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MEDITATION

Contributed by Rev. Dr. Barbara Shaw Jenkins,
Moderator, Memorial West Presbyterian Church, Newark

Jesus said in John 14:7: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid".

I have always loved these words of Jesus and say them many times when offering the Benediction. I believe Jesus said these words to teach us two things. There is a peace that passes all human understanding. We will not find this peace in the world. Rather we will find this peace when we put our faith in the Risen Christ.

As Americans, we know our land. Indeed in years, conflict, physical violence heights we may been able to Personally, I feel waiting for the to drop as yet dastardly acts may constantly remind myself of



there is no peace in these last few hatred and have risen to not have imagine. as if I am other shoe m o r e happen. So, I the words in

2 Timothy 1:7: "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

I believe these words in 2 Timothy mean that each and every one of us is in this world to exercise our power, to give our love to all God's creation and to use our minds in order to continue building God's Kingdom on Earth which was inaugurated by the Resurrection of Christ.

I think many people, including many Christians, do not think of themselves as having power. We each do have power and it is our responsibility to use our power to advance God's Kingdom here in this place, at this time. Some of us have power coming from great wealth, some derive power from their special skills and gifts. All of us have the most important gift that God gives: ***the power of our voices.***





MEDITATION CONTINUED

Each and every one of us is a unique word from God. Nobody else can say what we individually can say because God has created each of us differently and uniquely. This is why the arrival of a newborn infant is such a joyous occasion – each infant born is a new word, a new voice from God.

Oftentimes we are hesitant to speak, doubting that what we have to say is important, questioning if others will listen to what we say and, will be in some way ridiculed
Presbyterian Women
Presbytery, now is the
by finding our voices and
given us to say.

worst of all, fearing that what we say
and/or rejected. Dear Friends,
in Northeast New Jersey
time to let our lights shine
saying what God has



We are not called to be perfect, but we are called to be faithful. In God, we must also keep order to be faithful to honoring what we think and feel, by faith with ourselves by honoring that within us which is uniquely our own gift to share with this world. Evil triumphs when God's good children withhold their gifts.

Let us all pray for one another and for all God's good people everywhere, that we use our power, generously offer our love and use our intelligent minds for bringing down the very real barriers to God's Kingdom on this Earth, in our time.

The words of anti-Nazi, German Pastor and Theologian, Martin Niemöller, will always resound throughout history. Many years after Niemöller had been imprisoned for eight years in concentration camps as the personal prisoner of Adolf Hitler, he penned these infamous words:



***"First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out - because I was not a Socialist.
Then they came for the Trade Unionist, and I did not speak out - because I was not a Trade Unionist.
Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out - because I was not a Jew.
And then they came for me - and there was no one left to speak for me."***

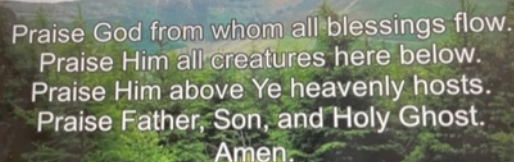
HIGHLIGHTS - SPRING 2022 GATHERING

"Neither is wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved."

Matthew 9:17 (NRSV)

"New Wine, Old Skins: Reimagining, Recreating, Renewing"

was the theme for the Spring 2022 Gathering as Presbyterian Women in the newly reconfigured Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey (PWPNNJ) zoomed in for fellowship for a second time on Saturday, April 23. This was an apt theme given the fact that it was less than a year that the Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey was formed from the merger of three presbyteries (Elizabeth, Newark, Palisades) as part of a 2021 restructuring of New Jersey Presbyteries. The restructuring presented the opportunity and challenge for Presbyterian Women across 98 congregations to reorganize into a single body at a time when the Covid 19 pandemic restricted in-person contact. Our virtual Gathering brought us a step closer to realizing this goal as officers were elected and installed during the business meeting which followed a time of meaningful worship.



Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above Ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

The Gathering began promptly at 9:30AM following the spontaneous singing of "He's Got the whole World in His Hands" by participants as they linked into the virtual space. A spirited unexpected prelude with, amazingly, minimal discordant notes! Featured speakers were Rev. Dr. Wanda Lundy, Moderator, Northeast New Jersey Presbytery and Dr. Patricia Yartley, Clinical Research Scientist, Caribbean University Medical School, Willemstad, Curacao. Special music ("Healing Hand" "Love Can Build a Bridge" "I Saw the Light") was provided by The Foggy Family. Participants were given the opportunity to make a freewill offering in support of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Humanitarian Aid for Ukrainians.



Rev. Dr. Wanda Lundy, moderator, Northeast New Jersey Presbytery, pastor of Siloam Hope Presbyterian Church, and assistant professor of World Christianity at New York Theological Seminary.

With a beautiful backdrop of women clothed in white robes, our first speaker Rev. Dr. Lundy, questioned what it will take to 'pour new wine' into our newly reconfigured Presbytery. She noted that Jesus was concerned about people rather than structures and institutions and urged Presbyterian Women to be the model of the new thing that God is doing in our midst by making sure the table accepts and reflects everyone. To become "new wineskins" we must be willing to (1) be vulnerable, let go of past fears, and trust God that the 'new thing' might look differently; (2) resist the urge to tie one another's hands because of 'hard rules'; and (3) work together in community to refashion, re-educate and open ourselves to new possibilities realizing that every new day brings fresh opportunities for spiritual growth.

HIGHLIGHTS - SPRING 2022 GATHERING

Cont'd

Rev. Lundy's final exhortation that renewal requires taking care of ourselves physically, emotionally, financially and spiritually was a smooth transition to our second featured speaker, Dr. Patricia Yartey, who spoke on the topic **"Health Awareness for Women"**.



Dr. Patricia Yartey, physician and clinical research scientist at Caribbean University Medical school, Willemstad, Curacao. She serves as a deacon and music coordinator at First Presbyterian Church of Irvington.

Emphasizing what she considers the number one threat to health, Dr. Yartey outlined in practical terms, the short/long term causes and symptoms of chronic stress and their negative effects on the physical and emotional well-being of women. She distinguished between the rush of adrenaline (acute stress) that helps us manage dangerous situations versus chronic stress that extends over time, can mistakenly be considered 'normal' and put us at risk or worsen health problems. Like all good teachers, Dr. Yartey concluded her helpful presentation with a summarizing quiz on identifying symptoms of stress and "The Healthy 8" tips to maintaining optimum physical and emotional health: Monitoring blood pressure, cholesterol and hormone levels for heart and brain health; maintaining a healthful lifestyle (e.g. sleeping, eating), enjoying the outdoors; getting a yearly checkup (e.g., mammogram); and seeking mental health help for excessive worry or anxiety. **"Getting help is a sign of strength!"**



L/R: Carlos Valdez-Dapena (banjo), Larry Frick (guitar), Janet Aldrich, Martha Day, Neal Day, Kirk Woodward (piano)

Another highpoint of the Gathering was the special music provided by five members of the Foggy Family, a musical group of eight men (Foggies) and three women (Foggettes) that provides free musical entertainment for non-profit organizations such as churches, hospitals, nursing homes, charitable fundraisers and other public events. Both Martha Day and Kirk Woodward (piano accompanist, musical director and one of the Foggies), serve as commissioned lay pastors at Bethel PC in East Orange.

