Nation put out a call for cloth and fabric masks, in addition to other items. [Visit the Navajo Nation’s Relief Fund page for a current list of needs.](#)

Bonnie Thompson, moderator of PW in the Synod of the Southwest, works alongside Native American communities in her synod. She is currently working with the Tohono O’odham Nation (near Tucson) and the Apache and Hopi tribes in central Arizona to help them meet their needs for masks to protect against COVID-19. Bonnie believes there will be an ongoing need for masks, given the current rise of COVID-19 cases in Arizona and New Mexico. She has graciously agreed to be the point of contact for women who desire to make and send masks to those in need in the Synod of the Southwest. Those interested may contact [Bonnie](#).

PW recommends that synods and presbyteries wishing to partner with other Native American nations in their areas contact tribal offices to ask whether they need masks, then make and send masks directly to them as needed. The larger nations have health departments, which could be points of contact for those asking about the need for masks. Those in synods without Native American nations are encouraged to work with a synod that does.

And don’t hesitate to ask community centers, food kitchens and other community service organizations in your area whether they are distributing masks, and where there are needs.

Learn more and find instructions at the [Centers for Disease Control](#).



You may also
[download patterns](#)

that PW board member

Erma Jones has used.

SAVE THE DATE!



Winter Gathering

February 20, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom

Topic:

*Proposed Merger with Newark, Palisades and
Elizabeth Presbyterian Women*

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85175262632>

Meeting ID: 851 7526 2632

Passcode: 459394

Dial in

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 851 7526 2632

Passcode: 459394

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdSymbPzyw>

Please RSVP to Geri Pretlow 973.809.8364

If your morning beverage is not tea, then the beverage of your choice and of course, fuzzy slippers are welcome.

SAVE THE DATES!

PW Presbytery of the Palisades CT meeting for VIRTUAL SPRING GATHERING
APRIL 17, 2021, DETAILS TO FOLLOW Presbytery office-
340 W Passaic St, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662

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THEME:
'Sacred Friendships and
the Abundance of God'

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY OF THE PALISADES

VIRTUAL SPRING GATHERING

Saturday, May 1st, 2021

SAVE THIS DATE & REGISTER: dvnafash@gmail.com
WE WILL SEND THE DETAILS FOR THE ZOOM LINK
WHEN WE GET CLOSER TO THE DATE.



Program Leader:
The Rev. David A. Baer
Scripture for Bible Study
Ruth 1: 1-17

Meet our Spring Gathering Leader : The Rev. David Baer

David serves as the Pastor of Highlands Presbyterian Church of Allendale, and as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Southern New England. He graduated from Cornell University, where he studied computer science, with a Bachelor of science degree. He worked for a year as a software developer for a start-up company before going to Yale Divinity school, where he graduated with a Master of Divinity. David lives in Allendale with his wife and their two children.

PW Bible Study as seen on Facebook...

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O Light of My Life

Why have you hidden your glory from me?
The darkness of a Covid winter surrounds me.
I feel empty as in a desert wasteland.
Friends cannot visit me or reach out with a hug.
Countless people languish in hospitals gasping for breath.
O Light of my Life
Come as Jesus to vanquish this virus that plagues us.
Stride through the darkened hallways of our world, mending tortured bodies
and fractured relationships.
Show me you are still active in the world.
As I rehearse your mighty deeds from the past,
As you saved my sweet husband,
I will forever trust you to save others!

Lament for Lesson One

Written by Debbie Cover of First Presbyterian Church, Jeffersonville, Indiana
For PW 2020–2021 Bible Study Into the Light

PW Missions as seen on Facebook...



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Finding new ways to connect and be community

A Prayer for Today (author unknown) Loving God, your desire is for our wholeness and well-being. We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time. We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened. We ache for ourselves and our neighbors, Standing before an uncertain future. We pray may love, not fear, go viral. Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good. Help us to practice physical distancing and reveal to us new and creative ways to come together in spirit and in solidarity. Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence, you who do not abandon. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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JUSTICE & PEACE

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There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the widening of the sea.
There's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's
sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's
failings have such kindly judgment given.
For the love of God is broader
than the measure of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal is
most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more simple
we would take him at his word
And our lives would be all sunshine
in the brightness of the Lord.
Look at your hands.
See the touch and the tenderness.
God's own for the world.
Look at your feet.
See the path and the direction.
God's own for the world.
Look at your heart.
See the fire and the love.
God's own for the world.
Look at the cross.
See God's son and our Savior.
God's own for the world.
This is God's world.
And we will serve God in it.
May God bless you.
And lead your lives with love.
May Christ's warm welcome shine
in our lives
May peace in heart and home
prevail through every day
'Til greater life shall call. Amen.

