

PWPNNJ/FALL 2023

Connections



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A Word from Our Moderator:

If there is any word to describe the past three years it would be **CHANGE**. While we were all grappling with the effects of COVID and our collective inability to gather, northern New Jersey was in the midst of combining 3 Presbyteries.

The end result is the new PW of Northeast New Jersey. Gathering information about the groups still active, dormant or disbanded has been hindered by the reorganization and the hiring of new personnel in the new offices. We began combining our groups by using leaders from both the former Paramus and Newark Presbyteries PWs and in spite of all the roadblocks, we have been meeting by zoom, publishing our wonderful newsletter and encouraging all women in the Presbytery to be involved in the many programs available to us by sending informative emails about specific opportunities. In May of 2022, we elected our first new board.

Our gatherings have been held by zoom and have covered a variety of subjects. Our first was a very inspiring examination of the theme **‘Even the Sparrow Finds a Home’**, Caring for Creation. It encouraged us to look beyond ourselves (and COVID) to the wonders of God’s creatures. We moved on from there to tackle the world of technology with a training on the new google meets. Winter Gatherings have focused on trainings. This year we focused on what PW can do for you... a review of the programs, resources and how they can help not only the church groups grow but provide individuals with informative and inspiring programs.

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Presbytery of Northeast NJ

Spring has been devoted to learning more about some of the charity programs that we support and the differences we have made in people's lives. Each program has been accompanied with a document to everyone on our mailing lists that includes all program slides and resources that one can access for additional information.

Each meeting includes an offering to support a program new and dear to us. The difference of having an offering in person versus having to mail something in has had a negative affect on our ability to fund these efforts. We are hoping to begin meeting again in person but the travel time is also a negative for many as well as the lack of public transportation within the new Presbytery.

One of the best things to come out of our merger is our new 'Connections' magazine. Blessed with highly experienced and creative teams from both the Paramus and Newark PW's, they have been producing a wonderful magazine that is informative about what is going on not only in our PW churches but PW at large and includes write-ups on many interesting opportunities within our churches and the communities at large.

Our goals for the near future are to shore up our communications, filling in the blanks within those churches that have gone through major changes in the past few years. Armed with better information, we hope to be in a position to provide help to individual churches to grow their PW groups and their programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Hemminger

Moderator



“WHEN SISTER IS A VERB”

About thirty years ago, I read a book called “*Just a Sister Away*” by African American biblical scholar Renita Weems. In her book, Rev. Dr. Weems writes about the women in the bible and how they sistered one another through tough times. In her introduction, Weems writes that when she was growing up, her mother was an alcoholic. She grew up feeling very angry and bitter because her mother was unable to provide her with the mothering that she needed. As an adult she came to realize that her mother had been unable to nurture her, because her mother herself had not received the mothering she needed. Her mother was like an empty vessel. You cannot give what you yourself do not have. Weems felt that what her mother needed was a sister. So she decided she was going to sister her mother.

Being a part of a women’s group gives us the perfect opportunity to sister one another. I am sure that Professor Weem’s mother was not the only woman to be sistered. We each have our own issues that we are dealing with, and we each in our own way, need to be sistered. We need to be loved and cared for and nurtured in a way that only a sister can.

What is a sister? She’s the one who knew you when. She knows where you come from, where you’re going. She knows what you did and why you did it. She comes from the same place you do and throughout the years of your life, she was right there by your side experiencing the same things you experienced both good and bad. She knows what’s in your heart, both good and bad.

A sister is someone you giggle with and share secrets with. Remember that cute boy way back when? Your sister was the first one to know about your huge crush. She’s the one you can catfight with on Monday and be besties with you again on Tuesday. No one understands you like she does. When you cry she will cry with you and when you achieve something momentous she will be your greatest cheerleader. When you need advice, her ear is never far and when you do some things you ought not to have done, maybe said some things you ought not to have said, she will read you like nobody else can. (That verb *read* has different meanings depending on what generation you are in. *All* the meanings have relevance here)

In the Bible, if Sarah and Hagar had put jealousy aside and sistered one another, maybe their sons would have grown up together as true brothers. Ruth and Naomi sistered one another, through the loss of their husbands. Mary and Elizabeth sistered one another through their pregnancies. During and after the crucifixion, Mary Magdalene and other women disciples sistered mother Mary through her grief. In the early church and through the persecution I'm sure that the women sistered one another as they struggled to spread the Gospel throughout the known world. And during the age of exploration, women missionaries sistered one another as they traveled the high seas to faraway lands to bring the Good News of Christ Jesus. Maybe you can remember a time when you were young, when church women sistered your own mother through something she was going through? All throughout the Christian Era, Christian women have sistered one another.

Ladies of the Northeast New Jersey Presbytery, let us continue in this tradition. Let us sister one another. Let us be there for one another. Let us nurture one another. We all have been through some things and if we haven't, then we will. We have experienced illness, loss, divorce. We have lost jobs and homes. But we don't have to face these troubles alone, because we have one another and we have God's unfailing love for each one of us.

Be strong , be encouraged and be there for one another in love as a true sister!

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up."

Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10

Contributed by Sonja Evans Walton, Roseville PC, Newark



Meet our PWPNNJ - FALL 2023 GATHERING SPEAKER



Rev. Margo Walter has served God and community in many ways, including as ordained pastor, hospice chaplain, certified spiritual director, and wife-mother-grandmother-friend (not to mention civil engineer, state prayer leader, Sunday school teacher, dog-mom and more). Her desire to do justice and to be blessing is the common thread. She is a child of the Deep South, who raised a family and built a community in the Northeast, and now has moved to the Southwest with spouse Frank. She is excited by what God and community can accomplish together. She has come to love the questions more than the answers, and so she continues a hopeful, contemplative, prayerful walk.

Watch your emails for Gathering details

Date - Time- Zoom Link to come



FALL GATHERING



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY OF THE HIGHLANDS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BOONTON
513 BIRCH ST, BOONTON, NJ 07005
GATHER AT 9:30AM, MEET FROM 10 – 2**

HANDS ON ACTIVITY – MAKING BLANKETS FOR THE JERSEY BATTERED WOMEN'S SHELTER

(If you have them, bring fabric scissors)

(If you want to knit or crochet a blanket, we'll teach)

(If you would rather donate an item to go with the blankets, they
also need twin XL sheet sets, pillows, fitted crib sheets and towels)



SPEAKER

**LUNCH PROVIDED
BUSINESS MEETING
WORSHIP**



OFFERING FOR THE THANK OFFERING AND LEAST COIN

Please register by e-mailing Jane MacDonald at jkmac3536@gmail.com

\$5.00 collected at the door



Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Albany Fall Gathering

**Wednesday, October 25 – 11:00 am to 2:30 pm
at
Westminster Presbyterian Church**

Impediments to Children's Literacy

"Train a child in the way they should go and when they are old they will not depart from it" Proverbs 22:6

***Dr. Kimberly Wilkins, recently retired New York State Educational Deputy
Commissioner of P - 12 Instructional Support***

Bisi Shofu, Past PWSNE Moderator

***Betty Dietz, Volunteer at Wizards Wardrobe, an after school reading tutoring
program and member of Presbyterian Women at Hamilton Union Presbyterian
Church***

- Registration: rsvp to Andrea Ralph at ARalph20@hotmail.com or 516-849-3220 by Oct, 10 if possible so the host church can make appropriate arrangements.
- Registration fee of \$5.00 will be collected at the door.
- Bring a bag lunch. Dessert and beverage are provided.
- New and gently used books (reading level grades 1-3) will be collected for the Wizard's Wardrobe
- A freewill offering will go to the *Wizard's Wardrobe*. Make out checks to Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Albany, with Wizard's Wardrobe in the memo line.

