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Gathering



July 25-27, 2019

First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa

“Live Abundantly in Christ” John 10:10

The Reverend Eugenia Gamble
and the Reverend Katie Cummings

<http://www.sospwconnect.com/sos-gathering-2019-text/>

Registration after June 1 is \$190

(See page 7 for special projects)

Online newsletter: <http://www.gracepresbytery.org/ministries/presbyterian-women/>



A Note from Bettina...

The Spring Workshops at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Sherman and at Oak Cliff Presbyterian Church in Dallas are over

and were attended by 135 Presbyterian Women. We were thrilled by the attendance and by the variety of churches that responded to our invitation. Nor'Kirk Presbyterian Church sent eight women to Sherman who were interested in starting a PW in their church! We were overwhelmed and blessed to meet them! Covenant PW had twenty members attend as well as visitors from Bridgeport, Denton, Denison, Flower Mound, and East Minster in Dallas. These were Presbyterian Women that we were interested in reaching who might not have attended a spring meeting in the past. Oak Cliff Presbyterian Church attracted a very large contingent from Garland as well as 24 members from their own church. PW Women from Preston Hollow, St. Luke, FPC Fort Worth, Commerce, Mabank, and Weatherford, also attended. Both of the host churches worked hard to provide a lovely meal in a beautiful setting after visitors attended various workshops and browsed mission tables.

One of the highlights of the workshops was the commissioning of USA Mission Experience delegate Julie Launey from First Presbyterian in Tyler. She will be traveling with nineteen other PW delegates to New York to learn about women important in the abolitionist movement, the suffrage movement, and in Native American Civil Rights. Everyone wished Julie a safe and educational trip in June. She will tell us about her experiences at the Fall Gathering at Central Presbyterian Church in Waxahachie this October on the 19th. She will receive half of the offering at Covenant Presbyterian and half at Oak Cliff Presbyterian to help pay USAME for her trip.

We also had some Synod of the Sun officers attend the Oak Cliff workshop: Ruth Ann Camp, Search Committee Co-Moderator from First Presbyterian in Kilgore; Sally Judge, CCT Representative, from the Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery; and Pam Dotson,

Communications Coordinator, from First Presbyterian in Mabank. I also met the Churchwide Moderator for Hispanic Presbyterian Women who attends Oak Cliff Presbyterian Church. Her name is Ruth Roman-Meza. She gave me information about our four Hispanic churches in the Metroplex: Inglesia Emmanuel, El Divino Salvador, Gethsemane Presbyterian, and Bethany Presbyterian. I was glad to learn more about her work and her trip to Puerto Rico, which will be a Churchwide visit for PW Hispanic delegates this summer.

If you didn't make it to the workshops, you missed a relaxing time, a lot of information, and a chance to meet like-minded women from all over North Texas. We heard from Kathy Dodson at PCHAS and Nancylee Hadley at Rahab's Rope. We sang with Kathy Moriarty as she introduced old and new hymns from our Glory To God Hymnal. There were African Crafts for browsing and new information on Presbyterian Histories from Eva Riggs. We had a large amount of participants learn how to make large crocheted mats for homeless people with Pam Dotson. I hope this will excite you enough to visit the Fall Gathering in Waxahachie!

Blessings on Your Path,
Bettina

Presbyterian Women



- ❖ We welcome.
- ❖ We witness.
- ❖ We work (and play!).

