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Spring Workshops - ZOOM

Yes we are going virtual for Spring gathering on May 15th! Two virtual offerings will be *PW 2021-2022 Bible Study Preview* at 10:00 am and *Officer Training* at 11:00. you can join us by using the following information. Zoom meetings can be interactive or you can phone in and listen. Please remember to mute yourselves when the presenter is talking. Questions can be asked through the chat feature or by raising your virtual hand. If you aren't familiar with Zoom, tutorials are available online on YouTube and at the Zoom website. You can easily download the free Zoom app to your computer or tablet or smart phone.

To join the Zoom Meeting use this address:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84144549278?pwd=ZjVrTjNMSUVLRkNTd2lhMFJPeGtzQT09>
Meeting ID: 841 4454 9278 Passcode: 685755

If you have Zoom installed, just enter the Meeting ID: 841 4454 9278 and then the Passcode: 685755 and wait to be admitted to the meeting.

No computer or smart phone? You can phone in and listen. Call your local Zoom number and follow directions to be connected. You will need the meeting ID and Passcode. One tap mobile numbers:

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+12532158782,,84144549278#,,,*685755# US (Tacoma)

Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/krmDiyGx2>

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



Meg's Musings 2021

My Dear Sisters in Christ, it is with a humble heart I send you this message.

I am honored to serve as your Moderator for the year 2021/2022. I will do the best I can, with God and the other members of the Coordinating Team. to be the best servant I can be.

I am excited about the Zoom meeting coming to you in May with an overview of the Bible Study for 2021/2022 done by our Reverend Dr. Julie Adkins, along with Leadership workshops led by myself, Jo-Ann, and Bettina. We will cover duties and suggestions on how to attract and keep members. Audience participation will be encouraged. Also we pray that come October we will be able to have our annual Gathering, where we will be able to hug each other and try to catch up with what has been going on in the lives of our Sisters from throughout the Presbytery.

Please do not forget to send Karen Groman information about your group, and just how you are doing P.W. during this Covid scare. I know that a lot are not meeting, but keep up with Mission through their pledges, and working with email etc. I know there are a lot of snail mail cards and notes being sent to let our Sisters know that they are not forgotten and are being prayed for.

In the meantime, please keep your masks on, and the sanitizer handy, with the prayers going up and out for all our Sisters everywhere. Also know that I hold you in prayer every day.

In His Service, Meg GarverHamilton



PWs in the News...

1st Pres-Winnsboro PW recently sent mission gifts in memory of Marj Carpenter. Our treasurer, Carolyn Stewart, received the following thank you note from The Outreach Foundation: Dear Mrs. Stewart, I wanted to be sure to write to say thank you so much for the gift from the Presbyterian Women toward the health kits in Mozambique, Bibles for new Christians, and food in Venezuela. We are so grateful. Blessings to you and your family and church family. Carol Dublin Administrative Assistant



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

We can simultaneously “rejoice in hope” (Rom. 12:12-13) and be ready to swerve! As of this day, the 2021 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women will take place as planned: August 5-8, 2021, in St. Louis, Missouri. But stay tuned and check in occasionally at www.presbyterianwomen.org to see how this journey to the Gathering unfolds. . Because of the global pandemic, Presbyterian Women's staff and Board are working with the Marriott Grand in St. Louis to ensure the Gathering can be held safely and in accordance with current health standards

Moving from Fellowship to Service

Some forty years ago, seven Dallas women wanted to have fellowship with a Christian group but needed a project. After much discussion, it was decided to meet semi-weekly in homes, to crochet Christmas stockings, to take orders, to sell the stockings and give the money to some charitable organization. Each member agreed to buy her own yarn. Thus began the humble, "The Craft Group".

Although the members of the original group were independent of any organization, the leadership evolved to currently being recognized by the Oak Cliff Presbyterian Church. An original member worked at Scottish Rite Hospital for Children so that hospital became the recipient of the first year's sales. To date, earnings have been given to the Presbyterian Stewpot, Oak Cliff Churches for Emergency Aid, and Visiting Nurses Association.

Orders for the second year came faster than the small group could keep up so many other "crocheters" were enlisted. How-to lessons were given when needed. Friends and relatives were invited to join the group.

Now, forty years later, over 30 crafters have made 70-100 stocking each year. In the beginning, each member made the entire stocking but eventually a member does one part, e.g., Santa or snowman, beard, trim, pompoms, edging, etc.

Participants have changed, too. Members have moved away: one to Germany, one to Tennessee, and another to Arizona (where she continues to crochet and send her stockings to Dallas); ten may be crocheting in heaven. Although arthritis and other ailments have slowed down the group, a few continue to crochet. Orders have already been given so the group has started on stockings for 2021.



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Watch for the new Bible Study!

