

Presbyterian Women

Missouri Union Presbytery

Fall 2020 Newsletter

Happy Fall! (Or, Thank God It's Finally Fall!)

The leaves have been turning and the days are getting shorter. Perhaps you've been eating more soup or looking for a good crock pot recipe? Whether or not the Covid-19 Virus is really "rounding the corner," we finally are doing so for calendar year 2020! What a year it's been.

Looking at the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, how truly thankful are you feeling? If the past months have disrupted your schedules and routines, how might this be shared with God? Has this year's PW Horizons Bible Study *Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament* offered you additional insight on the lament you may now be feeling?

As Christians, we remain people of hope. When caterpillars build their cocoons, we know what will happen the next Spring. And even as we contemplate the upcoming winter and our reduced interactions with others, we can still have confidence that there will be opportunities for us to feel that hope and share it with others and to be reminded of God's abiding love.

Please stay connected – we will get through this pandemic together. Please also share this Newsletter with the women in your circle and church.

-Anne Schneider
Moderator, Presbyterian Women - Missouri Union Presbytery

Find out how YOU can "win" this quilt made by a Presbyterian Woman at First Presbyterian Church of Vandalia (and more)! See the Festival of Sharing Update on page 3 of this Newsletter!



PW-Synod Gathering Series

Our PW-Synod has been hosting "Second Saturday Synod Sircles" over this past Fall, via Zoom, and the last "SSSS" for the year is scheduled for **Saturday, November 14th at 10:00 am**. We'll be focusing on the perennial PW favorite topic: Mission.

Our very special guest will be **Cherie Harper**, PW's Mission Associate on PW's Churchwide staff in Louisville!



Cherie will update us on PW Mission work, including what our special offerings have done (the Thank Offering and Birthday Offering). We're excited to have Cherie with us "virtually" and hope you will be too!

We'll also learn about local mission projects that have been going on during this pandemic in our Synod and have a chance to hear what others are doing. **See page 2 for more information and contact Anne Schneider to "register"!**

Our September SSSS featured both JyungIn ("Jenny") Lee, our National PW Moderator, and Susan Jackson Dowd, PW's Executive Director. Our October SSSS featured our two PW-Synod representatives on the 2019 USA Mission Experience trip who spoke about the empowered and empowering women of the women's suffrage movement and the civil rights movement.

We hope you can join the November 14th!



Synod of Mid-America Second Saturday Synod Circle

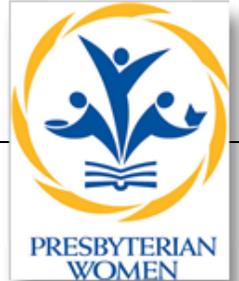
PW GATHERING

November 14, 2020

10:00- 11:00 am

Via Zoom

for ALL Presbyterian Women



Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- to support the mission of the church worldwide,
- to work for justice and peace, and
- to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

10:00	Opening remarks Meditation & Prayer
10:10	Cheri Harper, Mission Associate, Presbyterian Women PW Mission: Sharing our blessings: PW Creative Offering
10:25	Installation Announcements
10:30	Local Mission: Bev Schroeder, She Bag Mission
10:40	Local Mission: Nita Whiteman, Southern KS mission project
10:45	Other mission project sharing
10:55	Closing remarks & Prayer
11:00	Goodbye until the next "Second Saturday Synod Circle"!



Plans are being made for the next Second Saturday Synod Circle to be held early next year. Watch for information through your presbytery PW.

Registration is required to send you information and Zoom link.

Email your name & church to: **Anne Schneider, PW-MUP Moderator at: akrsch@aol.com**

Please share this with your PW circles and friends.

We will also record these gatherings and post them on YouTube so that they may be viewed and shared.

Update on the Festival of Sharing's Annual Quilt Auction

This year's Festival of Sharing annual quilt auction to raise funds for the Church World Service Blanket Program (cws.global.org) will be **entirely on-line** due to Covid-19. Church World Service uses these funds to help people rebuild their lives after disasters. The 2019 auction, held in Columbia, raised nearly \$19,000.



Many Presbyterian Women support the Festival each year – often by delivering the Church World Service kits and other items and by attending the annual Quilt Auction – like Kay Metcalf and Bonnie Mullen of FPC-Columbia (ABOVE) did last year!



The more talented women even make and donate quilts to be auctioned! This year, **Presbyterian Women at Coates Street Presbyterian Church in Moberly** and at **First Presbyterian Church of Vandalia** have donated several beautiful quilts in the auction. **Everyone is invited to bid!!** (Above 3 from FPC-Vandalia; Right from Coates Street!)