The second half of our Gathering was devoted to an open business meeting during which the following inaugural officers were elected and installed for three year terms to lead the new Presbyterian Women Northeast New Jersey Coordinating Team:

Moderator : Elizabeth Hemminger, *Bloomfield Church on the Green*

Vice Moderator: Geri Pretlow, *Trinity PC, Montclair*

Secretary/Historian: Linda Rosania, *Bloomfield Church on the Green*

Treasurer: JoAnn Burrell, *Trinity PC, Montclair*

It is expected that in the upcoming months additional leaders will be elected or appointed to open positions, and committees will be formed to carry out the business of PWPNNJ in accordance with the revised Bylaws.

We give God thanks for everyone who volunteered their time and efforts to facilitate a worshipful, inspiring and productive Spring Gathering. To God be the glory!

Submitted by Abigail Douglas- Johnson

A word from our new Moderator Elisabeth Hemminger



Imagining New Ways of Communicating.

It seems like just yesterday that we were close enough to be able to gather face to face. We received notices in writing and after meeting, shared a meal to catch on each other's lives. Now we Zoom on computers, tablets and phones. We receive emails and texts telling us to download or click through options to find out what is going on or that take us to sites where we can. We are told to sign on to Facebook and twitter. Anyone on Instagram? I look at the articles in Horizon's encouraging us to grow and change and so we are. With the formation of the new Presbytery after 3 years of work on the behalf of many in the ministry and laypersons we have the new PW of NENJP. Under the guidance of our previous combined boards, we developed our own footprint for the future. So where do we go now? And more so, how do we get there?

I hope you will be able to join us at our Fall Gathering on October 1 at 9:30am for a time of fellowship and a chance to learn more about ways of communicating.

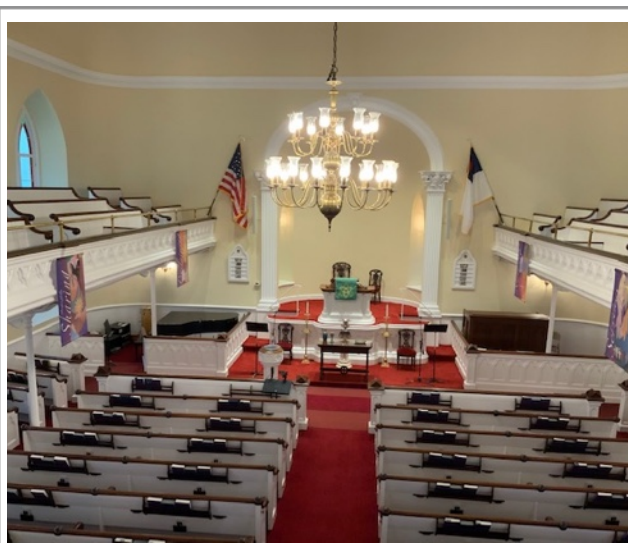
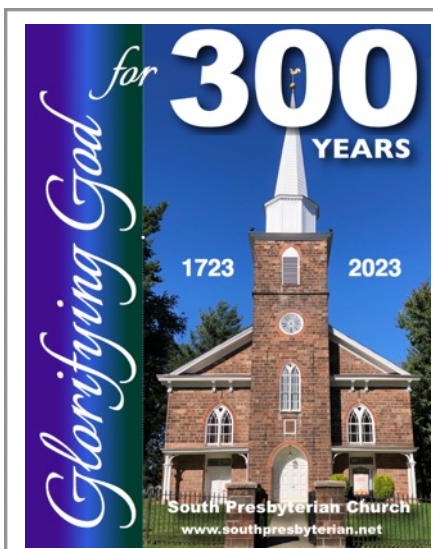
Elisabeth Hemminger
Moderator



"Together in Service"

News from the Churches

South Presbyterian Church Bergenfield



Going-on at South Presbyterian Church in Bergenfield

Anticipating its 300th anniversary in 2023, South Church has established a committee that is busy planning a series of monthly events that will include concerts of many kinds, historical lectures, tours, service projects, etc. culminating in a grand celebratory dinner in the fall of 2023. To ensure that the campus is ready for what the year will demand, the historic sanctuary underwent a complete inside repair and paint treatment this summer, and this fall, the Auditorium will also be painted while the church kitchen undergoes a complete remodeling. Several other additions and improvements are still under consideration during this period of pastoral transition, with the confidence that a new installed pastor will be here to **lead us into our 4th century of service.**

Submitted by Diane V Nafash



"Together in Service"

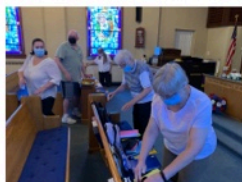
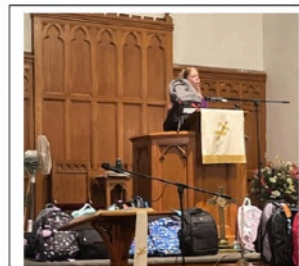
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Presbyterian Women at Bethel Presbyterian, East Orange

At Bethel Presbyterian Church in East Orange, we are grateful for all the countless things our Presbyterian Women have been doing out in front and behind the scenes, making sure Bethel's worship, mission, building and grounds, and day-to-day activities bring glory to God. We are blessed to have so many faithful, dedicated, adaptable, and wise women in our midst. Their foundational work supports our ministry and mission to share God's love through uplifting worship, genuine fellowship, and cheerful service. Here are some of the highlights since our last report in April 2022:



Whether we worshiped via Zoom or in-person, our Presbyterian Women continued to participate in many ways, including sharing their musical talents and participating in worship services. And they made sure the sanctuary was ready for each Sunday's worship service. We celebrated the life of our beloved sister in Christ Helyn Payne Baltimore who went home to the Lord.



The Presbyterian Women actively help us serve the children in our community. For the summer mission project, we partnered with the women of the Beta Alpha Omega chapter of AKA as well as members of the United Presbyterian Church of Lyndhurst and the First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie to stuff and distribute 76 backpacks filled with grade-appropriate school supplies.

The Lorraine Williams Memorial Fund continues Lorraine's legacy to help children everywhere. Families with school aged children received a gift for Lorraine's Fund to help them buy whatever their children needed to successfully begin the new school year. Our weekly Bible study is currently reading *Numbers*. And we continue to write and send our uplifting daily devotionals to the Bethel community and beyond as well as offering the devotionals in compiled Booklets to give out for free to the community.