What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy (working title)

By Merryl Blair

Suggestions for Leaders TBD

Welcome to the 2021–2022 Presbyterian Women/*Horizons* Bible study, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy* (working title).

Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary—Matthew names these women for a reason. How might Jesus have heard the stories of his grandmothers; how do we? Explore Matthew 1 and this theme with Presbyterian Women in 2021–2022.

To be sent in March.

**Find us on
Facebook!**



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

PWs in the News...

First Presbytrian—Duncanville “We don’t actually have an organized PW group here at First Pres, Duncanville, in the sense of having officers or meetings but consider all women part of PW. In years past, we had a more formal group with officers, monthly meetings, retreats etc., but no longer. Joan Brown and myself have been the unofficial “co-leaders” (very loosely) for about the past eight years and served on the PW board (when we had one) for the past 35 years right up to the present. We have two women’s groups (formerly called “circles”, now called fellowships). Because of the virus, one group no longer meets but our group (including Joan and myself) meets monthly at individual homes. There are seven of us in this group. The other group (about the same number) prefers not to meet at the present time. Until last fall, we had been using the National PW Bible Study each year. Last fall, our group decided to select something different and are doing a bible study on Women in the Old Testament.”

“We generally have two fund raisers each year (up until 2020), a Plant and Bake Sale in May and a Christmas Auction/Spaghetti Supper in December and raise about \$2,000 between these two events, with the Christmas auction being the larger fund raiser of the two. In 2020 we were unable to have the plant & bake sale because churches were required to be closed at the time. Then, for our annual auction and supper in December, since we knew some folks would be reluctant to attend, we held our very first auction on-line! We are very fortunate to have a wonderful church administrator who set it up for us. We ran the on-line auction for about two weeks, had about 115 items donated from handmade quilts to home baked pies, store bought gifts for men, women and children, gift certificates to stores and restaurants, etc. We had our most successful auction ever raising over \$2200 and will probably do it again next year!! Since we always had a spaghetti supper (at no charge) at the same time as the in-person auction as an incentive to come to the auction, we decided to offer a spaghetti & meatball supper with salad,

bread and dessert “TO GO” on a Saturday evening in December at a very nominal fee, and were very successful with that endeavor as well and will probably do it again. We plan to resume the plant and bake sale again this year also.”

“We support a number of worthwhile organizations with the funds we raise: National PW Mission, Heifer International, Presbyterian Pan American School in Kingsville TX, Bridges Safe House in Cedar Hill, TX, and the Mission of Good Shepherd Children’s Home in Belize. We also provide the garden flowers for the gardens on our church grounds and other projects within the church as funds are available. In 2018 we put together a cookbook ourselves (replacing one from 30 years ago) and raised about \$2200 in cookbook sales to assist the church-wide fundraiser to send our choir to Carnegie Hall NYC to sing the Messiah in a combined international chorus. The church needed to raise a total of \$45,000 (cost of \$2,000 per choir member) and PW committed to sponsoring one choir member and were successful in reaching that goal.”

“Our church resumed in-person services last May as soon as we were permitted to do so and we continue the same, with about half of our congregation attending in-person and the others on-line. We are a small church but staying active and moving forward.”

Jocelyn Bolles for PW



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

PWs in the News...

January 16, 2021

Dear Grace PW Cluster Leaders:

Hello to all of you!

Let me introduce myself. I'm Dian Cooper from Central Presbyterian Church in Waxahachie. My new appointment on the PW Executive Board is Cluster Leader Coordinator. The Board met today and I want to share some new information with you.

The exciting news is that we will be hosting a Spring Workshop on Zoom this year! The date will be May 15 at 10:00 am. The new Bible Study, led by Rev. Julie Atkins will be presented first, followed by an Officer Training workshop at 11:00. Please watch for more information coming to you in the Spring INNOVATOR. If you have any news from your area churches, please send pictures and info on to Karen Groman.

As you know, Grace Presbyterian Presbytery is divided into areas and each area should have a Cluster Leader. If you are on this list, we are so glad you will receive information and pass it along to churches in your area. Unfortunately, some areas don't currently have Cluster Leaders. So please help us pass the word along that we still need some leadership.

In this socially distanced time we need some help with financial issues. Some PW groups probably haven't even been meeting or checking their mail. Only 13-16 churches out of 150 plus churches have submitted their pledges. That is another thing you could remind churches in your area of taking care of as soon as possible. Business continues and we need to take that extra care to complete the pledges found in the church PW packet. That white envelope is probably waiting in your church office for you. You might even have a packet left over from last year that you could complete for your PW group.

We all hope all of you are staying safe and looking forward to your vaccinations so that we can get back into our church buildings in loving Christian fellowship again. If you have questions, please contact me. I'd love hearing from you!

