



Presbyterian Women

Of

Missouri Union Presbytery

Winter Newsletter - 2020



Spring Seems a Long Way Off, but We're Planning a Terrific 2020 Women's Spring Gathering!

Join us in Boonville on April 30th for an encouraging and informative women's Gathering and, if you choose, a fun fieldtrip afterwards!

You'll meet Presbyterian women from other churches in our presbytery, learn about local and national mission efforts, gain deeper understanding of injustices and challenges within our communities and beyond, experience worship and celebrate Communion with a special worship service, and leave with new ideas of how we can share Christ's love in tangible ways in our own congregations, communities and around the world.

Our women's Gatherings are open to all women in our presbytery (and their friends), so please join us, even if you've never been before!

For additional information about our Gathering Plans and general registration, see Page 2 of this Newsletter!

REGISTER FOR THE CLYDESDALE TOUR BY FEBRUARY 14TH!

Though our Spring Gathering is months away, registration for the tour of Warm Springs Ranch closes on February 14th!

Join a guided walking tour of the Ranch during the middle of foaling season! We're holding 50 tour slots, but you **MUST** make the deadline to get a ticket! The 1 ½ hour tour will begin at 2:00 pm – we'll drive over to the Ranch at the end of our Gathering.

Tour Cost is \$16.50 (includes the Ranch's service fee) and must be paid by February 14th. These Spring Foaling Tours are very popular and will be sold out, so please mind the Feb. 14th deadline!

Warm Springs Ranch is the home of the world-famous Anheuser Busch Clydesdales. (There is, therefore, an optional beer tasting available at the end of the tour; there is also a gift shop.) If you'd like to read more about the tour, see:

<https://www.warmspringsranch.com/tours.html>

Why have a Presbyterian Women Group at your church? Our PW Purpose Statement says it all!

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.



More about the Spring Gathering:

Women's Rights / Civil Right/ Human Rights:

We'll visit with our Synod representative on this year's U.S.A. Mission Experience study trip to the Finger Lakes Region of New York. Our special guest, Rhoda Frasier, will share lots of information about abolition, women's suffrage, civil rights for all, and much more based on her tour of a region where these issues were raised first hand. Rhoda has lots to share with us! You can read her devotion in the November/December Horizons Magazine. We'll learn about the efforts of women who led the movement for both women's suffrage and for human rights more broadly and discuss the relevance of their work today.

Boonville: So many historically significant sites – if you haven't taken a good look at Boonville, you may want to linger a while after our gathering to take it in! For more on area attractions see: <https://goboonville.com/>

Our Host Church: First Presbyterian Church of Boonville, 417 Vine St. (corner of Main and Vine) will be our venue. Founded in 1821, the congregation of this beautiful church looks forward to your visit!

Special Dietary Needs: Please let Anne Schneider know of any dietary restrictions when you register!



To Register & Purchase Ranch Tour Tickets:

GATHERING: You may register for the Gathering (only) by just getting your name and your church to PW-MUP Moderator Anne Schneider! Please send her an email or call her. We ask for all reservations for the Gathering by **April 20th**. We need to have your name on our list to ensure the lunch count and enough supplies on hand.

There is a \$10 Gathering fee, to cover lunch and our program supplies, but you may pay that fee at-the-door when you arrive on April 30th, or, if you choose, you can add it in your check for a Warm Springs Ranch tour ticket.

Note there will also be an offering collected during worship.

WARM SPRINGS RANCH TOUR: If you'd like to join the Warm Springs Ranch tour, you'll need to pay the \$16.50 tour fee **before February 14th** so we can include you in our group tour. Please deliver your check to Ruth Thompson, our PW-MUP Treasurer before that date!

You *may* include the \$10 Gathering registration fee and the \$16.50 Tour fee in the same your check if you'd like, or you may pay the \$10 Gathering fee when you arrive at the Gathering on April 30th. But your payment for the Ranch tour must be received by February 14th.

All checks should be made payable to PW-MUP (or "Presbyterian Women-Missouri Union Presbytery" if you like to write it all out!) and mailed to Ruth Thompson.

Ruth Thompson's address for checks:
3400 W. Hwy 124, Harrisburg, MO 65256

Anne Schneider's contact for reservations for the Gathering: akrsch@aol.com or 573-418-1853. Please provide the name & church of all registrants!

Contact Anne with any questions!

Do you know that our PW Newsletters are available at the Missouri Union Website? See our PW page! Flyers about our 2020 Spring Gathering are available for download & printing!
<https://www.mupresbytery.org/presbyterian-women>

Justice and Peace Calendar*

January

National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month
5-11 PW Together in Action Days to End Human Trafficking
11 National Human Trafficking Awareness Day
16 National Religious Freedom Day
18-24 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
19 Race Relations Day
19 Criminal Justice Sunday
20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
25 Orange Day
27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day

February

African American History Month
National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month
1 National Freedom Day
2 Souper Bowl of Caring
12 International Day Against the Use of Child Soldiers
14 One Billion Rising for Justice
17-23 National Random Acts of Kindness Week
25 Orange Day

March

Women's History Month
Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women
6 World Day of Prayer
8 Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday
8 International Women's Day
8-14 PW Together in Action for Women's Empowerment
9-20 64th Commission on the Status of Women
15 Self-development of People Sunday
22 World Water Day
24-30 National Farmworker Awareness Week
25 Orange Day
29-A.7 Ten Days of Prayer and Thanksgiving for the Roma

Together in Action to End Human Trafficking

January 11 is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. PW encourages activities around that day to bring greater awareness to the problem. It can be as simple as a bulletin insert and Minute for Mission on recognizing the signs that someone is a trafficking victim, and how to respond to that.

