



# Highland Highlights

## Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of the Highlands of New Jersey

### February 2023

**RECIPIENT - PLEASE POST THE FLYERS AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER ON BULLETIN BOARDS AND/OR WEB SITES, and INCLUDE IN YOUR OWN NEWSLETTER.**

**Please also forward to women in your church.**

### ***MODERATOR'S MUSINGS***

Grace and peace I bring to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As my husband and I were cleaning up the Christmas decorations in Fairmount Presbyterian Church's Sanctuary, we removed the sconces and the tall wooden frames attached to the ends of the pews. This entailed unscrewing the wooden fixtures, cleaning the glass globes, digging out any dried wax in the fixtures from the candle wax that dripped into the crevices while burning, packing everything up and carrying all of it into the 'attic'. (This is really where the bats hang out, otherwise known as the 'belfry', and yes, Fairmount has had its share of bats!)

While Skeet was drilling the screws for the wooden holders to put them into place in the closet, I was digging through a large plastic container filled with wreaths for every season, to place new wreaths in the front of the Sanctuary. All of a sudden, my hand was pricked by a thorn on a wreath made of grapevine.

And I reflected, how must this have felt on Christ's forehead!

As we exited the season of Advent, of expectations, of gifts, the gift of our savior, we now enter into a new season, one of the Baptism of the Lord, of Epiphany, of His transfiguration, of the season of Lent, and His crucifixion and His resurrection. Hallelujah for the resurrection, for where would we be without His suffering and resurrection.

He came to release us from suffering. He suffered for our sins. How much pain did he endure, not just with that crown of thorns on his head, but the beatings and hanging on that cross.

Who am I to complain of a little prick on my hand from a grapevine wreath when He, and so many others suffer atrocities in this world.

Let us pray, as it is said in the Beatitudes, in the Gospel of Matthew 5:3-12

<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

<sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” (NIV)

Yes, rejoice! Rejoice that we live in a land of freedom, free from war as our brothers and sisters endure the atrocities of war in the Ukraine. Rejoice that we have gifts and talents to share as Presbyterian Women.

As we look ahead to our Spring and Fall Gatherings, I ask, what gifts do you have to share. We seek volunteers, a Vice Moderator, someone with fresh ideas, someone to plan programs, even if just for one term.

If you have these gifts to share, please contact Donna Rahmann at [donnarahmann@comcast.net](mailto:donnarahmann@comcast.net).

Peace to you, the blessed,

Donna Rahmann - [donnarahmann@comcast.net](mailto:donnarahmann@comcast.net)

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### **BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR:**

- ❖ The Spring Gathering – we’ll put together Feminine Hygiene Period Kits, as part of our time together
- ❖ The Bible Study at Stony Point – on Luke-Acts: Sacred Encounters – The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ

Both events are an opportunity for us to gather, learn something, do something – come out and meet some new sisters.

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## **JUSTICE AND PEACE**

Happy New Year PW all!

\*The African violet on the left is a new plant to replace the two that used to be in that container that I overwatered. (I drowned them!) It made me ponder - what do we as PWP Highlands Presbytery leaders (small church groups) need to plant new to replace an old thing that withered away, didn't survive the flood? How can we adjust our habits of taking care of PW to thrive? Or plant a new one as I did?



Over Christmas the tree was by this window & my husband broke off the shoot on the orchid that was going to bloom around Christmas - see that stem upper right? I had been so happy it was going to bloom for the holidays. I had a word or two with him about ruining the potential blooms. I just let it be. Persistence won out! I continued the correct watering schedule & rotated it to the light when needed. There are over 5-6 flowers that will bloom shortly on the redirected stem. More than the original! Nature repaired his clumsiness and rewarded me with extra flowers.

So what isn't "working" in PW that just needs a little redirection? How do we as leadership persistently wait for new growth? What care techniques can we continue, what new ones might we begin?

Please plan to attend the next PWP Gathering where we can brainstorm ideas. Or call one of us on the Coordinating team if you need help or a speaker!