October 27-29
Johnsonburg Camp and Retreat Center

A Fruitful Life: Abiding in God's Grace Across the Seasons



A Women's Retreat



Lorelei Oelschlager

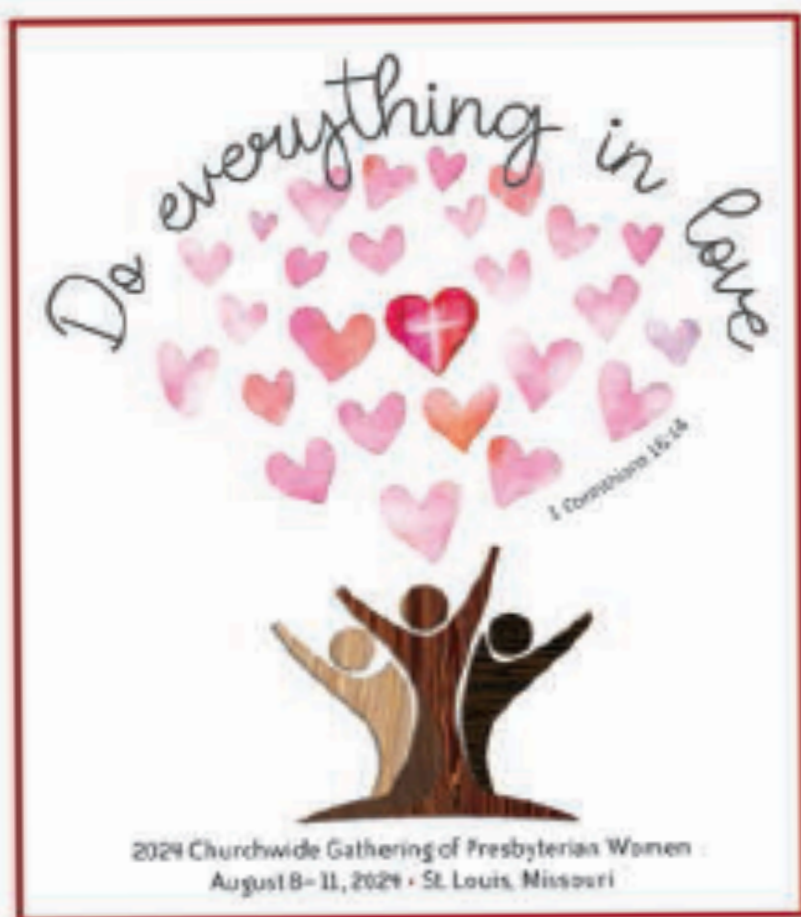


Amy Clarkson

Registration opens 8/8

Campjburg.org/events/womens-fall-retreat

Presbyterian Women is encouraging all women to attend this retreat, as we will not be sponsoring a separate one at the Shrine of St. Joseph. There is a one-day experience offered on Saturday, October 28th. Register at campjburg.org – one-day is \$45.00.



Save the Date

to gather in person and
in faithful community
**at the 2024 Churchwide Gathering
of Presbyterian Women
August 8-11, 2024**

“Shall we gather at the river . . .”

at the confluence of
the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers,
that is—in the city of St. Louis!
presbyterianwomen.org/gathering

Build a Bouquet

PW's stewardship committee is launching a "Build a Bouquet" campaign that promises to build community, educate about ways (and whys) to support Presbyterian Women, and bring cheer in the form of flowers—bounties of bouquets—that will culminate in a virtual garden at the **2024 Churchwide Gathering!**

This "**FUNdraising**" campaign invites individuals and groups to make a financial gift to Presbyterian Women that will be celebrated with a blossom.

At the churchwide level, gifts to PW will create a virtual bouquet. PW in the Synod, Presbytery or Congregation may want to consider "Build a Bouquet" for an upcoming gathering. Whether the flowers are real, artificial, drawn, sewn or virtual flowers, the bouquets are a testimony to the diversity of God's creation and PW's generosity. And they can be a meaningful part of event decorations, and/or later shared with community partners. Presbyterian women are resourceful so adapt the "Build a Bouquet" in a way that works within your context. Consider or adapt one of these examples:

- Invite attendees to bring a flower from their garden with their financial gift to PW. As the offering or pledges to PW's Annual Fund are received, invite attendees to add their flowers to a vase for a PW bouquet.
- Thank financial supporters of Presbyterian Women with a flower from a large bouquet purchased for this purpose.
- As most synods are made up of two or more states, PW in the Synod events can build bouquets of state flowers. Gathering planners may want to encourage participants to bring their state's flower to the event to help assemble a large bouquet. Alternatively, the planning team could assemble a bouquet of flowers, representing each state in the synod.

Regardless of the format your bouquet takes, do take a photo and send your PW bouquet story to carissa.herold@pcusa.org.

Your bouquet may bloom anew at the 2024 Churchwide Gathering!
Take time to celebrate the gifts and bouquets that show how together, Presbyterian women bring beauty to God's world through faithful effort through our PW Purpose.

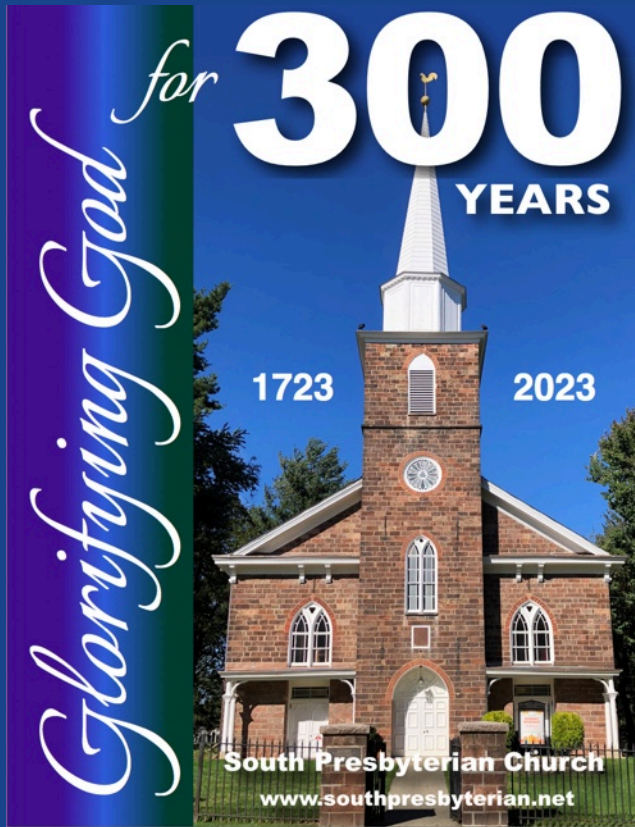




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South Presbyterian Church receives donations in the 300's for their 300th Anniversary

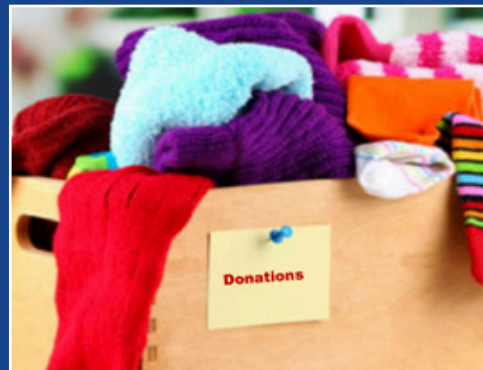
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School Supplies



Pet Supplies



We are presently receiving donations for warm mittens, hats, scarves, socks, and blankets.



