



Highland Highlights Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of the Highlands of New Jersey August 2022

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Please also forward to women in your church.

MODERATOR'S MUSINGS

Peace and blessings to all.

Sometimes I struggle with what to write for this section of the newsletter. Upon reflecting, however, I consider what is happening in the world today, at my church and in my personal life.

What concerns me...the war in the Ukraine, food insecurity, viruses, lack of confidence in our political leaders, the economy, a heat wave, the lack of rain, a drought---the list goes on.

Action is warranted on all levels. We can attend concerts and make contributions to financially support those affected by the Ukraine war. We can make meals, soups or collect food for our neighbors and food banks. Our medical professionals create vaccines to help us ward off the viruses. We can vote for individuals who we think will faithfully represent us in government. Again, the list goes on, for action for every instance of concern.

Of greatest concern is life, the precious lives of our friends, neighbors and our youth. Gun violence is of concern - how are those who possess guns storing the guns and the ammunition? Have they had the proper background checks to permit them to use guns? What is being done to ensure the safe use and storage of these guns?

These are some questions that can be answered by a representative of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America at our Fall Gathering.

Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America - momsdemandaction.org - is the largest grassroots group in America working to end gun violence. Join us on Saturday, October 1, 2022 at Stanhope Presbyterian Church, Stanhope, NJ. (For more information, see the flyer at the end of this Newsletter.)

Hoping to see you then,

Donna Rahmann - donnarahmann@comcast.net



CHURCHWIDE NEWS

Want to know what Presbyterian Women has available to help you? Then download the Spring-Summer 2022 Resource Catalog.

<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/spring-summer-2022-resource-catalog/>

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SAVE THE DATE: THE 2024 TRIENNIAL BUSINESS MEETING AND CHURCHWIDE GATHERING IS SLATED TO BE ON AUGUST 5-13, 2024 AT THE MARRIOTT GRAND AND AMERICA CENTER IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

There is lots of free material and lots of downloadable material – check it out!

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JUSTICE AND PEACE

Letter received from Bread for the World:

Dear Presbyterian Women,
After months of advocacy efforts, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee passed the **Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act (H.R. 4693)**. This win is a testament that your advocacy work is making an impact in the fight against global hunger. PW, this legislation will bolster the federal government's efforts to address global malnutrition, particularly as the world continues to respond to the war in Ukraine and the ongoing global food crisis. **Please contact your senators and urge them to support immediate passage of the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act.** The Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act is at its final stage of becoming law. All that remains is passage by the full Senate and signing by the President. Therefore, please urge your senators to support this critical legislation to protect the lives of millions through good nutrition programs and policy. Thank you for all you do to help end hunger. Go to the Bread for the World website which will help you do this!

Ryan Quinn, Deputy Director of Government Relations, Bread for the World

2023 USA MISSION EXPERIENCE

Arizona and the Border Region

I am with you and will keep you
wherever you go. Gen. 28:15



The Presbyterian Women USA Mission Experience will take place October 13–23, 2023.

During this faith-deepening and relationship-building trip, the group will visit partners in Phoenix, Tucson, and the Arizona–Mexico border, focusing on immigration and refugee issues, violence against women and children throughout the immigration process, and challenges facing indigenous people living in Arizona. Participants will experience learning, accompanying, and serving, with significant time set aside for reflection, conversation, and prayer as we encounter deep hurt as well as hope. The trip will include stays at the Franciscan Renewal Center near Phoenix, the Redemptorist Renewal Center in Tucson, and a local hotel in Agua Prieta, Mexico. The group will worship with local congregations, join a weekly vigil at the Arizona–Mexico border, and visit with mission partners such as Frontera de Cristo (a Presbyterian border ministry and 2021 Thank Offering recipient), and Café Justo (a fair-trade coffee cooperative). The purpose of the PW USA Mission Experience is to equip participants with an understanding of the history and culture of a particular region as well as the challenges, hopes and ministries of mission partners who serve God's people there. Traditionally, one Presbyterian woman from each synod joins the delegation and spends the following two years sharing the experience with groups within her synod. To learn more about PW's USA Mission Experience, visit presbyterianwomen.org/usame – download the application there, as well. E-mail Cheri Harper, PW associate for mission, at cheri.harper@pcusa.org for more information. Return your completed USAME application to your PW in the Synod moderator by November 1, 2022, and send a copy to your PW in the Presbytery moderator.