Submitted September 2022 by Pastor Martha Day



“Together in Service”

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News from First Presbyterian Church of Irvington



First Presbyterian Church of Irvington celebrated a monumental milestone on July 31, 2022 – its 125th anniversary.

This was even more remarkable, since the church began with a congregation of German immigrants in 1891 and is currently populated by a predominantly African community, interspersed with African Americans and people from the Caribbean. It is truly multi-cultural and multi-generational.

The theme of the celebration was **‘The Glorious Church: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow’, based on Ephesians 3:20-21**, and it was, indeed, a glorious celebration, made more so by the variety of soul-stirring music. There were performances by soloists, duets, mass choirs, and trumpeters. Selections ranged from “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” to “We’ve Come This Far by Faith” to “Yes, God is real” to “The Prayer”, etc. The Youth also participated, making the service inclusive and harmonious.

The keynote speaker was the Reverend Dr. Moses Biney, who was previously the Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Irvington and is now the Pastor of Bethel Presbyterian Reformed Church in Brooklyn, New York. His inspiring message was entitled “Building a Glorious Church for Today and Tomorrow” in which he encouraged us to focus on the power, presence and purpose of God and make good use of the skills God had already given us to build a glorious church dedicated to worship and witness.

The entire celebration was well attended and included guests from the Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey. Following the worship service, the congregation was invited to a sumptuous luncheon, in an atmosphere of joyful fellowship.

Submitted by Lorraine Cuffie

ALL GLORY AND THANKS BE TO GOD!



"Together in Service"

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Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

The Trip of a Life Time,

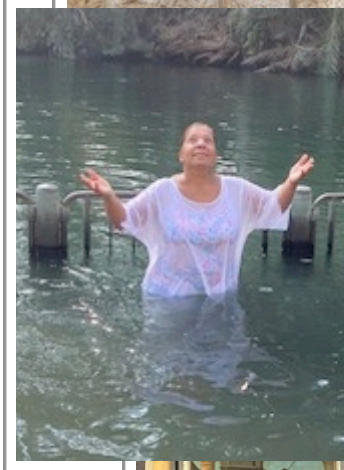
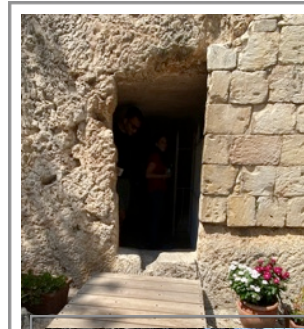
I traveled with two of my sisters to the Israel/ Palestine this past August to visit the Holy Land as it was definitely a bucket list trip for me and my sisters. It is hard to describe how meaningful and spiritual this trip was to me as I traveled to the very places where our Lord Jesus along with his disciples walked and performed miracles. Since I could read Arabic, I was amazed to see all the street signs written in three different languages: Hebrew, Arabic and English. To read the signs of the towns mentioned in the Scripture and to actually be standing on these Holy grounds, it was truly amazing. We visited Jaffa, Jordan River, Jerusalem, Sailed the Sea of Galilee, Caesarea, Capharnaum (town of Jesus), Tiberias, Dead Sea, Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Western Wall etc.....

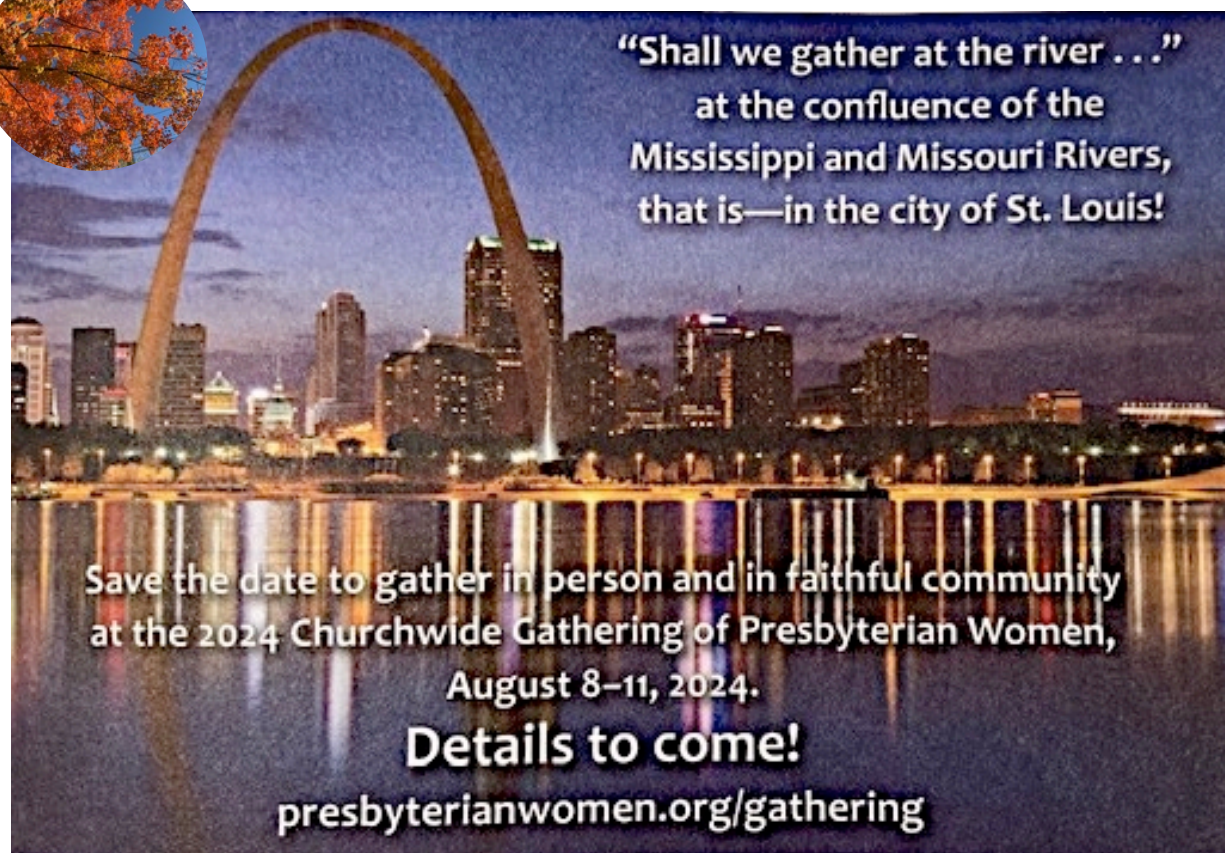
I could describe each location we visited and explain what it meant to me but I will only focus on two special places. The first is our baptism in the Jordan River which felt amazing and very gratifying to be baptized where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. Ironically enough our tour guide found on location a Baptist minister who was baptizing his group from church and asked him to baptize me and my two sisters. I was struck that by looking at the Jordan River, you see it as yellow and not clean but when I actually got into the river it is clean and very clear.