At the end of this newsletter are flyers for:

The Justice and Peace book discussion group and calendar

The Churchwide Gathering

The Horizons Buy-One-Get-One offer – good only until the end of February

The Justice and Peace Calendar for February-August

Hope,

Lisa Gray - PWP Peace & Justice Coordinator [Lisa\\_A\\_Gray@outlook.com](mailto:Lisa_A_Gray@outlook.com)



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.

**Good News** from Bread for the World. In October, 2022, Public Law No: 117-214 (HR 4693) was enacted. It is titled the **Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act of 2021**, and it sets out programs and otherwise directs the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to carry out activities to prevent and treat malnutrition globally.

## STAYING CONNECTED

If you know of any women who are not getting this email, and would like to, send their name and e-mail to Sherry Guthrie, [sharon.guthrie28@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.guthrie28@gmail.com), Communications. Or, if you are reading the hard copy of this and now have e-mail, please communicate with Sherry.

### Mission Connect - Women Churchwide

Presbyterian Women Churchwide provide speakers for various Gatherings and events, collect Shop Rite (or local grocery) and Wal Mart gift cards for the needy, and collect used shoes, sneakers, etc. for Soles 4 Souls – the nearest drop off to us is Raritan Valley Community College, Branchburg, NJ.

## BOOK GROUP

The Book group will be meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Panera in Succasunna. The book is Girl Waits with Gun by Amy Stewart. If you would like to be notified of these gatherings, please e-mail Donna Rahmann at [donnarahmann@comcast.net](mailto:donnarahmann@comcast.net)

## 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, a partnership of Presbyterian Women, collects knitted or crocheted 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.

**Adult Hats** (any size)

**Blankets** (Regular or baby) 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 - 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>



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Many of you knit or crochet Prayer Shawls. How about adding baby blankets for baptisms?

## TREASURER

As we reflect on God's bounty to us, we know that every day is "gives day" here in the Presbytery of the Highlands of NJ. 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 supports 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](http://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 be made through us, so that the Presbytery is credited, and bank fees minimized. The remittance form is below, and write-ins are acceptable.

Also, new forms for scholarship applications, Honorary Life Memberships, etc. are available – just drop an e-mail to [treaspwhigh@gmail.com](mailto:treaspwhigh@gmail.com)

Thank you to all of the churches who have sent funds this past year. At the end of the year, \$12,645 was sent to Louisville - \$8,823 for the Mission Pledge, \$1,514 for the Birthday Offering, and \$162 for Least Coin and \$1,247 for the Thank Offering. \$900 was sent to PW in the Synod. Keep up the good work!

Jane MacDonald, Treasurer



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!**

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**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.

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

All money should be sent to the Treasurer:

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If you're looking for a way to deepen your **Lenten Journey** with other women using a book study, here's how. The group formed from women who attend the PW Bible Study Workshop held at Stony Point has spread to any interested women. The discussion will center on **Meeting Jesus at the Table** by Cynthia Campbell & Christine Fohr. It will begin the Thursday after Ash Wednesday, Feb 23 at noon. It is an hour meeting on Zoom. Please email or text [Lisa\\_A\\_Gray@outlook.com](mailto:Lisa_A_Gray@outlook.com) 973-476-4720 to be sent the zoom invite.



PW supports **FAIR TRADE**. Here's a new group for us to consider



Currently they are promoting spice mixtures. "Our sensational seasonings are more than just conventional salt & pepper! These spice blends were developed by a culinary-minded traveler who recorded his experiences with food in Africa. They are made by nearly 500 farmers and artisans in Cape Town, South Africa.

Each one has a built-in grinder so you can easily enjoy freshly ground spices and experience a world of flavor anytime, anywhere. Spread the love (on your food!)

Check them out at <https://www.fairtradewinds.net> There are many, many great items.

## **HORIZONS MAGAZINE**

*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.

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# 2023 JUSTICE and PEACE Book Discussion Group

FEBRUARY 13

## WHAT KIND OF CHRISTIANITY

A HISTORY OF  
SLAVERY  
AND ANTI-BLACK  
RACISM IN THE  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

WILLIAM YOO



SPECIAL WEBINAR  
WITH AUTHOR



DISCUSS THE BOOKS WITH OTHERS VIA ZOOM

• The J&P Book Discussion Group is open to all!



