

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE NEWARK PRESBYTERY INTERCOM – FALL 2018



CO-MODERATORS' MESSAGES

CONNECT!



Pursuing connectivity, a God idea!

Our service to PWNP is a joy! We are a loving caring community of women who want to share God's love and his promises! The greatest PW experience is getting to know and love the sisterhood within our fellowship.

God has placed in each of us gifts, talents and abilities to share and build up the body of Christ, for the benefit of our families, communities and nation's growth. Through our connectivity these abilities are better understood and appropriated.

Pursuing connectivity is a God idea. The value and the importance of the body of Christ must be promoted, in doing so we fulfill the benefits and

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Arise, shine for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Isaiah 60:1.

This call from Isaiah and the many sunflowers that greeted us were part of our welcome to the Church-Wide Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Louisville, Kentucky. From the business meeting where we were told that we like dust will rise to tell our own stories of mission work to the plenary message that faith without works is dead, encourages us to do mission work. The CWG was an amazing experience of about 1,600 Presbyterian Women coming together from all over the world. This coming together reminds us why Presbyterian Women have met in the past and why we meet now. We do Missions.

Presbyterian Women have been doing mission work for over 200 years in their individual churches. This year is the 30th anniversary of a united Presbyterian Women (USA). Today, Presbyterian Women are doing mission work all over the world and those projects that they do

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fruitfulness that it produces; healing and health, joy, peace, prosperity, Godly influence, wisdom, knowledge and sustainability ... the list is endless.

The essence of our Christian life is to reflect the salt and light that our world needs. Our Lord Jesus Christ through God our Father and guided by the Holy Spirit is the source of our strength. This exhortation is to encourage us that there is no substitute for spending time in prayer and communing with the Lord and with each other.

It is also essential that we continue to look for and plan opportunities for fellowship with our families, church and community. During these times we can exchange God's love, be strengthened, be encouraged and guided.

I want to salute our PWNP Gathering Teams, as it is through these gatherings that we are intentional to benefit our fellowship and build up the "Body of Christ."

Through our commitment to connectivity we press into a deeper and more meaningful relationship with God and with each other, which is the breeding ground for personal growth, miracles and advancing the kingdom of God!

This is what the Sovereign LORD says:

Look! I am going to put breath into you and make you live again! The bones of each body came together and attached themselves. They all came to life and stood up on their feet—a great army. Ezekiel 37:5,7, 10...

In Christ's love and service,



Yvonne Garrett-Patterson

ARISE, SHINE ..., continued

not participate in, they fund or form a partnership for funding. From tiny homes with security for homeless, abused women and children in Alaska, to latrines in India for women to use without being assaulted, or the building of a maternity ward in Ghana where now stands just a table in an open-air room, there are many mission projects that we can be a part of or start our own mission. The previous missions are some of the many projects we fund with our offerings.

During this Church-Wide Gathering, workshops were available on topics ranging from immigration and asylum, to social media for churches, and to how we get unstuck from doing the things we have always been doing. Presbyterian Disaster training was also a workshop. The many natural disasters that this country has experienced show a need for such training. Recently, Hurricane Michael has been forecasted to make landfall this week and our prayers for the safety and deliverance from harm are with those in its path.

Arise, shine for our light has come. The light beckons us to do more mission work. Perhaps partner in a vision that we can work towards locally or globally. Think about it! We need to let our light shine brighter!



Geri Pretlow

MEDITATION

Contributed by Rev. Dr. Barbara Shaw Jenkins, PW Chaplain

"HEARING GOD'S VOICE"

In 1st Samuel, Chapter 3, we hear the story of Samuel hearing God's voice in the night. Samuel was ministering with Eli at the temple in Shiloh, where the ark of the covenant was kept.

The first time Samuel hears a voice calling his name, he runs to Eli and says: "*Here I am for you called me.*" Eli told Samuel that he had not called for him and said that Samuel should go back and lie down. This same thing happens two more times and each time Eli tells Samuel to go and lie down.

Eli perceived that God was calling Samuel. So, the next time Samuel hears a voice and goes to Eli, Eli says to Samuel: "*Go back and lie down and if the Lord calls you say, 'speak, Lord, for your servant is listening'.*" The Lord told Samuel some amazing things, some of it not so pleasant to hear. Samuel does what the Lord tells him to do. From Dan to Beer-Sheba (in other words from the north to the south of Israel), Samuel became known as trustworthy servant of the Lord.

Like Samuel, we do not always know when the Lord's voice is calling us. God does call to each of us but the challenge in hearing God's voice is that there are so many other voices calling us to 'do this and do that'. In the midst of all the other voices, we oftentimes miss God's voice.

How do we prepare ourselves to hear God's voice? Like Samuel, we practice our faith and try to be around other spiritual people. Like Samuel, we spend time alone with ourselves. I believe God most often speaks to us, when we are alone with ourselves. In other words, God speaks to us in the silent spaces of our lives. Being alone with ourselves and enjoying silence is the best gift we can give to ourselves.

MASTER, SPEAK! THY SERVANT HEARETH

1

Master, speak! Thy servant heareth,
Waiting for Thy gracious word,
Longing for Thy voice that cheereth
Master, let it now be heard.
I am list'ning, Lord, for Thee;
What hast Thou to say to me?

2

Master speak! though least and lowest,
Let me not unheard depart;
Master, speak! for oh, Thou knowest
All the yearning of my heart.
Knowest all its truest need;
Speak! and make me blest indeed.

3

Master, speak! and make me ready,
When Thy voice is truly heard,
With obedience glad and steady,
Still to follow every word
I am listening, Lord, for Thee:
Master, speak, oh, speak to me!

4

Speak to me by name, O Master,
Let me know it is to me;
Speak, that I may follow faster,
With a step more firm and free,
Where the Shepherd leads the flock
In the shadow of the Rock!

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

ACCESSING PW – NEWARK PRESBYTERY RESOURCES

Presbyterian Women - Newark Presbytery Has a Webpage! Our page is part of the website for the Presbytery of Newark and so it is free for us! The website includes narratives about us, a calendar of our events and pictures. There are links to:

- Current and past copies of the Intercom
- Addresses for the events
- Names of the Coordinating Team
- Send us an email
- Horizon Magazine
- National PW
- SYNOD of the Northeast PW

To access the webpage:

❖ Go to: <https://newarkpresbytery.org/>



❖ Select: About Us



❖ Select: Presbyterian Women



A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS to Reverend Denise Kennedy for her leadership and expertise in getting our PW website up and running. Denise is Minister of Christian Education at First PC, Irvington and currently serves on the PW Coordinating Team (PWCT) as Network Communicator and Fall Gathering Coordinator. She welcomes your suggestions concerning postings for the site. Use the link to send her an email.