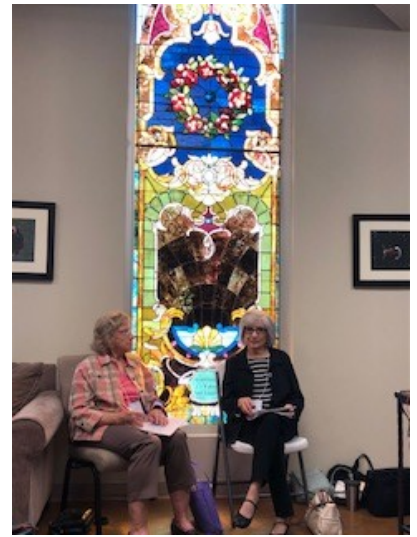
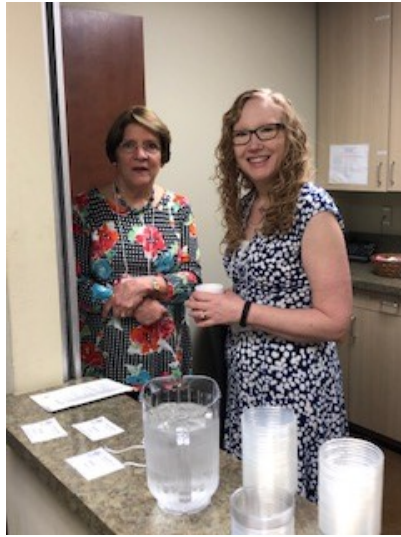
Putting faith in action is what we do!

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quantity for gatherings, workshops, committee meetings—or order one or more to add PW glamor to your notebook and scrapbooks!

PW folder sticker, item PWR19427, \$.25 each. Order **online** at www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop or call 800/533-4371, Monday–Friday, 9 AM–5 PM.



Spring Workshops Sherman, TX April 27

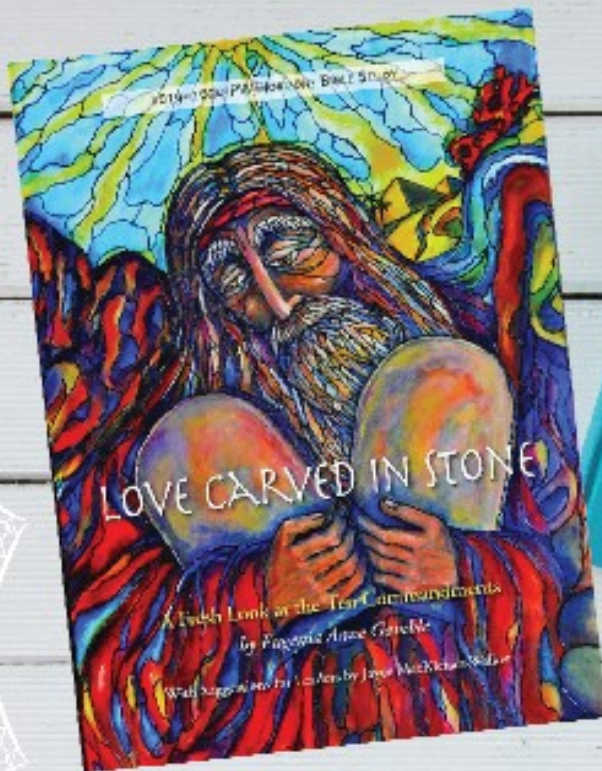




Spring Workshops Oak Cliff, TX May 4, 2019



FPC Presbyterian Women present
EUGENIA ANNE GAMBLE
author of



**TUESDAY,
AUGUST 27, 2019**

**10 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Program
12 p.m. Lunch (\$7)**

Please RSVP by
Monday, August 19
as an individual or a group
at fpcf.org/pw



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**FALL GATHERING OF
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
& PRESENTATION OF
HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY**



All Presbyterian Women are invited to hear Eugenia Anne Gamble, author of the 2019-20 PW/Horizons Bible Study, explore a fresh embrace of the Ten Commandments (or words). What would it mean to consider the Ten Commandments not as a harsh list of what not to do but, instead, as a "love letter" from a loving God? Bring your copy of the study with you.

Learn more about the study at
[www.presbyterianwomen.org/
bible-study/love-carved-in-stone/](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study/love-carved-in-stone/)



Two women from the PW at First Presbyterian Church attended the **2019 Gilmont Women's Retreat at Camp Gilmont**. The theme was "The Pause" a time for relaxation and reflection. Tina Selvaggi and Bettina Zvanut participated in a weekend of prayer, meditation, singing, tai chi, yoga and hikes. Tina Selvaggi was also a presenter at three workshops where she educated and oversaw the attendees who wanted to experience the two labyrinths available for walking. Tina gave a talk on the history of labyrinths and used her own extensive knowledge of their structure to guide the group in drawing their own based on the design of the Chartres Cathedral.