DISCUSSION GROUP MEETS EVERY OTHER MONTH

• Read and discuss any or all books that appeal to you. Registration will be needed to join the discussion on Zoom.



RECEIVE STUDY GUIDES TO INFORM YOUR READING

• Questions for discussion or reflection will be sent with your registration confirmation.

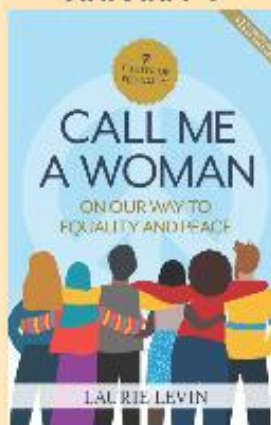


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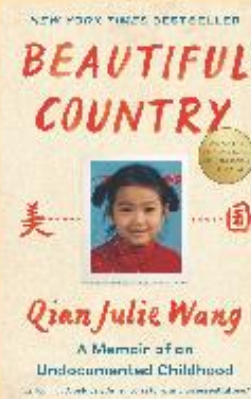
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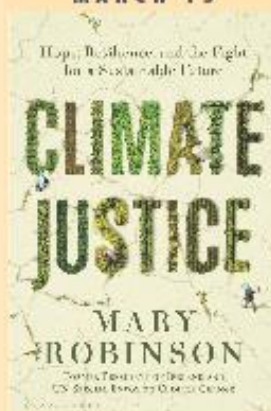
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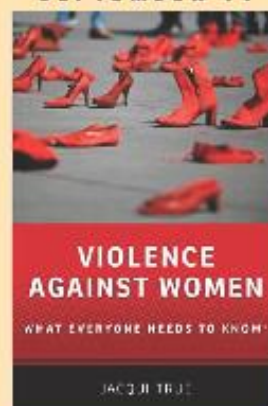
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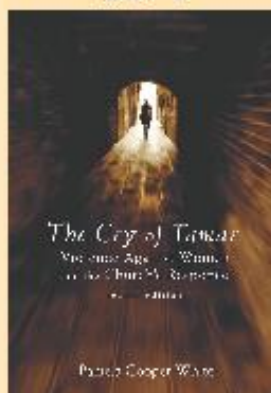
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SEPTEMBER 11



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NOVEMBER 13



Selections are recommended by  
the Justice & Peace Committee of PW's Board of Directors.

## WORKING FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

### Justice and Peace Calendar

The link for the calendar is:

<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/2023-JP-Calendar-FA.pdf>

**FEBRUARY** Black History Month; blackhistorymonth.gov // National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month; teendvmonth.org

1 National Freedom Day, state.gov/national-freedom-day-deepening-our-resolve-to-fight-humantrafficking

1–7 World Interfaith Harmony Week, worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com

12 International Day against the Use of Child Soldiers, redhandday.org

12 Souper Bowl of Caring, tacklehunger.org

12–18 National Random Acts of Kindness Week, randomactsofkindness.org

13 One Billion Rising for Justice, onebillionrising.org

13 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) Special author presentation on What Kind of Christianity: A History of Slavery and Anti-Black Racism in the Presbyterian Church by William Yoo (Westminster John Knox Press, 2022). Register at presbyterianwomen.org/justice

22 Ash Wednesday; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/ash-Wednesday

**MARCH** Women's History Month, womenshistorymonth.gov

3 World Day of Prayer, wdp-usa.org or worlddayofprayer.net

5 Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday, pcusa.org/women

5–11 PW Together in Action for Women's Empowerment, presbyterianwomen.org/justice

6–17 UN Commission on the Status of Women, unwomen.org/en/csw/csw67-2023

8 International Women's Day, internationalwomensday.com or un.org/en/observances/womens-day

12 Self-Development of People Sunday, presbyterianmission.org/sdop-sunday

13 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) Climate Justice: Hope, Resilience and the Fight for a Sustainable Future by Mary Robinson (New York: Bloomsbury, 2018). Register at presbyterianwomen.org/justice

20 Mr. Rogers Day, presbyterianmission.org/ministries/theology-formation-and-evangelism/office-of-christian-formation/mr-rogers-day-resources

