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Introducing the 2022–2023 PW/Horizons Bible study

Celebrating Sabbath

Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight

By Carol M. Bechtel

In the nine lessons of this Bible study—with passages from Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Matthew, Luke, and Acts—we'll consider Sabbath

- as a celebration, not a day of dreary formality
- as God's intent for all of creation that includes busy women too
- as one day of the week, perhaps a Sunday
- as a time to surrender unhealthy striving and frantic busyness, and instead trust that God will provide
- as a reminder that life is precious and working too much is against God's plans for our precious lives
- as a day devoted to community and justice and not exclusively to self-care

Ultimately, Sabbath reminds us to honor God who honors us by giving us a day each week to reset our pace, our priorities, and our lives.

Bible study, supplemental materials, and other helps!

The following resources will be available in the spring and summer of 2022

- Editions of the Bible study studybook: English, Ecumenical, Spanish, Large Print, and Audio
- Resources to spread the word: Promotional poster/flier, eBlasts, Pendant/Charm
- Resources to learn more about the study: *Workshop for Leaders*, Companion DVD, Blogs
- Bible study resources in *Horizons* magazine begin with the Summer 2022 issue
- And more!

About the Author



The Reverend Dr. Carol Bechtel is Professor of Old Testament at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan, where she has taught since 1994. She also serves as the Executive Director of the American Waldensian Society, an organization that partners with Christians from the Reformed tradition in Italy and South America.

Carol grew up on a farm in Fulton, Illinois. She attended Hope College, Western Theological Seminary, and received her Ph.D. in Old Testament from Yale University. Her publications include a commentary on Esther and several curriculum series and Bible studies. We're sure many of you will remember her PW Bible study from 2007–2008,

Above and Beyond: Hearing God's Call in Jonah and Ruth.

Carol lives in Holland, Michigan, with her husband, Tom Mullens. They have four children and seven grandchildren. Her hobbies include singing, cooking, gardening, and the Celtic harp. We are so excited to welcome back Carol to Presbyterian Women!



Meg's Musings

The first of two Spring Workshops IN PERSON was held this past Saturday in Tyler. The hospitality was so very warm and the attendees were so very interested in the workshops and the in between times to be able to visit and talk to our sisters again after the past two

years of not being able to see the smiling faces and feel the great hugs and of course hear the voices getting caught up with each other. Julie's Bible Study overview was great, lots of heads nodding In agreement that we do need to take advantage of God's gift of rest.

The other two workshops, one on Spirituality and the other on Grief, were appreciated. Bettina worked on fidget mats for Memory Care patients, and we had the African crafts for sale and there were many purchasing gifts for personal use. The Cafe Justo coffee we got to sample is a big hit, many packages were sold to help the growers. PCHS and Potters House had displays for us to see and admire the work done by both groups. The offering portion that the Tyler church received will go to support the Potters House and its work with providing a place there families with cancer patients in local hospital have a place to stay while their loved ones receive treatment.

The C.T. did a great job getting the word out and Cheryl did a spectacular job of getting the day lined up for us, after the two years of being on hold, and the bulletins were helpful and colorful. A BIG THANK YOU to my C.T. and the gals at 1st Tyler for their working together to provide us with a special day. Don't forget that the 21nd of October we will have the Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women at the Itasca Children's Home in Itasca. There will be a special gift for all who attend this Gathering of

PWs in the News...

Athens, First Pres—Women of the Word Bible Study Thursday Mornings @ 9:30 in Upstairs Classroom We continue our study of parables with Volume 2 of "Parables from the Back Side" by J. Ellsworth Kalas. The parables are presented with new insights by entering them through the "back side" through a unique starting point, a creative retelling, a new "lens" or the eyes of a minor character. We have found that the use of the discussion guide provided in the book as well as Dr. Bob Strain's "Parable Secrets Revealed: The First Anthology" have led to new insights and thought-provoking discussion. All women are invited to join us each Thursday morning at 9:30 in the upstairs classroom in the main building. The next study is Adam Hamilton's "the Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught."

Meg's Musings, cont.

P.W. along with officer nominating, election and installation, budget approval and a time to hear of the Great work being done by PCHS, and the fellowship will be SPECTACULAR, as we are seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Lots of smiles and hugs guaranteed. Plan on joining us.

In His Service, Meg GarverHamilton

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Next deadline is August 1!



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>.