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We have been celebrating all year and the best is yet to come.



Our Gala Anniversary weekend takes place Saturday October 21, 6:45 pm Concert and Sunday October 22 for our special 10 am worship. All are welcome!



South Presbyterian Church

Glorifying God for

300 Years

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www.southpresbyterian.net

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Elizabeth Avenue-Weequahic Presbyterian Church - Newark (EAWPC)

"Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." Matthew 15:28

Regrettably, it's important to note that the Elizabeth Avenue-Weequahic's Women Fellowship Ministry has not met since before the pandemic. However, the women of the church are very active in the life of the church providing leadership and participating in the programs and events celebrated throughout the year. The various roles and activities we serve and participate include, but are not limited to:

- Elders and Deacons
- Worship liturgists
- Weekly Bible Study
- Weekly Prayer Service
- Community Service, twice monthly

Due to COVID-19, we have not held an Annual Christmas Holiday Party, our major fundraising event. In lieu of the holiday party, we have held Birthday Rally Campaigns as mini-fundraisers in which we requested members and friends to donate fifty cents for each year that they have been on this planet or a love donation of any amount was accepted. We have also hosted two Fish Fry fundraising events.

Following the return to our building, we resumed our Outreach Ministry in the form of a Food Pantry which we operate on the second and fourth Thursday of the month from 10:00 am to 12 noon. On the Wednesday before the scheduled Thursday, we pack non-perishable food items, fresh produce and eggs for distribution to 30 to 40 individuals and families, twice a month.

In July, we resumed hosting our Annual Picnic on the lawn of the church. Welcome Back Sunday, so designated for those persons who have been worshipping via teleconference since the pandemic, inviting them to return to in-person worship, was held on the second Sunday in September.

For almost two years, the pandemic did not allow for much in-person interaction with our congregation, nor our neighbors. However, we are committed to re-engage with the community, sharing God's love and spreading the gospel in a friendly, inclusive environment through a program, we have entitled, "Love Thy Neighbor" with funds received from the Presbytery.

We are "connected" inside and outside of our congregation through the work of women and friends of the church.

A SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF EAWPC

- Elder Doris C. Peterson, CRE, our Pastor, currently serves as Co-Moderator of the Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey.
- Dr. LaTisha Porter-Vaughn, one of our Deacons received The Bugg Foundation's 2023 Johnnie Lacy Award in honor of her leadership of excellence in engaging the community and society in essential conversation about identity and the challenge that comes with not only being disabled but a person of color and a woman. Dr. Porter-Vaughn has also authored two books,
- "How We Hear: A Useful Guide for the Hearing to Understand Hearing Loss" and "Sounds of the Heart: A Story of a HearStrong Champion Persisting Against All Odds"
- Melba Moore, an award winning performer, visited with us at Elizabeth Avenue during our worship service on Sunday, March 5, 2023. Since that time, Ms. Moore was honored with the 2,760th star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in the category of Live Theatre/Live Performance. and at a Street Renaming which took place at the intersection of William and Mercer Streets in Newark, New Jersey across from her alma mater, Arts High School. The street was renamed Melba Moore Plaza.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Hazelwood

Moderator, EAWPC's Women Fellowship Ministry



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Presbyterian Women at Bethel Presbyterian Church, East Orange

At Bethel Presbyterian Church in East Orange, 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.

During the spring and summer of 2023, our Presbyterian Women continued to participate in our Worship Service, serving as liturgists, sharing their musical talents, and preaching when Pastor Martha and Pastor Kirk were on vacation.

They were active in our summer AKA/Bethel mission backpack Ministry that provided 90 backpacks that were filled with grade appropriate school supplies for grades K-12 and college. Presbyterian Women from the United Presbyterian Church of Lyndhurst and The First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie partnered with us and contributed 24 of the bookbags filled with supplies. The bookbags were distributed to our Legacy Angel Tree children, to foster children, and to children in our Bethel community and neighborhood.



In October 2023, two of our Presbyterian Women are being honored for their contributions in the community. June Lockett, Bethel's Music Director and Angel Tree Ministry Coordinator is being honored as a Community Service Recipient by the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc, Delta Pi Chapter. Chrystal Williams, our Thanksgiving Dinner Outreach Ministry Coordinator is a Community Appreciation Honoree by Nassan's Place, an organization that provides accessible and affordable educational and recreational programs, sensory friendly activities, social outings, advocacy and other resources to children and families affected by Autism in and around under-served inner-city communities. We are grateful to God for June, Chrystal, and all the Presbyterian Women in our Bethel community.



Submitted Sept 2023
by Pastor Martha Day



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WESTFIELD

Some of the Fall items that we are involved with:

On 9/10, we participated in our Community Day Kickoff Event by hosting a **Bake & Mum Sale**. Despite the significant rainfall, we had a solid turnout.

9/21 we hosted a **Wine & Cheese Evening** at a congregant's home and have invited all women of the church to stop by.

10/19 at 10:00 am we will be hosting NJ photographer, Walter Choroszewski as he presents an engaging talk on **"Rock and Roll."** Walter is an interesting person who has presented talks/photos of NJ scenes, National Parks, Ireland. If you're looking for a speaker, he's one to call.

Kind regards, Carole Cook



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Paint & Praise ... Simply Blessed!



A beaming Mrs. Rice shows off her artistry!

Simone is executive producer of art shows through her company Perspectives Exhibitions LLC

On July 29, 2023, I was privileged to join seven women at Trinity PC in Montclair for a most relaxing afternoon of painting sweetened with laughter, camaraderie and refreshing nibbles, and where fulfillment was not just in 'the process' but in 'the production' of a vibrantly colored piece of art to take home! The class was led by Simone Bailey Campbell, a member of Trinity's congregation, and an accomplished and referred visual artist.

Simone came to United States from Jamaica to study interior design. Armed with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Furniture Design from Savannah College of Arts and Design, she moved to New Jersey in 2006 and worked for 14 years in the jewelry design industry in New York City. At the 10-year juncture, Simone became restless and started to sketch which, four years later, evolved into full-blown painting with a passion!

**The "R" in Black Lives Matter - East Orange, NJ
(25'W x 25'H) April 2021**





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Since 2020 Simone has produced a rich portfolio...