The Second location the Garden Tomb where Jesus was buried for the three days before his ascension into Heaven. It is a very moving and humbling experience to be present where our Lord laid his life for all of us so we could have eternal life by accepting the free gift of salvation.

The blessings and memories of this trip will remain with me for the rest of my life. I get emotional when I tell others about it because it made the scripture come to life.

Submitted by Adina Yacoub





Go to the link below to watch the trailer video for the gathering

https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/what_we_do/build-community/churchwide-gathering/

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Join us for a time of fellowship and learning at the
Fall Gathering
of the
Presbyterian Women of the Northeast New Jersey Presbytery
as we explore

“Communicating in an Ever-Changing World”

October 1, 2022 at 9:30am on Zoom

Featuring Keynote Speaker

Valerie Porter



Valerie Porter created Afstar Associates, LLC in the hope of empowering senior citizens and veterans who feel technologically left behind so they can become connected to the current digital blueprint and regain their independence. Valerie has a successful career as an information technology professional and consultant for small businesses and corporations. She is a graduate of East Orange High School where she received the most college scholarships out of her entire Senior class. She is a graduate of Drexel University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Systems Management. Valerie is a successful graduate of the Intensive Rising Tide Capital Entrepreneurial Program which was endorsed by President Barack Obama. Under her leadership, Afstar Associates has sought and obtained a US Small Business Administration 8(a) Certification, New Jersey Transit Certification, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Certification, New Jersey Department of Transportation Certification and City of Philadelphia Office of Economic Opportunity Certification. Ms. Porter is a Dell Business Partner and a Certified Business Analyst

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For More Information, Please Contact:
 Liz Hemminger: lizhemminger@gmail.com (973-632-1879)

SAVE THE DATE!



Presbyterian Women in the Albany Presbytery

In - Person Fall Gathering

**Wed., Sept. 21 – 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
at**

Schoharie United Presbyterian Church

Program

Frangelin Pozo, Hudson River Coordinator of Rural & Migrant Ministry, will speak on the history and support systems that have been created for women in rural communities.

Rob Trawick, General Presbyter of the Albany Presbytery, will share his thoughts on how Presbyterian Women fits into a vision for the Albany Presbytery.

For questions contact:

Rosalie Hemingway at 518-758-7886 or silver3213@gmail.com

Charlotte Hasselbarth at 518-356-0637 or chasselbarth@hotmail.com





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.





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, 2022 - 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:

Joanne Schnaudt jwschnaudt@comcast.com





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:

Jane MacDonald

35 Hillside Ave, Newton NJ 07860

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



Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of the Coastlands

Invites you to

A Gathering at the Shore: A Reunion of Presbyterian Women

Saturday, October 29 from 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

Enjoy fellowship and sisterhood while we share a light breakfast, two sessions, lunch, and a communion service

- ✓ Short Business Meeting
- ✓ First General Session: **Dr. Catherine Wolf, MD MPH, Friends for Health in Haiti**
- ✓ Second Session: **Presbyterian Women Today** with guests **Adebisi Shofu**, Moderator, Presbyterian Women, Synod of the Northeast and other members
- ✓ Lunch and Fellowship followed by a Communion Service – **Reverend Kristie Meehan Miles, Brick Presbyterian Church**
- ✓ **All Churches attending please bring your PW tabletop displays**

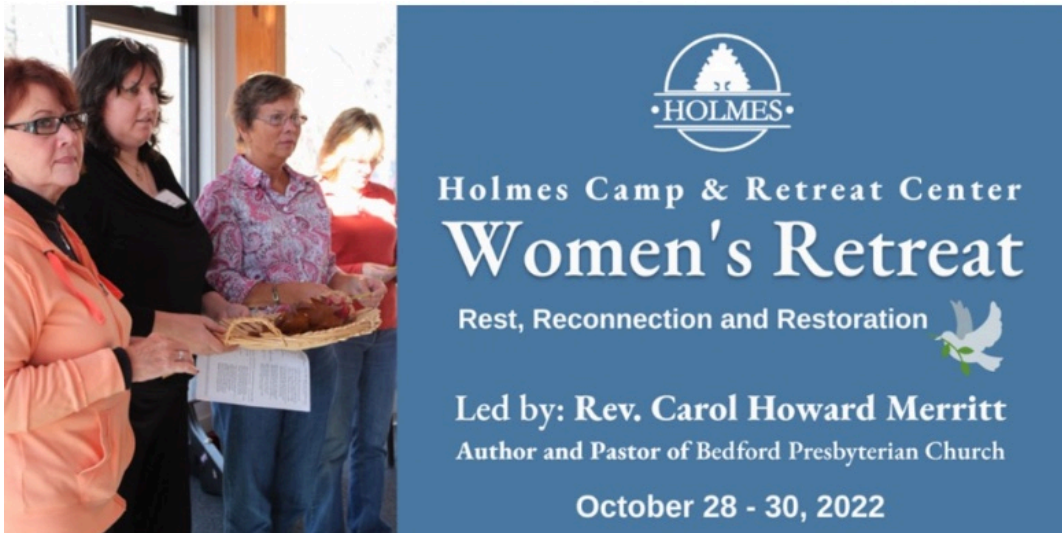
Presbyterian Church of Toms River
1070 Hooper Avenue
Toms River, NJ 08753
RSVP by October 24, 2022
pw@pctr.org or 732-349-1331
Livestream link: pctr.org/live

Suggested donation: \$5.00 collected at door

- ❖ *Women's Feminine Hygiene Product Donations accepted for Hope Center*
- ❖ *Small Metal toy cars (Matchbox or Hot Wheels cars) for Donations for Friends for Health in Haiti children*



Looking For Another Retreat Experience?



Join us for a guided weekend rest, reconnection, and restoration. This weekend explores our connections to ourselves and the world around us and is led by Rev. Carol Howard Merritt, the pastor of Bedford Presbyterian Church.

Carol is the award-winning author of several books, including *Healing Spiritual Wounds: Reconnecting with a Loving God after Experiencing a Hurtful Church* (HarperOne), and she has written devotionals, including *I Am Mary: An Advent Devotional* (Chalice). Carol frequently contributes to books, websites, magazines, and journals. She was a columnist for *The Christian Century*. She's a sought-after keynote speaker. Her work has been highlighted in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Huffington Post*, *Newsweek*, and *Salon*.