You can access the auction site – and see the entire auction inventory these and more than 70 other handmade quilts here: <http://www.festivalofsharing.org/quilt-auction.html>

You'll need to register on-line to bid. The viewing has already begun! Bidding will close at 11:59 pm on Saturday, November 14th!

Please join us in supporting Church World Service as well as celebrating the talents and gifts of our Presbyterian Women in Missouri Union Presbytery!



Bible Study

If you have not yet begun Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller's Bible study on lament, consider trying it out! Additional copies of the Bible Study can still be purchased online at www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop or by telephone at 800/533-4371. One copy is \$10 (\$15 for large print). There is a shipping charge of almost \$6 regardless of how many copies you order, so it's more economical to purchase several copies at a time! You can watch a 2-hour recorded workshop introducing the study at PW's YouTube Channel or Lynn's shorter overview that was recorded last June at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SqykQtyEaY> and at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VwExYuUHAQ8>

Fabric Needed!

Stitching Change, of Kansas City, Kansas, has been selected to provide the 2021 Churchwide Gathering tote bags. Stitching Change helps refugee women learn a skill, earn an income, build confidence and flourish in their community. They make shopping bags for the local farmer's market, various items for the Ten Thousand Villages store in Overland Park, and recently, have been focused on making masks. To date they have donated more than 900 masks.

Most of the handmade crafts are made from reclaimed or donated fabric, and that's where **WE** come in: Now through December 1, 2020, Southminster Presbyterian Church's PW group is collecting fabric on behalf of Stitching Change from Presbyterian women throughout the U.S. to make both our Churchwide Gathering Bags and more masks!

If you have cotton or cotton-blend fabric that would work for masks or heavier cotton/cotton-blend fabric that would work for tote bags, please consider donating it!

They request that donations be *at least* 2-yards in length. For the tote bag fabric, anything matching one or more of the colors in the Gathering "logo" (See at left!) would be especially appreciated!

Ship donations to:
Presbyterian Women
c/o Southminster PC
6306 Roe Avenue
Prairie Village, KS 66208

Questions? Contact Mary Jorgensen, mcjorgies@gmail.com.



Thank You!

Across our country, Presbyterian Women are connecting with each other and working to bring comfort and hope to others: Making masks, "quarantine quilts" and comfort food, having frequent telephone call chats, virtual meetings, and "zoom" conferences, sending notes and flowers. Presbyterian Women act without being told or ordered to do so – we work from the heart as soon as a need is presented. Thank you for the support and encouragement you provide to loved ones and in your community!

Stay Tuned for our 2021 Spring Gathering! "The voice of the sea beckons to me to come, relax, and unwind from the spin cycle of everyday life." Listen for the sound of the ocean calling...



Stay Connected...

You can read or receive PW's **Quarterly Churchwide Reports** at <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/news-events/> Add your own email to the e-mail list OR read the current report online.

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation Remittance Form

(Use this Form when forwarding any PW offerings and other donations to the PW-MUP Treasurer)



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Please make check(s) payable to Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Missouri Union
(or to "PW-MUP")

Enclosed is Check Number _____ Total amount is \$ _____

Congregation _____ Date _____

Treasurer's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zipcode _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Please check if

New Treasurer

New Address

Please indicate any of the below funds your payment covers and the amount. If you are giving to any PC(USA) designated fund or other special funds, please describe and provide the fund's assigned number. If any portion is "undesigned" you may also include it in "other".

PW-MUP Assessment (Dues) \$ _____ Least Coin Fellowship \$ _____

PW World Mission Pledge \$ _____ Honorary Life Membership* \$ _____

Birthday Offering \$ _____ Presbyterian Hunger Fund \$ _____

Thank Offering \$ _____ Other **\$ _____

Notes: _____

*Please include the names of any women being honored with an Honorary Life Membership.

**Please provide directions for any designated gifts!

The PW-MUP Assessment (Dues) is used by the PW in the Presbytery to cover programming expenses for bi-annual gatherings and other activities/communications and to support involvement in mission activities and provide grants for travel expenses for the Churchwide Gathering and similar opportunities. PW-MUP also offers an annual scholarship for theological education from these funds. PW-MUP also forwards \$0.17 for each woman in the presbytery to the PW in the Synod. The Assessment is calculated as \$1 for a congregation's membership, divided by 2 (\$1.00 x Membership/2). All other designated funds are remitted by PW-MUP to the respective offerings and purposes.

The Assessment should be paid each year in January. Pledges made to the PW Mission Fund can be paid quarterly by remitting payment to the PW in the Presbytery Treasurer by March 10th, June 10th, September 10th and December 10th.

Please mail to the PW-MUP Treasurer at the below address. Please call or email with any questions.

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