"Vivid Flora"
Corner Central & Congress Avenues, Jersey City, NJ
(89' L x 12.5' H) January 2021

including commissioned public murals and paintings from individual clients, and juried solo and group exhibitions in galleries from Philadelphia to Washington, DC, to Illinois, and to Newark, Montclair and Jersey City in New Jersey. Below is sampling of her Commissioned murals.

Although our July 29th *Praise and Paint* art theme was the same for the group, each person had some freedom to add her own flavor to her creation. It was intriguing to observe different personalities as some painstakingly stayed within the lines, while others, like my sister and me, used broad brush strokes with careless abandon.



"It's a New Day"
Journal Square Train Station, Concourse Level, Jersey City
(8 columns – 30"W x 18"D x 8ft H) January 2022

Traffic Control Box Art
Southwest Traffic Control, Southwest, DC
October 2021



This was the first painting experience for most participants since elementary school so there were questions about blending color, brush sizes and techniques for special effects, and cleaning them for a better product. Simone's patience, encouragement and teaching aptitude made the afternoon's activity entirely stress-free and enjoyable.

Trinity Presbyterian Church, though a relatively small congregation, is brimming with gifted artists (e.g., painters, crafters, vocalists) who use their talents to enhance the church's ministry and enrich our community.

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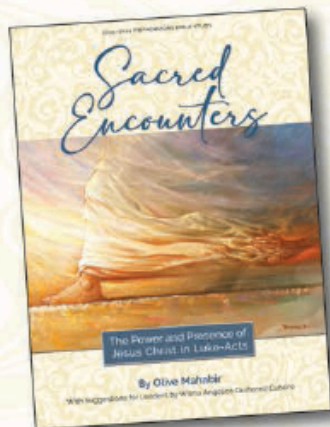
Introducing the 2023–2024 PW/*Horizons* Bible study

Sacred Encounters

The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts

by Olive Mahabir

With Suggestions for Leaders by Wilma Angélica Quiñonez Cubero



The 2023–2024 PW/*Horizons* Bible study by author Olive Mahabir invites readers to consider Jesus, “the good shepherd” (Luke 10:15), who shared the Good News through sacred encounters with everyday people.

The Gospel According to Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, or Luke-Acts “one story in two parts,” demonstrate the unfolding of God’s redemptive purposes in human history and present a distinctive perspective on the person and work of Jesus Christ. Written by Luke, a physician and traveling companion of Paul, the message to the early Christian community (and to us) is radical, inclusive, and hope-filled.

Further, this message invites the church to deeper, compassionate engagement with the world. “What are the potential implications for the church if we treat our interactions as sacred encounters that demonstrate the transformative love of Christ Jesus?” (from the introduction)

About the Authors



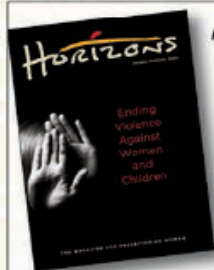
Olive Mahabir was born in Trinidad and Tobago and served in the Diaconal Ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Trinidad. In church ministry for more than 20 years she has pastored churches in Michigan, Atlanta, and Jonesboro, Georgia. She’s a graduate of St. Andrew’s Theological College in Trinidad, the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Drew

University in Madison, New Jersey, and Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia.



Wilma Angélica Quiñonez Cubero is ordained as minister of Word and Sacrament in the PC(USA). She is from Puerto Rico and has served Iglesia Presbiteriana en Country Club since 2009. A specialist in ministry with people who are functionally diverse, Wilma is also an associate professor at the Seminario Evangélico de Puerto Rico. She served the larger

church as a member of the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People.



Additional helps in *Horizons* magazine begin with the Summer 2023 issue. Subscribe to *Horizons* magazine and receive in each upcoming issue* the **Anna H. Bedford Bible Study Resource**. Written by a prominent theologian, the Bible Study Resources provide even deeper engagement with the study.

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Bible study, supplemental materials, and other helps!*

Bible study editions

- English edition; item HZN23100; \$10
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- Spanish download edition; item HZN23111; \$10; purchase and download at presbyterianwomen.org/shop
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- Audio edition; download only; item HZN23172; \$15; purchase and download at presbyterianwomen.org/shop

Supplemental materials

- *Sacred Encounters* Companion DVD; Olive Mahabir's video introduction for each lesson of the study, about 10 minutes per lesson; item HZN23103; \$20
- *Sacred Encounters* Companion DVD download; item HZN23104; \$20; purchase and download at presbyterianwomen.org/shop
- *Workshop for Leaders*; item HZN23101; free; also available as a free download
- Pendant/charm; features the cover art from the study; item HZN23300; \$10
- Promotional flier; item HZN23411; free; also available as a free download
- Promotional poster; item HZN23410; free download only at presbyterianwomen.org/shop.
- Bulletin cover—8½" x 11"; item HZN23105; free download only at presbyterianwomen.org/shop
- Author blog; journey with the author over the year with Olive's monthly blog; the first blog will be posted August 2023; visit and bookmark presbyterianwomen.org/blog.

*Note that prices do not include shipping and handling (\$6.25 minimum). International orders and orders to Puerto Rico incur additional shipping charges. Prices, availability, and shipping charges are subject to change without notice.



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Elizabeth's Sacred
Encounter



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The Exorcism in
Gerasa



Lesson Three
A Bleeding Woman
Encounters Christ



Lesson Four
Mary and Martha
Encounter Jesus



Lesson Five
A Person with Leprosy
Encounters Jesus



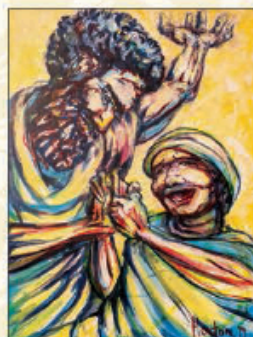
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A Person with a Physical
Disability Encounters Jesus



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2023 Horizon's Bible Study Workshop

Presbyterian Women Synod of the Northeast held a bible study workshop, using the new "Sacred Encounters" PW Bible Study. It was a two overnight time together where us "faithful oldies" joined with some new women to share how they had a sacred encounter with Jesus. We missed meeting in person and it was great to be able to and to see familiar women (and one retired pastor, loving husband and gallant chauffeur) face to face. There were some first time women there also! We met at the PCUSA conference center at Stony Point.

Rev Linda Gaden was invited to lead the workshop. Linda is a long time Presbyterian Woman and second career pastor. She was invited to save the transportation fees we'd have to pay to have the author (who usually is invited) fly in from Georgia to New York. What we got was a fabulous knowledgeable engaging leader with a great sense of humor and aura of compassion and concern. We plan to get the DVD from the PW store to hear the author and her perspective on those encounters. If only we were more tech savvy (or had our own easier to use PC or iPads with us) we could have watched the introduction from the author on the PW you-tube video.

I remember meeting Linda at a Newton (now Highlands NJ) PWP meeting (now Gathering) where she did an announcement dressed as a news boy waving an Horizons Magazine high over her head saying (ok I'm paraphrasing - who can remember exactly that long ago?) "get your red hot news". She went on to become PW Presbytery moderator, she moved to the role of a Commissioned Lay Pastor (now CRE) and then was called to ministry and attended seminary. As much as some things change the essence stays the same! Doesn't PW help create leaders? During the presentation she told a story of how she "met Jesus" at a food kitchen one Thanksgiving. She volunteered to serve and one latecomer invited her to sit with him. Long story short when he left without his "goodie bag" she ran out to give it to him he was nowhere to be found. She looked everywhere. Her conclusion was she spent Thanksgiving dining with Jesus.