2018-2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

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| ➤ PWNP Coordinating Team & Moderators' Meeting | Saturday, September 15, 2018 - 9AM | Presbytery Center |
| ➤ PWNP Fall Gathering | Saturday, October 13, 2018 - 9:00AM | Old First PC, Newark |
| ➤ Mission Pledges due to Treasurer | Nov. 15, 2018 | |
| ➤ Quarterly Remittances Due to Treasurer | December 15, 2018, March 15, 2019
June 15, September 15, 2019 | |
| ➤ PWNP Coordinating Team & Moderators' Meeting | Saturday, January 12, 2019 - 9AM
<i>Snow Date: January 19</i> | Presbytery Center |
| ➤ PWNP Winter Gathering | Saturday, February 16, 2019
<i>Snow Date: February 23</i> | Bloomfield PC on
<i>the Green</i> |
| ➤ PWNP Spring Gathering | Saturday, April 27, 2019 - 2PM | TBA |
| ➤ PWNP Training Day for New Officers | Saturday, May 18, 2019 - 9AM | Presbytery Center |
| ➤ PWNP Coordinating Team Planning Meeting | Saturday, June 8, 2019 - 9AM | Presbytery Center |
| ➤ PWNP Coordinating Team Planning Meeting | Saturday, September 14, 2019 - 9AM | Presbytery Center |
| ➤ PWNP Fall Gathering | Saturday, October 12, 2019 - 9:00AM | TBA |

IF YOUR CHURCH CAN HOST A PWP GATHERING, PLEASE CONTACT EITHER OF OUR CO-MODERATORS: YVONNE GARRETT-MOORE (yvonnemoore56@yahoo.com) OR GERI PRETLOW (geri5230@hotmail.com)

How to Access PW Churchwide Resources

On PW's website

www.presbyterianwomen.org

On Horizons' website

www.pcusa.org/horizons (Blog access too!!)

On YouTube

www.youtube.com/presbyterianwomen

On Facebook

www.facebook.com

search for "Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA)"

search for "Horizons"

On Twitter

www.twitter.com

sign up, then search for PWPCUSA, and "follow"

On Pinterest

www.pinterest.com

sign up, then search for Presbyterian Women

On Flickr

www.flickr.com/photos/presbyterianwomen

From the PC(USA)'s online store

www.pcusa.org/store

*"Unless the Lord
builds the house,
its builders labor
in vain."
Psalm 127:1*

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWARK PRESBYTERY

FALL GATHERING

“WE ARE MANY BUT ONE IN CHRIST”

... REFLECTIONS ON THE LORD'S PRAYER ...

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018

9:30 am - Breakfast & Registration

10:00 am - Program of Music & Spoken Word

11:15 am - Lunch (*Suggested Contribution: \$6.00*)

PLACE

Old First Presbyterian Church

820 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102

*(Free parking behind church. Entrance on Lafayette Street. Speak with guard.
Parking deck available - Prudential Arena - if lot is full. Ticket will be validated)*

RSVP by October 7: Joan Moreland (973) 673-1814

INSPIRATIONAL MUSIC ...

FERVENT PRAISE...

JOYFUL FELLOWSHIP

HIGHLIGHTS - SPRING GATHERING – April 21, 2018

“Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come!” (Isaiah 60: 1)

VENUE: Bethel PC, East Orange

GUEST SPEAKER: Evangelist Shirley Johnson
(St. Mark AME Church, East Orange)

*“Go to your closet,
shut out the noise and
talk to the Lord!”*

*“If you walk in the Spirit
of the Lord, there is no
need to fear.”*

“If you say you walk by faith, then follow God’s leading!”

*“...Exercise patience, faith
in God, and anticipation of
what you want God to do.”*

*“Sometimes we are so busy
helping others and doing things
that we do not worship...”*



Pianist Mrs. Charlotte Cade leads participants in the singing of “This Little Light of Mine” and “Bless Be the Tie That Binds”.



Installation of Officers led by Co-Moderators Yvonne Garrett Moore and Geri Pretlow

TREASURER'S REPORT

Newark Presbyterian Women Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison As of October 10, 2018

Accrual Basis

	<u>Oct 10, 18</u>	<u>Oct 10, 17</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
TD Bank	9,773.50	14,278.99
Total Checking/Savings	<u>9,773.50</u>	<u>14,278.99</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>9,773.50</u>	<u>14,278.99</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>9,773.50</u>	<u>14,278.99</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
Opening Balance Equity	17,179.78	17,179.78
Unrestricted Net Assets	-2,821.09	-2,315.06
Net Income	<u>-4,585.19</u>	<u>-585.73</u>
Total Equity	<u>9,773.50</u>	<u>14,278.99</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>9,773.50</u>	<u>14,278.99</u>

Newark Presbyterian Women Income/ Expense July 1 through October 10, 2018

Accrual Basis

	<u>Jul 1 - Oct 10, 18</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Pledges	
PW in the Presbytery	125.00
PW Synod Pledge	100.00
PWUSA Mission Pledge	<u>100.00</u>
Total Pledges	325.00
Interest	<u>1.29</u>
Total Income	326.29
Expense	
Coordinating Team	
Refreshments	67.97
Misc CT Expenses	<u>49.82</u>
Total Coordinating Team	117.79
Gatherings of Synod of the NE	155.00
Gatherings of PWUSA	
Church Wide Gathering	<u>1,547.68</u>
Total Gatherings of PWUSA	<u>1,547.68</u>
Total Expense	<u>1,820.47</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-1,494.18</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-1,494.18</u></u>



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE CONGREGATION (PWC)
ANNUAL MISSION PLEDGE FORM**

January 1, _____ thru December 31, _____

Congregation: _____

As Presbyterian Women, we make the following pledge to support the mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) worldwide through the General Assembly Mission Budget and the basic operating budget of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery, Presbyterian Women in the Synod and the churchwide level.

AMOUNT AND DESIGNATION OF MISSION PLEDGE

- 1. To support the work of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery \$ _____
 - 2. To support the work of Presbyterian Women in the Synod \$ _____
 - 3. To support the mission of the church worldwide and PW \$ _____
- TOTAL: (LINES 1-3)** \$ _____

Name of Moderator/Contact Person of Presbyterian Women in the Congregation

Street

City *State* *Zip Code*

Telephone *E-Mail*

PWC MISSION PLEDGE FORM GUIDELINES

- 1. The form is to be completed by the Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC) Treasurer.
- 2. Enter the amount of support for Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery and the Synod.
- 3. Enter the pledge amount for the mission of the church worldwide (including support of Presbyterian Women at the churchwide level).
- 4. Keep a copy of the completed form for your PWC records and send the original pledge form **by January 15** to the PW Newark Presbytery Treasurer:

Send quarterly payments **by March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15** to the PW Newark Presbytery Treasurer: Liz Hemminger, 137 Clarewell Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07043



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE CONGREGATION (PWC)
QUARTERLY REMITTANCE FORM**

*Please mail completed form and remittance to the Treasurer, PW
 Newark Presbytery:*

**Liz Hemminger, 137 Clarewell Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07043
 by March 15, June 15, September 15, December 15**

Remittance from Presbyterian Women

DATE: _____

Check Number: _____ **Total Amount: \$** _____

Name of Church: _____

PW Treasurer: _____

Treasurer's Address: _____

Phone: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

• **Celebration of Mission through Women's Pledges:**

___ **Support of the Mission of the Church Worldwide** \$ _____
(Supports General Assembly missions, including support of Churchwide Coordinating Team)

___ **Support of PW in the Synod** \$ _____

___ **Support of PW in the Presbytery** \$ _____

• **Celebration of Creative Ministries, Believers, Christian Community: Restricted Funds**

(Specify which offering or offerings and indicate the amount for each)

___ **Birthday Offering** \$ _____

___ **Thank Offering** \$ _____

___ **Fellowship of the Least Coin** \$ _____

___ **Honorary Life Membership** \$ _____

___ **Recognition and/or Memorial Gifts** \$ _____

Specify in whose memory or honor the gift is given:

___ **Other (Clearly specify below what the offering is for)** \$ _____

Total Remittance: \$ _____

"Each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So, use your gift well." (1 Peter 4: 10 - Contemporary English Version)

TOGETHER IN SERVICE



To the PW of the Newark Presbytery:

Together in Service is an area where women can do so much to make this a better world. You can design your own mission program or activity. It can be done as a group or as an individual.

