

PWPP GRAPEVINE

Presbyterian Women in the Pittsburgh Presbytery



901 Allegheny Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15233



The 31st Annual Fall Gathering

Saturday, September 21, 2019

Theme:

Shower of Blessings & Love

1 Peter 4:10

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace



Registration and
Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m.

Program Begins at 9:30 a.m.

Luncheon at Noon

Bethel Presbyterian Church
2999 Bethel Church Road
Bethel Park, PA 15102
412-835-0405



Moderator's Message

Dear Friends,

The days are slowly getting shorter, the nurseries are ready to display the beautiful fall colors of chrysanthemums, and the new school year for children, grandchildren, and adults is soon beginning. Sunday schools and Horizons Bible Study circles are starting up, after the summer break. Yes, Horizons 2019-2020 Bible Study, "Love Carved in Stone, A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments" looks quite intriguing.

Since you received your last Grapevine, PWPP enjoyed a heartwarming and fun Spring Gathering at Oakdale Presbyterian. The ladies of the newly formed Oakdale PW welcomed us with open arms for worship, installation of officers, and delicious luncheon foods. A significant part of the Gathering was the blessing of the knitted Jere bears, the blankets, the books, and the "bucks" given by all of you to Jeremiah's Place for our 2018-2019 Mission Project.

Please read on in the Grapevine for more details of the success of the Jeremiah's Place project. I, along with five other PWPP ladies, traveled to Bridgeport, WV, on June 30, to attend the Synod Regional Gathering, "SeaSide Escape." Two of our group, Alfreda Richardson and Judith Jerry, were presenters and they along with others took us to the beach and quickly helped us experience the Bible verse, "Be Still and Know that I am God," Psalm 46:10.

Foster Love Project and Knitted Knockers - is one or both of these organizations/groups new to you? Your PWPP Coordinating Team is thrilled to announce that both of these worthy, very different groups will be our 2019-2020 Mission Project. We will be supporting foster children and their families and knitting/crocheting for women who have experienced breast cancer and have had a mastectomy. Turn a page and read more about how you can become involved.

Please organize your PW carpool and travel to Bethel Presbyterian Church in Bethel Park on Saturday, September 21. This Fall Gathering promises to be exceptional filled with fellowship, a worship service, the "kick off" for our Mission Project 2019-2020, and a delicious lunch. I'll see you there!

As I close, my prayer is for each of us to love our neighbors, enjoy good health, and smile and laugh often!

With Joy,

Sarah Jane

sjaneandfred@icloud.com 412-952-0662 (cell & text)

Registration

*The 31st Annual Fall Gathering
Saturday, September 21, 2019
Registration 9:00 am
Bethel Presbyterian Church
2999 Bethel Church Road
Bethel Park, PA 15102*

Registration Fee: \$12.00 per Person

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
September 16, 2019

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Church: _____

No. of Guests: _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please make your check payable to PWPP and send to:

Eva Havlicsek
311 Field Club Ridge Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15238
412/963-7163

Please register early!

Upcoming Events

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*at
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*Worship Leader: Rev. Deborah Smith
Liberty Presbyterian Church- McKeesport, PA*

Luncheon



REMEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

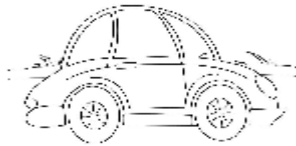
February 16, 2020	<i>The Grapevine Deadline</i>
March 15, 2020	<i>The Grapevine Publication/Distribution</i>
February 28, 2020	<i>Annual Contingent Dues Due</i>
March 10, 2020	<i>1st Quarter Mission Pledge Due</i>
July 15, 2020	<i>The Grapevine Deadline</i>
August 15, 2020	<i>The Grapevine Publication/Distribution</i>

Directions to Our PWPP Fall Gathering

Directions to Bethel Presbyterian Church

2999 Bethel Church Road – Bethel Park, PA 15102

412-835-0405



From The Liberty Bridge & Tunnel, follow Route 19/West Liberty Ave./Washington Road through Dormont, Mt. Lebanon, past the Galleria. Turn left at the third traffic light onto Ft. Couch Road. Proceed in left lane, past So. Hills Village, past McDonald's. Make a left turn at the traffic light onto Bethel Church Rd. Bethel Presbyterian Church is at the top of the hill, pass church and turn right into parking lot.