She brought a retreat like flavor there with prayers (prayer board to post intercessions), morning worship, evening vespers and a final communion service. There was time for silent reflection, fellowship, strolling the grounds, nap taking, and of course food and snacks. Did I mention wine and sparkling cider?

I loved this study! I'm thinking my "little group of faithful" women at my home church who attend a monthly study, will love it too. This workshop gave me a few extra helps to put in my leadership "bag of tricks" to bring back to them. The scriptures that were chosen by the author as examples of encounters were perfect and easily related to. They also relate to how Presbyterian Women are called to not only share sacred encounters with each other but with the world. The study highlighted "the others", for example those marginalized by handicaps in one chapter. We discussed action items about dealing with handicapped people. We not only talked but had opportunities to do some crafts for those of us who learn by doing. Bookmarks, prayer bead chains, stained glass like hangings were fun!

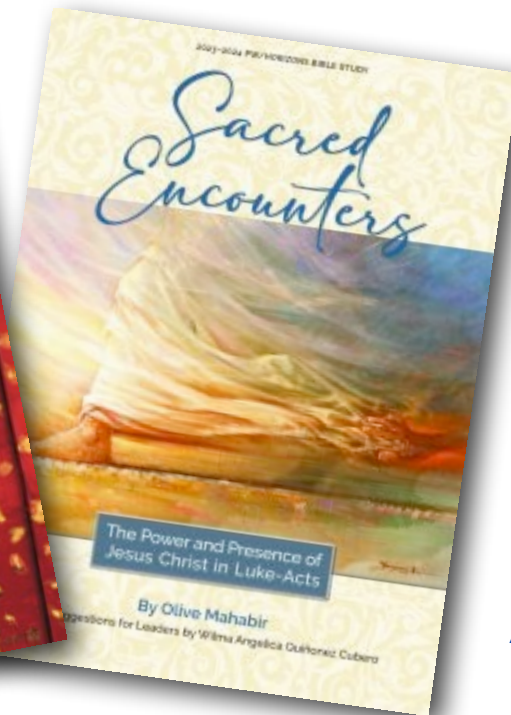
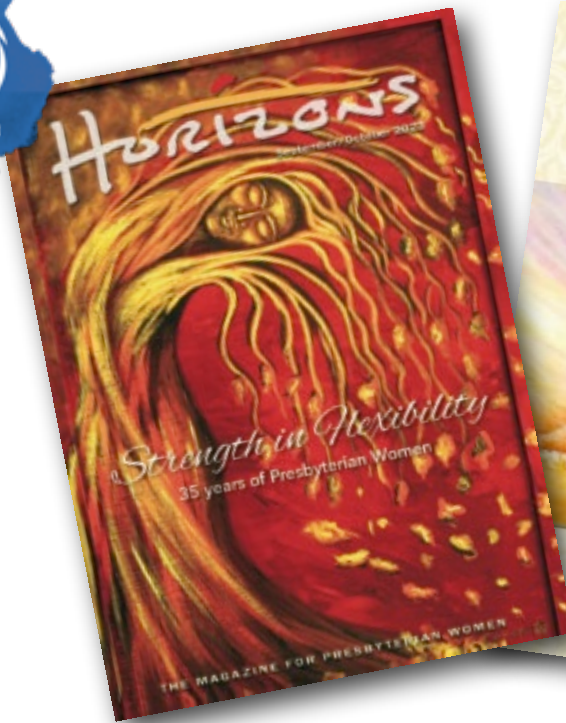
This was one of the times it was wonderful to get away from the every day routine and take some time for ourselves and enhance our relationship with and knowledge of God. Presbyterian Women are like that, making opportunities for prayer and bible study, figuring out how they can support the mission of PW and each other, looking for practical ways to participate in church missions, truly seeking justice and peace and having times like this one as opportunities for true community building.

Lisa Gray
(Recent PWC Board member retiree as PWSNE Representative, current PWP Peace & Justice Some pictures Below)

Rev. Linda Gaden lead a wonderful Bible Study
on “***Sacred Encounters*** “at Stony Point in July.
Enjoy the pictures!



PW Horizons Magazine & Bible Study 2023-24



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The digital edition Horizons is now available! Learn more or start reading at <http://ow.ly/mpvM50yvPH6>. (Print copies are on their way to subscribers!)

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Marion Gregg-Whited
**HORIZONS MAGAZINE
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2023 Triennial Overview

Bu Joanne Schnaudt, Secretary

It was a hot Friday morning on July 14th when the Design Team began arriving to set up the meeting room for our 2023 Triennial Gathering. After a quick lunch, members of the Coordinating Team arrived for their 1 PM meeting (CT minutes were sent to CT members). By 3 PM, 50 women and 1 man had managed to find their way through all the detours to Stony Point Center, NY. Our keynote speaker called to say she was on the way but detained due to the detours from the flooding. So... as good Presbyterian Women do, we improvised.

Our Chaplain, The Rev. Kathi Jones, officially opened the Gathering with prayer. Our Seminarian, Rebeka Fergusson-Lutz, with Ardelle Stewart back in a familiar spot to us – at the piano – led us in singing some familiar hymns. The Rev. Kathy Reeves, Churchwide Moderator, spoke to us about PW training and how PW is recovering after the Covid pandemic and working to stay connected. She asked for donations to the Thank and the Birthday Offerings. PW is celebrating its 35th year anniversary and donations of \$35 for 35 were requested.

The Rev. SanDawna Gaulman Ashley, Transitional Leader for the Synod of the Northeast, arrived and was well-worth waiting for with her dynamic message about IOU. She told us that women do what is necessary, expected, and needed, and then they do more.

After dinner, Moderator Adebisi Shofu commissioned Marianne Montero, our PW Synod Rep. on the upcoming USA Mission Experience journey to the Southwest US. Women of the Bible, a skit featuring many women at the Gathering who were recruited by Virginia Champlin, and costumed with imagination, followed. Former PWSNE Moderator Charlotte Hasselbarth narrated. The Rev. Kathi Jones closed the day's gathering with prayer. An Ice Cream Social followed.

Saturday, we opened with music and singing led by Rebeka and Ardelle, followed by the opening prayer led by The Rev. Kathi. JoAnn Estella gave us an overview of the upcoming *Horizons* Bible Study: Sacred Encounters. Magdalene Lewis presented information on the UN Commission on the Status of Women. The Business Meeting followed (Minutes were sent to the CT and to PWP Moderators/Voting Reps). Highlights were the approval of a new structure for the CT and election of leaders.

Lillian Sanderlin presented ideas for Mission Projects. The Rev. Jyungin Lee, Past Moderator of Churchwide PW, told us about "Korea Peace" and asked for support to help end the war in Korea (an armistice was declared 70 years ago, but a peace treaty never was signed).

Lunch came next, then the closing Worship, Communion, and Installation Service led by The Rev. Kathy Reeves and assisted by The Rev. Kathi Jones. Virginia Champlin was installed as the new Moderator, and outgoing Moderator Adebisi Shofu presented her with the Moderator's stole and gavel. In turn, Bisi was honored with a Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership pin and certificate.