20 International Day of Happiness; daysoftheyear.com/days/international-day-of-happiness

22 World Water Day, worldwaterday.org

25–31 National Farmworker Awareness Week, saf-unite.org/national-farmworker-awareness-week

31 National Farm Workers Day, nationaltoday.com/national-farm-workers-day

**APRIL** Sexual Assault Awareness Month; en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sexual\_Assault\_Awareness\_Month // Ecumenical Advocacy Days; advocacydays.org

7 Good Friday; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/good-friday

7 World Health Day; who.int/campaigns/world-health-day

8 International Romani Day; en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International\_Romani\_Day

9 Easter; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/resurrection-lord-easter

18 Holocaust Remembrance Day; ushmm.org/remember/days-of-remembrance/resources/calendar

21–27 National Agriculture Week; iatp.org

23 Earth Day; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-day-sunday

24 Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/churchcalendar/armenian-genocide

26 Denim Day; denimdayinfo.org

**MAY** Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; [asianpacificheritage.gov](http://asianpacificheritage.gov)

1 May Day; [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International\\_Workers%27\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Workers%27_Day)

2 National Teacher Day; [nea.org](http://nea.org)

1–7 PW Together in Action Days for Children’s Literacy; [presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://presbyterianwomen.org/justice)

4 National Day of Prayer; [nationaldayofprayer.org](http://nationaldayofprayer.org)

8 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) on *The Cry of Tamar: Violence Against Women and the Church’s Response* by Pamela Cooper-White (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress, 2012).

Register at [presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://presbyterianwomen.org/justice)

13 World Fair Trade Day; [wfto.com](http://wfto.com)

13 Stamp Out Hunger drive; [about.usps.com/corporate-social-responsibility/nalc-food-drive.htm](http://about.usps.com/corporate-social-responsibility/nalc-food-drive.htm)

14 Mother’s Day; [presbyterianmission.org/story/a-prayer-for-mothers-day](http://presbyterianmission.org/story/a-prayer-for-mothers-day)

21 Intercultural Church Sunday; [pcusa.org/resource/intercultural-ministries-19226](http://pcusa.org/resource/intercultural-ministries-19226)

22 International Day for Biological Diversity; [cbd.int/idb](http://cbd.int/idb)

28 Pentecost; [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/pentecost](http://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/pentecost)

**29 Memorial Day; [presbyterianmission.org/story/may-30-2022](http://presbyterianmission.org/story/may-30-2022)**

**JUNE** Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month; [archives.gov/news/topics/lgbt-pride-month](http://archives.gov/news/topics/lgbt-pride-month)

2 National Gun Violence Awareness Day; [wearorange.org](http://wearorange.org) or

[nasponline.org/research-and-policy/policy-matters-blog/national-gun-violence-awareness-day](http://nasponline.org/research-and-policy/policy-matters-blog/national-gun-violence-awareness-day)

18 Father’s Day; Men of the Church Sunday; [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/men](http://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/men)

19 Juneteenth; [presbyphl.org/what-is-juneteenth-resources-for-formation-education-and-gospel-witness](http://presbyphl.org/what-is-juneteenth-resources-for-formation-education-and-gospel-witness)

20 World Refugee Day; [un.org/en/observances/refugee-day](http://un.org/en/observances/refugee-day)

## **JULY**

2 Immigration Sunday; <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/immigration>

4 Independence Day; [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/independence-day](http://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/independence-day)

10 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) on *Beautiful Country: A Memoir of an Undocumented Childhood* by Qian Julie Wang (New York: Random House, 2021). Register at [presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://presbyterianwomen.org/justice)

## **AUGUST**

6 Hiroshima Day; [pda.pcusa.org/pda/resource/hiroshima-day-prayer](http://pda.pcusa.org/pda/resource/hiroshima-day-prayer)

9 International Day of the World’s Indigenous People; [un.org/en/observances/indigenous-day](http://un.org/en/observances/indigenous-day)

15 Day of Prayer for the Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula;

[pcusa.org/resource/sunday-prayer-worship-for-peaceful-reunifica-78123](http://pcusa.org/resource/sunday-prayer-worship-for-peaceful-reunifica-78123)

19 World Humanitarian Day; [worldhumanitarianday.org/](http://worldhumanitarianday.org/) or [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World\\_Humanitarian\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Humanitarian_Day)

20 Public Education Sunday; [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/child](http://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/child)

September – December will be in the August Newsletter

World Day of Prayer is observed on March 3<sup>rd</sup> this year. The theme is “I have heard about your faith” based on Ephesians 1:15-19, which is a passage about God’s greatness as well as a call for God’s disciples to live out their love and faith. Prayers are offered for peace, reconciliation and healing.