Presbyterian Women in the PC (USA), Inc. has many areas under Together in Service that you can take part in, and you can even recommend new areas of mission to the PW Churchwide Coordinating Team (PWCCT) through your PWSNE Representative (Jo Ann Estella) for consideration on the national level.

Make sure the PWP Co-Moderator's, your TIS Representative, your Contact Person/Moderator, Chair/Lead of your mission activity share what you are doing in mission. The smallest activities; with the smallest number of people doing it; make a massive impact on local, regional, and global mission in this world.

The national PWCCT mission projects under the Extra Giving of Together-In-Service are the following: Bay Area Anti-Trafficking, Puente Community Resource Center, the Jakarta Community Center, and the Bali School. Other types of TIS are: making/purchasing items and sending them to people in need; donating money for a mission fund initiative; providing mission interpretation & education for the whole church; developing personal relationships with PCUSA Mission Agency Mission Co-workers.

Under Hands On TIS: Supporting the PW Mission Pledge (read about the important areas this funding goes to); Mission Tours; Birthday & Thank Offering, Global Exchange, and the USAME.

Under PCUSA: Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Enough for Everyone, Presbyterian Peace Program, & Educate a Child – Transform the world.

Under Ecumenical mission: Little Dresses for Africa, Knitting4Peace, Days for Girls, Fellowship of the Least Coin, Heifer Project International, Habitat for Humanity, Bread for the World, IMA World Health, and Church World Service. As you can see, there is some kind of mission for everyone as a Presbyterian woman!

I will be your TIS Representative until April 2019. Send me a note or an email to brag about what you are doing in your churches. You might call it "Together in Service"; you might call it "Extra Giving"; you might give it no name at all, but it is mission. My mailing address is: 44 S. Cherry Rd., Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849, and my email is: joannburrell@optonline.net.

We are many, and one in Christ.

Jo Ann Burrell

Together in Service Representative 2019

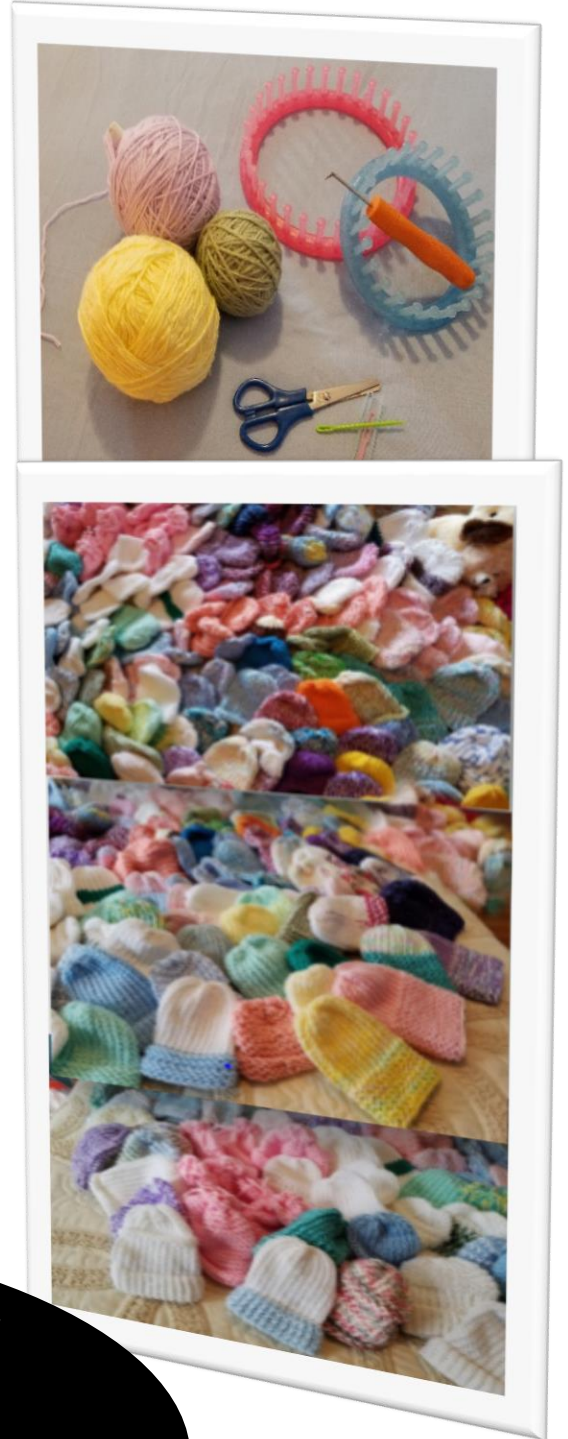
200 KNITTED HATS FOR NEWBORNS

Do you know how to knit or crochet? Do you have small amounts of colorful left-over yarn with no idea what to do with it? Why not make hats for newborn babies? Drawing on JoAnn Burrell's suggestion that we could design our own mission project or activity, I decided to make hats for neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) babies. I was spurred into action last April by a flyer on my church's bulletin board requesting knitted hats for newborns.

I am no wizard at knitting. In fact, I do not know how to knit with the traditional 'knitting needles'. I do not know how to read patterns, nor do I have the desire to learn. I make the hats while relaxing and watching my favorite TV programs and having to study a pattern would distract and detract from my relaxation. Each hat takes about two hours to complete. It is done with a round hoop with prongs, a hook and big-eyed plastic needle -- a very simple process! For the first row, just wrap the yarn twice around the prongs, then use the hook to do an overlap of each prong. Thereafter, continue to wrap the yarn once around each prong to complete the overlap. With practice, you can be a little more creative with the wraps and overlaps for a more intricate design.

Thanks to my friend Rose Wood for getting me "hooked" and for helping to spur on my project with a contribution of 30 hats. And thanks too, to my 'big' sister Iris (an expert 'needle' knitter) for adding seven beautiful pink hats to my collection. With their contribution, my initial goal catapulted from 100 to 200 hats. In another week I will deliver 100 hats each to the neonatal units of two area hospitals.

*Submitted by Abigail Johnson
First Presbyterian & Trinity Church, South Orange*



"Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me." Psalm 50: 15

**GOD HAS A WAY OF TURNING THINGS
AROUND FOR YOU!**

"If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8: 31

“SISTERS IN SPIRIT” MENTORING PROGRAM
(PWNP 2017-2018 PARTNERSHIP WITH BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE)



The Presbyterian Women Newark Presbytery INTERCOM wants to highlight and feature in this edition Bloomfield College student extraordinaire Ina Geathers, a senior and psychology major. PWNP met Ina through the “Sisters In Spirit” (SIS) Mentoring Program developed by Rev. Teri Ofori, the former Director of Spiritual Life/Chaplain at Bloomfield College, to help support female students by providing Christian mentoring through a series of programs, activities and one on one support. PWNP was asked and encouraged to engage with the “Sisters In Spirit” initiative. Five members of the PWNP Coordinating Team served as mentors. Although Rev. Ofori has now transitioned to Ursinus College in Pennsylvania, the hope is that “Sisters In Spirit” will continue at the College and that PWNP will continue to engage and provide mentors and support for the Program.

Ina Geathers will graduate from Bloomfield College in the spring in 2019. Ina was born in Livingston, NJ and raised in Sommerville, NJ. She is the seventh generation of New Jersey residents and is proud to say that she is the third generation of her family to be named “Ina.” She recalls readily the influence her grandmother had on her life, even though she passed when Ina was six years old, which she said, instilled in her the value of faith, history and purpose.

