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Presbyterian Children's Homes and ServicesSM

You are invited to join PCHAS online for
our virtual Fall luncheon!

Our theme this year is "Building Better Futures"



PCHAS has two main goals; permanent homes for children and teaching self-sufficiency to families. In normal times we meet in person with children and families regularly to help them set and achieve goals. Nothing is normal this year, but we have continued to serve all clients via telehealth.

Our children and families were struggling before. Now they are in survival mode. To address their needs, we have allocated additional outreach funds which can be used for vital expenses such as rent, utility and food assistance!

Our outreach funds come directly from donations from people just like you! Join us for a virtual fundraising "luncheon" to learn how we're helping kids and families in need!

When: Thursday, November 5, 2020

Time: 12:00 - 12:45 p.m. Where: Zoom

Please email melnie.stovall@pchas.org to RSVP

Our children and families need us now more than ever. If you are unable to attend, but would like to help further our mission please give at www.pchas.org

For more information or to register please contact Melanie Stovall, Development Officer for Dallas and East Texas

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



A Note from Bettina...

Greetings to all of the Women of Grace Presbytery!

After the season of spring passed into summer, the Coordinating Team met and decided to change the way we will present a Fall Gathering. The covid-19 virus has surged in Texas, and we feel it would be dangerous for you or us to meet in person. The logistics would be a nightmare, as would the constant cleaning of every surface. We felt that many of you might hesitate to travel to the Presbyterian Children’s Home in Itasca. The Home is facing its own adversity with trying to protect the young people in its care. Therefore, we decided to choose a different path.

This fall, we intend to possibly videotape our featured speaker and place the lecture on the Grace Presbytery PW website. We will also present you with a budget which was produced by our treasurer and that has been approved by the Coordinating Team. We will place the budget on our website and ask for your vote by email or mail. Usually every Fall Gathering has an offering for a designated mission. Since we cannot visit Presbyterian Children’s Homes in Itasca, we will ask that everyone donate to them on their website. I’m sure that with the crisis in the economy, the Homes can use every resource that we can give.

One other item that should be voted on is the election of officers. We may present a slate to you on-line and ask for voting by text, email, or snail mail. The Coordinating Team will work on this and let you know. However, we may not have an installation service until a later date. We may postpone it until we can once again meet safely in person.

Our featured speaker at the Fall Gathering will be Meg Garver-Hamilton. She has served as Grace Presbytery PW Moderator, and in recent years, she has served as the Vice Moderator of Cluster Leaders. Last year, Meg traveled to Stony Point, New York to join a PW Churchwide Committee on Racism. After this working group met, each member was charged to train others to end racism. After seeing the events that re-

vealed murders across the country this spring, Meg has continued her reading and studying as well as receiving continued information from the committee. Her presentation this October will be titled: “We are One Race before God”. I hope that once it is posted, you will visit the Grace Presbytery Website at:

<http://www.gracepresbytery.org>

Presbyterian Women is under the dropdown menu at the top entitled “Missions and Ministry”. If you click on Presbyterian Women, you will find the Innovator from the past two years. By October, we will post Meg’s speech there and perhaps have some other offerings for you to peruse. You can also view news about PW women across North Texas on Facebook at: Presbyterian Women of Grace Presbytery,,,,, I hope you are all well and safe. Be careful until we can meet again!

Blessings on Your Path,

Bettina Zvanut



Meet Us in St. Louis in 2021!

PW in the PC(USA) has set the date for 2021 Churchwide Gathering—August 5-8, 2021. Mark your calendars, start saving and stay tuned to all PW communications channels. Visit PW’s Churchwide Gathering page periodically to stay updated:

www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering

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, especially South 1 and 2. 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!

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PW 101.14: PW Meets—In Person and Virtually One of the many strengths of Presbyterian Women (the organization and those who are Presbyterian women) is our connectedness. Just attend a presbytery, synod or churchwide gathering and you will quickly and clearly see that our connectedness links us one to another in ministry and outlook. We are never strangers, even when we have never met! Living out our PW Purpose unites and challenges us, as individuals and as a community. Our denomination relies on our rootedness and our connectedness. PW is a blessing to our church and the wider world. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Presbyterian women are finding ways to stay connected—within our circles and communities as well as regionally and nationally. We support our church and organization through financial support and through participating in online worship services, PW virtual town halls and coffee hours. We telephone and connect with our sisters, supporting one another during trying times. We advocate for our

PWs in the News...

The Oak Cliff Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Women have launched a mission-driven program to aid in the care and feeding of two under-served groups in the Dallas area during this pandemic. Each Monday, members prepare and deliver 3-course meals with dessert or fruit to its church family who depend on this source to augment their health and well-being. One parishioner commented that she feels less isolated, and truly grateful for the outreach that these meals represent.

In addition, the church has meals and snacks delivered twice a week to the nurses at Charlton Methodist Hospital's COVID unit. The nurses have let it be known that they appreciate the food that allows them "eat on the run" while they are busy attending to their patients.

Speaking for her organization, Moderator Jan Rivens says "it is gratifying to be able to help others during this challenging time."

Central Presbyterian—Waco finished up their Bible Study year via Zoom. Plans are to begin Zooming again with the new study, *Into the Light: Finding Hope in Prayers of Lament*, in September. How is your group handling the Covid-19 restrictions?

PW 101.14: (cont.) brothers and sisters who need our care. And countless of us are making (and sharing ideas for crafting) masks to share with first responders and others within our communities who are stocking shelves and delivering boxes. Even with busy hands and praying hearts, we support PW's life-giving Birthday Offering (established in 1922), knowing that together, PW's many ministries and programs rely on us for steadfastness and connectivity.



The **PW Innovator** is **online** at <http://www.gracepresbytery.org/ministries/presbyterian-women/>. It is in color and can be read online or printed out for later use.

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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2020 25TH OF EVERY MONTH IS ORANGE DAY!!

September (cont.)

7 Labor Day
21 International Day of Peace
25 Native American Day (23rd, in Tennessee)

October *Domestic Violence Awareness/Fair Trade Month*

4 World Communion Sunday
11 International Day of the Girl Child
12 National Indigenous Peoples' Day
16 World Food Day
18 Children's Sabbath: Educate a Child, Transform the World
24 United Nations Day

November *Native American Heritage Month*

7 GWPWCT meets

8 Caregiver Sunday
13 World Kindness Day
15 Hunger and Homelessness Sunday
20 Universal Children's Day

November

25 International Day: Elimination of Violence against Women
25–Dec.10 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence
28 Thanksgiving
29 Advent begins

December

25 Christmas



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.