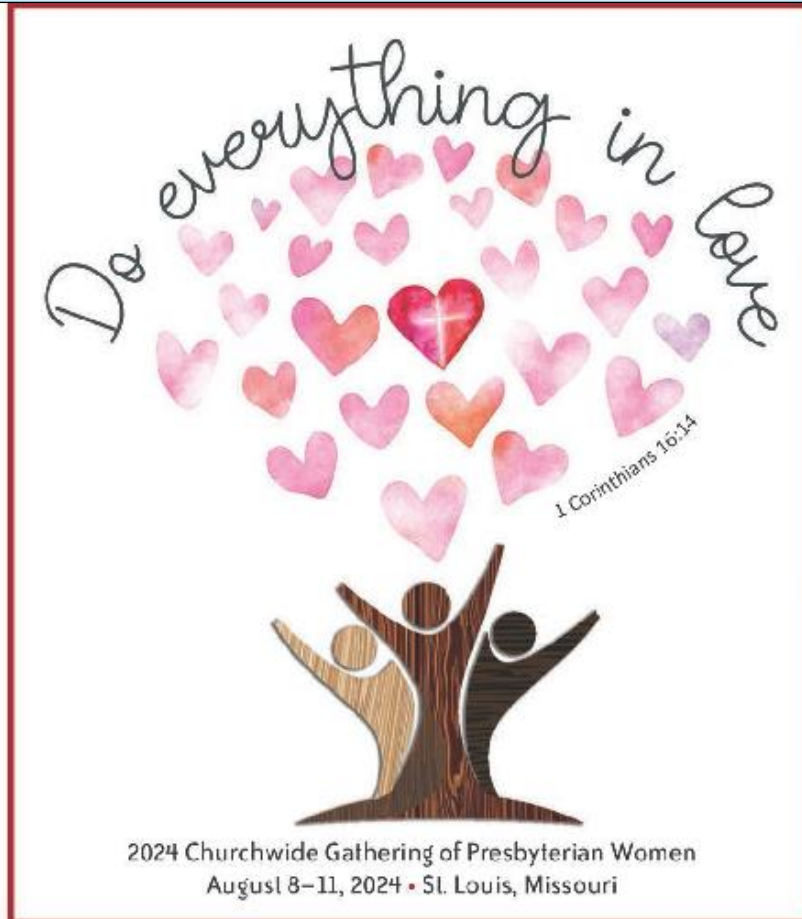
February is Black History Month. To celebrate what would have been his 123<sup>rd</sup> birthday, here are a few quotes from Langston Hughes, poet and activist.

"My soul has grown deep like the rivers."

"Let the rain kiss you. Let the rain beat upon your head with silver liquid drops. Let the rain sing you a lullaby."

"Hold fast to your dreams, for without them life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly."

We might also seek out some of the essays in the "1619" project – and inform ourselves about the contribution of African-Americans to our culture, democracy, and infrastructure, etc. Read with a friend.

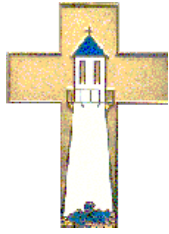


Save the date to gather in person and in faithful community  
at the 2024 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women,

**August 8-11, 2024**

Details to come!

[presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](https://presbyterianwomen.org/gathering)



**TRIENNIAL GATHERING**  
**PW SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST**  
3pm Friday July 14 – 3pm Saturday July 15  
Stony Point Center



**“I O U: INWARD, OUTWARD, UPWARD”**

Romans 8:28

Keynote Speaker: The Rev. Dr. SanDawna Gaulman Ashley,  
Transitional Leader of the Synod of the Northeast

Leader of Worship and Installation: Rev. Kathy Reeves, Moderator  
of Presbyterian Women, Churchwide

- ❖ *Horizons* Bible Study 2023-2024
- ❖ Mission Speaker and Mission Opportunities
- ❖ Skit on “Women of the Bible”
- ❖ Ice Cream Social

Please go to the PW Synod website for additional information.  
Registration form is at the end of this newsletter. Go to  
[www.pwsne.org](http://www.pwsne.org) for updates closer to the event.