The cost of the trip will be \$2,400. Scholarships are available at the Synod level, and, if the woman selected is from Highlands Presbytery, PWP will cover \$500 of the trip.

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Presbyterian Women, Inc., Stance on The Supreme Court Decision to Overturn Roe v Wade

As a faith-based women's organization committed to work for justice and peace, Presbyterian Women, Inc., stands for gender equity and the right to reproductive justice and against the U.S. Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v Wade, the historic Supreme Court ruling that provides a constitutional right to choose to terminate a pregnancy. This right ensures human agency and gender equality. In reversing Roe v Wade, the U.S. Supreme Court's decision grossly undermines gender equality and leads to a complex system of injustices that critically impacts people across the country, with an undue burden falling on low-income, marginalized, and vulnerable communities. (For the remainder of the statement, please contact me for a copy)

Lisa Gray - PWP Peace & Justice Coordinator Lisa_A_Gray@outlook.com

FAIR TRADE

It's important to buy fair trade products, as each one uniquely benefits artisans and farmers around the world. Artisan groups range in size from just a handful in one small community to thousands, spread out over entire countries. Each group prides itself in the work they do. We're all on this planet together and when we work cooperatively, we can create incredible change! When you shop Fair Trade, your purchase makes that possible.

FAIR TRADE:

- ❖ Celebrates traditional craft
- ❖ Uses sustainable materials
- ❖ Empowers Women
- ❖ Fights Human Trafficking
- ❖ Protects Children



Believe it or not, it is time to shop for back-to-school items. Check out Ten Thousand Villages for journals, back packs, scarves – all Fair Trade, and stylish too.

Shop Fair Trade whenever possible: it makes a difference to all of us.



The first 1,000 days refers to a child's life from the moment they are conceived until they have reached 2 years of age (24 months). This is a time when their brain, body and immune system grows and develops significantly. It is a crucial window of opportunity to create brighter, healthier futures. The first 1,000 days are a time of tremendous potential and enormous vulnerability. How well or how poorly mothers and children are nourished and cared for during this time has a profound impact on a child's ability to grow, learn and thrive. This is because the first 1,000 days are when a child's brain begins to grow and develop and when the foundations for their lifelong health are built.

To support mothers and babies, PW here in Highlands is issuing a challenge to each church – between now and the Spring Gathering collect 1,000 coins – any value – and bring them to the Gathering. Your hard-working treasurer will get them counted, by church, and publish the results.

STAYING CONNECTED

For the February 2023 Newsletter, we would love to publish the dates of your open gatherings. We hope to encourage women to attend – maybe cross-pollinate program ideas, etc. Send to Newsletter Editor - kmac3536@gmail.com.

Invitation - For any women close to Newton that would like to attend the Horizons Bible Study, the Jubilee Women of First Presbyterian Women meet on the fourth Tuesday each month at 7:00pm at the church. An open invitation to all!

If you know of any women who are not getting this email, and would like to, send their name and e-mail to Sharon Guthrie, sharon.guthrie28@gmail.com, Communications.

BOOK GROUP

Are you a fan of Jodi Picoult? Her book "Wish You Were Here" will be the discussion on August 26th. The group meets at the Panera in the Roxbury Mall in Succasunna at 5pm for dinner - discussion starts at 6pm.

MAKERS

Knitting4Peace

Our Vision: Everyone lives in hope, comfort, and peace.

Our Mission: Create and deliver handcrafted items to adults and children worldwide.

The organization, celebrating its 15th anniversary this year, is collecting knitted items to go everywhere to bring peace & comfort.

Most-Needed Items:

Winter scarves (42" or longer, 6" or wider, or cowls). Use a warm, not lacy, stitch pattern.

Mittens (in sizes for adults or children)

Shawls (45" or wider, 30" or taller) Most helpful if warm rather than lacy stitch pattern.