Happy New Year

to the Presbyterian Women of The
Presbytery of the Palisades, and those
new ladies who will be joining us. It is
a pleasure to know that we will have
some new Presbyterian Women in
our midst. New changes are exciting.
It gives us a chance to grow together.

WELCOME



Peace and Blessings to you all.
Marion Gregg-Whited, Coordinator,
Compassion, Justice & Peace

Marion Gregg-Whited

Compassion

JUSTICE & PEACE

JUSTICE AND ONLY JUSTICE, YOU SHALL PURSUE (DEUT. 16:20)

Make America Compassionate

A Prophet's reminder that greatness is a sin

The Lord asked, "Amos what do you see?"
 "A basket of fruit," I answered. The Lord said to me, "The end has come for my people Israel. I will not change my mind again about punishing them.....Listen to this, you that trample on the need and try to destroy the poor of the country. You say to yourselves, "We can hardly wait for the holy days to be over so that we can sell our grain. When will the Sabbath end, so that we can start selling again? Then we can overcharge, use false measures, and fix scales to cheat our customers. We can sell worthless wheat at a high price.....The Lord, the God of Israel, has sworn, "I will never forget their evil deeds. And so the earth will quake, and everyone in the land will be in distress.....I will turn your festivals into funerals...."
 — Amos 8:2–10 (Good News Translation)

Sometimes it is challenging to read the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, given the fact that they are full of what one can only call "good news" and "bad news." Of course, this text from Amos is taken from the version known as the Good News Translation, which is intended to keep us moving toward God's final act, even as the path often seems circuitous. In the end of course, it leads us to the fulfillment of God's promises in the person of Jesus Christ, born among us, crucified and raised in glory for the salvation of the world.

That's the Good News.**The bad news – dare I say**

the "scariness"— comes when we study passages such as the one here and see the finger of judgment pointed at human behaviors of which we are too often a part.

Sin, of course, is both personal and institutional. As U.S. citizens and people of faith, we cannot avoid discomfort. It is easy to embrace the patriotic affirmation that we are the greatest nation in the world or, for those who doubt, to follow leaders who will "make us great again."

And so it was for the Israelites who, as they embraced their position in the world as "God's chosen people," also embraced lifestyles that exploited the poor among them.

Has Covid-19 not brought the world to such a juncture, with the marginalized being exploited and those impoverished facing higher risks of infection? If a virus wasn't enough, our country's racial inequities are boiling, demanding that change happen. And amid it all calls for "reopening our economy" are heard, with many refusing to acknowledge that the economy reopening would be a return to the same exploitive arrangement that had many of the marks of the economy that Amos condemned in the crisis in Israel.

Max Boot, a columnist for the Washington Post, recently wrote that "we should not be especially surprised by our failure at pandemic-fighting. We have the second-highest poverty rate and the highest level of inequality"

Perhaps it is time for the followers of Jesus Christ to move beyond the search for a so-called "great" America and to respond passionately with a call to make America "compassionate and just."

Now that would be good news.

Vernon S. Broyles III is a volunteer for public witness in the PC(USA)'s Office of the General Assembly.
 September / October 2020 **Presbyterians Today**

The Shadow Pandemic

Violence Against Women During COVID-19 by Kathleen Keefer

Gender impacts much of how we experience the world, including COVID-19. It's not that women experience the virus differently, but that precautions to slow the virus have negative, and even life-threatening, consequences for women. Developing data from frontline workers reveal rising reports of violence against women and girls, particularly domestic violence. First responders know that the reality may be even worse. Domestic abuse is often unreported in general, but now many more women cannot safely report abuse since they are quarantined with their abusers.

Prior to COVID-19, at least one in three women throughout the world were subjected to intimate partner violence. With the virus came shutdowns and isolation. Shelters were either full or closed due to the virus. Women were forced to stay home with their abusers. Domestic violence tend to increase with confinement in general, but unemployment, money woes and the possibility of sickness have further increased abusive behaviors. As the virus has surged, shut-downs continue or resume.

