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# Connections

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## A word from our Moderator

Elisabeth Hemminger



**As We Gather....**together to exchange ideas, look for new ways to excite our members to be more active, and share ideas on how we can partner with each other and our Presbytery let us also remember our theme throughout 2024..."**Doing everything with Love**". Since we last gathered, many of you attended the Triennial in St. Louis where it was a time to look at the way we operate with by-laws amendments, a time to share program ideas around the table or through speakers and an opportunity to recharge our spiritual batteries for the start of another busy year.





Last fall we gathered by zoom and examined three spiritual practices of newness to inspire and equip us for the year ahead. By Spring we met in person for the first time since before Covid, thanks to the women of Old First Presbyterian Church in Newark. Over 50 attendees were energized by Dr Wright and a message to do everything in love, as we thanked our volunteers, gave a shoutout to two 100 year old members, and said good bye to our past moderator Geri Pretlow, who has moved to Iowa to be with family.

The joy in being together once more was palpable in the cacophony of sound during the luncheon! Although we have a long way to go, I think we can pat ourselves on the back for what we have achieved in '24. Some of those achievements may seem mundane such as meeting in person, attending the triennial, putting out outstanding newsletters, and planning for an in-person Fall Gathering. However it is the slow and steady that will move us forward to a brighter future.

The front page on the PW website reads:

## ***“Unity in the Harvest”***

***“Presbyterian Women finds its unity within the harvest this triennium, not through a moment but through a movement. A movement created by the unity of our her-stories and the knowledge that we find our voices in the harvest with one another. As women and siblings of the church, we have a unique and critical opportunity to be and embody our PW Purpose. Our traditions are strong and our commitments to going where we are called to serve are long-standing.”***

# MEDITATION

## "Rooted in Love"

*Contributed by Rev. Valencia Norman, Pastor,  
First Presbyterian & Trinity Church, South Orange*

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second (Commandment) is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:30-31)*

### Grace and Peace!

November 1 is recognized as All Saint's Day. That's the day set aside to remember special people who have been influential in our faith. Often we think of those who have transitioned to the "church triumphant," part of the heavenly choir and henceforth remembered as Saints. Nevertheless, Jesus' exhortation as recorded in Mark's Gospel chapter 12:28-34, wants us as Christians to remember that Saints are folks like you and me who love from the depth of our souls. And this love probably makes no sense to outsiders.

I am reminded of a story I read in an old edition of Guideposts magazine. A woman decided to earn her master's degree later in life. She found it necessary to commute several times a week from Victory, Vermont to the State University in Burlington, almost a hundred miles away. Coming home late at night, she would see an old man sitting by the side of her road. He was always there, in below-freezing temperatures, in stormy weather – no matter how late she returned. He just sat there in a folded chair. The snow caked on his cap and jacket as if he were merely another bush on the side of the road. She often wondered what brought him to that same spot every evening. Perhaps it was a stubborn habit, private grief or a mental disorder. Finally, she asked a neighbor of hers, *"Have you ever seen an old man who sits by the road late at night?"*

"Oh, yes," said her neighbor, "*many times.*" "Is he a little touched upstairs? Does he ever go home?"

The neighbor laughed and said, "He's no more touched than you or me. And he goes home right after you do. You see, my husband doesn't like the idea of you driving by yourself out late all alone on these back roads, so every night he walks out to wait for you. When he sees your tail lights disappear around the bend, and he knows you're okay, he goes home to bed."

The opportunities 'to love your neighbor' are almost endless in every neighborhood – even ours. There are a dozen ways or more for us to help people if we are willing to be the neighbor God calls us to be.

## That's good news for ALL Saints!

*Let us pray: Lord, you have said that to truly love you then I must also love my neighbor, which can be difficult when we disagree or lifestyles clash. Yet in overcoming those difficulties it is possible to see the miracle that you love someone like me. Teach us to love, Lord, as you have loved us that this world might be a better neighbourhood in which to live and share. Help us to put aside preconceptions about other people, because that alters our behaviour, and simply accept that they, like us, are precious in your eyes. Lord, teach us to be good neighbours, not just to the folk who live nearby but to everyone that we meet, to see the best in, and want the best for all your precious children, who might one day return to their Father's house and the warmth of your embrace.*

(from Christian Prayers About Loving Our Neighbours,

by John Birch, 2019; <https://www.faithandworship.com>)





## HIGHLIGHTS – PWNENJ SPRING 2024 GATHERING

*"Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16: 14*

On Saturday, May 4, Presbyterian Women of the Northeast New Jersey Presbytery, came together for their first in-person gathering since the 2020 Covid pandemic restrictions, also since their reorganization following the merger of three presbyteries (Elizabeth, Newark, Palisades). The meeting was held at the historic Old First Presbyterian Church in Newark, known as *"the Church that founded the city"* some 358 years ago.



Embracing the PW Churchwide Gathering theme, *"Do Everything in Love"*, attendees assembled in the Chapel for a worship service of scripture reading, songs and spoken word, led by moderator, Liz Hemminger. Rev. Dr. Anita Wright, Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Montclair, in a spirited and soul-searching message, challenged and encouraged us, as Presbyterian women and followers of Christ, to 'lead with love' even in the face of



uncertainties, obstruction and frustration, and even when we feel like quitting. She noted that in an earlier chapter (1 Corinthians 13), Paul like a parent, describes what love looks like -- *longsuffering,*

*kind, not sarcastic, not rude, not envious, not resentful or irritable, not having your own way, not bailing out at the first challenge --.* It is a beautiful but somewhat difficult passage because it presents guiding principles that must impact all of our actions, reactions and interactions with others in whatever circumstance we find ourselves, and even in how we conduct our meetings. Both the solo "Jesus is Love" rendered by Elder Cathleen McKoy Bristol also of Trinity PC prior to the message and the congregational hymn "Thou I May Speak" that followed aptly framed Rev. Wright's message of introspection.