Where To Send:

By mail to 2600 N. Leyden St., Denver, CO 80207.

It is really good to include a donation for the further mailing of items, as well as contact information.

There must be some knitters & crocheters out there! Youtube has lots of instruction videos. Get together, masks on - teach someone, teach a young woman. Don't let the art die!

Knitting for Peace also now has retail merchandise for sale – tote bags, t-shirts, note cards, etc – just go to their website <https://www.knitting4peace.org>



HORIZONS MAGAZINE

Now you can try *Horizons* at a great price: [just \\$9.95 for a whole year!](#)

Horizons is the magazine and Bible study for Presbyterian women. Every issue of *Horizons* magazine provides ideas, inspiration, and information by addressing issues facing the church and the world.

With this discounted *Horizons* subscription, you'll receive:

- Five print issues of this award-winning magazine, delivered to your home or office

- Mission stories, ideas for justice and peace work, information about Presbyterian Women and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), devotions, and a short Bible study on every issue's theme
- FREE access to digital issues of *Horizons* magazine, including many encore issues, which you can read on your computer, tablet or mobile phone

We do not know how long this rate will last, so act fast!

The normal rates for renewal are 1 year: \$24.95; 2 years: \$44.00; and 3 years: \$63.00.

Subscription requests or gift subscriptions can be sent to:

Horizons
PO Box 421
Congers, NY 10920-0421

You can also go online to www.presbyterianwomen.org or call 866/802-3635. If you are a "Green Presbyterian", you can receive your subscription on line instead of a hard copy



TREASURER



July 31 was "officially" PW Gives Day, but every day is "gives day" here in the Presbytery of the Highlands of NJ. July 31 celebrates the date PW was founded, but every day we celebrate the loving relationships and the life-changing ministries Presbyterian Women enable.

Cultivating Presbyterian Women means putting our hands and hearts to work and love through our PW Purpose. Whether planting seeds through our ecumenical partnerships, building healthy communities through our Thank and Birthday Offerings, honoring faithful servants with Honorary Life Memberships, or taking time to be in beloved community through study, service and fun, we each choose to "live life in full bloom" by care-tending our bountiful and beautiful PW gardens.

Our gifts to the Mission Pledge especially are for:

- Award-winning PW/*Horizons* Bible studies and accompanying helps that nurture our faith and build community.
- Funds raised to support mission through our Thank and Birthday Offerings.
- Peace and justice issues that PW support through prayer and advocacy.
- Building community, especially through PW Gatherings (whether synod or churchwide, in person or online) and our commitment to include all.
- Devoted staff, providing resources and leadership development to help build witnesses to God's promises.

Of course everyone can go to the presbyterianwomen.org/give website to make a gift. If you do, there are choices for which ministry is supported, i.e. the Mission Pledge, the Birthday or Thank Offering or one of the Endowments. PW in the Presbytery prefers that gifts are made through us, so that the Presbytery is credited. The remittance form is below, and write-ins are acceptable. Also, new forms for scholarship applications, Honorary Life Memberships, etc. are available – just drop me an e-mail to treaspwhigh@gmail.com

Thank you to all of the churches who have sent funds the fiirst six months of the year. At the end of June, \$3,148 was sent to Louisville - \$2,273 for the Mission Pledge, \$787 for the Birthday Offering, and \$88 for Least Coin. \$750 was sent to PW in the Synod. Keep up the good work!



In case you missed it in the 1000 Days article above, each church is being challenged to collect 1,000 coins (any value) between now and the Spring Gathering. Since it is for nutrition in the 1000 days between conception 2 years old, ask a new mother in your church for diaper box/bag, a formula can/bottle (if they are using) or some other container that will remind everyone that the coins will support Moms and babies. Bring to Spring Gathering

TAKE IT AS AN INTER-CHURCH CHALLENGE!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN, PRESBYTERY OF THE HIGHLANDS OF NJ

REMITTANCE FORM

Local Association Treasurers: Please use this form for making remittances. Your canceled check is your receipt. Please make checks payable to: PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN, HIGHLANDS PRESBYTERY. Thank you.