In May 2020, UN Women (the United Nations entity dedicated to gender equality) the Shadow Pandemic public awareness campaign to address the global increase in domestic violence amid the COVID-19 health crisis. Women should not live with the threat of violence.

Pray

Creator God, we trust in you and in your infinite mercy. Please protect those vulnerable women who are subjected to violence in their homes. Give them safety, healing and strength. Calm those who would be abusers and bring them peace, so they do not strike out. Bring us all comfort in these trying times. Amen.

Take Action

Read more about UN Women's suggestions for how individuals, governments and countries can help end violence against women. Watch videos, sign up for updates and share public service announcements and infographics at

www.unwomen.org

Kathleen Keefer is the Lakes and Prairies synod representative to the Board of Directors of Presbyterian Women.

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Great new article in The Nation:

“The Immokalee Way: Protecting Farmworkers Amid a Pandemic”...



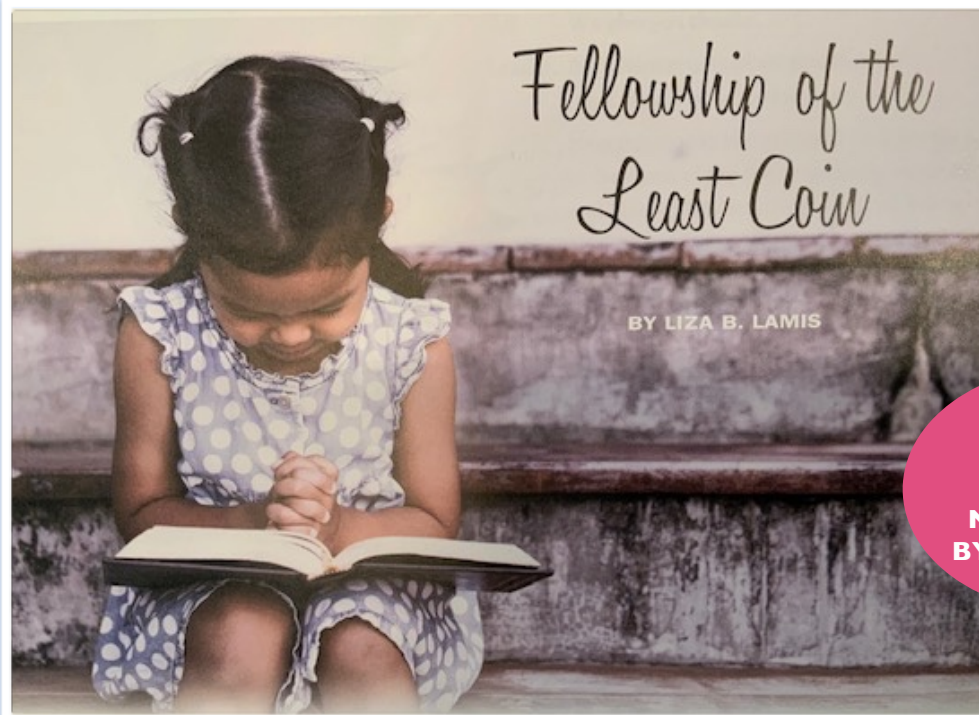
Excellent reporting from The Nation takes sweeping look at this spring’s first big COVID-19 outbreak among essential farmworkers — involving workers sleeping two to a bed in overcrowded, un-permitted housing — at Green Empire greenhouse in upstate NY; Green Empire greenhouse “owned by Ontario-based Mastronardi Produce, the largest distributor of hydroponic, indoor-grown produce in North America, and owner of at least six such facilities across the United States.” While Wendy’s says Green Empire is not in its supply chain, Mastronardi is a known supplier to Wendy’s.

John Bowe, journalist and author of the seminal 2008 book “**Nobodies: Modern American Slave Labor and the Dark Side of the New Global Economy**” featuring the CIW’s early anti-slavery efforts, put his considerable talents to work last month investigating the widely-reported COVID-19 outbreak this past spring among migrant farmworkers harvesting tomatoes and other vegetables at the greenhouse giant Green Empire in Oneida, NY. Bowe talked to Green Empire workers, the farm labor contractor involved, local farmworker advocates, local health officials, local motel staff, Green Empire representatives, Wendy’s spokespeople, and FFP representatives, among others.