Nearly fifty women attended the retreat from churches as far as Cleburne, Carrollton, and Arlington, and as close as Longview, Mt. Pleasant, and Athens. The headline speaker was Reverend Kate McGee who is pastor at Westminster Presbyterian church in Arlington, Texas. She presented studies on Hagar, Photine, and Mary throughout the two days; then she led the Sunday morning communion service in the Crain Center.

The weather was perfect, and everyone enjoyed the healthy food, beautiful scenery, and companionship with other Presbyterian women!



Marie is the associate director of Gilmont and Kate McGee was the headliner who presented the Bible Study.

A Message from the Cluster Group Coordinator

PWs like to be on top of what is happening in PW or in the greater World. Help us get the work out about happenings of PW in Grace Presbytery, we need Cluster Leaders in all areas of Grace Presbytery.

Contact Meg Garver-Hamilton at 214-632-7003 or mgarverhamilton@gmail.com with your personal info and get on our mailing list: email or snail mail! Share the great news of what your group is doing. YOU can make a difference!

Work As Prayer

As we bend our bodies to a task, in that bending our bodies and the task become sacred.

Mother Ann Lee, founder of the shakers, was an inspiring and quixotic leader. One of her most important teachings was, like all shaker work, beautiful in its simplicity: "Hands to work, hearts to God." There are no menial tasks in a world where everything is sacred. Each task is an occasion for us to practice the presence of God. That was the role of a shaker in the world. How would this simple saying and practice transform your work?

*The chambers of thy soul expand,
And stretch thy tents abroad;
Clasp Labor in Religion's hand
And aid the work of God.
Shaker Hymn*

PW resources available as a download!

From Horizons Bible study resources, Birthday and Thank Offering resources, Mission Pledge resources, and more. Go to:

<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads> .

2019 PW Downloadable Resource Catalog
PWR 19002 is available at the store: new PW-logo items, apparel and gift items, and more

Together in Service
Hands-on Project for children in Puerto Rico
PW Pillowcases

Presbyterian Women can demonstrate their love, concern, and prayers for the children affected by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. We are partnering with the three presbyteries on the island to create personalized pillowcases and distribute them through Presbyterian churches and schools. PW will send personalized pillowcases to the PW of the Synod of Puerto Rico in August 2019. We are hoping for at least 100! How can you help?

Create a special pillowcase for a child. Be creative!

Purchase a “blank” pillowcase and ...

Create a pattern with fabric paint, stamps, or dip-dyes; Glue or stitch on embroidery, buttons, felt, or ribbons to make a picture; Use iron-on appliques; Stitch on lace borders or a crocheted edging

Or make your own pillowcases! Sew, quilt, crochet or knit a whole pillowcase with fun colors
Choose child-friendly designs; skilled sewers can make them reversible!

Be sure to include a message

Write a note telling a child in Puerto Rico that you are sending love and care with the pillowcase;

Send a prayer or special bible verse; Send a picture of yourself, church or PW group

Sew in a label that identifies the group or shares a word of hope (perhaps in Spanish)

Make it an intergenerational project

Invite a young person to decorate a pillowcase with you

Use the time to teach a new hands-on skill

Talk about the importance of mission while you're working



Instead of creating a pillowcase, you may choose to donate craft supplies

During the Presbyterian Youth Triennium in July 2019, we will use the PW exhibit space to create pillowcases. We need supplies such as: Pillowcases; Fabric glue and appliques
Fabric markers, stamps

Where to send completed pillowcases

Send to Presbyterian Women, attn: Cheri Harper
100 Witherspoon St.;
Louisville, KY 40202

Send pillowcases with youth who attend the Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Purdue University July 16-20, 2019. They can deliver the pillowcases to PW in the Exhibit Hall

Where to send donated craft supplies

Send to Presbyterian Women, attn: Cheri Harper
100 Witherspoon St.
Louisville, KY 40202

Or order supplies through Amazon (use AmazonSmile and donate a portion of your supplies to PW in the PCUSA—win-win!) and have them shipped directly to Louisville

Going beyond

Together in Service is PW's hand-on mission program that is supported, in part, through financial gifts. Send your contribution of any size to PW, Inc., Remittance Processing, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh PA 15264-3652; or give online (<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving-funding/give/>). Indicate the project name in the notes line of the check.