Moderator Virginia Champlin charged us with closing remarks and The Rev. Kathi Jones gave the benediction.

Now, when you look at the PW logo of the three women – think of IOU – Inward: Bible Study, Outward: Mission, Upward: Worship and Prayer.



Compassion, Peace & Justice

Advocating to End Violence Against Women

The United Nations designated November 25 through December each year to be recognized as **16 days of activism against Gender-based Violence**. This international civil society led campaign begins on November 25, the **International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women**; it ends on December 10 with **Human Rights Day**.

For the last three years, Ecumenical Women at the United Nations has created blog posts at **ecumenicalwomenun.org/blog** with liturgy, prayers, action suggestions and more. Some posts spotlight violence against women in particular parts of the world, such as Ukrainian women threatened or injured by Russia's invasion of their country.

On Day 2 of the 16 days of Activism 2022, UN Women offered a list of ten ways to end violence against women. The suggestions are manageable for people with any level of advocacy experience. Presbyterian Women's national board committed to the 2021-2024 triennium being a time to explore and promote ways PW groups and individual Presbyterian women can help break the cycle of violence against women and children.

The ten suggestions from the UN women are an excellent starting point for individuals and groups alike.

- 1) Speak up, speak out.
- 2) Know the issue, & the signs.
- 3) Call out sexual harassment.
- 4) Challenge beliefs on masculinity.
- 5) Fund women's organizations.
- 6) Call for better responses and services.
- 7) Demand more data.
- 8) Push for stronger laws.
- 9) Support women's leadership.
- 10) Build solidarity with other movements.

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Compassion, Peace & Justice

Whether you use one of the UN Women's suggestions from 2022 or from previous years, whether you advocate for women in Ukraine or in your community, your advocacy is vital.

No matter how you work towards the eradication of violence against women and children, know that every prayer witness and action is meaningful.

Let us pray

God of love, we give you thanks for the signs of determined life and hope among us, even if they sometimes feel tiny and overshadowed by forces that seem so strong and dominating.

We pray for life-giving power that we receive from you.

We pray for all people who work courageously to end gender-based violence.

We pray for all people who protest in the streets, squares and churches. We remember and give thanks for the lives and legacies of those who are no longer with us.

We pray for all who have not yet learned to express their emotions and affections.

We pray for those who have chosen to dominate others through violence that they will feel our guidance to repent of violence and find peace.

We pray for wisdom and guidance for all who courageously seek help to break the cycle of violence.

We pray for all institutions and shelters that welcome survivors of violence. We ask that you hear the cries of our siblings who have been gravely harmed by violence, including refugees and trans women.

We pray for the churches and individuals who offer comfort to those experiencing gender-based violence.

We pray for love, peace and justice among us. Amen

By Magdalene Lewis who serves as advocate to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Inc.



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Finding God in Tough Times

“We’ll bring you dinner tomorrow night.”

I was squeezing in early morning and evening visits to check in on a family member in the ICU at the local hospital. My friend Rebeca let me know she was praying for us and asked me how she could help. **“Dinner,”** I replied. There was no way I could juggle hospital visits, my full-time job and the online class I was taking, along with making hot meals for my family.

The next evening, Rebeca texted to let me know she was outside with our dinner. I stepped out to meet her - and was surprised to find our mutual friend Valerie, at the steering wheel of Valerie’s white van. Rebeca opened the door and invited me inside, out of the chilly winter drizzle.

“Want to say hello to our little one?” Rebeca asked as I slid inside the warm van. She pointed to Valerie’s youngest child, Esmeralda, wrapped in her fuzzy blanket in her car seat. Esmeralda had been battling brain cancer for more than a year and could not longer speak nor move. *“Hello, Esmeralda!”* I greeted her with a gentle hug, and then embraced Valerie and Rebeca. I knew from the recent conversations with them that Esmeralda was close to death, and that Valerie and Esmeralda’s family were the ones who needed care and support more than anyone. My husband and I know the family well and have accompanied them in a pastoral team with the Presbyterian Hispanic Latino Ministry of Preston Highway, a ministry of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery. Yet here was Valerie, teaming up with Rebeca to provide dinner for me and my family during our season of high stress. We had enough shredded chicken tinga, corn tortillas and refried beans to last us into the next week!

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In the days leading up to my family member being discharged from the hospital, Rebeca would text or call me daily to check in and let me know which of several families in the ministry had signed up to bring us a hot meal that day.

Each dish was a humble reminder that being church means everyone pastors to everyone else.

By Ellen Sherby, Associate Director
for Global Connections, World Mission
MISSION CROSSROADS



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The challenges of the world are enormous ; our personal lives sometimes are fraught with sorrow and conflict. This issue of Mission Crossroads invites us to reflect on how we can live faithfully in these difficult times. One way is through relationships that reveal our humanity to one another and expand our understanding of God's mission and ministry. This personal story is just one way our relationships with others help us overcome these challenges.

**How might
relationships in
your life help
you and others do
the same?**

2023 Thank Offering

OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body.

And be thankful. —Colossians 3:14–15



Learn more about the
Thank Offering
 of Presbyterian Women at
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Resources to Promote the 2023 Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women

Essentials

Available as a download, as well! The 2023 **Thank Offering promotional booklet**, which is mailed to all PW leaders, includes grant recipient summaries; a dedication service; a greeting from the Creative Ministries Offering Committee; ideas to promote and support the Thank Offering; a poster/placemat; and promotional resource flier. Item PWR23475; free.

2023 Thank Offering Korean- and Spanish-language promotional booklets Download only at presbyterianwomen.org/thank; free.

The 11" x 17" **2023 Thank Offering poster/placemat** is versatile; use side one as a poster suitable for bulletin boards and trifold; use side two as a placemat for dinners and tabletops. Available as singles, so order as many (or as few) as needed! Item PWR23473; free.

The **Summer issue of Horizons magazine** includes the grant recipient list as well as a dedication service. Item HZN23220, \$4.00. (Not a *Horizons* magazine subscriber? Call 866/802-3635 or visit presbyterianwomen.org/subscribe to subscribe.)

2023 Thank Offering bulletin cover (8½" x 11") Download only; item PWR23476. Download at presbyterianwomen.org/thank; free.

2023 Thank Offering bulletin insert Download only; item PWR23480. Download at presbyterianwomen.org/thank; free.

2023 Thank Offering resource flier Download only; item PWR23474. Download at presbyterianwomen.org/thank; free.

2023 Thank Offering promotional video (English, Spanish and Korean) Available on PW's YouTube channel: youtube.com/presbyterianwomen.

Receiving the Offering

Thank Offering group giving envelopes, traditionally used in PW groups and congregations, available in packs of 25. Item PWR16479; free.

Individual giving envelopes are PW's multipurpose envelopes. These #10 green envelopes include an attached slip that allows an individual (or group) to choose where to direct gifts as well as an area for credit card information. Available in packs of 10; item PWR20456; free.

Two Ways to Order

- Call 800/533-4371, Monday–Friday, 10 AM–5 PM ET.
- or shop online at presbyterianwomen.org/shop (type "Thank Offering" in the search box).