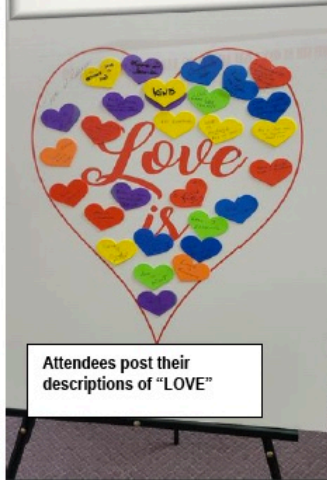
The opportunity to demonstrate love through giving was the next act of worship. Rev. Denise Kennedy from Irvington PC offered a blessing for the

offering that was received in support of the PW Creative Ministries Birthday Offering that helps to fund both national/international mission projects such as medical care, education, shelter and food to improve the lives of people most in need.





Following the worship service, attendees moved to the beautifully decorated Burr Hall for the Business portion of the Gathering and joyful fellowship that included special recognitions, delicious food and warm embraces.



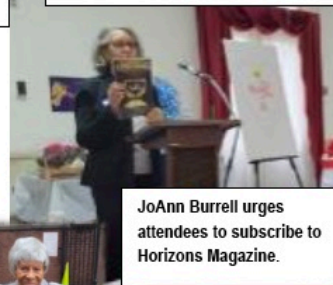
Moderator Liz Hemminger calls the Business Meeting to order, gives the Treasurer's Report and discusses the planned formation of a nominating committee



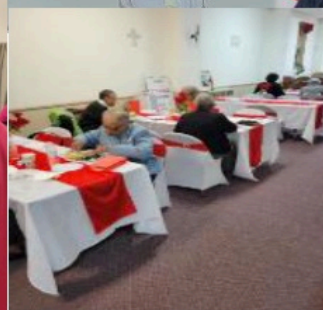
Vice Moderator & former Moderator, Geri Pretlow, share updates about the August 8-11 Churchwide Gathering. We bid farewell to Geri as she relocates to another state.



Flowers for Jennie Ellis, member of Wyoming PC, Millburn, in honor of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. A vibrant and enthusiastic Presbyterian woman, Jennie attended her first PW meeting in 1929 at age five, with her grandmother.



JoAnn Burrell urges attendees to subscribe to Horizons Magazine.



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## PLEASE JOIN US

Presbyterian Women  
Presbytery Northeast New Jersey  
**Fall Gathering 2024**



**Date:**

**Saturday**  
**November 23, 2024**  
**9:00am – 2:00pm**

**Location:**

Living Hope Presbyterian Church  
303 Maplewood Ave, Clifton, NJ

**Fee:**

Registration \$10.00  
Includes light  
breakfast & lunch

**RSVP:**

201-306-2353  
lindabrosania@gmail.com

**Speaker:**

Steve Huston  
Organizing Co-Leader/Resource Presbyter

**Program:**

Doing Mission in Partnership



**Offering:**

Presbyterian Camp Grier, Old Fort, NC  
Hurricane Helene Relief  
<https://www.campgrier.org/>



## Fall Gathering Offering 2024

This year we will support an outreach to victims of Hurricane Helene at Camp Grier in North Carolina.

At [Camp Grier](#) in McDowell County, North Carolina, (30 minutes east of Asheville), years of building up local relationships around outdoor recreation opportunities meant local people were familiar and comfortable with the camp. While Camp Grier itself didn't sustain much damage following Helene, the nearby town of Old Fort, North Carolina, suffered widespread destruction. Power and water were restored to Camp Grier about a week after Hurricane Helene and the camp welcomed anyone to come for showers, meals, water, laundry and charging electronics. Camp Grier prepared for a group of about 300, so they were well-stocked to care for their community. Jason McDougald, who serves as executive director, estimated they were serving over 100 meals a day for the first few days, with dozens coming for showers and lodging.

"Being in an outdoor community helps you prepare for things like this – it teaches you resilience and adaptability. There's rain, or the power's out? Time for a new plan!" McDougald said. He acknowledged the fatigue of being in a disaster zone and was glad to provide an escape for his neighbors. "They feel comfortable coming up here. Camp is approachable," he said.

**Donations will be collected at the Fall Gathering or may be sent to:**

***Liz Hemminger***

***137 Clarewill, Montclair NJ 07043***

***or by Zelle to 973.744.2920 or through Venmo to 973.744.2920***





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## News from the Churches



### South Presbyterian Church Bergenfield

#### World Communion Sunday

Many thanks to **Presbyterian Outlook** for providing the Liturgy for World Communion Sunday. While South Presbyterian was in transition for a new pastor, this service was well recieved and a blessing.

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Matzah** is unleavened bread reminds us of all who eat their bread in haste. It symbolizes for us all the refugees who, like the ancient Israelites, leave their homes and flee from danger. May it remind us, too, of the homeless in our own city and country.

**We pray, O God, for your church among those with no place to call home. May we learn from their searching faith, and may we be a place of welcome for all who seek safety.**

**Tortillas** remind us of Central and South America, where faith and culture have colored one another beautifully; but also a place where Christians live with violence, drugs, and conflict as a daily reality.

**We pray, O God, for your church in places beset by violence and still colored by hope. May we learn from the persistent faith of our Latino brothers and Latina sisters, and may we look upon them with compassion as our neighbors.**

**The baguette** reminds us of Europe, with its vast cathedrals that are often empty. It represents those who keep the faith alive in lean times and reminds us that the church is not a building, but a community of people.

**We pray, O God, for your church in places where its power is diminished and its followers are few. May we learn from the age-old faith of our European brothers and sisters, and may we live our faith so that our faith might live.**

**Cornbread** reminds us of Native Americans who first recognized God in the rhythms of nature. It reminds us that the land we call home once belonged to others.

**We pray, O God, for your church as it exists in every land. May we learn from the earthy faith of our Native American brothers and sisters, and may we care for the land and all those who call it home.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, dwell in these breads and in this cup that they might be for us the body and blood of Christ. Come, dwell in your people of every land and language that we might be united with one another to be the body of Christ in every corner of the world today. Amen.**

Submitted by Diane V Nafash



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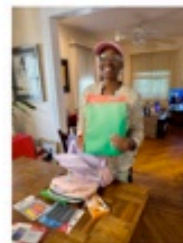
## News from the Churches

### 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 summer of 2024, 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 80+ backpacks that were filled with grade appropriate school supplies for grades K-12 and gift cards for college students. The bookbags and gift cards were distributed to our Legacy Angel Tree children, to foster children, and to children in our Bethel community and neighborhood. Presbyterian Women from the United Presbyterian Church of Lyndhurst and The First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie partnered with us and contributed bookbags filled with supplies for a group home for foster children. And children in our Bethel community received \$25 each from the Lorraine Williams Memorial Fund. Lorraine was a master teacher who always made sure that every child had what they needed to do well in school and in life. Her legacy lives on at Bethel.