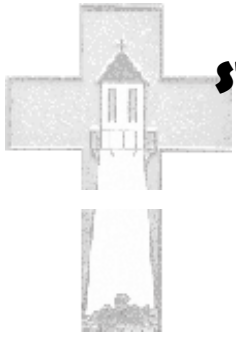
Ina shares that the “Sisters in Spirit” program is very important in helping young college students to fulfill their destiny and purpose through their Christian faith. She recounts her struggles as a Christian student leader. She has experienced ridicule and discrimination from other college students for her faith. She states that students struggle to develop their personal identity and move into their independence and knows that spiritual mentoring can provide needed guidance.

Ina participated in the two-day SIS Retreat with PWNP mentors held at Stony Point, NY in May 2018 and also attended the PW Churchwide Triennial in Louisville, KY in August. This was her first trip to Louisville and she enjoyed the experience immensely. She stated that being there with women of faith, sharing their gifts, talents and abilities was inspirational and empowering. She would like to see more young women included in the future.

As a young Christian woman, Ina says her family’s faith influence has helped her to struggle, fight for and believe in her herself. She supports the need for continuing the “Sisters In Spirit” initiative at Bloomfield College, to provide a platform for support to help young women to grow in faith and in themselves, to secure their identity, purpose and destiny. It is our hope that the Presbyterian Women of the Newark Presbytery will continue to lend our prayers, action, leadership and support for the “Sisters In Spirit” Mentoring Program.

“The older women to be reverent in behavior...They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love ... to be self-controlled, pure ... that the word of God may not be reviled.”

(Titus 2: 3-5)



SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST/ PW CHURCHWIDE NEWS

... Springs of living water bringing new life to women ...

"Arise, shine, your light has come ..."



MESSAGE FROM THE VICE MODERATOR OF MISSION RELATIONS

Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Inc.

MESSAGE TO PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FALL 2018

Thank you for electing me to the position of PW Vice Moderator for Mission Relations. It is an honor to represent you, lead you, and encourage you to do the work of Lord.

Since my installation on August 4, 2018, I have been busy doing administrative work. I am the Chair of the USAME 2019 to the Finger Lakes of New York State in our Synod. Be sure to read up on this upcoming mission project in our Web site: www.presbyterianwomen.org. I have been assigned to eight of the PWCCT committees and have found that PW does more work in all sorts of areas than I thought. After our first meeting this Fall, I will report more to you on the committees (Administrative, Audit, Anti-racism, Communications, Creative Ministries, Finance, Mission and USAME).



I encourage you, your circle, your PWP, and your PWS to support the PW Mission Pledge Annual Fund. The money from this fund enables us to do our work. This funding goes toward programing, publishing, and staff support for our congregations, presbyteries, and synods. It enables us to participate in events that develop and enhance PW leadership at all levels. It helps us to go out into the world and throughout the USA to learn about each other to address issues with our Global & USA mission projects. It allows us to participate in ecumenical projects, like Knitting4Peace. It enables us to participate in justice & peace initiatives & advocacy efforts. It makes it so that we are a presence at General Assembly, Big Tent, and other PCUSA events. It helps with the expenses associated with regular meetings of our Board of Directors to do the work of this organization. It pays our operating expenses, rent, and salaries of our thirteen employees of our non-profit corporation. Support the PW Mission Pledge as many times as you can during the year. On-going support keeps us doing mission. Thank you, generous women.

Keep up your work! Keep loving God! Keep being the voice, hands, and feet of Jesus on this earth!

Jo Ann Burrell
Vice Moderator of Mission Relations
Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Inc.

HIGHLIGHTS – PW CHURCHWIDE GATHERING Louisville, KY - August 2-5, 2018

“Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come” was the theme that drew over 1,600 women to Louisville, Kentucky for the 2018 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women held August 2-5. The Gathering was even more significant because it marked the 30-year celebration since PW became a united organization with the (1988) merger of the women’s groups in the northern and southern regions under the PCUSA banner. Over a dozen women from the Newark Presbytery attended the Triennium and cheered along our very own JoAnn Burrell as she was installed to the churchwide office of Vice Moderator of Mission Relationships. Locally, JoAnn serves as Together in Service Coordinator for our Newark Presbytery Coordinating Team. (See her report on page 11 of this newsletter). JoAnn cites Hebrews 12: 1-2 as a guide that keeps her focused on her ministry on behalf of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ:

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (NIV)



Elected to churchwide office, left to right: JoAnn Burrell, Vice Moderator of Mission Relationships, Jyung In Lee, Churchwide Moderator, Joy Durrant, Vice Moderator of Justice and Peace Concerns

Another noteworthy action at the Gathering was the installation of Jyung In Lee as Churchwide Moderator. “Jenny” hails from our neighboring New Brunswick Presbytery. She remarked, in part:

“You have elected your first moderator with a Korean/New Jersey accent ... But Jesus had an accent! He had a Galilean accent. I look forward to hearing your stories and being a weaver of stories in many accents... I, as moderator will be calling out y’all to “arise and shine”. Arising and shining implies action; it is not a fashion show, not that kind of shine where we walk down the aisle displaying glitter. Rather, we will help each other arise and reflect God’s glory. God has already called us to arise. I am awed by the grace and mystery of God who brought me and PW to this juncture. I look forward and am excited about what wonders God might do through all of us PW!”

Contributed by Eve Space, Bloomfield PC on the Green

The theme, *Arise, shine, your light has come!* certainly meant what it said. Many of us arose very early each morning to begin the day at the Tai chi/qigong class. The class was a learning experience for some of us, but it provided a great start to the busy day ahead.

Every plenary session played videos reflecting the history of Presbyterian Women. This was a reminder to us that Presbyterian Women have been involved in the Church since the beginning, but it took a very long time for us to be official. We sure have come a long way.

During the entire Gathering event, there was something to do. There were Mission Tours, Book Groups, Spirituality Center (my favorite place), Bookstore, Justice and Peace March, Exhibit Hall, Global Marketplace, Educational Opportunities and of course, Meals.

There were so many familiar faces as well as new ones. I believe the final attendance numbers were close to 2,000 women and some men.

The Galt House hosted everything for the Gathering, but it certainly was a lot of walking around. Besides the morning exercise class, just walking between the plenary sessions and the educational opportunities, back to the meals and plenary was a work-out in itself.



Bloomfield PC on the Green Gathering attendees: Rev. Ruth Boling, Nancy Edmond, Mala Maharaj, Eve Space, Marissa Agarrat and Jen Kohnen with the beautiful Plenary backdrop



Rev. Ruth Boling, Jen Kohnen, Eve Space, Marissa Agarrat, Mala Maharaj and our Trinidad Global Partner Jenifa Sinanan

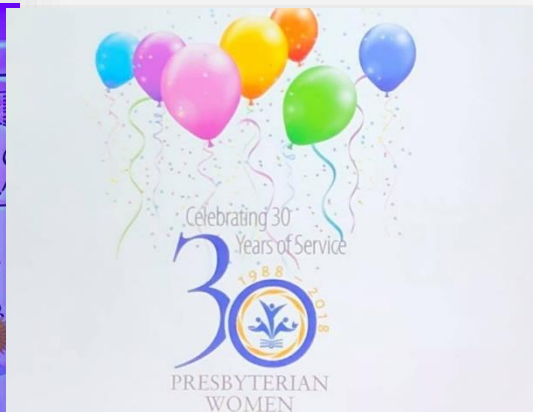


Rev Ruth Boling, Eve Space, Mala Maharaj, Marissa Agarrat and Nancy Edmond with the beautiful Plenary backdrop

Meeting so many of our Global partners was one of my highlights. Realizing that some of these women traveled several days just to come to this Gathering was truly amazing. Each time I ran into one of them, they had a smile on their face which shone with such excitement about being at this place at this time.