From Fort Pitt Bridge & Tunnel, take the Banksville exit and stay on Banksville Road past the Dormont Pool. Turn right onto Beverly Road and follow to Cochran Road. Turn left onto Cochran and follow past Mt. Lebanon High School to Washington Road/Route 19 turn right, pass the Galleria. Turn left at the third traffic light onto Ft. Couch Road. Proceed in left lane, past So. Hills Village, past McDonald's. Make a left turn at the traffic light onto Bethel Church Rd. Bethel Presbyterian Church is at the top of the hill, pass church and turn right into parking lot.

Presbyterian Women in Pittsburgh Presbytery

www.pghpresbytery.org

Presbyterian Women on the Web

www.presbyterianwomen.org

Call 844/PWPCUSA (844/797-2872)



PW's Comings and Goings

PW Women of Bidwell Presbyterian Church

Our Moderator, Barbara Simpson was out in the community and came across a prominent member of our community. While engaging in a conversation with him, the Holy Spirit spoke to her heart. She quickly acted on what she received. Barbara presented to the Ministry, the idea that we honor this person by hosting a celebration dinner. The women whole heartedly agreed and the planning began.

On June 29, 2019, Odell "Robbie" Robinson of the Odell Funeral home was celebrated. One hundred twenty family members and friends came out to pay homage to a man, who has been (such) a blessing to so many families during a stressful and sensitive time. The celebration included prayer, a musical selection, a Homily by our very own Rev. Dr. DeNeice Welch, heartfelt comments from family and friends, presentation of a PW award and a from our State representative Jake Wheatley, a Spirit filled mime, and words from "Robbie" the honoree. The evening was closed out by a delicious catered dinner and fellowship.

As 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 teaches now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. Bidwell PW women are extremely grateful that we followed the lead of the Holy Spirit and our moderator in honoring Odell "Robbie" Robinson. Robbie, his wife, and family members were extremely humbled and appreciative for this celebration. It is important that one receives their accolades while they are present so that they may be encouraged to continue their life's work.

Spring Gathering Highlights

A joyous 31st Annual Spring Gathering was celebrated on Saturday, April 27, 2019, at Oakdale United Presbyterian Church. The sanctuary was festooned with a crowd of Jere Bears— 273 to be exact, 69 blankets, more than 40 books, and a large woven basket to be blessed and dedicated for Jeremiah's Place, the 2018-2019 PWPP Mission Project.



The Reverend Nancy K. Stanny, Commissioned Pastor of Oakdale, led us in worship, engaging us in an interactive message that itemized the many shortcomings, sins and failures that break our hearts into tiny pieces before rejoicing in the good news of Jesus, who balances our spiritual account, heals our brokenness, and creates in us a new heart. The service was punctuated with beautiful choral, organ and acoustical guitar music. We were all pleased to hear and sing "A New Song."

The Birthday Offering was collected up and dedicated, and Moderator Sarah Jane Beorn announced the final results of the mission project for Jeremiah's Place, which also included a check for \$1,980, enough to cover the cost for one 24-hour period, and \$545 in gift cards.

The slate of new Leaders presented by Sally Andrews was unanimously approved:
Carol MacDonald, Vice Moderator, first full term 2019-2021;
Jean Eckert, Secretary, second term 2019-2021;
Eva Havlicsek, Contingent Treasurer, second term 2019-2021.

With appropriate prayers and blessing, the 31st Spring Gathering was adjourned and an excellent luncheon prepared by the good women (and men!) of Oakmont was enjoyed. The gracious hospitality and warm welcome of our newly organized PW sisters at Oakdale were truly a breath of spring.

PW'S Comings and Goings

BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

740 Washington Avenue

Bridgeville, PA 15017

412-221-5594

on

Saturday, September 7, 2019

9:00am-1:00pm

HOLY YOGA EXPERIENCE: PITTSBURGH

DAY 1. PURPOSE.

The Holy Yoga Experience is a half-day event that includes a Holy Yoga practice, the Word, Worship and Community. We would love for you to get a taste of what it's like to be in the Holy Yoga Community, so grab your mat and join us in your city!

It is for everyone-experienced to beginner – does not matter shape, size, age, race, religion- all are welcome here.