**INWARD – BIBLE STUDY**

**OUTWARD – MISSION**

**UPWARD - WORSHIP**



## **NUTS & BOLTS of the Gathering**

### **Program Registration Fee \$100 Non-Refundable**

- Helps PWSNE pay for our worship and workshop leaders' transportation, honorariums, room and board
- Any materials needed

### **Early Bird Program Registration Fee \$75 Non-Refundable**

- All Registration Fees paid by July 1, will receive this reduction

### **Room and Board Fee**

- Helps pay for the participants' room, 3 meals (Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, Saturday lunch), workshops meeting rooms
- Lodge: Single Occupancy \$247 / Double \$184
- Gilmore Stone (limited available): Single Occupancy \$299 / Double \$237
- All CT members/Voting Delegates will receive a \$92 reduction/allowance
- When naming a roommate, be sure it is a mutual agreement

### **Scholarships**

- Go to PWSNE Web Site for guidelines and applications
- Preference will be given to first time attenders

### **Address and Directions to Stony Point**

- 17 Cricketown Road, Stony Point 19879, New York. (845)786-5674
- [info@stonypointcenter.org](mailto:info@stonypointcenter.org)
- Please check Map Quest, Google Maps, Waze or your GPS

### **Commuters Fee**

- All Commuters are to pay the Program Registration Fee plus any meals that they would like:
  - o Friday Lunch - \$20
  - o Friday Dinner - \$30
  - o Saturday Lunch - \$20
- o Commuters may choose not to eat in at Stony Point or brown bag it

### **Business Meeting**

- There will be a Business Meeting on Saturday morning at 9:50
  - o To hear a report from the Search Committee and vote on the slate of officers
  - o Vote on our new Officers and Coordinating Team structure



Presbyterian Women Synod of the Northeast  
2023 Triennial Business Meeting and Gathering  
Registration Form  
Please! Register on or before: July 1, 2023

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Special needs (dietary, mobility, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

(Check one) PWP Moderator or voting rep. \_\_\_\_\_ CT member \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

- All Participants must pay the Non-Refundable Registration Fee = \$100 OR
- **Registrations received by July 1, Non-Refundable Registration Fee = \$75**

**Commuter Plan is per person** and is priced by component. Commuter may choose not to eat at Stony Point. Circle which meals are desired, and move amount to the right column

Program Fee – All pay, non-refundable \$100/\$75	
Friday Lunch \$20.00	
Friday Dinner \$30.00	
Saturday Lunch \$20.00	
<b>Total for Commuter</b>	

**Over-Night Package Plan is per person** and includes non-refundable program fee, 3 meals, (Fri. Dinner, Sat. Breakfast, Sat. Lunch), and 1 overnight (Friday).  
Circle appropriate Program Fee, choose room program desired and insert correct information in the right-hand column, calculate your total and insert desired roommate name – make sure it is a mutual agreement.

Program Fee – All pay, non-refundable	\$100/\$75	
Lodge: Double Room Occupancy	\$184	
Lodge: Single Room	\$247	
Gilmore Sloane: Double Room Occupancy	\$237	
Gilmore Sloane: Single Room	\$299	
CT & Voting Delegates Reduction/Allowance	-\$92	
<b>Total for Package Plan</b>		
Roommate name:		

PWSNE pays room (based on double occupancy) & board for PWP Moderator or voting representative, PWSNE CT members currently serving, and 2023 nominees. The allowance is \$92.

Return this form with check payable to PW Synod of the Northeast and mail to Virginia Champlin, 4381 Wabash Road, Geneva, NY 14456. Any questions regarding registration please contact Virginia Champlin via email [danvirginiac@aol.com](mailto:danvirginiac@aol.com) or 585-526-5841. All Registrations will be honored when accompanied by payments.