Contributed by Sandy Grillo, United PC of Cedar Grove

Backdrop for main stage. It was the most gorgeous one I've seen. It was white, but lights look purple. It was cut paper. One woman took six months to design and cut it out.



Jenny Lee – Churchwide Moderator (from New Brunswick, an adopted Jersey girl...) “You have elected your first moderator with a Korean/New Jersey accent ... But Jesus had an accent! He had a Galilean accent. I look forward to hearing your stories and being a weaver of stories in many accents.”



Large wall hanging about the leaders of PW from its inception



Shot of video screen. JoAnn speaking at Installation Dinner when she was installed as Vice Moderator for Mission Relationships



Our PWNP Co-Moderators Geri Pretlow (left) and Yvonne Garrett-Patterson (right) with JoAnn



Gerri and Yvonne with Jenny Lee, JoAnn and Joy Durrant, Vice moderator of Justice and Peace Concerns

HIGHLIGHTS – PW CHURCHWIDE GATHERING

Contributed by Yvonne Garrett-Patterson, Old First PC



Lisa Gray, PW Moderator Synod of the Northeast (right) with representatives from PWNYPresbytery



Triennial attendees from around the country and our world in their native and cultural



The stately Gault House, Banquet and Triennial Plenary Hall

Left: Rev. Diane Moffet, President and Executive Officer of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Right: Rev. Dr. Herbert J. Nelson, Stated Clerk, PCUSA



HIGHLIGHTS – PW CHURCHWIDE GATHERING

Contributed by Geri Pretlow, Trinity PC



Saturday Evening Meal



Relaxing after Closing Plenary

J. Herbert Nelson receiving Lifetime Pin



Part of the CWG Theme: Sunflowers everywhere!



Steve Butleman, Official Bugler of Churchill Downs and Kentucky Derby Opening Day of Gathering



ME TOO!

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

Bethel PC – East Orange

Presbyterian Women At Bethel Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Women at Bethel were in the midst of all the ministry and events at Bethel that happened this summer. Here are some of the highlights...

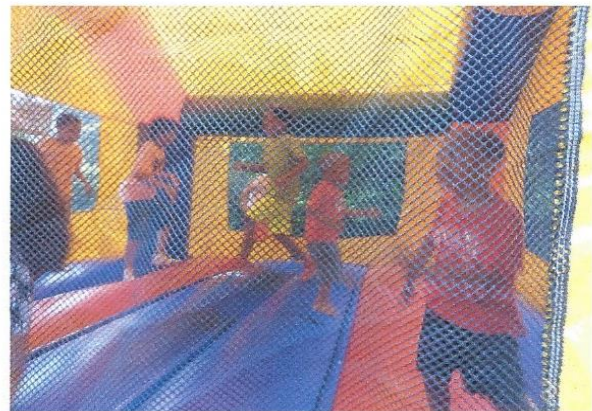
The Presbyterian Women of Bethel helped with the Children's Day worship service on June 10, 2018. It was wonderful to see our children serve as liturgists, ushers, and in many aspects of the worship service.



The Presbyterian Women helped with the Angel Tree ministry to children with incarcerated parents. In August, Bethel, along with its partner AKA, collected school supplies and created backpacks filled with grade appropriate school supplies for over 128 backpacks that were distributed to Angel Tree families, the children of the Bethel community, and the North Jersey Community Research Initiative's women's shelter.



And the Presbyterian Women helped coordinate our annual National Night Out on August 7th.



Submitted on September 17, 2018 by Martha Day, Pastoral Leader

Bloomfield PC on the Green – Bloomfield

Women's Fellowship of Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green has partnered with our congregation to donate school supplies to two elementary schools in Bloomfield, grades K-2. These supplies will be separated and divided into individual bins by the students in our Christian Education program.

The following items will be delivered in October: Pencils, post its, primary grade scissors, markers, magnets (to display work), glue sticks, big thick Ticonderoga pencils, highlighters for sight words, boxes of tissues, Crayola crayons, hand sanitizers, tape, Playdoh.

If you would like to contribute to this mission, we will accept any of the items above or you can make a monetary donation and we will be your personal shopper.

We are also supporting an International School in Ohafia, Nigeria. We will be sending money with Mr. Uma Kalu, a member of our congregation who is a member of the school's board. The donations will purchase school supplies from local merchants thereby benefitting that whole community. If you would like to contribute to this mission, we will accept monetary donations. Please send checks or money orders to Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green, 147 Broad Street, Bloomfield, NJ 07003 – ATT: Women's Fellowship. Please note on the check or money order: Ohafia Nigeria School Fund

Please look at our Flyer included in this newsletter about our upcoming English Tea.

Thoughtful Reflection: *A brick wall is nothing more than an opportunity to put in a doorway.*

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON ENGLISH TEA

WHERE: Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green
147 Broad Street, Parish House, Bloomfield
Sponsored by Women's Fellowship

WHEN: Saturday, October 20, 2018

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00pm (Last seating @ 3:20pm)

COST: \$12.00

WHY: Proceeds support Presbyterian Disaster Relief

**For more information or to reserve tickets, call
Charlotte 973-893-1457 or Mala 201-640-2162**



Elizabeth Avenue Weequahic PC - Newark



Elizabeth Avenue Weequahic Presbyterian Church Women's Fellowship Ministry

Loretta Hazelwood
Moderator

September 19, 2018

Pauline Mathis
Vice Moderator

To the Intercom Committee:

Michele Livsey
Recording Secretary

This is in response to your request for information about the programs our church is planning for the Fall and Winter. Although Fall and Winter may be the focus, we would be remiss not to mention our weekly Thursday Outreach Ministry through which we are addressing hunger while serving meals and making distributions from our Food Pantry to the community year-round.

Evangeline Hardy
Treasurer

Traditionally, our Fall and Winter worship services include programs and/or events that are dedicated to the celebration of Advent/Christmas, Martin Luther King's Birthday, Black History Month, Women's History Month, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday. The same will continue for 2018 – 2019. All are welcome to join us in commemoration of these events as your schedules will allow. Our worship services begin on Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Dorothy Mattox
Chaplain

In early December, a community tree lighting ceremony is conducted directly across from the church followed by a brief program and reception held in the church hosted by Newark's South Ward Councilman.

Also, as in previous years, our annual fundraiser hosted by the Women's Fellowship Ministry, is scheduled to celebrate the holiday season. Attached is a flier announcing this event and all are invited to "Save the Date" and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship with our members, families and friends.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Loretta Hazelwood". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Loretta Hazelwood, Moderator



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C.R.E. Doris Peterson, Pastor

You're cordially invited to our

ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY

hosted by the Women's Fellowship Ministry

Sunday, December 9, 2018

5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

at the

Galloping Hill Inn

325 Chestnut Street, Union, NJ 07083

Donation: Adults - \$65.00/12 and under - \$40.00

Payments for tickets are due by November 25, 2018

Please make checks payable to EAW Presbyterian Church

For more information or to reserve tickets
contact: Glenda Peart at 973-615-7014 or
Teresa Martin at 973-865-8589

Old First PC – Newark

REV. DR. BETTY J. TOM JOINS OLD FIRST AS INTERIM PASTOR

On Sunday, July 29, 2018, Rev. Dr. Betty Jean Tom joined the historic Old First Presbyterian Church as Interim Pastor.