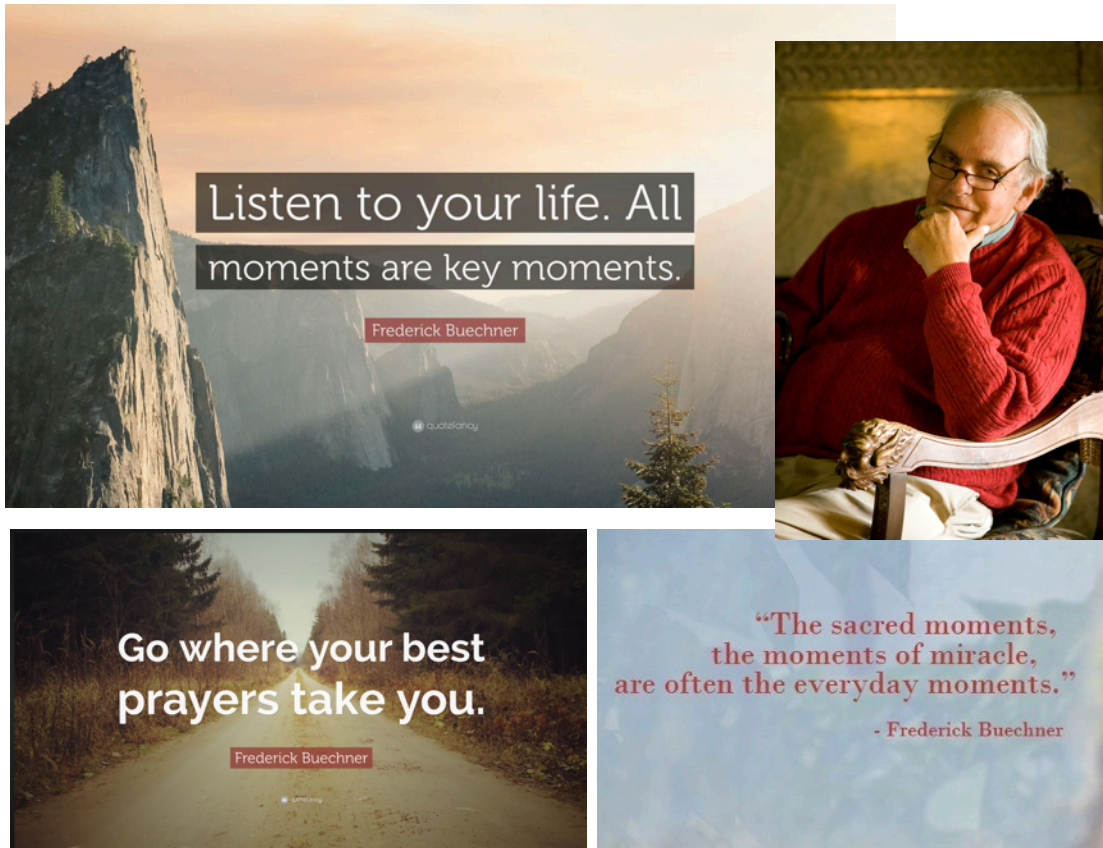
Retreat and lodging start at \$299. Registration includes lodging in a shared or private room, meals, and all retreat activities. This retreat has typically been very popular, so register early!

To register for this event please go to the camp website: holmes@holmescamp.org. If you want further info before registering contact Diana Behan:

Diana.pwhrp@gmail.com



Thank You Mr. Buechner!



Pastor, theologian and author, Frederick Buechner

died on August 15, 2022. He was 96 years old. An ordained Presbyterian minister, who never served a congregation, has always been an inspiration to me. Buechner saw his writing as a ministry. Whether you are familiar with his writings or not, I invite you to visit with me at my 18th-century home here in Vermont as I share with you not only the words that have inspired my life — Buechner gave me the courage to say "yes" to serving a rural church and also gave me the courage I needed to leave the church life to regain my identity as a writer! — but to take in all the beauty that inspired him. And one of the God moments I share, is that I live, work, write, dream, right down the mountain road from this literary great. **So, come and hear some of the nuggets of wisdom. Ponder them. Let them inspire you and your friends** (share this page, like, comment!) Blessings!

Rev. Donna Frischknecht the "Accidental Country Pastor" (Editor of Presbyterians Today Magazine) from The Old Stone Well Farm in Vermont has made a lovely video and tribute to him. Submitted by Diane V Nafash

Enjoy her video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vjaN7vpd3So&t=68s>



PW as Seen on Facebook

Together, let us pray.

Creator God,

We are weary.

We are heartbroken over the loss of more lives,
children dying before they have had a chance to live,
hopes and dreams cut off, and smashed to pieces by gunfire and bullets.

We are tired of excuses.

We are tired of cultivating a culture of violence,
which essentially kicks people and blames them for limping.

We are tired of the unwillingness to act.

We are tired of those in power who work to prevent any real change,
and those who say that gun violence can't be reduced.
Our hope and strength needs renewal to continue the fight for justice,
the fight for safe places for our children, for your people.

Send the power of your Holy Spirit.

Turn our sadness into compassion.

Turn our tiredness into advocacy.

Use us, work through us and, if necessary,
work in spite of us to mend the brokenness,
and bring your realm of peace to earth.

Amen.

Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett,
President & Executive Director
Presbyterian Mission Agency



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PW as Seen on Facebook

PRAY FOR UKRAINE

"As Christians, we reject the language of the enemy but recognize the brutality of military action. We stand in solidarity with Ukraine and lift up her people, praying for their safety. We fear for them. May they be shielded from the costs of war. May they find shelter from the conflict.

We pray also for our siblings in Russia who are speaking loudly against this war, who demonstrate in the streets despite the risks.

We call for an end of hostilities, for resumption of diplomatic efforts, and for a peace process that guarantees a new and sustainable European architecture."

**J. Herbert Nelson, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly
Presbyterian Church (USA)**

Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, Stated Clerk of the PC(USA) General Assembly, released a statement on Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Read below for the full statement, and join us in continually praying for Ukraine.

<http://ow.ly/bBSL50I7Gtz>



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"As Christians, we reject the language of the enemy but recognize the brutality of military action. We stand in solidarity with Ukraine and lift up her people, praying for their safety. We fear for them. May they be shielded from the costs of war. May they find shelter from the conflict.

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We call for an end of hostilities, for resumption of diplomatic efforts, and for a peace process that guarantees a new and sustainable European architecture."

**J. Herbert Nelson, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly
Presbyterian Church (USA)**

Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, Stated Clerk of the PC(USA) General Assembly, released a statement on Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Read below for the full statement, and join us in continually praying for Ukraine.