*Submitted Sept 2023  
by Pastor Martha Day*







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### Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green



**Live Nativity Story**  
 Friday December 20, 2024  
 7:00PM  
 Live Stable Animals  
 Free of Charge  
 Refreshments Following

**Bloomfield  
 Presbyterian  
 Church on the Green**  
 147 Broad Street,  
 Bloomfield, NJ  
 973-743-1796 bpcog.org

**Music by** Bloomfield Chorale directed by Ruth Hsu

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### Special Savings on Christmas Gifts

Twelve vividly imagined biblical characters speak to the many meanings of Christmas in Presbyterian pastor Ruth Boling's Advent book, *Season's Greetings: Christmas Letters from Those Who Were There*. "With this blend of captivating story telling and biblical scholarship, *Season's Greetings* will help you re-visit the nativity story anew" (September/October 2024 issue of *Horizons*, p. 35). The book includes journaling prompts, re-flection questions and a Leader's Guide. Order through December 1, 2024, and save 20 percent with promo code SG20 at [Store.UpperRoom.org](http://Store.UpperRoom.org). A perennial favorite CD, *Legacy Christmas: Carols from the Kirkbrims* with enchanting Celtic-inspired carols (including "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"; "O Holy Night"; "I Saw Three Ships"), performed by Nashville's and Ireland's top musicians.

**Shop now at [presbyterianwomen.org/shop](http://presbyterianwomen.org/shop) to save \$10!**

**Item PWR16200, \$5.00 plus shipping**

*From PW NewsBytes*



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### News from First Presbyterian in Irvington

**First Presbyterian Church of Irvington (FPCI) spearheaded the following celebrations during October.**

October 13, 2024 – A special "Pink Out" Worship Service in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness month – Highlights included musical performances by guest choirs, an educational presentation on the importance of early cancer screening by a health official from Newark Beth Israel Hospital, and an inspiring sermon by Deaconess Elizabeth Akinwumi from Apostolic Faith Church, entitled "Soaring with Eagles in the Middle of the Storm", and based on Isaiah 40: 28-31.

October 27, 2024 – The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Harvest and Thanksgiving Service, themed "Empowered by God, We Give Thanks and Serve", with 2 Timothy 1: 7-10 as the anchor scripture. Reverend Alexander Kwasi Asare, guest preacher from Ghana Presbyterian Church, delivered a message which challenged us to continually serve others, thereby demonstrating our love for God, who first loved us. Continuing the spirit of thanksgiving and service, congregants offered additional gifts, shared a tasty meal, and enjoyed sweet fellowship.

### Upcoming Events

November 16, 2024	Food distribution and a Coat Drive
December 21, 2024	25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Piano Recital of the Ekhatior School of Music

Thanks be to God for all His gifts which He continues to lavish upon us! May we in turn endeavor to be His hands and feet as we labor in His kingdom!

*Submitted by Lorraine Cuffie*





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### Elizabeth Avenue-Weequahic Presbyterian - Newark (EAWPC)

*"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."  
Ephesians 4:11-12*

The EAWPC's community of faith continues to persevere. Our mission is to win people to Jesus Christ and to nurture believers in the Christian faith through worship and service to the community.

This article is being written in October which is **Pastor Appreciation Month**, a celebration that was established in 1992 with a mission of uplifting and encouraging pastors, missionaries and religious workers. The idea of showing appreciation for our Clergy, Pastors, or Leaders is very Biblical and can be traced all the way back to Paul's new testament letters. Paul mentions this idea in a number of different letters that he writes to the various churches.

Scripture underscores the value of honoring those who lead and teach in the church and acknowledges the core admiration for those who take their calling as pastors to heart. Their selflessness becomes the central theme of ministry.

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## News from the Churches

### Elizabeth Avenue-Weequahic Presbyterian - Newark (EAWPC) continued

Below are scriptures and quotes of appreciation that our Women's Fellowship Ministry used in a presentation this month to pay tribute to our own Pastor, Elder Doris C. Peterson, C.R.E.:

- Romans 10:14-15: How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written:  
*"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"*
- 1 Timothy 5:17 reads: "The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is **preaching and teaching.**"
- **"Thank you** for being a shepherd to the flock and a guiding light in our lives." "Your dedication to the Lord's work touches our hearts and souls daily." "For your guidance, wisdom, and unwavering faith, we are forever grateful."
- **"Thank you** for being such a great example of living a life of faith. You're a blessing to our church. Thanks for all the ways you make a difference in our church and community. Thanks for all you do to make our church the encouraging and faith-building place it is!"

In conclusion, to biblically honor your pastors:

- **Serve** and love your pastor and their family. Serving and loving your pastor begins with praying for them and their family, but it shouldn't end there.....
- **Serve** and love the body of Christ.
- **Serve** and love your local community.

*Respectfully submitted,*

**Loretta Hazelwood, Moderator  
EAWPC Women's Fellowship Ministry**



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### First Presbyterian Church in Newark



On Sunday, November 3, 2024, in a special worship service followed by a formal reception, First Presbyterian Church in Newark welcomed Rev. Dr. Carol Lynn Patterson as Transitional Pastor/Teacher Elder. The service was led by Rev. Doris Glaspy, retired pastor, who has served our church as moderator since 2022.

A graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and Drew University, Rev. Dr. Patterson's experience includes serving as a member of the pastoral team at Calvary Baptist Church in Morristown, New Jersey, also as Chief Evangelism Officer of Setting the Captives Free Ministries. A teacher by nature, she is the creator of "God's Glory... Our Story", a biblically-based and culturally relevant curriculum that parallels salvation history with Black history. She is also the author of "Deceit", an empowering and liberating novel about resilience after setbacks that reminds people they are never stuck in any circumstance. Rev. Patterson is frequently invited to preach and teach for churches, associations and conferences with emphases on evangelism, social justice and discipleship; and she is committed to preaching, teaching and demonstrating a liberating gospel.