Share your Pillowcase Ministry online! Visit the PW Facebook and Pinterest page and post your ideas!

From Nancy Brandimarte: Sending an update on our Uganda school. The education system requires kids in junior high to take exams to help determine if they are going on to high school and whether they will take an academic track or an occupational one.

These photos are the second set of students to be ready to sit for the exams. In the fall six students took their exams and came through with flying colors.

As you see the Hope in Action group is seeking \$ assistance to register the students for their exams and to transport them to the exam location. If anyone in your group is interested in helping, funds can be sent to me by check.

And prayers for the kids are welcome. God continues to open doors.

The menfolk have built the new building and still need plywood to create classroom walls. I'm attaching a photo of the kids who will take the exams and the new school is in the background.




QUILT! Nancy Brandimarte sent this after the last deadline: All BLOCKS for our quilt have been received; they are all so beautiful, and indeed, unique ! THANKS to all the PW churches who participated by making blocks for the quilt to be donated to the Women's Shelter in Waco. The completed quilt will be displayed on several occasions before being given to the shelter so that everyone will have a chance to see it.



PW Circle II at St Andrew, Denton, celebrated Valentines with a Brunch at Betty Alford's. Table decor in red carnations and pink roses adorned the table, with a Red Velvet Bundt cake, fresh fruit and a delicious egg and pepper casserole. Lesson six in God's Promise to be with Us through our Trials from the Study Guide was led by Rev. Betty (B.L.) Sherman Jordan; Lib Berry, chairman, led the meeting and passed out Valentines to all present. The Least Coin offering was collected and led by Marcia Merritt, prayers of concern were offered for those who were absent or ill, and Nancy Merritt Brandimarte gave the Mission Report, announcing our new plastic bag "matt/blanket" project for the homeless

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Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA)
Presbyterian Women of Grace Presbytery

PW 101.8: Resources for Presbyterian Women

PW resources are available in many forms, some for purchase, some free to download or view, and even some to wear or share. Everything that PW offers—from video introductions for the Bible study (the annual companion DVD), to *Glimpses in Time* videos (available on PW's YouTube channel), even items such as PW pins and aprons—promote and support Presbyterian Women at all levels of the organization. Here is your guide to finding the resources you need.

- The free catalog, *Resources for Presbyterian Women* is available for download; this resource brims with items to consider, order and download; because the catalog is downloadable, the content is current. Visit www.presbyterianwomen.org and type “resource catalog” in the search box to find the most up-to-date edition.
- Browse free downloads at www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads.
- Visit the online PW Shop (www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop) to explore and order!
- *Horizons* is the magazine of Presbyterian Women; a subscription to *Horizons* includes six issues of the award winning magazine and the annual Bible study (mailed in March each year); to subscribe, call toll-free 866.802.3635; visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/horizons; or mail your \$24.95 check for a one-year subscription to *Horizons*/Presbyterian Women, PO Box 421, Congers NY 10920-0421. This resource is also available as a digital only subscription (Bible study not included).
- Visit the online PC(USA) Store, www.pcusastore.com, to order denominational materials, Westminster John Knox Press and Flyaway Books titles, and children's curriculum.

And if you are there to order the Book of Order, feel free to add PW items to your shopping cart while you're at it! (You may order your PW and PCUSA goodies by telephone as well; call toll-free 800.533.4371, Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.)

As you plan PW events in the congregations, presbyteries and synods, you will want to provide PW resources that interpret the

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PWs in the News...

Ridglea Presbyterian at River Oaks: “It was a cold, sometimes rainy weekend in March. Thirty-nine women of Ridglea Presbyterian Church headed to Granbury for a retreat whose theme was ‘change!’. Reverend Lynda Dinsdale guided us ever so loving as we explored this topic based on Scripture, Ecclesiastes 3:1-9. We wrestled with questions like:

- How can we accept change?
- How can we meet the challenge to stay strong?

