

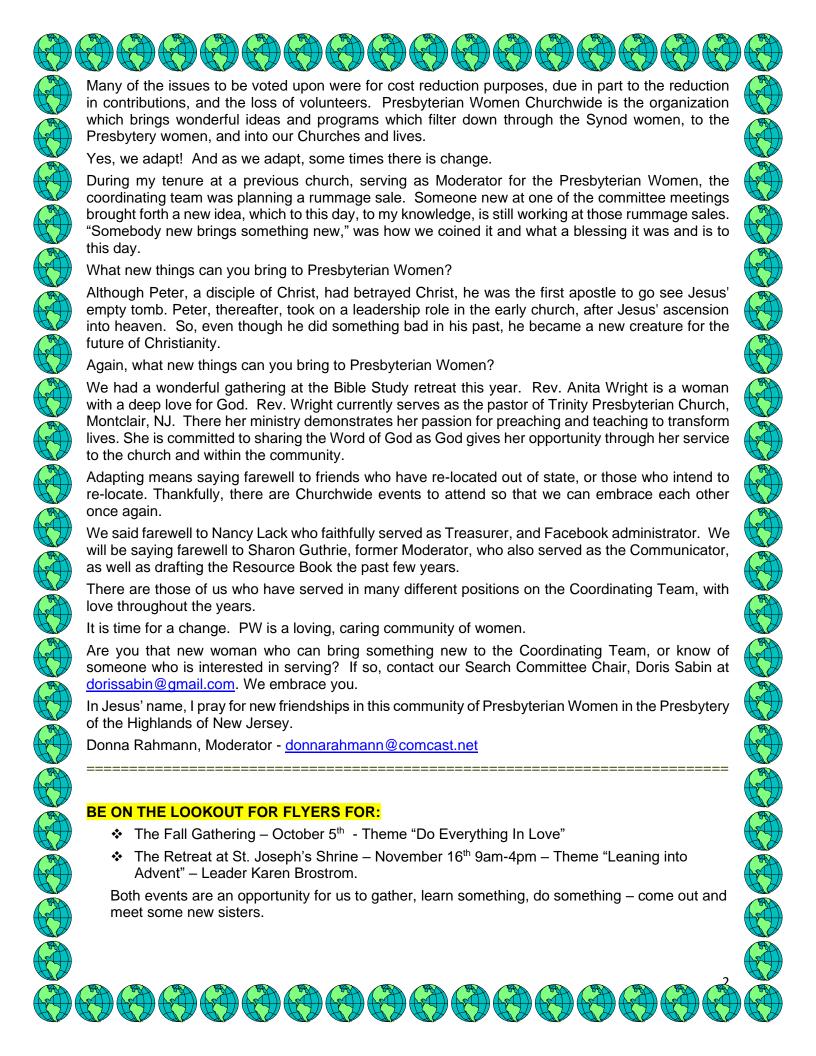
In the New Testament, specifically Luke 10:27, it is written. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." This is the Great Commandment.

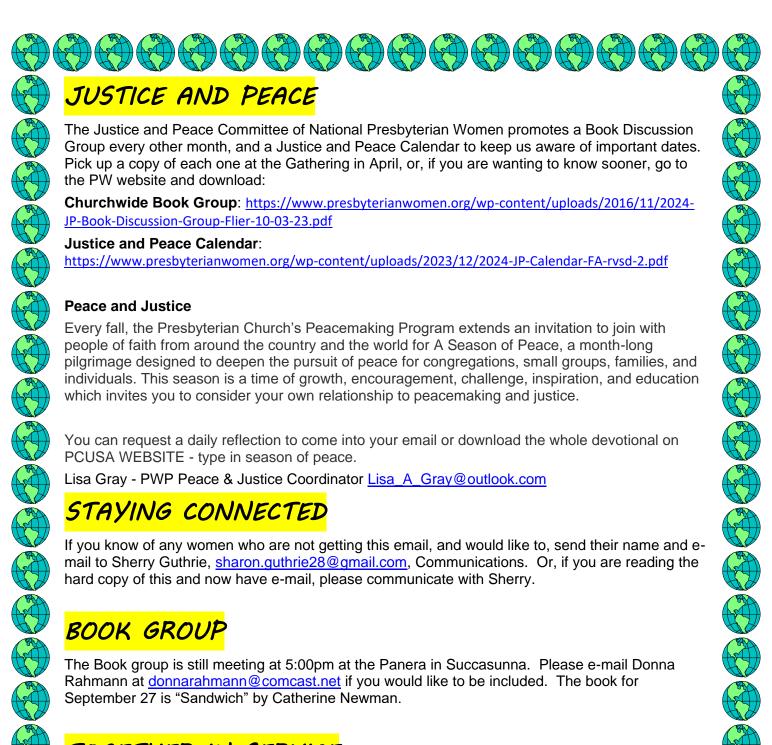
As I wrote an article for the Synod of the Northeast's newsletter, the Lighthouse, I wrote that it was somewhat difficult to remember the 'Great Commandment' when you arrive from the airport and your luggage is missing for a few days; or you waited in a long line for a buffet style meal scheduled for 800 women for an interminable amount of time; or you asked for a vegetarian meal, only to receive a bowl of lettuce; or your flight home was changed to a later time! (The positives are that I had to purchase two new shirts, lost some weight due to less food ingested, and had a better plane on the way home.)