2021 PW Downloadable Resource Catalog
PWR 19002 is available at the store: new PW -logo items, apparel and gift items, and more



Spring Workshops

Belton, TX

May 21, 2022

See what y'all missed!



Interested in desktop publishing? Looking for a new editor!

Instructions for PW Innovator newsletter editor

These instructions reflect the division of duties for the editor. The PW communications coordinator receives the Data Change Forms from moderators. She will keep the cluster leader lists updated. The communications coordinator will also be updating the Grace Presbytery PW Coordinating Team address list.

However, you as editor need to know those changes so you can add all officers to the mailing list, if possible. You will receive emails from PW who want to be added to the email notification list or the address list.

You will also be giving the Presbytery Office Technology and Media Consultant an updated email list of those PWs wanting to receive a notice by email that the Innovator is available online.

The Innovator is done on Microsoft Publisher (or another desktop publishing program) for ease of manipulating the data and saved as a **.pdf** file to email.

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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 Ruidoso Dr., Waco, TX 76712, kgroman69@gmail.com**

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.

Welcome to new subscribers!

Susan Sherwin of Tyler;

Susan Farmer of Sunnyvale;

Nancy L Green of Sachse;

Gail Spears of Garland;

Mary Hagan of Hawkins!

Welcome! So glad you can join us!

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Have you checked the calendar at presbyterianwomen.org on Peace and Justice lately?

JUNE

3 National Gun Violence Awareness Day; wearorange.org/nasponline.org/research-and-policy/policy-matters-blog/national-gun-violence-awareness-day
5 Pentecost; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/pentecost/
19 Juneteenth; en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Juneteenth
19 Father's Day; Men of the Church Sunday; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/men
20 World Refugee Day; un.org/en/observances/refugee-day
26 PC(USA) World AIDS Sunday; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/phewa/pan/

JULY

3 Immigration Sunday; oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/immigration
4 Independence Day; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/independence-day
11 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) on Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson (OneWorld, 2015). Register at presbyterianwomen.org/justice

AUGUST

6 Hiroshima Day; pda.pcusa.org/pda/resource/hiroshima-day-prayer/
9 International Day of the World's Indigenous People; un.org/en/observances/indigenous-day
14 Day of Prayer for the Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula; pcusa.org/resource/sunday-prayer-worship-for-peaceful-reunifica-78123/
19 World Humanitarian Day; worldhumanitarianday.org/ and en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Humanitarian_Day
21 Public Education Sunday; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/child/

<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2022-JP-Calendar.pdf>

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News from you...

Submit articles from your women's group for the **Innovator** to Editor Karen Groman .
kgroman69@gmail.com Next deadline is **August 1**

Worth Repeating:

“Hey! What is this PW News-Bytes all about?!”

PW NewsBytes—formerly the *PW Quarterly Mail-ing*—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 both finances and trees) and makes for easy sharing and a more connected PW community.

<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/pw-newsbytes-fall-2021/>

The Fall 2021 edition includes a recap of PW’s Online Churchwide Gathering event and Business meeting, a summary of PW’s Fall 2021 Board meeting, all the ways to contact PW Churchwide, highlights of recently published or coming-soon resources, and much more! Send your thoughts, content ideas and suggestions to patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org

Children’s Books

Looking for a children’s book that “embraces diversity, inclusivity, compassion, care for each other, and care for our world” in a way that is peachy but not preachy? If so, consider Flyaway Books, an imprint of the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation. Flyaway offers an expanding catalog (flyawaybooks.com) of thoughtful, joyful, lovingly considered books, written and illustrated by authors and artists of note.

African Team Ministries

For the last two Saturdays and Sundays, I brought crafts for sale from African Team Ministries. Many people bought craft items from Kenya. After traveling to First Presbyterian Churches in Tyler and Belton, and then United Presbyterian Church in Greenville, I was able to send **\$1051** to African Team Ministries. This Mission is one that the Coordinating Team for Presbyterian Women at Grace Presbytery has been supporting for many years. The crafts have been sold at every Spring Workshop since I started attending in 2004, and they were selling these crafts long before I came along. Thank you for participating and buying items.

As I was repacking the boxes to send back to the California office, I found flyers that described what the money would be used for in Kenya. Kenya apparently has several drought stricken areas where the rainfall is erratic. These droughts extend into Somalia, and have killed more than 200,000 people recently. African Team Ministries is providing simple, inexpensive kits to thousands of people who are suffering from hunger. This drip system is known as the “bucket system”. It combines a filter and two lines of 100 foot drip tape that is connected to a bucket suspended three feet above the vegetable bed. The family must fetch an additional two buckets of water each day to care for their gardens and keep their crops alive throughout the dry season. African team ministries has been drilling and providing pumps in certain areas to provide the water needed by the villages.