What resulted is a thorough recounting and analysis of a shameful failure of social responsibility on multiple levels, an abdication of duty by key players to protect hundreds of essential workers who put themselves in grave personal danger to harvest vegetables for major buyers — and for the rest of us — during the national lockdown.

It is a MUST read for anyone interested in understanding the food industry’s abject failure to treat its essential workers as essential people. **[You can find the story in its entirety here.](#)**

Coalition of Immokalee Workers (239) 657 8311 | workers@ciw-online.org | www.ciw-online.org



AS SEEN IN
HORIZONS
MAGAZINE
NOV/DEC 2020
BY LIZA B LAMIS

Around the world the Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC) brings connection and comfort. Whether one prays for wholeness for all people, setting aside a coin as a symbol of that prayer, or participates in a program made possible by an FLC grant – or both!
– The Fellowship of the Least Coin changes lives. In 1956, when Shanti Solomon envisioned this prayer movement, she saw it as global and ecumenical, rooted in the pursuit of wholeness for all people.

The FLC Prayer Movement is simple, yet significant and unique.

- It brings Christian women together in a fellowship of prayer without any discrimination of race, nationality, culture or denomination. Christian women of the world have solidarity with each other through their common concern and love for humankind and creation. They are bound together in both giving and receiving.

- The offering is unique because all – regardless of income, education, nationality or home – give only the smallest coin for their currency. All are within the same discipline and share the common concerns of women around the world.
- It is stewardship, both of the idea and the funds. The least coins, when put together, become a large amount in the same way individual prayers offered by many members throughout the world become a strong force in bringing about reconciliation, peace and justice.

We praise and thank God for those who support FLC, who pray earnestly, give generously and share Shanti's vision for more justice, peace and reconciliation in the world. More than 60 years since Shanti first conceived of the movement, our least coins, which go with our prayers, still flow around the world. I invite you to participate in the FLC movement by regularly praying for peace, justice and reconciliation, and setting aside a least coin (bigger coins and bills are perfectly fine, too!), and allow everyday life and faith be richly blessed!

Please use the Congregation Remittance Form (below) to donate to the many missions of Presbyterian Women:

- PW's **Annual Fund**, the Mission Pledge, supports—in full or in part—just about every PW ministry, nationally and regionally. PW's grant programs—the Thank and birthday Offerings—are undergirded by the annual fund, as are Horizons magazine and bible studies, and local and national gatherings. PW's ecumenical partnerships with World Day of Prayer and Fellowship of the Least coin are made possible because of financial support of PW through the annual fund.
- The **Birthday Offering** is one of Presbyterian Women's two offerings. Received in the **spring** each year, it gives women a tangible way to celebrate the blessings in their lives. The Birthday Offering funds up to five projects each year, in amounts of \$75,000 to \$150,000 each. It helps missions both internationally and in the USA.
- The **Thank Offering** gives women a tangible way to express their gratitude for the special blessings in their lives. Thank Offering grants, received in the fall each year, range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. At least 40 percent of the offering funds **health ministries**.
- Support of the **PW of the Presbytery of Palisades** helps to cover their budget which gives you the Fall and Spring Retreats with programs, worship, fellowship, and mission.
- **Fellowship of the Least Coin** is a global, ecumenical prayer movement that was begun in 1956 by Shanti Solomon of India, who believed that women anywhere could have a sense of being part of a worldwide family of faith. The least coin can be collected at each meeting.



Presbyterian Women in the Congregation Remittance Form 2021

(Use this form for your next remittance.)

Please check if

- ☐ New treasurer
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Mail to

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Enclosed is check # _____ Total amount \$ _____

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Please fill in the amount of where you want the money to go.

301/Mission Pledge \$ _____ 303/Birthday Offering \$ _____ 305/Memorial/Recognition _____

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If you feel called to help us in any of these positions, we would be delighted to hear from you. See contacts below.



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DUE ON OR BEFORE 8/1/2021

Please send information about your continued and new mission projects / fundraisers with the name of your church, address, phone, email and contact person. Include pictures of your group while working on a project if available, and feel free to attach any additional information. Send your information to Diane V. Nafash, Email - dvnafash@gmail.com

PLEASE visit the website of PW in the Synod of the Northeast (www.pwsne.org) for many more opportunities for spiritual nurture and leadership development.
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