Note: Prices do not include shipping and handling (based on weight of order; \$6.25 minimum). International orders and orders to Puerto Rico will incur additional shipping charges. There are no shipping charges for free/promotional offering materials.

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HZN23474



2023 Birthday Offering OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

—Galatians 6:9-10

Since 1922, Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering has helped fund mission projects that improve lives. This year's Birthday Offering recipients are:

Making Miracles Group Home Phase II Group Home

makingmiraclesgrouphome.org
Tallahassee, Florida

Berhane Yesus Elementary School Kindergarten School Construction

berhane-yesus.info
Dembi Dollo, Ethiopia

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The 11" x 17" 2023 Birthday Offering poster/placemat is versatile: use side one as a poster suitable for bulletin boards and trifolds; use side two as a placemat for dinners and tabletops. Available as singles so order as many (or as few) as needed! Item PWR23453; free.

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2023 Birthday Offering bulletin insert — Download only; item PWR23450; presbyterianwomen.org/birthday.

2023 Birthday Offering bulletin cover (8½" x 11") — Download only; item PWR23452; presbyterianwomen.org/birthday.

2023 Birthday Offering promotional video (English, Spanish and Korean) — Available on PW's YouTube channel: youtube.com/presbyterianwomen.

More to Explore!

The **January/February 2023 issue of Horizons magazine** includes the grant recipient list as well as a dedication service. Available to order January 2023; item HZN23200 \$4.00. (Not a *Horizons* magazine subscriber? Call 866/802-3635 or visit presbyterianwomen.org/horizons to subscribe!)

Messages of Reconciliation and Hope: 75 Years of Birthday Offerings, 1922-1997, by Catherine Stewart Vaughn. Item PWR00507, \$12.00, on sale for \$3.00.

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EXERCISE YOUR BRAIN

BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT WORD SEARCH

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HOSEA
ISAIAH
JEREMIAH
JOB
JONAH
JOSHUA
KINGS
LAMENTATIONS

LEVITICUS
MALACHI
MICAH
NAHUM
PENTATEUCH (*First 5 books of the Bible*)
PROVERBS
PSALMS
RUTH
SAMUEL

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ADJ/9/23

**Ben Nestel's Facebook post "Let's Laugh Away Our Stress with Ants"
is hilarious, imaginative and a superb brain teaser!**

1. 5 ants + 5 ants = Tenants
2. Bring ant from one country to another = Important
3. A bright ant = Brilliant
4. An ant looking for a job = Applicant
5. A spy ant = Informant
6. A very little ant = Infant
7. An ant that uses a gun = Militant
8. An ant that is a specialist = Consultant
9. A proud ant = Arrogant
10. An ant that is cruel and oppressive = Tyrant
11. An ant that is friendly and lovely = Coolant
12. An ant that changed from evil to good deeds = Repentant
13. An ant that accumulated much food for winter = Abundant
14. An ant that isn't willing = Reluctant
15. An ant that keeps financial account = Accountant
16. An ant that occupies a flat = Occupant
17. A huge ant = Giant
18. An ant that is important = Significant
19. An ant that has big legs = Elephant
20. A sarcastic ant = Mordant
21. An extremely fast ant = Instant
22. A noisy, angry ant = Rant
23. An ant that doesn't keep moving = Constant
24. A dirty ant = Pollutant
25. An ant that annoys = Irritant
26. An ant that lacks knowledge = Ignorant
27. An ant that can take anything without complaining = Tolerant
28. An ant that wastes resources = Extravagant
29. A very careful and attentive ant = Vigilant
30. An ant that maintains good odor = Deodorant
31. An ant that finds it hard to move = adamant
32. A laid-off, surplus ant = Redundant
33. An ant that is into business = Merchant
34. A Political ant = Aspirant
35. An ant that sues someone in court = Complainant
36. A happy ant = Jubilant
37. An ant that is patient - Tolerant
38. An ant that does not cooperate - Recalcitrant
39. An ant that doesn't agree easily - Reluctant
40. An ant that runs away from school - Truant
41. A careless ant = Nonchalant
42. A joyful ant = Antidepressant
43. A fighting ant = Combatant
44. An ant that watches carefully = Observant
45. An old ant = Antique
46. A slippery ant = Lubricant



Nestel urged readers not to spoil the fun and add to the listing. Here were some responses to his post:

47. A helpful ant = Assistant
48. An ant that attends to others = Attendant
49. A submissive ant = Suppliant
50. A motionless ant that's a nuisance = Stagnant
51. A relentless ant = Incessant
52. A winning ant = Triumphant
53. An ant that preps food = Restaurant
54. An ant's favorite French pastry = Croissant
55. An ant that serves others = Servant
56. An ant that reduces friction = Lubricant
57. A happy ant = Jubilant
58. Ant of a different species = Variant
59. A useful ant = Important
60. An ant that pours liquid = Decant
61. A controlling ant = Dominant
62. An unfriendly ant = Unpleasant
63. A green ant = Verdant
64. A poor ant = Peasant
65. A learned ant = Savant
66. An unchanging ant = Constant
67. A transformed ant = Mutant
68. A fiery ant = Accelerant
69. A commanding ant = Commandant
70. An offspring ant = Descendant
71. Ant that makes house smell nice = Deodorant
72. Ant that smells nice = Fragrant
73. An advance-search ant = Warrant
74. A badly informed ant = Ignorant
75. A poisonous ant = Pollutant
76. Ant that repels others = Repellent
77. Ant on a necklace = Pendant
78. A big ant = Giant
79. Ants everywhere = Abundant
80. A mean ant = Tyrant
81. A wasteful ant = Extravagant
82. A contributing ant = Participant
83. A pious ant = Postulant
84. A resident ant = Habitant
85. A competing ant = Contestant
86. A conscious ant = Cognizant
87. An agreeable ant = Consonant
88. An ant with pigment = Colorant
89. A secluded ant = Distant
90. A rebellious ant = Defiant
91. An uncertain ant = Hesitant



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Here are my additions ...

92. An inactive ant – Dormant
93. A festive ant = Celebrant
94. A hopeful ant = Expectant
95. A hostile ant = Unpleasant
96. A wild rambling ant = Rampant
97. A courageous ant = Gallant
98. A traveling ant = Migrant
99. An ant that's left behind = Remnant
100. A lively ant = Vibrant
101. A snazzy ant = Coolant
102. A colorful ant = Vibrant
103. A dissatisfied ant = Complainant
104. A self-seeking ant = Sycophant
105. An opposing ant = Protestant
106. A facetious ant = Flippant
107. An optimistic ant = Buoyant
108. An accusing ant = Litigant
109. A petitioning ant = Appellant
110. An ant that's accused = Defendant
111. A persistent ant = Incessant
112. A toxic ant = Contaminant
113. An annoying ant = Irritant
114. A resilient ant = Resistant
115. A bad behaving ant = Deviant
116. A deputizing ant = Lieutenant

Now add yours!

117.

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**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THE ANT?**

The Book of Proverbs encourages the lazy to learn from the ant's diligence and spirit of cooperation to avoid poverty and deprivation.