Name of Sender: _____ Telephone _____

Sender's E-Mail Address: _____

Church / Association: _____

Payment of:	Amount
Mission Pledge - Churchwide	
Mission Pledge - Synod	
PW Presbytery Operating Support	
Birthday Offering	
Thank Offering	
Least Coin	
Other - Specify	
Total of Check	

All money should be sent to the Treasurer:

Jane MacDonald

35 Hillside Ave

Newton, NJ 07860

Reminder: Quarterly payments for mission pledges are due by the 10th of March, June, September and December.



FALL GATHERING

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY OF
THE HIGHLANDS OF NEW JERSEY**

SATURDAY OCTOBER 1, 2022

**STANHOPE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH, 100 MAIN ST, STANHOPE**

REGISTRATION 9:30AM

SPEAKER FROM

MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA

BIBLE STUDY

COIN CHALLENGE

BUSINESS MEETING

RESOURCE TABLE

WORSHIP

**OFFERING DURING WORSHIP – 50% TO PDA FOR UKRAINE, 50% TO
THE THANK OFFERING**

**BRING THE THANK OFFERING THAT YOUR GROUP MAY HAVE
COLLECTED.**

RSVP TO JANE MACDONALD JKMAC3536@GMAIL.COM

\$5. 00 GATHERING REGISTRATION COLLECTED AT THE DOOR.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

FALL RETREAT

NOVEMBER 5, 2022

9am-4pm

Shrine of St Joseph

1050 Long Hill Road

Stirling, NJ



Retreat will be led by Amy Clarkson and Lorelei Oelschlager

Coffee, lunch provided

Please RSVP to Jane MacDonald jkmac3536@gmail.com or 973-383-4166 by
November 1

Cost: \$40 – Send a (non-refundable) check–payable PW in the Presbytery of the Highlands to:

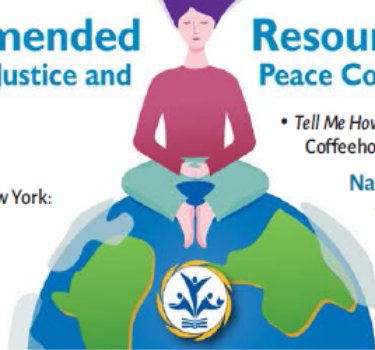
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Scholarships are available upon request – send to jkmac3536@gmail.com for form

Recommended for Justice and

Resources Peace Concerns



Antiracism

- *Asian Americans*—5-part series (PBS, 2020); <https://www.pbs.org/show/asian-americans/>
- *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates (New York: Spiegel & Grau, 2015)
- *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson (New York: Random House, 2020)
- *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America* by Richard Rothstein (New York: Liveright, 2017)
- *Practicing God's Radical Hospitality* (PW, 2013); www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop/item/PWR13060; \$6+shipping
- *STAMPED: Racism, Antiracism and You—A Remix of the National Book Award-Winning Stamped from the Beginning* by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi (Young Readers, 2020)
- *White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity* by Robert P. Jones (Simon & Schuster, 2020)
- Also see www.presbyterianwomen.org/antiracism.

Criminal Justice

- *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson (New York: Spiegel & Grau, 2014)
- *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander (NY: New Press, 2010)
- *Waste: One Woman's Fight Against America's Dirty Secret* by Catherine Coleman Flower (The New York Press, 2020)

Eco-justice

- *Climate Justice: Hope, Resilience, and the Fight for a Sustainable Future* by Mary Robinson (New York: Bloomsbury, 2018)
- *Eco-Justice Journey* blog, Presbyterian Hunger Program; www.pcusa.org/hunger
- "Presbyterian Women's Eco-Justice Initiative" (PW, 2019); www.presbyterianwomen.org/eco-justice
- *Report of the Secretary-General on the 2019 Climate Action Summit and the Way Forward* (UN Climate Action Summit, 2019); https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/cas_report_11_dec_o.pdf
- *The Story of Stuff*; <https://www.storyofstuff.org>