Prior to receiving the call to preaching the gospel, Dr. Carol led a successful career in multicultural marketing communications and was recognized by EBONY Magazine as an Outstanding Woman in Marketing & Communications, the Morris County Branch of the NAACP with the Community Leaders Social Justice Award, and Business News NJ as one of the Top 10 Women in the State.

*Submitted by Elders Bessie Lee Watts & April Booker-Russell*



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# News from the Synod

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*Mission projects we all could participate in and feel good about, together in service project for our Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast.*



**Participating in Socktober is as easy as you'd like to make it!**  
**Here are some simple steps to get started:**

- **Collect Socks:** Start by setting up a donation box at your workplace, school, or community center. Encourage colleagues, friends, and family to contribute.
- **Donate:** At the end of the month, gather all the collected socks and donate to your local homeless shelter, senior center, battered women's shelter, or prison.



*Beyond Socktober*



November could be donations to food banks for Thanksgiving items.  
December could be toys for tots for the children in your local community.  
We could collect gloves and hats for the adults and children in your local homeless shelter or senior center.

*Adina Yacoub, PWSNE CT member for Mission / Together in Service*



## Reflections of the 2024 Presbyterian Women Churchwide Gathering

August 8, 2024 – August 11, 2024

*The Churchwide Gathering theme came from 1 Corinthians 16:13-14. The Gathering truly fulfilled its mission to **do everything in love**. Seen all through the eyes of love and do all in love. At every turn while at the Gathering, I came across smiles and kindness. It was evident to me that love of all was in the hearts and minds of our attendees. Each day we were guided by "The Bluebird", the state bird of Missouri. The bringer of good tidings.*



**Jo Ann Burrell,**  
Voting Rep PWPENJ

**Day 1, PM.** Shari Stump, comedian and MC, opened Plenary. Shari welcomed us and made us laugh throughout the program. Jeanette Huie, Chair of the CWG 2024 and Susan Jackson-Dowd, Executive Director PW, Inc. welcomed us to St. Louis and the St. Louis Convention Center. The land acknowledgement was provided by Jessica Maudlin, Associate for Sustainable Living and Earth Care Concerns, Presbyterian Hunger Program, followed by the Processional of United States of America Mission Experience (USAME) 2019 participants, United States of America Mission Experience (USAME) 2023 participants, 2018-2021 Moderator and Vice Moderator for Mission Relationships, 2021-2024 Moderator and Vice Moderator, current Board of Directors members, and Board of Directors members whose term ends in 2024, and PW Staff. Greetings were given by Liz Rolf Kanerva, Associate Presbytery Leader, Gidding-Lovejoy Presbytery. Welcome message from the Presbyterian Mission Agency, Diane Moffett, President & Executive Director. Our theme color for Thursday is to wear black. "Thursdays in Black" is a world Council of Churches movement that encourages individuals to wear **black** as a symbol of their commitment to bring about a world without rape & violence against women.



### Day 1 Theme was "What's love got to do with it?"

This gives us a lot to think about. We should honor Presbyterian Women past; we honor the journey of sacred places; we honor the journey through a pandemic, grief, moments of joy, life changes, lives begun, lives completed; we honor God who travels these roads, faces these trials, and celebrates these moments with us. We are filled with hope as we look forward into Presbyterian Women's work in the world. We are filled with hope for how the Spirit will move us and the days we are given.

Our keynote speaker was **Cindy Kohlmann** Correctional Presbyter of New Castle Presbytery & Co-Moderator of the 223<sup>rd</sup> GA 2018. The title of her presentation was **"Who Needs a Heart?"** Ms. Kohlmann reminded us that we are called to love our neighbors as ourselves, and how do we confront our neighbors who cause harm. The plenary was closed with prayer from Linda Lee, CWG Plenary Team Chair, sending us off with joy, excitement, and hope for a new tomorrow.

***We learned that Love really has everything to do with it!***



### Day 2, AM. Our theme was "Loving Our World".

This day we wore **red** as a symbol of our commitment to stopping violence against Native women & children. **Patricia Tull**, author of the 2024-2025 "Let Justice Roll Down" study presented us with connections between the Bible and the environmental issues of today. Our keynote speaker was **Yung Me Morris**, Spiritual Care & Bereavement Care Coordinator at Heartland Home Care & Hospice. She discussed famine, and the concepts surrounding lack of food for the world. She provided thought provoking ideas and relaxed us with appropriate humor. Prayers of the Community was done by the participants of the **USA Mission Experience 2023 to the US southern border**. Their group prayer was thought provoking and moving. I recommend that you invite Marianne Montero, our PWS Representative, to speak to your group/church about the 2023 mission trip to the border.

### Evening Plenary: Theme "Loving Our Neighbors".

**Rashell Hunter**, author of the 2025-2026 "Finding Resilience" study gave us an insight. Finding Resilience will help us reconnect with God and find our identity. A video presentation of 16 PW Grantees beautifully demonstrated our love of the world, and how Presbyterian Women have helped women and children on almost every continent. It was quite a moving informative show of how our Thank and Birthday Offering funds help the world.



### Day 3, AM. Our theme was "Loving Ourselves".

We wore **orange** this day in solidarity with women and girls worldwide who deal with domestic violence. Veda Pendleton, will be the author of the 2026-2027 Horizon's Bible Study. It was not named, she encouraged us to continuing studying the Bible in her greetings message to us.

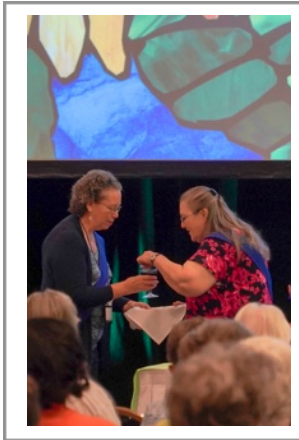
**Laura Cheifetz** was the keynote speaker. She reminded us that we must love from the inside and the outside. To do this we must love ourselves, as God loves us. An offering was collected of over \$17,000.00 for our grant recipient "Frontera de Cristo", a non-profit organization that provides various services to people at our southern border. Offering prayer was offered by **Christine Casanova**, Synod of the Southwest Moderator.