The money will be used for many families and villages in the Rift Valley of Kenya. The goal is to ship 5000 kits by the end of the year. This will relieve the women and children who trudge up to six miles and further for water.

Bettina Zvanut

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Bible Women of the Word; PW Group/Circle; Study Group?

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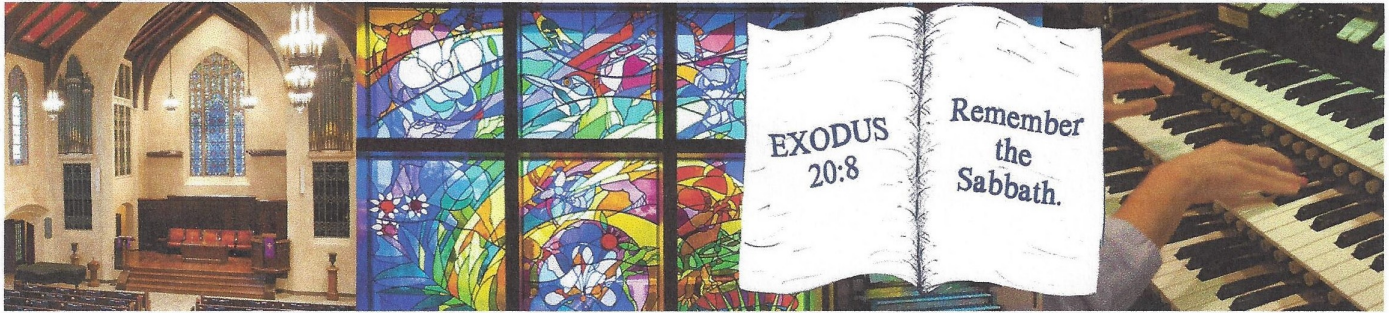
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Presbyterian Women Synod of the Sun Gathering



New Orleans, Louisiana
July 21-23, 2022

REMEMBER THE SABBATH	
July 21-23, 2022 New Orleans	<i>Leadership Training offered 3-5 pm</i>
HOSTED BY PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH LOUISIANA	THURSDAY St Charles Ave Presbyterian Church
	1545 State St, NOLA 70118 (5900 St Charles Ave)
HORIZONS Bible Study Author KEYNOTE	Registration 1-5 pm then Dinner by Presbytery
Rev Dr Carol Bechtel , Prof Western Seminary	Opening Worship / Music / Communion
Rev Kathy Lee-Cornell, MSW Preston Hollow PC	FRIDAY St Charles Ave Presbyterian Church
Dallas TX - Will shed light on Asian challenges	Plenary – Panel Discussion - Workshops
One of five worship leaders	Gathering / Singing / Exhibitors / Excursions
CP Patrice Butler , 1 st PC of Scotlandville, LA	Luncheon and Breakout Sessions
Will share Historic PCUSA roots of church	
	Private Tour Touro Synagogue (4238 St Charles Ave)
Rev Hannah Quick , Okra Abbey – 1001 NWC	Dinner nearby/short walk/shuttles
Homeless and hungry worship in a garden	
Option to visit Okra Abbey	SATURDAY St Charles Ave Presbyterian Church
Rabbi Katie Bauman , Touro Synagogue c.1828	Prayer – Workshops -- Ideas
Oldest Outside 13 Colonies/Shabbat Psalms	Plenary/Singing/Installation Grab-n-Go Lunch
Rev Sarah Chancellor-Watson, MSW St Charles	Early Registration \$135 , After May 21 - \$150
Carries Sabbath to streets of New Orleans	Opens March 15 th – sallyijudge@gmail.com
	<i>Commuter Rates Available</i>
BRING MISSIONS Vegetable SEEDS/Okra Abbey	Housing On-Your-Own 2-Night Minimum
Over-the-Counter MEDS for Cuban Church	Alder Hotel – 4545 Magnolia St \$109++ free park
	Single/Double Call 504.207.4600–code Pwomen
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2022 Mark your calendars!

Saturday, June 11, 2022

10 am Coordinating Team Meeting at Central Presbyterian Church,
Waxahachie

Saturday, November 5, 2022

10 am Coordinating Team Meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Dallas



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.