Born and raised in Indianapolis, Indiana. Rev. Tom hails from a large, close-knit family of eight living siblings and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. She professed a saving hope in Jesus Christ and was baptized at the age of 12 while growing up in the New Liberty Baptist Church. Rev. Tom grew up serving in the church in various capacities and believes that she was, “born to serve God” as she notes in her personal mission statement:

I believe that God has called me to lead by teaching, preaching, and serving the people of God in ways that model Christ’s love for the church. I respect and celebrate the diversity and humanity of all people.”

The benchmarks of Rev. Tom’s ministry are her desire to: advocate for those whose voices have been muted, and to train

and equip others for the work and mission of ministry. She has a love for prayer, praise and worship, and the study of God’s Word. The scripture that best informs Rev. Tom’s ministry is Colossians 3:17, “*And whatever you do in word or deed do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*”

Rev. Tom, formerly a teacher and school counselor in the Indianapolis Public School and Warren Township School districts for 22 years, holds a Doctor of Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL, (2013); a Masters of Divinity from Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, IN (2003); a Master of Science degree in Education from Butler University, Indianapolis, IN (1986); and a Bachelor of Science degree from Ball State University, Muncie, IN (1978). Rev. Tom served as Solo Pastor for the Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, IN for ten years before receiving the call to serve as the Pastor/Head of Staff of First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Vernon, NY in June 2011-January 2018.

Rev. Tom is a lifelong learner, social justice advocate and spiritual teacher and leader. She is an active member of the National Association of Presbyterian Clergy Women, serves on the Advisory Board for the Presbyterian Hunger Program, PCUSA. Rev. Tom is an active supporter of the Interfaith Workers Justice and Westchester Jewish Council. She is also the former Convener for the Education Committee, for the Interfaith Clergy for Social Action and a member of the United Black Clergy, Mt. Vernon, NY. In Hudson River Presbytery, Rev. Tom served on the Hudson River Presbytery’s Cross-Cultural Network, and Emerging Ministries Teams. Rev. Tom is a philanthropist, an avid football and basketball fan; she enjoys reading, writing, good jazz music, collecting books on prayer, water aerobics and swimming.

Rev. Betty Tom is the wife of the Rev. Philip Tom, the newly appointed Executive Director of International Council for Community Churches. Together they are the proud parents of daughter Lena Tom of Chicago, IL, and four sons; Ronald, Jared and Aaron (Lynette) of Indianapolis, IN; and Nathan of Bladensburg, MD.

PW Newark Presbytery welcomes Rev. Tom and prays that God will grant her an extra measure of spiritual wisdom and guidance and she undertakes this new assignment.



Rev. Dr. Betty J. Tom, Pastor-Servant Leader

BRENDA BAYLEY GOES TO GUYANA TO HELP LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN



BRENDA BAYLEY GIVES TO LOCAL GUYANESE SCHOOL CHILDREN

Every year for the past several years, Mrs. Brenda Bayley has been traveling over the summer to her birthplace, Guyana, South America, and giving generously to the children of the Linden Foundation Secondary School. The school is unique in that the children, up to age 16, live there for 3 months at a time because it's too costly to travel across the river on a daily basis. They are all bright children, eager to learn, but lack some basic necessities to help them achieve their best selves.

This is where Brenda Bayley comes in to assist. With the help of her friends Lawrence Griffith and Marion Alleyne, she will be gifting these precious children with much needed toiletries, clothes, books, school supplies, food and more! She values the youth greatly, quoting the scripture in Psalm 127:3 "Children are a gift from the Lord. They are a reward from him" (NLT).

This year she leaves on July 27th and will return in late August. While she is there, she tries to be a blessing to as many people as possible, and is truly excited about giving. "If I can do anything to help, you know I will."



Source: Old First Newsletter, July 2018

WOMEN'S DAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018

11:00 AM

The women of Roseville Church are having a Women's Day Service on Sunday, November 11th at 11:00AM, followed by the Mary Garrett Memorial Luncheon. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Anita Wright, pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Montclair, NJ. All are welcome to attend.

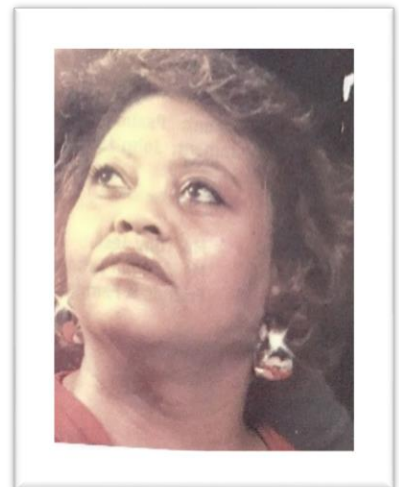
REMEMBERING EVIE MAE NORTH

Sister Evie North, a long-time member of Roseville PC, and stalwart Presbyterian Woman went home to her eternal rest on September 27, 2018 following a long illness. A Home Going Service was held on Thursday, October 4 at the church. Sister North served the Roseville Church as elder and deacon and was a member of the Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team, most recently (2008-2011) serving as co-editor of the newsletter (PW INTERCOM). Even during the course of her long illness and frequent confinement to various hospitals and rehabilitation centers, her faith in Jesus never faltered. Evie enjoyed the written word and loved to write. The preamble to a poem that she contributed to the Fall 2017 edition of the newsletter while at a rehabilitation center, included the exhortation:

"No matter how helpless and afraid I may feel, I have something to offer. I can pray. In every situation God wants us to intercede."

The end of the poem entitled "Little Light, Shine Bright" says,

*"Just obey, be bold and pray.
No matter how long you have to stay,
Just pray!
God will give you the words to say.
Just open up your heart and
Brighten the corner where you are."*



Health doesn't come from nutritious foods, vitamins and medicines alone. It comes from peace of mind, peace in the heart and peace in the soul. It is magnified by laughter, love and faith in God.

(www.facebook.com/pages/SparklingDew)

TO THE CHURCH AT LARGE

by Genevieve H. Hardy, Roseville PC

Discover Card, Visa and AOL
Fit into my budget very well.
But a pledge I simply cannot pay
At least not in a meaningful way.

Paychecks don't go as far, you see,
And prices are not what they use to be.
After important bills are met,
The church must take what it can get.

I have to buy food and clothes and oil.
These are the things for which I toil
Eight long, hard hours per day.
At night I'm even too tired to pray.

When Sunday comes, I'm just plain beat.
I'm all worn out from my head to my feet.
But I'll be in church next week, you'll see
Provided there's nothing good on TV.

And so, dear church, suffice it to say
My scheme of things just won't fit you today.
But as soon as better conditions exists
I'll place you right on the top of my list.

*A person wrapped
up in him/herself
makes a pretty
small package!*

DISCOVER YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFT AND USE IT

In his book, *Discover Your Spiritual Gift and Use It*, Rich Yohn says that God has made provisions for us to experience as much power and ability as we will ever need to live at top efficiency. "The potential is within us if we've had a personal relationship with Him."

God has given us the Word, His power, His character and spiritual gifts with which to accomplish His work. "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards in the manifold Grace of God." (1 Peter 4:10)

According to the author, most Christians do little else but attend church and would rather leave the ministry up to the pastor and specialists, such as the minister of music or the Christian Educators. This results in about 20% efficiency, and God did not design the church to function at low efficiency.

Since it is God's desire that all church members participate in His church, each person has been given a special which, when developed, can be used to His glory.