### Evening Plenary theme was "Loving Our Community".

At dinner in the Convention Center Ballroom, we shared our stories and played trivia games. The Gift Cards brought to the Gathering by attendees were given to Bethel Hills and Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services. This non-profit provides a combination of programs to service children in foster care, in need of homes, and help in strengthening families. Closing prayer was by **Ruth Fong**, Asian/Asian American Member-at-Large, sending to reflect on all we learned and did these three days. We were sent off with a vision for the future from our new Moderator Pam Snyder, and Vice Moderator Kelsey Law.





**Day 4, AM. Our theme was "Loving Out Loud".**  
**Cheryl Mayo**, Moderator of Presbyterian Women

Synod of Mid-America opened us with joy, and shared highlight videos from the past 3 days of us at the Gathering. The Call to Worship by Moderator **Pam Snyder**, the Prayer of Confession was by Board of Directors Finance Chair 2024-2027 **Susan Brooks**, and the Assurance of Pardon was by Board of Directors Search Committee Moderator **Terri Sherman**. Get to know your Search Committee Moderator. She will need help filling positions for the years 2027-2030. Be sure to help her! Our keynote speaker was **CeCe Armstrong**, Associate Pastor of St. James on James Island, Charleston, SC, and Co-moderator of the 226<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 2024. Her sermon was called **"Love Always ..."** *She reminded us that this love is ours as children of God, and that love forgives, in love we are forgiven, and we are at peace with God and each other.* Communion was administered giving us the prayer of Thanksgiving in English, Korean, and Spanish. Prayer was offered with words of institution. We are now restored and renewed, we are equipped, empowered, enabled and emboldened to go forth into the world to serve with our hearts, loving our neighbors and ourselves.



**The Bluebird guided us through each day's theme** and our activities, and she sent us home to share the Good News, and for us to encourage each other to **"Do Everything in Love"**.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
**Jo Ann Burrell**, Voting Rep PWPNNENJ  
 September 1, 2024



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Only a few of the many moments of recognition and occasions at Church Wide Gathering 2024





# 2024 Book Discussion Group

# JUSTICE and PEACE



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.

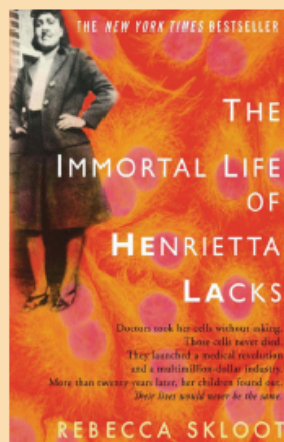


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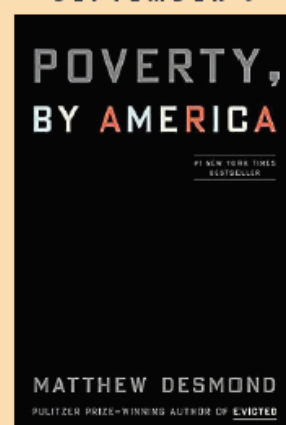
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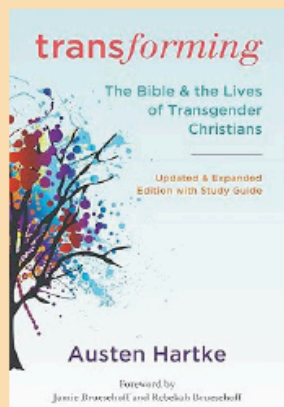
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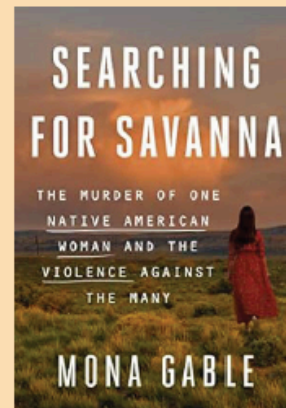
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# *Working for Justice and Peace*

## Presbyterian Women **J&P** calendar **2024**

We are called to share God's love with the world by being God's hands in the world. we answer God's call to "do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8).

### **NOVEMBER**

**Native American Heritage Month;** [archives.gov/news/topics/native-american-heritage-month](https://archives.gov/news/topics/native-american-heritage-month) or [nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov](https://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov)

**10 Hunger and Homelessness Sunday;** [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger](https://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger)

**11 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) on *Searching for Savanna: The Murder of One Native American Woman and the Violence Against the Many* by Mona Gable.**

**Register at;** [presbyterianwomen.org/justice](https://presbyterianwomen.org/justice)

**13 World Kindness Day;** [randomactsofkindness.org/world-kindness-day](https://randomactsofkindness.org/world-kindness-day)

**20 Universal Children's Day;** [un.org/en/observances/world-childrens-day](https://un.org/en/observances/world-childrens-day)

**20 Transgender Day of Remembrance;** [glaad.org/tdor](https://glaad.org/tdor)

**25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women;** [un.org/en/events/endviolenceday](https://un.org/en/events/endviolenceday) or [unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action](https://unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action)

**25–D10 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence;** [unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action/16-days-of-activism](https://unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action/16-days-of-activism)

**28 Thanksgiving;** [americanindian.si.edu/sites/1/files/pdf/education/thanksgiving\\_poster.pdf](https://americanindian.si.edu/sites/1/files/pdf/education/thanksgiving_poster.pdf) or [presbyterianmission.org/resource/just-living-alternative-thanksgiving-ideas](https://presbyterianmission.org/resource/just-living-alternative-thanksgiving-ideas)

### **DECEMBER**

**1 World AIDS Day;** [presbyterianmission.org/resource/presbyterian-aids-awareness-sunday-worship-material](https://presbyterianmission.org/resource/presbyterian-aids-awareness-sunday-worship-material)

**5 International Volunteer Day;** [un.org/en/observances/volunteer-day](https://un.org/en/observances/volunteer-day)

**10 International Human Rights Day;** [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human\\_Rights\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_Rights_Day)

**18 International Migrants Day;** [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International\\_Migrants\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Migrants_Day)

**25 Christmas;** [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/nativity-lord-christmas](https://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/nativity-lord-christmas)