Spiritual growth and wonderful fellowship developed. We encouraged each other to look for possibilities and be open to God's blessings!

On Gifts of Women Sunday we honored Marsha West with an honorarium for her faithful service to PWR and her invaluable leadership on our Relocation Committee.”

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mission and programming of Presbyterian Women, that support the life of PW, provide access to the nurturing publications of PW, and celebrate the community of PW. Contact carissa.herold@pcusa.org for guidance in sourcing your event.

News from you...

Submit articles from your women's group for the
Innovator
to Editor Karen Groman .
Next deadline is September 1

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First Presbyterian—Kilgore Thank you to those who delivered Meals on Wheels in February and March. Presbyterian Women provided lunch for Connection Sunday on March 31, with a brief program about the Birthday Offering and collected the offering. Kilgore Church Women met at First Baptist Church at 11:30 on Friday, April 26. All women were invited to this covered dish luncheon with Jessica Gramling presenting the program about PCHAS. Judy Cotton also gave a reading. PW is also sponsors for Meals on Wheels (delivered 120 meals) and nursing home birthday parties.. All women are welcome to attend any Circle. If you know anyone who would like to serve on the Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team for Synod of the Sun, please contact Ruth Anne Camp. Nominees can come from anywhere in the synod. The Easter lilies in the chapel and sanctuary were beautiful. Thanks to K Castles and Elaine Hall for taking care of the orders and placement of the flowers. We were able to send over \$400 to support the four missions chosen by the Birthday Offering to receive help this year. Thanks to all who purchased the lilies. The money raised will go to missions that Presbyterian Women support.

First Presbyterian—Bonham: Helping Hands Morning Circle has many ways to be involved, including quilting, fringing, organizing, cooking or knitting. They have made Peace Pals and sweaters for Patari Khurvaleti, Georgia, They have a fun morning of fellowship!

First Presbyterian, Athens: Our Brown Bag lunches have outgrown the meeting room! These gatherings are opportunities to learn about local mission projects, future PW events, and fellowship. Sharon Harding will be the new moderator.

Central Presbyterian -Waco has a group of knitters and crocheters (*Mission Crafters*) that meet once a month with the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit group (*Holy Hookers*—yeah, the priest gave them that name). We make hand made items for missions: prayer shawls, hats, scarves, mittens, washcloths, baby hats and blankets which are sent to a Romanian orphanage, the Crow and Navajo reservation, Homeless Coalition, and many other charities.

PWs in the News...

WANTED!! GRACE PW HISTORIES

So what was your PW doing in 2018 (and don't forget to turn in 2019 in January)? Who were your leaders? Did you have circles, special events, field trips, mission projects? We'd love to have your PW history for the record by mid-March.

Please use 8x11 inch, acid-free paper, if possible. Keep it short and simple. Include your church name and address, pastor's name, presbytery, synod, the year covered (school year or calendar year), the names of PW officers or contact person and address.

Include the number of women in the church, the number of circles and average attendance, life membership pins given (and to whom), PW reading or other awards and the highlights of the past year.

Add brief information about your church: the pastor, staff, session, members, highlights.

Make three copies:

- For your files (you may want to include photos and more detailed information there)
- For the Grace Presbytery historian: Eva Riggs, 4329 Quail Hollow Road, Fort Worth, TX 76133 (817-294-4978)
- For the Archivist Special Collections, John Bulow Campbell Library, Columbia Theological Seminary, PO Box 520, Decatur, GA 30031

Bible study 2019-2020:

Tell the truth, now: When you hear "The Ten Commandments," what's the first thing that comes to mind? Charlton Heston? Court battles over whether we can display them in public-school classrooms? For the coming year, the first thing on your mind should be "Presbyterian Women"!

The 2019-20 Bible Study, by Eugenia Gamble, is called "Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments." Come to this workshop and get introduced to the study, as well as suggestions for other resources "for further study": Bible studies, other spiritual/religious resources, even relevant "nonreligious" nonfiction and fiction.