*Registration coming soon - only \$15.00 for half day event!
www/holyyoga.net.*

PW of the UNIVERSAL U.P. CHURCH

The P.W. of Universal U.P. Church, has only one circle at this time. We just celebrated a "Christmas in July" luncheon. Our annual Peach Festival will be held on Saturday August 17, from 3pm to 7pm. The profit from this event is used for our Mission Giving. We recently sent 5 blankets to Jeremiah's Place. We may be few in numbers but we attempt large projects.

Mary Carol Brown, Moderator

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PW of NORTHMONT U.P. CHURCH

Northmont's Presbyterian Women, together with the Spiritual Formation committee, prepared and served a dinner meal to Pleasant Valley Shelter on February 13.

Northmont's Presbyterian Women held their Birthday Celebration picnic on June 11, 2019. Steph Martin, Northmont's Spiritual Formation Associate presented the devotions and Bill Goff, lead the music.

Lynne Sciulli of North Hills Cares will be the speaker on Thank Offering Sunday, November 10.

Looking ahead, Presbyterian Women's, our annual Harvest dinner will be held on November 9, 2019. Our Christmas Luncheon will be on December 6, 2019. This is always a well-attended event as the men of our church serve the meals.

Northmont women continue year round with Sarah Bible Study Circle and Dinah's Book Club and with the following service projects - Care Baskets for shut-ins, Northmont Delivers (meals), and receptions following Memorial Services for members, Knit-Wits, and Project Linus. Please watch Northmont's website, www.northmontchurch.org, for other 2018 activities.

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Southwest Regional Synod Gathering

The 2019 Southwest Regional Gathering of the Synod of the Trinity June 30—July 1 was a pleasant drive from Pittsburgh to Bridgeport, West Virginia, approximately two hours (unless you stopped at The Cracker Barrel in Morgantown for a late—or second—breakfast.) Blessed with sunshine, PW sisters relaxed in a Sea Side Escape and basked in God's presence. Six of us from Pittsburgh Presbytery, representing Bidwell, East Liberty, Northmont, Oakdale and Third, reunited with our sisters in faith from West Virginia, Redstone, and Upper Ohio Valley to share stories of mutual trials and accomplishments over the past year.

Judith Jerry packed a beach bag filled to overflowing with every imaginable "necessity" to demonstrate how doubts become the baggage of life that weighs us down. Susan Nesti guided us in a time of reflection and prayer as the sounds of ocean waves washed over us. We searched for "hidden treasure" in a jarful of sand, simulating the beach, and were rewarded with finding small silver sand dollars, which Susan converted into key fobs for us. Carolee Ackinclose used the starfish to give us a lesson in love, and Alfreda Richardson provided a "bottle" into which we could slip a message and a memory or two, reminders of God's love and faithfulness.

At a brief business meeting, the body voted for the slate of officers recommended by the Nominating Committee for election to Class I:

- *Recording Secretary, Jean Biggar (Lackawanna Presbytery)*
- *Historian, Sally Snow (Kiskiminetas Presbytery)*
- *Synod Representative to PW Churchwide CT, Sue Mummert (Carlisle Presbytery)*
- *Search Committee Member, Mary Alice Lightle (Pittsburgh Presbytery)*
- *Resource Coordinator/Horizon Representative, Alcinda James (Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery)*

Provided that the slate is adopted at the other three regional gatherings, these women will serve from 2019 to 2022. The position of Moderator Elect is vacant because the Search Committee has been unable to identify a candidate.

We decorated pillow cases with stencils and indelible ink, buttons, frills, embroidery and messages of love and encouragement for children in Puerto Rico, who are still suffering from the 2017 hurricane devastation. Pastor Nancy Stanny, who has amazing free hand drawing skills, was truly a Godsend to some of us less talented crafters.

The friendly, relaxing gathering closed with worship and celebration of The Lord's Supper led by Rev. Erica Harley, Senior Pastor at Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church in Wheeling, WV, and Spiritual Enrichment Coordinator to PW in the Synod of the Trinity.

May God bless us and keep us until we meet again.