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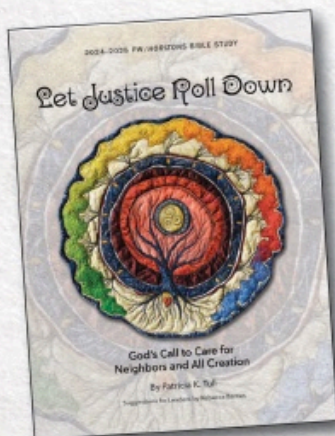
Introducing the 2024–2025 PW/*Horizons* Bible study

# Let Justice Roll Down

God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation

By Patricia K. Tull

With Suggestions for Leaders by Rebecca Barnes



Patricia K. Tull, author of the 2024–2025 PW/*Horizons* Bible study *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*, describes her call for creation justice in this way: "When I first learned of the climate crisis, I wondered how a biblical scholar with few practical skills could help and found my purpose in learning about ecology and teaching people of faith what I could. Such is not everyone's skillset or desire, but each of us has something to do with all our hearts."

We invite you to join Presbyterian Women as we explore, with all our hearts, God's call to care for our neighbors and for creation. Readers will learn about ecological systems, the challenges we face in this time of accelerated climate change, and the possibilities available to address or counter the impact of human-made stress on our environment. Further, readers will explore theological questions that point us to act and engage, in small and large ways.

## About the Authors

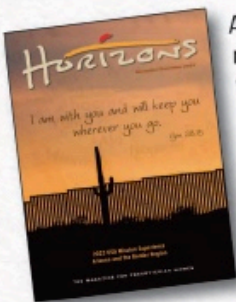


The Rev. Dr. Patricia K. Tull is A. B. Rhodes Professor Emerita of Hebrew Bible at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Among other publications, she is author of the 2001–2002 Presbyterian Women/*Horizons* Bible study *Esther's Feast* and of *Inhabiting Eden: Christians, the Bible, and the Ecological Crisis* (Westminster John

Knox, 2013). A Climate Reality presenter, GreenFaith Fellow, and former program director of Hoosier Interfaith Power & Light, Trisha lives on fifty acres outside of Henryville, Indiana, with her spouse, the Rev. Don Summerfield. They have six children and seven grandchildren.



The Rev. Rebecca Barnes coordinates the Presbyterian Hunger Program, addressing intersectional, underlying causes of hunger. Rebecca is a graduate of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary where she earned Master of Divinity and Master of Art in Religion degrees in 2011. While in seminary, she authored *50 Ways to Help Save the Earth: How You and Your Church Can Help Make a Difference*, which was reprinted for distribution to the commissioners of the 2016 General Assembly of the PC(USA). She enjoys gardening with native plants and growing vegetables, hiking, yoga, reading, and time with her family that includes two young adult children and a new granddaughter.



Additional helps in *Horizons* magazine begin with the Summer 2024 issue. Subscribe to *Horizons* magazine and receive in each upcoming issue\* the Anna H. Bedford Bible Study Resource. Written for group or individual use, the Bible Study Resources provide even deeper engagement with the study.

*Issue	Lessons
Summer 2024	1 and 2
September/October 2024	3 and 4
November/December 2024	5 and 6
January/February 2025	7 and 8
March/April 2025	9

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## Bible study, supplemental materials, and other helps!\*

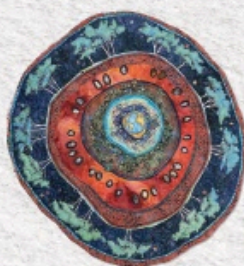
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- Spanish edition; item HZN24110; \$10
- Spanish download edition; item HZN24111; \$10; purchase and download at [presbyterianwomen.org/shop](http://presbyterianwomen.org/shop)
- Large-print edition (spiral bound, one-color interior); item HZN24150; \$15
- Ecumenical edition; item HZN24102; \$10
- Audio edition; download only; item HZN24172; \$15; purchase and download at [presbyterianwomen.org/shop](http://presbyterianwomen.org/shop)

### Supplemental materials

- *Let Justice Roll Down* Companion DVD; Patricia K. Tull's video introduction for each lesson of the study, about 10 minutes per lesson; item HZN24103; \$20
- *Let Justice Roll Down* Companion DVD download; item HZN24104; \$20; purchase and download at [presbyterianwomen.org/shop](http://presbyterianwomen.org/shop)
- *Workshop for Leaders*; item HZN24101; available as a free download
- Pendant/charm; features the cover art from the study; item HZN24300; \$10
- Promotional flier; item HZN24411; available as a free download
- Promotional poster; item HZN24410; free download only at [presbyterianwomen.org/shop](http://presbyterianwomen.org/shop).
- Bulletin cover—8 1/2" x 11"; item HZN24105; free download only at [presbyterianwomen.org/shop](http://presbyterianwomen.org/shop)
- **Author blog**; journey with the author through the study with Patricia's monthly blog; the first blog will be posted August 2024; visit and bookmark [presbyterianwomen.org/blog](http://presbyterianwomen.org/blog).

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**Lesson One**  
**Environmental Justice**

Scripture: Ezekiel 33:21; 34:8; 17; 18-19



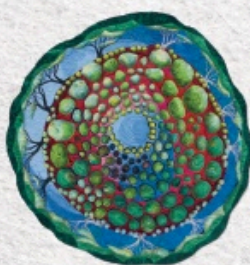
**Lesson Two**  
**Land Justice**

Scripture: Genesis 2:7; Leviticus 25:23; 25; 26-27; 28; Deuteronomy 20:16-18; Joshua 6; 1 Kings 21:1-16; Psalm 24:1-2; Isaiah 5:8



**Lesson Three**  
**Food Justice**

Scripture: Genesis 1:22, 3:19; Exodus 16:13-18, 19-21; Joshua 5:12; Psalms 65:11-14, 78:23-29, 105:40-41; Hosea 4:1b-3; Matthew 13:8; Mark 4:8; Luke 8:8



**Lesson Four**  
**Water Justice**

Scripture: Genesis 1:2, 6-7, 9; 2:10; 3:17-19; 4:12; 5-6; 6-9; 7:17-24; 9:18-17; 12:10; 26:1; 42:5; 46