Spring Workshop “Light In The Gap”

We heard the inspirational message of a group of church women who minister to women released from prison in Texas, often getting off the prison van in men’s clothes (although that is changing) with their few possessions in a net sack. *Light In the Gap* ministers with Snack Packs and Hygiene Kits as they board their busses in Waco’s bus station. If you wish to help, items needed are: individual size trail mix, crackers (cheese/peanut butter), cookies, raisins, granola bars, mints/gum, beef jerky, breakfast bars, small water bottles, homemade cookies (NO peanut cookies). Also travel sized shampoo and conditioner, hand lotion/hand sanitizer, toothpaste, toothbrushes, fun socks/fuzzy, band-Aids, face wipes, deodorant, small combs, small hair brushes, chapstick, safety razors, tissues (small packs). These items can be brought to Fall Gathering in October or sent to Central Presbyterian Church, 9191 Woodway Dr., Waco, TX 76712 and we will forward them.



2019 PW Synod of the Sun Gathering Tulsa, OK - July 25-27 Special projects

Emergency Infant Services is a non-profit organization providing help for children 5 years and under in the Tulsa area, assisting over 18,000 infants and toddlers each year. (<https://www.eistulsa.org/>)

1. **Layette supplies** (one of each for each bag): *sleeper and onesie* (newborn for preemie layettes and 0-3 mo. for newborn layettes), *pair of booties, fleece blanket, receiving blanket, baby wash, bottle, bulb syringe, pacifier, thermometer, and new reusable shopping bag* to put supplies in.
2. **Art kit:** *drawing paper, construction paper, markers, coloring and activity books, glue stick, and stickers.*

Inverness Village is a non-profit retirement community with a Memory Support Unit in Tulsa. (<https://www.invernessvillage.com/health-services/memory-support/>)

Fidget mats and aprons for Alzheimer’s patients: Goal is to make 12 mats or aprons for the Memory Support unit at Inverness Village in Tulsa; extra mats/aprons may be taken home by Gathering participants for patients in their communities. *Fabric place-mats; scraps of fabric, cuffs to button and unbutton, ribbon, lace, buttons, knitted flowers or other knitted objects, men’s ties, bows, zippers, shoelaces and other tactical odds and ends that can be hand-sewn or glued to the mats/aprons*



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To get your **PW Innovator** by email, notify the editor. The **PW Innovator** is published four times a year; first week in **March, June, September, and December**. **Deadlines for submission are February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1.** Submit to: **Karen Groman, 2009 Ruidosa Dr., Waco, TX 76712, kgroman@mygrande.net**

Notify the editor by mail or email to **remove your name** from the mailing list. The newsletter is available by mail, free of charge, to those without access to the Internet.

All Moderators and Circle Leaders need the PW Innovator. The Grace Presbytery Coordinating Team communicates timely information to your PW group through this newsletter.



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Address correction requested

2019

June

2 Intercultural Church Sunday
19 Juneteenth
20 World Refugee Day
23 PC(USA) World AIDS Sunday

July

4 Independence Day
7 Immigration Sunday
13 Coordinating Team meets at FPC Mesquite

August

6 Hiroshima Day
11 Day of Prayer Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula

19 World Humanitarian Day

25 Public Education Sunday

September

Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women

1 Season of Peace begins

1 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

2 Labor Day

21 International Day of Peace

27 Native American Day (*In Tennessee, it's on the 23rd.*)

25TH OF EVERY MONTH IS ORANGE DAY!!

See <http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice> for the complete calendar.



Ways to Stay Connected

Patty Heeter, Communications Coordinator

To find information, stay connected, and up to date you can go to gracepresbytery.org, click on Ministries, then Presbyterian Women. Here you will find links to resources, forms to be submitted, past issues of the *PW Innovator* and upcoming events.

Our Grace Presbytery PW Facebook page that can be found by logging into your Facebook account and searching for "Presbyterian Women of Grace Presbytery". Feel free to invite all of your PW friends to join and post pictures and information about what your local group is doing. We will also use this page to post reminders about upcoming events.