Yohn categorizes these gifts like this:

- Ministry of helping (giving, showing mercy)
- Ministry of directing others (leadership)
- Ministry of the Word (teaching, preaching, music, exhortations)
- Ministry of the spectacular (miracles, tongues and interpretations)

Finally, he explains that there can be but one kind of church member: one who is **active**.

"A local church that holds on to an inactive membership perpetuates the lie that it is proper to do nothing for the Lord."

Submitted by Genevieve H. Hardy, Roseville PC

LEST WE FORGET

by *Genevieve H. Hardy, Roseville PC*

He was a prophet of the 20th Century, a silver-tongued orator, an ambassador of peace. But, suddenly, the “midwife of oppression had snatched from the womb of the world this child of destiny”.

This man, barely approaching the afternoon of his existence, was as the blazing sun of noon, casting rays of hope upon those who had remained in darkness and despair for so long and parching the souls of those who committed inhumane acts of bigotry.

Then a madman, a product of our psychopathic society, eclipsed this “sun”, casting the world into utter darkness. Death came quickly, and it seemed as though the sun had gone down while it was yet day.

Darkness, hurt, pain and sorrow – and a part of each of us died. Yet the One who is able to free us from a morbid sense of fear and trepidation declared, “Weeping may endure for a night, but joy will come in the morning”. (Psalm 30:5) Surely, the night did end, and a new day did appear.

So, when we remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., let us not reduce his remembrance to our dwelling on his untimely demise or reciting his “I Have a Dream” speech, ad nauseam. Instead, let us commit ourselves to stand for something ... lest we fall for anything!

WELL DONE, THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT”

Matthew 25: 23



It was with great sadness that we were informed of the untimely death of the Rev. Dr. Katie Geneva Cannon, a highly esteemed figure in the Presbyterian Church (USA). She died on August 8, 2018 following a diagnosis of acute leukemia. She was 68 years old.

Dr. Cannon was a graduate of Barber-Scotia College (BS degree), Johnson C. Smith Seminary (Master of Divinity) and Union Theological Seminary (PhD). She was a professor at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA. In addition, she was a prolific author emphasizing womanistic theology and the Black experience.

Dr. Cannon, the first African American Woman to be ordained in the United Presbyterian Church in the USA (in 1974), represented the “power of faith and love despite the tensions of both race and gender struggles within the denomination and academy. Her ordination gave rise to a new call to the understanding of the denomination and the African American community”. (*J. Herbert Nelson, 11, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Church (USA)*)

“At a young age she saw the disconnect between much of the Christian message and the heavily segregated world in which she had lived. Born in Kannapolis, NC, she was puzzled by the fact that she could not use the local swimming pool or the library because it was against the law. She was a fundamental voice in womanist theology which seeks to escape the white male-centered views of religious ethics and to value the experiences and insights of Black women in those areas.” She was a scholar, a prolific writer, a professor as well as a servant-leader. She will be missed greatly by all who have had the distinct pleasure of being in her company.

Dr. Cannon was invited by Charlotte Cade to be the guest at one of our Presbyterian (a forerunner of PW) Retreats held at Tuscarora Inn along the Delaware Water Gap in Bethel, Pennsylvania. In addition, we participated in one of her Bible studies during the Triennium at Purdue University, where she was a guest speaker.

The Gospel of Matthew relates the parable of the talents. The Master, when he was going on a journey, issues talents three of his servants. When he returned, he asked for an accounting of what each had done with what was given him. One gave a mediocre, but acceptable report. Another, who attempted to blame the Master for his own downfall, was cast into utter darkness. However, the servant who proved productive was told, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Enter into your Master’s happiness”. That, to be sure, was The Rev. Dr. Katie Geneva Cannon.

Submitted by Genevieve H. Hardy, Roseville PC

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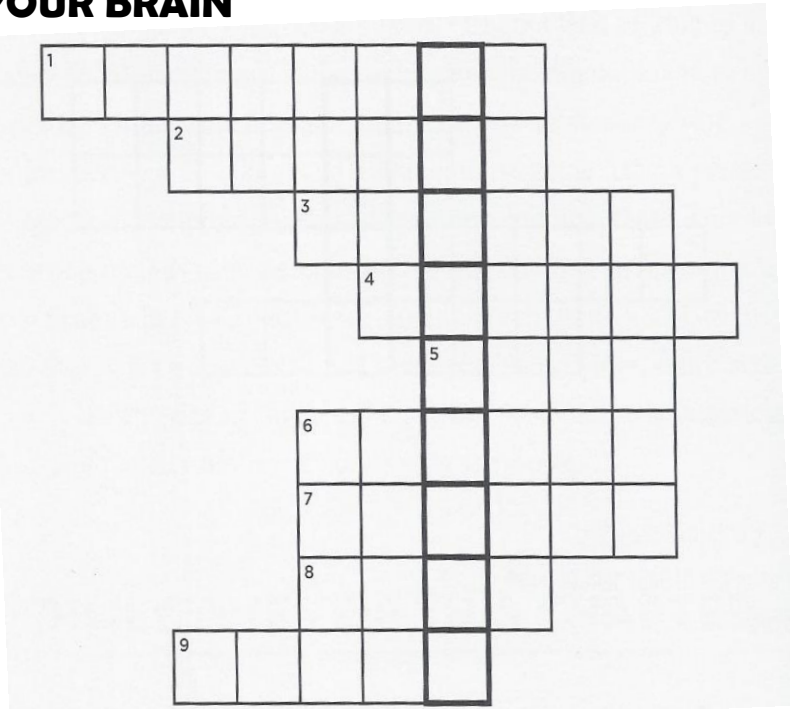
EXERCISE YOUR BRAIN

SEASONS OF THE YEAR ACROSTIC

Acrostics are like crossword puzzles. The clues refer to words that fit into the horizontal lines of empty cells. Find the hidden word (that pertains to a winter holiday) in the acrostic.

CLUES

1. Time of the year when the sun reaches either its highest or lowest point in the noon sky
2. There are twelve of these in a year
3. The season that comes before summer
4. The coldest season of the year
5. It falls mainly in winter
6. The season when the leaves fall
7. The hottest season of the year
8. A year with 366 days
9. There are 52 of these in a year



Source: The Complete Brain Workout: 500 New Puzzles to Exercise Your Brain and Maximize Your Memory by Marcel Danesi, Ph.D. (www.Harlequin.com), 2015

SOLVE THIS PUZZLE:

A blind man is alone on a deserted island. He has two blue pills and two red pills. He must take exactly one red pill and one blue pill, or he will die. How does he do it?

Solution:

THE CORRECT WAY TO SPELL POTATO!!!

If 'gh' can stand for 'p' in hiccough
 If 'ough' can stand for 'o' in dough
 If 'phth' can stand for 't' as in 'phthisis'
 If 'eigh' can stand for 'a' in 'neighbor'
 If 'tte' can stand for 't' in 'gazette'
 If 'eau' can stand for 'o' in 'plateau'
 Then, the correct way to spell 'potato' would be:

GHOUGHTPHTEIGHTTTEAU

Source: Analytical Grammar/Grammar Planet, 7/1/18 post

SOLVE THESE RIDDLES!

1. What word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it? _____
2. What starts with the letter "t", is filled with "t" and ends in "t"? _____
3. Ronaldo's mom has four children. The first is named April; the second is named May; the third is named June. What is the name of the fourth child? _____
4. A man was driving his truck. His lights were not on. The moon was not out. Up ahead, a woman was crossing the street. How did he see her? _____
5. How many months have 28 days? _____

*We worship an awesome God who can make
the ordinary, extraordinary!*

PEACE WORD SEARCH - NUMBERS 6: 25-26

Words can be found in a straight line horizontally, vertically, diagonally, forward or backward.