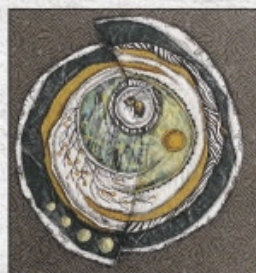
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**Air Quality**

Scripture: Genesis 1:26, 30; 2:7; 6:17; 7:15, 22; Psalms 32:2; 104:29; Job 7:11; Isaiah 42:5; Ezekiel 11:5; 37:5, 8, 10



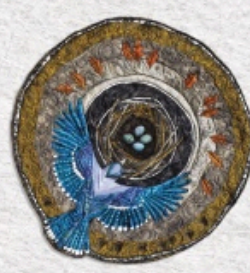
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**Climate Change**

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 1:14; 2:24; 3:9-11; Isaiah 22:13; Jeremiah 37:11-16; Luke 12:16-21; 12:19; 1 Corinthians 13:12 (KJV)



**Lesson Seven**  
**Economic Climate Justice**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 15:7-11; Matthew 26:11; Mark 14:7; John 12:8



**Lesson Eight**  
**Intergenerational Justice**

Scripture: 2 Kings 22:20; 23:25; 23:29-30; 24-25; 25:27-30



**Lesson Nine**  
**Sustaining Creation's Health for All**

Scripture: Genesis 1:29-30; Psalm 104; Isaiah 2:1-5; Micah 4:1-4; Matthew 13:31-32

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# Birthday Offering

OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



*"So have no fear;  
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will provide  
for you and  
your little ones."*

*In this way  
he reassured them,  
speaking kindly  
to them.*

—Genesis 50:21



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**Advocates for Community Choice**  
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**Marthasville, Missouri**  
**Bethelhills.org**  
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**Shawnee Presbyterian Church**  
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## Resources to Promote and Receive the 2024 Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women

### Essentials

The 2024 Birthday Offering promotional booklet, which is mailed to PW leaders, includes grant recipient summaries; dedication service; promotional resource flier; instructions for giving. Available as a download in English, Korean and Spanish as well! Item PWR24451; free.

The 11" x 17" 2024 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 PWR24453; free.

2024 Birthday Offering promotional flier (8½" x 11")  
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### Receiving the Offering

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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.

2024 Birthday Offering bulletin insert — Download only; item PWR24450; [presbyterianwomen.org/birthday](http://presbyterianwomen.org/birthday).

2024 Birthday Offering bulletin cover (8½" x 11") — Download only; item PWR24452; [presbyterianwomen.org/birthday](http://presbyterianwomen.org/birthday).

2024 Birthday Offering promotional video (English, Spanish and Korean) — Available on PW's YouTube channel: [youtube.com/presbyterianwomen](https://youtube.com/presbyterianwomen).

### More to Explore!

The January/February 2024 issue of *Horizons* magazine includes the grant recipient list as well as a dedication service. Available to order January 2024; item HZN24200 \$4.00. (Not a *Horizons* magazine subscriber? Call 866/802-3635 or visit [presbyterianwomen.org/horizons](http://presbyterianwomen.org/horizons) to subscribe!)

*Messages of Reconciliation and Hope: 75 Years of Birthday Offerings, 1922–1997*, by Catherine Stewart Vaughn. Item PWR00507, \$3.00.

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# 2024 THANK OFFERING OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



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—2 Corinthians 9:11–12



*muchas gracias a Dios*

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Learn more about the  
*Thank Offering*  
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### Resources to Promote the 2024 Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women

#### *Essentials*

The **2024 Thank Offering promotional booklet** is mailed to PW leaders and includes grant recipient summaries; a dedication service; a poster/placemat; and a promotional resource flier. Item PWR24475; Also available as a download in English, Korean and Spanish at [presbyterianwomen.org/thank](http://presbyterianwomen.org/thank); free.

The 11" x 17" **2024 Thank Offering poster/placemat** is versatile; use side one as a poster to promote the offering; use side two as a placemat for celebrations and meals. Available as singles, so order as many (or as few) as needed! Item PWR24473; free.

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**2024 Thank Offering bulletin cover** (8½" x 11") Download only; item PWR24476. Download at [presbyterianwomen.org/thank](http://presbyterianwomen.org/thank); free.

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## EXERCISE YOUR BRAIN

### FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT WORD SEARCH

Words can be found in a straight line, horizontally, vertically, forward or backward.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." (Galatians 5: 22-23 NASB)

Bonus Words: forbearance, fruit, generosity, longsuffering, meekness, spirit, temperance,

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(NLT) <sup>22</sup> But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

(NIV) <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, Faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

(KJV) <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

(NRSV) <sup>22</sup> By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

(NKJV) <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

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## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT - PSALM 23

Described as a scripture 'for all occasions', Psalm 23 is one of the best-known and most often-quoted and memorized Old Testament passages in the Bible. The renowned American Congregationalist clergyman, Henry Ward Beecher, wrote in part:

*"It has charmed more griefs to rest than all the philosophy of the world ... It has comforted the noble host of the poor. It has sung courage to the army of the disappointed. It has poured balm and consolation into the heart of the sick, of captives in dungeons, of widows in their pinching griefs, of orphans in their loneliness. Dying soldiers have died easier as it was read to them; ghastly hospitals have been illuminated. It has visited the prisoner and broken his chains. It has made the dying Christian slave freer than his master and consoled those whom, dying, he left behind mourning, not so much that he was gone, as because they were left behind, and could not go, too."*

Below are renderings of this 'familiar' Psalm found in the varying versions of the Bible as well as two contemporary interpretations. I encourage you to take a little time to read each one thoughtfully. You may just gain a new insight into this powerful Psalm! Because of its familiarity, we run the risk of repeating it without giving much thought to its meaning and application to our daily lives.

### **King James Version (KJV)**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup>He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. <sup>3</sup>He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup>Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. <sup>5</sup>Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

### **The Message (MSG)**

<sup>1</sup>God, my shepherd! I don't need a thing. <sup>2</sup>You have bedded me down in lush meadows, you find me quiet pools to drink from. <sup>3</sup>True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction. <sup>4</sup>Even when the way goes through Death Valley, I'm not afraid when you walk at my side. Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure. <sup>5</sup>You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies. You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing. <sup>6</sup>Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life. I'm back home in the house of God for the rest of my life.