Peace and Love,

Dian Cooper; dian.cooper@gmail.com

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Don't forget:

WANTED!! GRACE PRESBYTERY PW HISTORIES

So what was your PW doing in 2020? (Don't forget to turn in your PW history!) 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!

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



News from you...

Submit articles from your women's group for the
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to Editor Karen Groman .
Kgroman@mygrande.net
Next deadline is **May 1**

Just Coffee: A mission of Presbyterian Women Of Grace Presbytery

Just Coffee employs emigrants who have journeyed to the border to improve their lives. Instead of crossing the border, they can earn a living without fear or danger. This business is supported by the Presbyterian Mission agency through their mission church Frontera de Cristo. Use this link to order: fronteradecristo.org/events

Coffee, Conversation, & Compassion

New Conversations starting Feb 11 at 5 pm MST

(4pm Pacific, 6pm Central, 7pm Eastern)

February 11—Town Hall Conversation with Coordinators Jocabed Gallegos and Mark Adams (update of existing ministries and introduction of new ministries)

February 18—Devastation In The Borderlands: An Interview with John Kurc, professional photographer who has documented the construction of the border wall and its destruction of God's creation


February 25—A Pilgrimage of Remembrance: A Conversation with the School Sisters of Notre Dame: Honoring those who have died while crossing the border

Join the Zoom conversation: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85158343162>

Send email to office@fronteradecristo.org to receive Coffee and Conversation Updates.

Order Café Justo online, and we will donate part of your shipping cost to COVID-19 relief efforts in Chiapas and Agua Prieta.*

- For up to 4 pounds, \$1 per pound will be donated.
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Order coffee:

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City/ST/ZIP: _____

Name: _____

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Total # of bags _____ x \$12.00 = \$ _____

Add a donation for COVID-19 relief: \$ _____


Total enclosed: \$ _____

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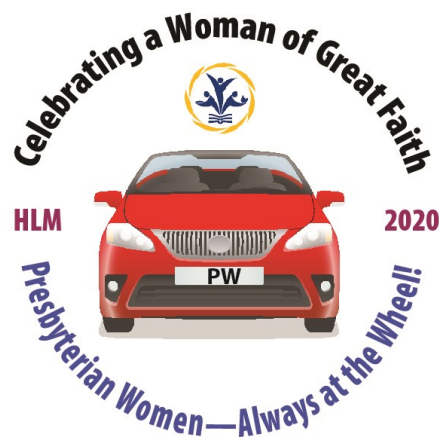
“Hey! What is this PW NewsBytes all about?!”

PW NewsBytes, formerly the PW Quarterly Mailing, brims with “news you can use” from Presbyterian Women Churchwide! Just like the name suggests, PW NewsBytes is fully digital, which is good stewardship (of finances and trees) and makes for easy sharing and a more connected PW community! • PW NewsBytes can be effortlessly shared or saved. • Keeping to fewer pages, the newsletter can also be easily printed for PW friends who prefer paper. • Although a newsletter named NewsBytes may seem a bit lighter on content, live links make it easy to learn more. In other words, readers choose their own PW adventure! • And PWC, PWP and PWS newsletter editors can select content from PW NewsBytes to share via their communication channels. PW NewsBytes is a work in progress! Send your thoughts, content ideas and suggestions to patri-cia.longfellow@pcusa.org

Honorary Life Membership “We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose” (Rom. 8:28). As a community who loves God and works together “according to God’s purpose,” honoring committed individuals with an Honorary Life Membership (HLM) is loving and encouraging. It’s also a blessing to tomorrow’s PW, as funds derived from PW’s Honorary Life Membership program support women’s leadership development. Visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/give to place an online order or www.presbyterianwomen.org/HLM to download a form. Questions? Contact Jung Ju Winner, jung.winner@pcusa.org.

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Always at the Wheel! Physical distancing may be a must, but it doesn’t have to drive whether we honor a PW sister or sibling with an Honorary Life Membership! Download an HLM “always at the wheel” banner from www.presbyterianwomen.org/HLM. Then print and place on a door or yard stake or other super crafty Pinterest-worthy idea. (Take a photo and send to jung.winner@pcusa.org!)



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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

2021 25TH OF EVERY MONTH IS ORANGE DAY!!

March

17 St Patrick's Day
28 Holy Week

April

1 Maundy Thursday
2 Good Friday
4 Easter
5 Easter Monday

May

5 Cinco De Mayo
9 Mother's Day
15 Spring Workshop!

May

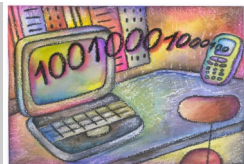
31 Memorial Day

July

24 GPPWCT Zoom meeting (or maybe even in person)



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.