Proverbs 3: 24-28 (NIV)

"Four things on earth are small, yet they are extremely wise: ²⁵Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer; ²⁶hyraxes are creatures of little power, yet they make their home in the crags; ²⁷locusts have no king, yet they advance together in ranks; ²⁸a lizard can be caught with the hand, yet it is found in kings' palaces."

Proverbs 6: 6-11

"Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. Without having any chief, officer, or ruler, she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest. How long will you lie there, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber and want like an armed man."

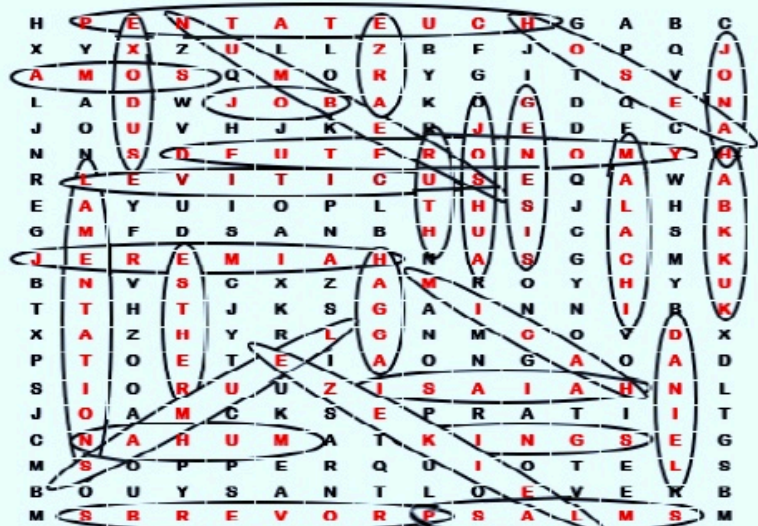
Proverbs 24: 30-34

"I went past the field of a sluggard, past the vineyard of someone who has no sense; thorns had come up everywhere, the ground was covered with weeds, and the stone wall was in ruins. I applied my heart to what I observed and learned a lesson from what I saw: A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest— and poverty will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man."

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Presbyterian Women of Presbytery of North East NJ

Profit & Loss

January 1 through September 13, 2023

Treasurer's Report

	Jan 1 - Sep 13, 23
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Pledges	
PW in the Presbytery	200.00
PW Synod Pledge	100.00
PWUSA Mission Pledge	100.00
Total Pledges	400.00
Gathering donations	
Offerings	15.00
Total Gathering donations	15.00
Interest	2.28
Total Income	417.28
Expense	
Pledge Payments	
PW in the Synod	100.00
PWUSA Mission Pledge	100.00
Total Pledge Payments	200.00
Mission Payments	
Disaster Relief	15.00
Total Mission Payments	15.00
Memorials	104.89
Total Expense	319.89
Net Ordinary Income	97.39
Net Income	97.39

	Sep 13, 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
TD Bank	13,879.42
Total Checking/Savings	13,879.42
Total Current Assets	13,879.42
TOTAL ASSETS	13,879.42
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	17,179.78
Unrestricted Net Assets	-3,397.75
Net Income	97.39
Total Equity	13,879.42
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	13,879.42



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**



The Logo of Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA), Inc.

In July 1988, voting delegates to the organizing meeting of Presbyterian Women adopted the organization's original logo, designed by Sarah (Sally) Abbotts of the Synod of the Covenant.

Updated in 1999, the logo continues to serve Presbyterian Women as it illustrates PW's Purpose.

A Logo with Purpose

*Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ,
Forgiven and freed by grace through faith, the
central figure stands in praise.*

*and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit
ourselves:*

Rooted in faith, the trio of women emerges. The outline of the central figure forms a cross. We are Presbyterian women engrafted in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is no longer we who live, but Christ who lives in us.

*to nurture our faith through prayer and
Bible study,*

The right figure holds a book to guide her reading, studying, praying or meditating.

to support the mission of the church worldwide,

The left figure reaches out to care for others as she shares, nurtures and heals. The circle represents the church worldwide where women offer their gifts and talents in the midst of the global community.

to work for justice and peace,

The uplifted arms of the central figure reach out to embrace a just peace. The relationship between the three figures depicts lives of wholeness rather than turmoil.

*and to build an inclusive, caring, community
of women*

The three women have no distinct features. They represent all women. The shapes surrounding them express energy, strength and openness.

that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Our name, Presbyterian Women, ties us to our denomination. The Bible resembles the Bible depicted in the PC(USA) Seal.

and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

Guided by the Purpose, Presbyterian Women witnesses to the reality of God's present realm.

MAKE A PLEDGE TO SUPPORT THE MISSION OF PCUSA



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE CONGREGATION (PWC) ANNUAL MISSION PLEDGE FORM

January 1, ____ thru December 31, ____

Congregation: _____

As Presbyterian Women, we make the following pledge to support the mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) worldwide through the General Assembly Mission Budget and the basic operating budget of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery, Presbyterian Women in the Synod and the churchwide level.

AMOUNT AND DESIGNATION OF MISSION PLEDGE

1. To support the work of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery \$ _____
2. To support the work of Presbyterian Women in the Synod \$ _____
3. To support the mission of the church worldwide and PW \$ _____
- TOTAL: (LINES 1-3)** \$ _____

Name of Moderator/Contact Person of Presbyterian Women in the Congregation

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone

E-Mail

PWC MISSION PLEDGE FORM GUIDELINES

1. The form is to be completed by the Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC) Treasurer.
2. Enter the amount of support for Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery and the Synod.
3. Enter the pledge amount for the mission of the church worldwide (including support of Presbyterian Women at the churchwide level).
4. Keep a copy of the completed form for your PWC records and send the **original Pledge Form by January 15** to the PW Treasurer - Northeast New Jersey Presbytery:

Jo Ann Burrell, 44 S. Cherry Road, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849

*Reminder: Send Quarterly payments by **March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15** to the PW Treasurer - Northeast New Jersey Presbytery.*

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See you in St. Louis for the
2024 Churchwide Gathering of
Presbyterian Women!



We ask that the person receiving this issue, please copy, post and distribute this newsletter to women in your congregation...



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE CONGREGATION (PWC)
QUARTERLY REMITTANCE FORM**

*Please mail completed form and remittance to the Treasurer, PW
Northeast New Jersey Presbytery:
Jo Ann Burrell, 44 S. Cherry Road, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849
by March 15, June 15, September 15, December 15*

Remittance from Presbyterian Women

DATE: _____

Check Number: _____ Total Amount: \$ _____

Name of Church: _____

PW Treasurer: _____

Treasurer's Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

• **Celebration of Mission through Women's Pledges:**

___ Support of the Mission of the Church Worldwide \$ _____

(Supports General Assembly missions, including support of Churchwide Coordinating Team)

___ Support of PW in the Synod \$ _____

___ Support of PW in the Presbytery \$ _____

• **Celebration of Creative Ministries, Believers, Christian Community: Restricted Funds**

(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)

Updated July 2022 - PWC Mission Pledge Quarterly Remittance Form

PLEASE visit the website of PW in the Synod of the Northeast

(www.pwsne.org) for many more opportunities for spiritual nurture and leadership development.

ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER ARE DUE ON APRIL 10, 2024
THANK YOU.

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