THE	AND BE	COUNTENANCE
LORD	GRACIOUS	UPON
MAKE	UNTO	THEE,
HIS	THEE:	AND
FACE	THE	GIVE
SHINE	LORD	THEE
UPON	LIFT UP	PEACE.
THEE,	HIS	

G	C	P	D	D	E	K	E	P	R	H
C	R	R	N	E	C	Q	U	K	R	I
T	O	A	H	E	A	T	O	P	A	S
L	H	T	C	N	F	E	E	T	O	M
P	I	E	K	I	E	L	E	V	N	N
E	S	E	L	H	O	B	O	T	I	U
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Source:

Jean Knabbe, PEACE Word Search Puzzles, Christian Light Publications, Harrisonburg, VA, 2017

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

A young lady sat in a bus. At the next stop, a loud and grumpy old lady came and sat by her. She squeezed into the seat and bumped her with her numerous bags. The person sitting on the other side of the young lady got upset and asked her why she did not speak up and say something. The young lady replied with a smile, *"It is not necessary to be rude or argue over something so insignificant. The journey together is short. I get off at the next stop."* This response deserves to be written in golden letters. "It is not necessary to argue over something so insignificant. Our journey together is so short."

If each one of us realizes that our time here is so short that, to darken it with quarrels, futile arguments, not forgiving others, discontentment and a fault-finding attitude, would be a waste of time and energy.

Did someone break your heart? Be calm, the journey is so short.

Did someone provoke or intimidate you? Be calm, forgive, the journey is so short.

Did someone betray, bully, cheat or humiliate you? Be calm, forgive, the journey is so short.

Whatever troubles anyone brings us, let us remember that our journey together is so short. No one knows the duration of this journey. No one knows when his or her stop will come. Our journey together is so short. Let us cherish friends and family. Let us be respectful, kind and forgiving to one another. Let us be filled with gratitude and gladness...

After all, our journey together is so short!

WHO GOD USES

"God grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change, the courage to change the one I can; and the wisdom to know it's me!"

The next time you feel like God can't use you, just remember:

1. Noah was a drunk
 2. Abraham was too old
 3. Isaac was a daydreamer
 4. Jacob was a liar
 5. Leah was ugly
 6. Joseph was abused
 7. Moses had a stuttering problem
 8. Gideon was afraid
 9. Gideon had long hair and was a womanizer
 10. Rahab was a prostitute
 11. Jeremiah and Timothy were too young
 12. David had an affair and was a murderer
 13. Elijah was suicidal
 14. Isaiah preached naked
 15. Jonah ran from God
 16. Naomi was a widow
 17. Job was bankrupt
 18. John the Baptist ate bugs
 19. Peter denied Christ
 20. The disciples fell asleep while praying
 21. Martha worried about everything
 22. The Samaritan woman was divorced, more than once
 23. Zaccheus was too small
 24. Paul was too religious
 25. Timothy had an ulcer
- And...
26. Lazarus was dead

"God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called."

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4: 10 (NIV)

"I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you." 2 Timothy 1: 6

AN IMPORTANT LIST

The most destructive habitWorry
 The greatest joy.....Giving
 The greatest loss.....Self respect
 The most satisfying work.....Helping others
 The ugliest personality trait.....Selfishness
 The most endangered species.....Dedicated leaders
 Our greatest natural resource.....Our youth
 The greatest “shot in the arm”.....Encouragement
 The greatest problem to overcome.....Fear
 The most effective sleeping pill.....Peace of mind
 The most crippling failure disease.....Excuses
 The most powerful force in life.....Love
 The most dangerous pariah.....A gossip
 The world’s most incredible computerThe brain
 The worst thing to be without.....Hope
 The deadliest weapon.....The tongue
 The two-most-filled words.....I can
 The greatest asset.....Faith
 The most worthless emotion.....Self pity
 The most beautiful attire.....A smile
 The most prized possession.....Integrity
 The most powerful channel of communication.....Prayer
 The most contagious spirit.....Enthusiasm
 The most important person in life.....God

THE BEST MEANING FOR A.S.A.P

Ever wonder about the acronym ASAP? Generally, we think of it in terms of even more hurry and stress in our lives. Maybe, if we think of it in a different manner, we will begin to find a new way to deal with those rough days along the way.

There is work to do, deadlines to meet
 You’ve got no time to spare
 But as you hurry and scurry ...
ASAP – ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

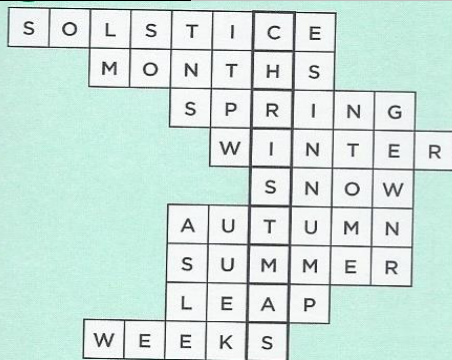
In the midst of family chaos
 “Quality time” is rare
 Do your best; let God do the rest
And ASAP – ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

It may seem like your worries
 Are ore than you can bear
 Slow down and take a breather
And ASAP – ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

God knows how stressful life is
 He wants to ease our cares
 And He’ll respond to all your needs
When you ASAP – ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

Anonymous

Hidden Word: CHRISTMAS



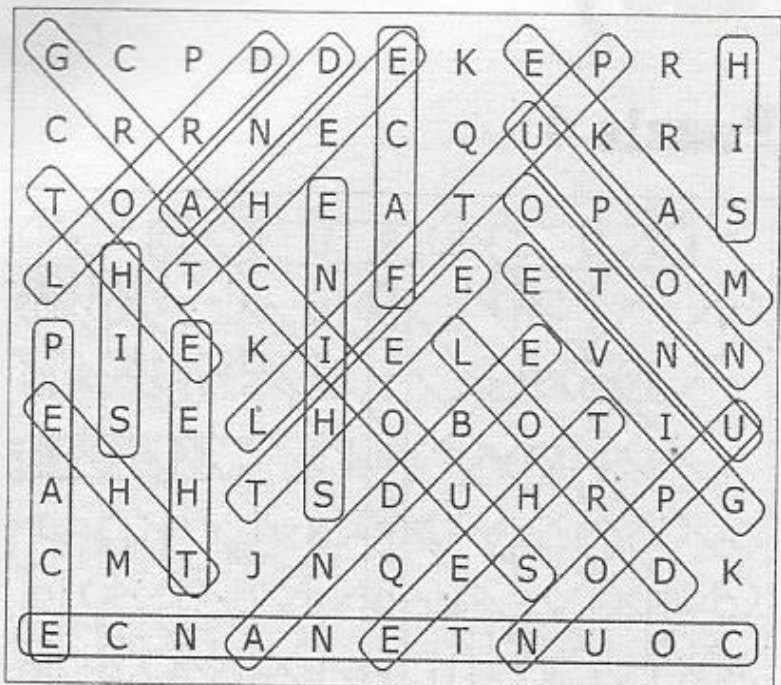
PILL PUZZLE SOLUTION:

Line up the four pills. Break the first two in halves, swallow one-half of each and put the other halves aside. Do the same for each of the other three pills!

RIDDLES

1. Shorter
2. Teapot
3. Ronaldo
4. It was a bright and sunny day!
5. All 12 months

WORD SEARCH: BLESSING (Numbers 6: 25-26)



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S PURPOSE

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 (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's Kingdom.

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