### **The New King James Version (NKJV)**

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### **New Century Version (NCV)**

The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need. <sup>2</sup>He lets me rest in green pastures. He leads me to calm water. <sup>3</sup>He gives me new strength. He leads me on paths that are right for the good of his name. <sup>4</sup>Even if I walk through a very dark valley, I will not be afraid, because you are with me. Your rod and your shepherd's staff comfort me. <sup>5</sup>You prepare a meal for me in front of my enemies. You pour oil of blessing on my head; you fill my cup to overflowing. <sup>6</sup>Surely your goodness and love will be with me all my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

### **The Passion Translation (TPT)**

<sup>1</sup>Yahweh is my best friend and my shepherd. I always have more than enough. <sup>2</sup>He offers a resting place for me in his luxurious love. His tracks take me to an oasis of peace near the quiet brook of bliss. <sup>3</sup>That's where he restores and revives my life. He opens before me the right path and leads me along in his footsteps of righteousness so that I can bring honor to his name. <sup>4</sup>Even when your path takes me through the valley of deepest darkness, fear will never conquer me, for you already have! Your authority is my strength and my peace. The comfort of your love takes away my fear. I'll never be lonely, for you are near. <sup>5</sup>You become my delicious feast even when my enemies dare to fight. You anoint me with the fragrance of your Holy Spirit; you give me all I can drink of you until my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup>So why would I fear the future? Only goodness and tender love pursue me all the days of my life. Then afterward, when my life is through, I'll return to your glorious presence to be forever with you!

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT - PSALM 23, Cont'd

**23RD PSALM FOR THE WORKPLACE**

The Lord is my real boss, and I shall not want. He gives me peace, when chaos is all around me.  
 He gently reminds me to pray before I speak and to do all things without murmuring and complaining.  
 He reminds me that He is my Source and not my job.  
 He restores my sanity every day and guides my decisions that I might honor Him in everything I do.

Even though I face absurd amounts of emails, system crashes, unrealistic deadlines, budget cutbacks, gossiping co-workers, discriminating supervisors, and an aging body that doesn't cooperate every morning, I will not stop – for He is with me!

His presence, His peace, and His power will see me through. He raises me up, even when they fail to promote me. He claims me as His own, even when the company threatens to let me go.

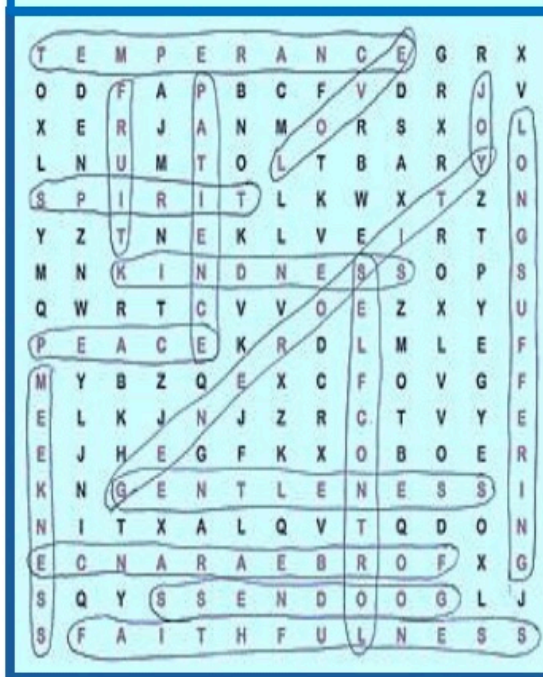
His faithfulness and love are better than any bonus check. His retirement plan beats every 401K there is. When it's all said and done, I'll be working for Him a whole lot longer and for that, I bless His Name.

C.R. Reed

Source: <https://www.apostolic.edu//23rd-psalm-for-the-workplace/>**AND ... FROM THE LIPS OF A CHILD !**

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Ricky was quite excited about the task, but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

On the day that the children were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was very nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, ***"The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know!"***

**Solution:*****Fruit of the Spirit Word Search***

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## Treasurer's Report

### PWNENJ Income and Expenditure July 2023 through October 2024

	Jul '23 - Oct 24
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Pledges	
PW in the Presbytery	1,300.00
PW Synod Pledge	450.00
PWUSA Mission Pledge	450.00
<b>Total Pledges</b>	<b>2,200.00</b>
Mission Offerings	
Least Coin	8.08
Birthday Offering	750.00
Thanks Offering	1,000.00
<b>Total Mission Offerings</b>	<b>1,758.08</b>
Gathering donations	
Offerings	256.00
<b>Total Gathering donations</b>	<b>256.00</b>
Interest	10.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4,224.08</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Pledge Payments	
PW in the Synod	200.00
PWUSA Mission Pledge	200.00
<b>Total Pledge Payments</b>	<b>400.00</b>
Mission Payments	
Thanks offering	1,000.00
Birthday offering	750.00
<b>Total Mission Payments</b>	<b>1,750.00</b>
Coordinating Team	
Connections	228.00
Misc CT Expenses	71.93
<b>Total Coordinating Team</b>	<b>299.93</b>
Gatherings of NPPW	
Fall Gathering	
Fall Speakers	200.00
<b>Total Fall Gathering</b>	<b>200.00</b>

### PWNENJ Balance Sheet As of October 31, 2024

	Oct 31, 24
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
TD Bank	13,495.45
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>13,495.45</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>13,495.45</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>13,495.45</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	17,179.78
Unrestricted Net Assets	-695.99
Net Income	-2,988.34
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>13,495.45</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>13,495.45</b>



# 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 Newark Presbytery Treasurer:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Send quarterly payments by March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15 to the PW Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey Treasurer: Liz Hemminger, 137 Clarewell Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07043

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  
Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey (PWPNNJ):

Liz Hemminger, 137 Clarewell Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07043  
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)

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

([www.pwsne.org](http://www.pwsne.org)) for many more  
opportunities for spiritual nurture and  
leadership development.

ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER  
ARE DUE ON APRIL 10, 2025  
THANK YOU.

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