Learn more at:

www.presbyterianwomen.org/what_we_do/work-for-justice/human-trafficking and at: www.polarisproject.org.

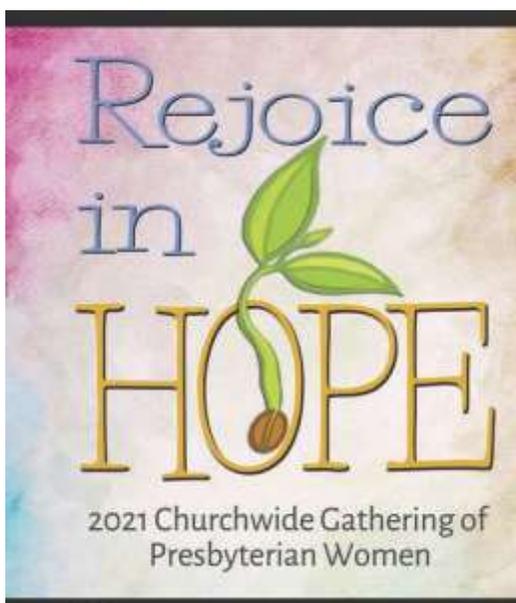
Ecumenical Advocacy Days

The next Ecumenical Advocacy Days, April 24-27, will explore the intersection of climate change and economic injustice.

Advocate on behalf of policies and programs that chip away at the systems of oppression keeping people in poverty and pushing all life on earth to the brink of destruction.

Learn more at <https://advocacydays.org/> and watch for CPJ's Advocacy

Training Weekend registration at www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/washington.



Coming in August 2021

The 2021 Churchwide Gathering will be in St. Louis on August 5-8, 2021 – and we are so excited! If you've been to a Gathering, you know what I'm talking about. If not, well imagine singing, praying, learning and working together with more than a thousand other Presbyterian Women like you, from across the country and around the world! It may be a "mountain top" experience that you'll want to ride to the top of the Gateway Arch to acknowledge!

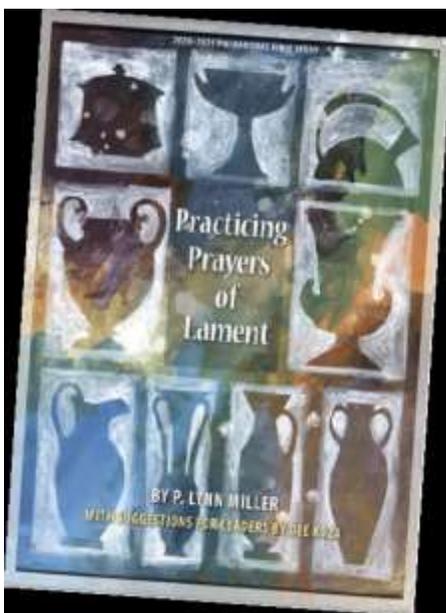
We encourage our PW in Missouri Union Presbytery to start saving a little money so you'll be ready to register in late winter, 2021! The registration fee will be \$450 and you'll want to split the cost of a hotel room. Start saving! Encourage women in your church to attend or help another attend! This is a great way to introduce your future leaders to PW!

Looking ahead to the 2020–2021 Horizons Bible study

The 2020–2021 PW/Horizons Bible study (art and text by Lynn Miller, Suggestions for Leaders by Dee Koza), revives lament as a proper theological response to the difficult situations of our world.

One of the foundational points of the study is that, in scripture, lament usually leads to hope. After crying out to God, the one who laments remembers God. And while that doesn't fix things in the moment—the injustice, the loss still exist—the lamenter is strengthened to face the world and to hope. And for us as Christians, hope is not just an emotional response or an attitude of pie in the sky. Hope implies movement: both God's inherent movement toward justice and our movement toward God. Recovering lament may be one of the church's most timely gifts to the world.

Current Horizons subscribers receive the 2020–2021 Bible study with their March/April magazines. Subscribe now and you will, too. Call toll-free 866.802.3635 to subscribe. Order the study only, Item# HZN20100, after March 1st by going to presbyterianwomen.org/shop or calling (800) 533-4371.



Seen at the 2019 Festival of Sharing Quilt Show:

PW-MUP encouraged women in the Presbytery to visit the annual Quilt Auction (held in Columbia on October 26th). Folks who did go to see beautiful quilts made by Presbyterian Women from the Laddonia Presbyterian Church (pictured at right, with Anne Schneider & Brenda Waters of FPC-Jefferson City and Kay Metcalf & Bonnie Mullin of FPC-Columbia). We also spotted lovely quilts donated by Presbyterian Women at the FPC-Mexico, FPC-Vandalia. The quilt auction raised \$18,165.



2020 Assessments are now due!

Contribute to the work of Presbyterian Women in our presbytery and at the Synod and National level through your PW group's assessment. A copy of the Transmittal Form is available at:

<https://www.mupresbytery.org/presbyterian-women>

Smile when you use Amazon!

If you plan to purchase gifts from Amazon.com, you may simultaneously donate to PW by shopping through Amazon Smile. Just visit smile.amazon.com and select Presbyterian Women as your favorite charitable organization. Shop as you normally would through "regular" Amazon, and a portion of the purchase of eligible items is donated to PW. In other words: you shop, Amazon gives, PW receives.



Learn more about the courage of Harriet Tubman & Susan B. Anthony and more women at our Spring Gathering!



Presbyterian Women in the Congregation Remittance Form

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



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 "undesignated" 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 programing 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 should 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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