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Compassion, Peace & Justice

A Powerful Witness

by Kathleen Keefer who serves as Moderator of the PW Board of Directors

I haven't been a Presbyterian very long. Roughly 25 years ago, I started studying Presbyterianism, took a membership class and then joined the Presbyterian Church (USA). I read the *Book of Order* and *Book of Confessions* – not cover to cover, but some of each. Soon after I was ordained a deacon and then an elder. When I helped put together thousands of hygiene kits, school bags and cleanup buckets, I learned about the PC(USA)'s strong disaster assistance program. But I was unaware of other programs within the larger church.

That changed when I was accepted to to the denomination's delegation to the United Nations' (UN) 63rd Commission on the Status of Women in 2019. I had felt warm about being a Presbyterian, but then I became red hot.

In preparation for my role as a delegate, I read the statement submitted by the PC(USA) and Presbyterian Women to the Economic and Social Council of the UN. It said, "At this critical moment in history when racism, sexism and misogyny explicitly abound throughout the current culture, causing significant spiritual and emotional violence against women, it is imperative for the church and the world to hear the voices of those long silenced." Sitting at our dining room table, I read those words again and again.

The statement also declared, "Racism is the opposite of what God intends for humanity.



.....Racism is a lie about God, for it falsely claims that God favors parts of creation over the entirety of creation."

"Then the tears started to fall. I grieved those truths, but also felt proud to be a member of a mainline Protestant church with a strong emphasis on public witness and social justice.

We have our history not all of it pretty or just. But we have acknowledged our mistakes and shortcomings and continue to address them. We strive to give voice to those who have been marginalized and abused. **We have served and will continue to serve as the hands and feet of Christ in the world.**

After the Commission on the Status of Women, I continued reading other denominational statements and publications. I started getting newsletters from the Office of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Mission Agency, advocacy and Social Justice, and Compassion, Peace and Justice Ministries, etc.

The more I read, the more I shared with other Presbyterians, PWs in my local congregation and presbytery colleagues, anyone who would listen. I would begin my statements with **"Did you know.....?"**

Did you know the PC(USA) has an Office of Public Witness right across the street from the Capitol in Washington, DC, and those staff members regularly advocate through direct contact with national policy makers and their staff? Using statements approved by the General Assembly as a guide, Presbyterians share the concerns of the church with government officials to make a difference in the lives of our own citizens and for those the world over.

Did you know the PC(USA) has a Ministry at the United Nations? The Presbyterian Church has been active with the UN since its founding in 1945 and holds consultative status (as does PW, Inc.) with the UN. Representatives of our denomination regularly connect with the UN expressing concerns for all God's creation, making statements and attending conferences on behalf of PC(USA).

Go to pcusa.org and presbyterianwomen.org and spend some time clicking through the various pages. You will be amazed by all that the denomination and PW are doing! You may find ways to expand your current ministries, or perhaps be inspired to try something new.

You will be a proud Presbyterian and a proud part of Presbyterian Women. I know I am!

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Compassion, Peace & Justice

Everyday Contemplative: The Way of Prayerful Living

book review of L. ROGER OWENS Upper Room, (160 pages) Published Feb. 1, 2022

[In *Everyday Contemplative*, Owens] asks, “how might we imagine a life posture that honors God’s initiative and seeks to be increasingly open, available, and responsive to the transforming work of God’s Spirit in our lives and in the world?”



A men’s Bible study meets at my church every Friday morning. While the members of this group enjoy their reputation of being crusty old men, they are, in truth, on the leading edge of the congregation, happily reading and discussing books on hard interfaith questions and the deconstruction of the theologies that raised them. These fellas will give nearly anything a try, provided it isn’t overly sentimental or saccharine and never claims to offer a panacea for a broken world. I thought of them as I cracked open L. Roger Owens’ *Everyday Contemplative: The Way of Prayerful Living*, presuming it might be the kind of book that elicit eye-rolls from the group.

I am grateful to have been quite wrong. I plan to bring this book to the Friday study immediately and with confidence that the participants will find it both deeply meaningful and spiritually sustaining, as I did. Owens, professor of Christian spirituality and ministry at Pittsburgh Theological seminary, is not interested in prescribing a list of practices.

Instead, he steps back and looks at spirituality more holistically. He asks, “How might we imagine a life posture that honors God’s initiative and seeks to be increasingly open, available, and responsive to the transforming work of God’s spirit in our lives and in the world?”

Everyday Contemplative is Owens’ attempt to describe such a posture, one from which we can be ever more receptive to God at work in our lives. Each chapter focus on one of seven characteristics of the everyday contemplative: **longing, attention, patience, playfulness, vulnerability, non-judgment, and freedom.** These characteristics are examined theologically, scripturally, and often through another lens like anthropology or psychology. The book is filled with relatable stories that serve the intended purpose of highlighting opportunities to become more open to the spirit while also demonstrating the author’s clear natural gift for spiritual observation.

I found myself saying, “I see what he means!” but also “I want to notice the things he notices.”

Part of the appeal of *Everyday Contemplative* is that Owens understands the frustrations of the impatient, the busy and the concrete or practical thinkers when they learn about spiritual practices. He is willing to poke at his own past work and other accrued wisdom about the contemplative life and point to the pieces that make sense to those of us who struggle to connect with, for example centering prayer. Owens does end each chapter with spiritual exercises that include Scripture readings, questions to ponder or discuss, and journaling prompts. While reading, I felt Owens grant me, a talker and hater of journaling, permission to choose the spiritual practices that work for me!

The timing of *Everyday Contemplative* may not have been intentional, but it arrives as so many Christians I encounter are wrestling with pandemic meaning-making and yearning for spiritual way-finding. They will find a willing and able guide in Owens. He suggests the book for use with a group, but I think preachers, worship leaders, and retreat planners will find wealth of helpful suggestions and themes for discovery as we all search for a new posture.

Reviewed by Rev. Joe Genau who serves as pastor of Edgewood Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Alabama.

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Compassion, Peace & Justice

How to persevere when hope is obscured

by The Rev. Maryann McKibben Dana

I work with a lot of clients right now on how to persevere, even when hope is hard to find. Where do

we find our sense of “normal”? and what happens when the immediate crisis subsides, but the world has changed right under our feet? I have learned three terms, often used in finance, that help describe these shifts and how we weather them.

The first term is disruption – the idea that many of our usual ways of doing things are temporarily suspended but once the immediate crisis passes, we go back to “normal.”

The second term is displacement – where the crisis doesn’t just disrupt life, it shifts stuff around. There’s no going “back” when the crisis passes; you’re in a new place and must find fresh of doing things.