Although some things went wrong, they all worked out in the end and I am grateful, especially for those individuals who served me with love.

Part of my 'doing everything in love' is to pray – for those in need, for those who think they are not in need, but I think they are in need – for those who I may harbor some sort of resentment in my heart – I pray that that resentment would dissipate, and even if it didn't, I would pray for that individual. Didn't Christ say to love our enemies?

As I attended the Presbyterian Women 2024 Churchwide Gathering, at times I was able to contemplate – about everything. About those who were on the planning committee; those who provided the meals and served in so many capacities (the maids who cleaned our rooms; those who made the meals and then served the meals; the numerous polite, helpful airline employees, and hotel employees – even the UBER drivers!) – about, yes, even the business meeting and the voting issues, and especially the workshops and the fellowship.



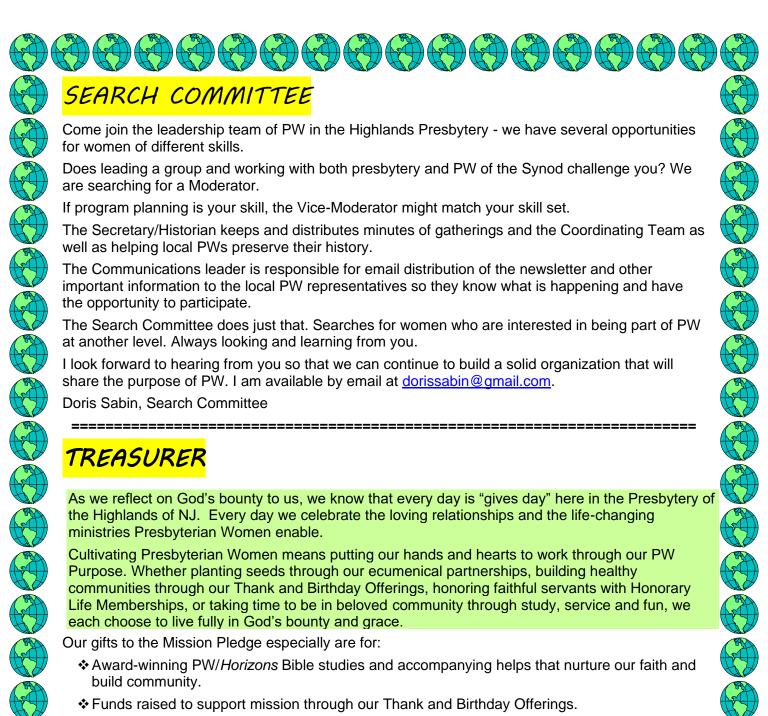


TOGETHER IN SERVICE

What is your PW doing to serve your local community? To serve a national or international project? We would enjoy learning about how your group serves others and sharing your ideas through future newsletters. It may serve as a nudge to another PW to adapt in their own setting or spark a fire under in a group to start something entirely new. We know that we PW women are capable of accomplishing whatever we set our minds to when carefully planned. Just need that little nudge from you.

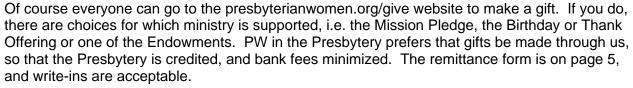
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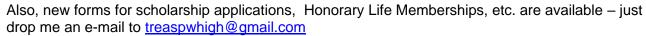






- ❖ Peace and justice issues that PW supports through prayer and advocacy.
- ❖ Building community, especially through PW Gatherings (whether synod or churchwide, in person or online) and our commitment to include all.
- ❖ Devoted staff, providing resources and leadership development to help build witnesses to God's promises.





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