Gender Justice

- *Championing Gender Equality in the Church*. A TEDxTalk with Karen Sethuraman (2020); <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=df-Bpkx4MAUA> [video]
- *Much More to Be Done: Comments Made to Women in Ministry* (Heartland Presbytery, 2019); <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wmC5NoHcjac> [video]
- *Period. End of Sentence.* (Netflix, 2019) [documentary]
- Polaris Project; polarisproject.org/human-trafficking/
- *Trust Women: A Progressive Christian Argument for Reproductive Justice* by Rebecca Todd Peters (Boston: Beacon, 2019)
- *Words Matter*; <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Words-Matter-Conversation-Guide.pdf>

Immigration

- *A Good Provider Is One Who Leaves: One Family and Migration in the 21st Century* by Jason DeParle (New York: Viking, 2019)
- *This Land Is Our Land: An Immigrant's Manifesto* by Suketu Mehta (New York: Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 2019)
- *Dear America—Notes of an Undocumented Citizen* by Jose Antonio Vargas (New York: Dey Street, 2018)

- *Tell Me How It Ends* by Valeria Luiselli (Minneapolis, MN: Coffeehouse, 2017)

Native American Justice

- *Decolonizing Wealth: Indigenous Wisdom to Heal Divides and Restore Balance* by Edgar Villanueva (Berrett-Koehler Publishers, 2018)
- *The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee: Native America from 1890 to the Present* by David Treuer (New York: Riverhead, 2019)
- *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States* by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz (Boston: Beacon, 2014)
- *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann (NY: Doubleday, 2017)
- *Wind River* (Amazon Prime, 2017) [movie]

Poverty

- *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by D. Vance (New York: Harper, 2016)
- *Poverty in America: A Handbook* (3rd Edition) by John Iceland (Berkeley: University of California, 2013)

Substance Use Disorder

- "Addiction," a PBS Nova episode; www.pbs.org/video/addiction-afsxne/ [video]
- *Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors and the Drug Company that Addicted America* by Beth Macy (New York: Little, Brown, 2018)
- "Presbyterian Women's Substance Use Disorder Initiative" (PW, 2019); <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/substance-use-disorder-responses-flir/>
- "Responding with Compassion to Substance Use Disorder," *J&P Links*, 2019, <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/justice-peace-links-substance-use-disorder/>

United Nations

- *Engaging Our World: Sunday School Resource for UN Sustainable Development Goals* (PMUN, 2020); <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/engaging-our-world/>
- *Sustainable Development Goals: Study and Devotional Guide* (PMUN, 2019); <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/go-to-sunday-school-with-the-united-nations/>
- United Nations Commission on the Status of Women: <https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw>

Overall

- *Generous Justice: How God's Grace Makes Us Just* by Timothy J. Keller (Penguin Books, 2012)
- *Horizons*, the magazine for Presbyterian Women (issues on human trafficking, immigration, education and more) plus "Working for Justice and Peace" in each issue
- *Justice & Peace Calendar*, <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/2021-justice-and-peace-calendar/>
- *Justice & Peace Links* newsletter, https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/download_categories/work-for-justice-and-peace/
- Presbyterian Women Children's Reading List: https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/tia_literacy_reading_lists_5.pdf
- *Starry Black Night: A Womanist Advent Devotional* published by Unbound 2020 ministry of the PC(USA); <https://justiceunbound.org/starryblacknight/>

FALL LEADERSHIP GATHERING

REJOICE IN HOPE: MOVING FORWARD IN DIVERSITY

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast

Zoom Meeting - Friday, October 14 - 1 - 9PM /Saturday, October 15, 2002 - 9 AM - 3 PM

Friday, October 14th: PWSNE Coordinating Team Meeting

Guest Speaker TBA

Listening to our Members-at-Large

Horizons/Celebration Giving

Meditation: "IOU - Inward, Outward, and Upward"

Saturday, October 15th: Reports from CT

Horizons Bible Study: Celebrating Sabbath

Business Meeting

Matthew 25

Closing Worship and Installation of new CT members

REGISTRATION INFORMATION – E-Mail to:

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