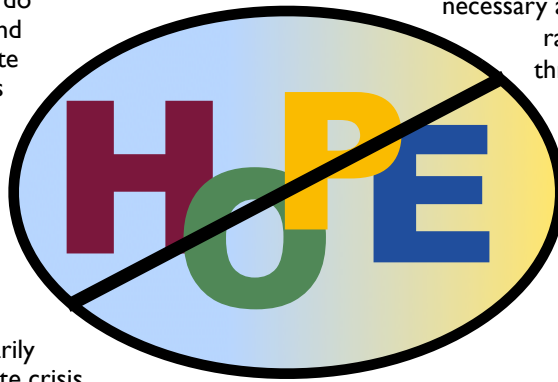
The third term is destruction – the most self-explanatory but also the most painful. Some aspects of life before will not return.

Think about these words as if we’re crossing a river. Disruption is when there’s traffic on the bridge – we may have to wait for a while, but once things clear out we proceed as usual.

Displacement is when we discover our favorite bridge is closed, and traffic is being re-routed to another bridge way down the road. We’re delayed, and maybe there’s a toll we didn’t expect, and the kids are cranky in the back seat. But at least we’ve arrived, only not really, because the detour puts us in a totally different town.

Destruction is when the bridges are all washed out. We must swim, build a ferry, or learn to be content where we are.

Health crises, marital issues, job losses...every major transition in life has the potential to be a tumultuous mix of disruption, displacement and destruction. I don’t know a single congregation not struggling with these. What did COVID do to our children’s Sunday School for example?



Was it momentarily disrupted, jarringly misplaced or stealthily destroyed under our noses? Our country’s necessary and overdue discussion of our racial history also has bits of all three elements, as we figure out what systems and structures have outlived their usefulness in favor of more equitable ones.

How does hope interact with each of these shifts? When faced with disruption, hope can be swapped out with patience.

The hard times will end; good times will resume; if we sit tight, we will weather the storm. Displacement requires a more intentional sort of hope. We can’t simply wait for the tough stuff to end; we are invited to take action: scanning the horizon for viable options, working collaboratively, engaging in faithful experimentation. Destruction requires the most robust hope of all, a belief that something redemptive can emerge from the smoking rubble.

In exploring these three terms with church leaders, many have sought to reframe these ideas theologically. Scripture has its fair share of temporary disruption, though the bulk of the story seems to be a series of displacements: the exodus of a people from enslavement, their exile into a foreign land, the nomadic ministry of Jesus, the missionary journeys of the early church. And there’s plenty of straight-up destruction. The temple of Jerusalem is leveled and rebuilt, twice. Kingdoms rise and fall. But Christians, at their best, do not believe in wanton, purposeless destruction. Destruction is often essential for new things to emerge. I love Frederick Buechner’s reminder that in the Christian story, the worst thing is never the last thing. We can “cheat,” skip Good Friday services and just attend Easter if we want. But Jesus couldn’t be resurrected without dying first. That “Yes” has no significance without the force of the world’s “No” trying vainly to assert itself.

The Rev. Maryann McKibben Dana is a writer, free-range pastor speaker, and ministry coach living in Reston, Virginia. she is author of *God, Improv*, and the *Art of Living* and the forthcoming *Hope: a user’s Manual*

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Grace for Complexity by Rose Schrott Taylor

As I write this my husband is cooking dinner. That's a word I'm still getting used to – not “cooking,” Christopher loves to cook, but “husband.” Married in late November, we are firmly nestled in our newlywed cocoon, bathed in the warm afterglow of the love and joy of our wedding day. However, I've encountered and unexpected companion in our newly wed bliss: **mortality.**

Whether it is in the show I'm watching, the news cycle, or the obituary of my parents' friend, I find that I view death from a new perspective as a life partner. Christopher and I dated for three years before we were married – I have long passed the benchmark of loving him and, with that love, realizing that losing him would cause me great grief.

But we just promised to love each other **forever.** Under the canopy of that promise, I view death differently. I look at my husband and I know, unless I die first, that I will be at his funeral. It is no longer hypothetical. I have promised to love this man forever, to join hands and walk into the crucible of life, melting and fusing into a bonded unit. This means that I will be left to pick up the remnants of a shattered life in his absence one day – or that he will have to do the same in my absence.

As I try on the squeaky new shoes of marriage, I am realizing in a new way how love opens you up to loss. Even the best gifts and brightest joy contain a note of sadness because all pleasure comes to an end in this world. Marriage is teaching me a lesson that I've learned and forgotten many times about the subtle nuance of being human. It isn't just good or bad, happy or sad. Being human means you contain multitudes.

I find myself thinking about this complexity as we prepare to enter Lent. As this issue of magazine explores, we are called as Christians to active love, to making our communities better places. I wholeheartedly agree with this. And I find that it doesn't capture the whole story.

There are also times and seasons where we find that we acted upon. In his book *Finding my Way Home*, Henri Nouwen shares the story of visiting a sick friend in the hospital. **As they talk, Nouwen's friend shares that his whole sense of worth has been built around doing things. But now he cannot do anything. He has no control. And so, he asks, “who am I?”**

In response, Nouwen points to the passion of Jesus.

They look at how Jesus was betrayed or, in Greek, how Jesus was “handed over”

(from the verb *paradidomi*)

and it was in this handing

over that God's glory

was revealed.

The same

hope stands

true for us.

When we allow

ourselves to fully feel

how we are being acted upon,

we can learn something of God's glory and

come in touch with new life.

We learn to see the love of a God that

exists in a perpetual state of waiting.

There is glory in acting to bring about the

kingdom of God – Jesus demonstrates this

for the first part of his life. But there is

glory to be found in being

handed over too.

To be human is to contain multitudes.

As Ecclesiastes 3:1 famously proclaims,

“There is time for everything” under

the sun.

Our pain makes our joy sweeter; our joy offers buoyance in our pain. And Christ, who knows both joy and pain, active love and passive acceptance is with us in all of it. I wonder if we have grace for ourselves in the complexity of being human, of loving others, of serving God, of accepting love, what Lent might look like this year.

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PW Horizons Bible Study 2022-23



Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight

by Carol M. Bechtel

Suggestions for Leaders by Laura Mariko Cheifetz

In the nine lessons of this Bible study—with passages from Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Matthew, Luke, and Acts—we'll consider Sabbath

- as a celebration, not a day of dreary formality
- as God's intent for all of creation and that includes busy women too
- as one day of the week, perhaps a Sunday
- as a time to surrender unhealthy striving and frantic busyness, and instead trust God will provide
- as a reminder that life is precious and working too much is against God's plans for our precious lives
- as a day devoted to community and justice and not exclusively to self-care

Ultimately, Sabbath reminds us to honor God who honors us by giving us a day each week to reset our pace, our priorities, and our lives.

[Click here for more details and a listing of other resources for this study](#)



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2022 Thank Offering

Always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. — 1 Thessalonians 5:15 b–18



The Thank Offering began in 1888 when Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, urged each woman to give one dollar over and above her usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. A century later, the newly formed Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) adopted the Thank Offering as one of the two grant-making programs of the national organization. Since then, close to \$27 million has been granted to more than 1,600 different projects in the United States and around the world from the PW Thank Offering.