Save the Date
Synod of the Trinity PW Gathering

July 9-11, 2020
Guest Speaker PW Moderator

JyungIn "Jenny" Lee

Antiochian Village Conference and Retreat Center

6 miles north of Ligonier

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PW of BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The spring is always a busy time for the ladies of Bethel Presbyterian Church! First we had a very successful Blanket Sunday with brunch served afterwards. Next was a very delightful retreat that we hold annually, usually in March. For the past several years we have held a Tea....open to all. Our first year we held a Christmas Tea, the second a Valentines Tea and this year we held a Japanese Tea! We served 80 guests and had a delightful Cherry Blossom themed atmosphere with many authentic decorations and a slide show. In 2020 we will be having a Patriotic Tea in May.

We will be celebrating our 80+ Ladies in September, with Thank Offering in October and of course our big event for the year....

Holiday-A-Fair

Vendors, Luncheon,
Basket Raffle

Celebrating Our 46th Year



Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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www.bethelpresby.org
(Sponsored by Bethel Presbyterian Women)

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PW in EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

When "Pumpkin Spice Latte" returns to Starbucks and children go back to school, fall has arrived.

Many churches gather in early fall with a Rally Day kick-off. At East Liberty Presbyterian Church, our PW will host a table at the Church Life Sampler, for members and friends who are checking out programs at the church. This has been an excellent opportunity to introduce women to PW.

This year, we look forward to:

- *"Loved Carved in Stone: a Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments," the Horizons Bible Study for 2019-2020. We meet on the first Monday of the month at 7 PM or the first Tuesday at 10 AM. The Tuesday study will be followed by a potluck lunch. All are welcome to join us.*
- *Special Thank Offering Sunday in November.*
- *Overnight retreat at Camp Crestfield in the early spring.*
- *Supporting the World Mission Initiative Conference next spring.*

See you at the PW Fall Gathering, Saturday, September 21, at Bethel Presbyterian Church!

Mary Alice Lightle

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Presented their

2019 Valiant Woman Award

to

Gisele Barreto Fetterman

on

August 17, 2019

at

**Bidwell Presbyterian church
1025 Liverpool St. Pittsburgh, PA. 15233**

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PW Issue's

Presbyterian Women's Substance Use Disorder Initiative

Deaths from heroin and prescription opioids have increased significantly in recent years. In Allegheny County, the number of opiate-related overdose deaths has more than doubled since 2014, with more than 640 deaths last year. There are now more drug overdose deaths than car accident deaths in Pennsylvania. Substance abuse affects one in every four families here.



Beginning with the 2018–2021 triennium, PW groups may focus their justice work around substance use disorder (SUD). Learn about the ways you and your PW group or church can advocate for SUD prevention programs, safe drug disposal, just legislation regarding drugs and the ways to support individuals in your group or congregation struggling with substance use disorder,

[https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/what we do/work-for-justice/](https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/what-we-do/work-for-justice/)

Learn more about how this epidemic is being addressed locally at the Allegheny County Health Department website, <https://allegheycounty.us/Health-Department/Programs/Special-Initiatives/Overdose-Prevention/Information-About-Opioids.aspx/> The site offers information about opioid addiction, treatment options and overdose prevention.

By Mary Alice Lightle, Vice Moderator for Issues

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It's Mission Kick- Off Time - "Showers of Love"

Foster Love Project

The Mission of Foster Love Project is to provide love in action to foster children, as well as support to the foster families who are providing care for them. This may look like providing a placement bag for a child, easing the transition with gift cards, assisting with additional resources or connecting families with a time of respite. Emily Thornton, a representative from Foster Love Project, will join us at the Gathering to share the story of Foster Love. Above, you noticed gift cards for easing a child's transition underlined. We are asking you to assist with the Mission Kick-Off by bringing a gift card to the Gathering. The requested cards are: Visa, Target, Walmart, Subway, Chick fil A, and Pizza Hut.

Knitted Knockers

Knitted Knockers are special handmade breast prosthesis for women who have undergone mastectomies or other procedures to the breast. Knitted knockers are soft, comfortable, and beautiful and when placed in a regular bra, they take the shape and feel of a real breast. The mission of Knitted Knockers is to connect volunteer knitters and crocheters with breast cancer survivors to offer free Knitted Knockers to any woman who wants them. There is a huge demand for Knitted Knockers that can't be met by any one group, but together we can do it!

Join us at the Fall Gathering for more information and patterns. PWPP plans to make a difference in providing FREE Knitted Knockers to many!

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