In 2022 the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women reviewed 24 Thank Offering applications and selected 10 projects for funding. Eight of the projects serve people in the United States and two are international. In keeping with the Thank Offering bylaws, more than 40 percent of the selected projects are related to health ministries.

For more information on the 2022 Thank Offering recipients, read the Summer 2022 issue of *Horizons* magazine or go to

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**Synod of the Sun
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Commercial Kitchen Safety Update**

C.A.M.P. University provides opportunities for adults with special needs to develop skills and interests that facilitate greater independence so they **Can Achieve their Maximum Potential** (C.A.M.P.). The Thank Offering grant will provide a safe, updated commercial gas range that will be used for teaching adults how to follow instructions, such as recipes, and how to use various kitchen appliances. By providing cooking lessons, clients will learn to safely participate in meal preparation and eventually cook their own lunches at the university as an alternative to bringing lunches from home.

The 2022 Thank Offering booklet is mailed to each PC(USA) congregation. Look for it in the mail soon! Order more by calling Presbyterian Distribution Service (PDS) at 800/533-4371. For more information on the 2022 Thank Offering recipients, read the Summer 2022 issue of *Horizons* magazine or go to presbyterianwomen.org/thank.

EXERCISE YOUR BRAIN

WOMEN OF THE BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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Refer to the Bible citations for a more meaningful exercise*

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ABITAL (<i>2 Sam. 3:4</i>)	EUNICE (<i>2 Timothy 1:4-5</i>)	LYDIA (<i>Acts 16</i>)	SALOME (<i>Mark 15:40; 6:17-29</i>)
ASENATH (<i>Gen. 41:45</i>)	EVE (<i>Genesis 2-3</i>)	MARY (<i>Luke 1</i>)	SAPPHIRA (<i>Acts 5:1-11</i>)
CHLOE (<i>1 Cor. 1:11</i>)	HAGAR (<i>Genesis 16</i>)	MIRIAM (<i>Exodus 2</i>)	SARAH (<i>Genesis 17-18</i>)
DEBORAH (<i>Judges 4-5</i>)	HANNAH (<i>1 Samuel 1-2</i>)	NAOMI (<i>Ruth 1: 1-22</i>)	SYNTYCHE (<i>Phil. 3: 2</i>)
DELILAH (<i>Judges 16:4-5</i>)	HODIAH (<i>1 Chronicles 4:19</i>)	PHOEBE (<i>Romans 16:1-2</i>)	VASHTI (<i>Esther 1</i>)
DINAH (<i>Genesis 30:21</i>)	JAEL (<i>Judges 4: 17-22</i>)	RAHAB (<i>Joshua 2: 1-24</i>)	ZIPPORAH (<i>Exodus 2:11-21</i>)
DORCAS (<i>Acts 9: 36-42</i>)	JEZEBEL (<i>1 Kings 18:4-19</i>)	REBECCA (<i>Genesis 24</i>)	
ELIZABETH (<i>Luke 1</i>)	LEAH (<i>Genesis 29-30</i>)	RHODA (<i>Acts 12: 12-15</i>)	

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"JUMBLE"

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L	A	R
E	H	Y

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown?

- Each letter may be used only once in a word.
- Each word must contain the center letter.
- There must be at least one nine-letter word.
- No plurals or verbs ending in "s".
- No words with initial capital letters.
- No words with a hyphen or apostrophe.

Fair – 30

Good – 40

Very Good - 50

Excellent - 60 and above

"Brawta" - Meaning a little extra, a gift, bonus, above expected... The Jamaican equivalent of "a baker's dozen".

- Using the same rules above, how many three-letter words can you make from the letters shown?

Add the results to increase your overall score ...

Overall Score:

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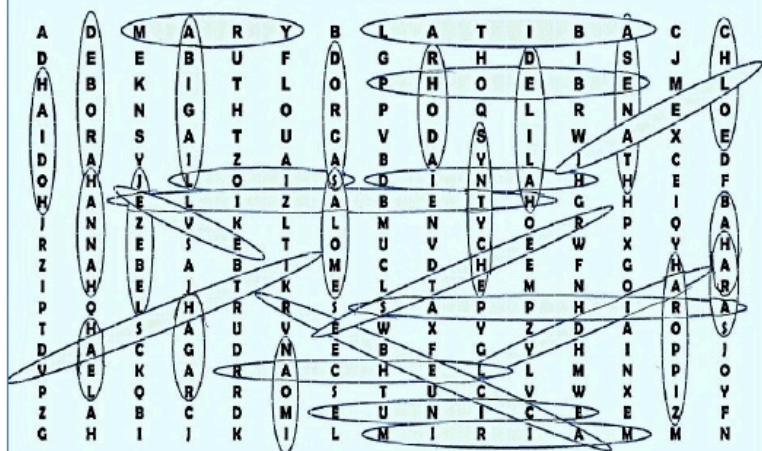
SIX IMPORTANT GUIDELINES IN LIFE

1. When alone, mind your thoughts
2. When with friends, mind your tongue
3. When angry, mind your temper
4. When with a group, mind your behavior
5. When in trouble, mind your emotions
6. When God starts blessing you, mind your ego!

SOLUTIONS

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JUMBLE

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JOURNEY

I entered this world
not of my own choosing
Somewhere, somehow, someone
dictated what form my body would take,
what color eyes, hair, skin,
how tall, what weight,
what joys I would know,
what pain I would endure,
what songs my soul would sing
and what turbulent waters
I would cross to reach the shore,
carefully planned to the last minute detail.

So I stand in this life
who I am, what I am
fashioned by the hand that
made the trees,
the flowers, the fires, the waters,
each for its own purpose - separate,
together to fill a greater plan,
And with this knowledge
to the dictates of the Creator
I sing the songs
forever constant in my being,
and dance to the rhythm of their compelling music
never a beat, a moment losing
for I know too soon, all too soon
I shall leave all this behind
depart this world
as I came,
not of my own choosing.

Source: Easton Lee, *From Behind the Shop Counter: Poems from a rural Jamaican experience*, Ian Randle Publishers, 1998

What's missing from CHURCH?
CH "UR" CH

"SILENT" and "LISTEN" contain the same letters. Use them well!

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(Specify which offering or offerings and indicate the amount for each)

___ Birthday Offering \$ _____

___ Thank Offering \$ _____

___ Fellowship of the Least Coin \$ _____

___ Honorary Life Membership \$ _____

___ Recognition and/or Memorial Gifts \$ _____

Specify in whose memory or honor the gift is given:

___ Other (Clearly specify below what the offering is for) \$ _____

Total Remittance: \$ _____

"Each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So use your gift well." (1 Peter 4: 10 - Contemporary English Version)

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