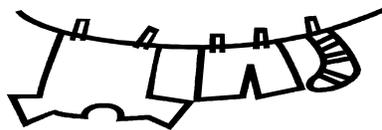


September 2017



NEWS WASH

Forgiven and Freed by God in Jesus Christ

News of Presbyterian Women in Washington Presbytery

Moderator's Message

This summer seems to have flown by. I know that summer actually is not over until September 21, but the grandchildren are getting ready to go back to school and it seems when that happens it is the end of summer and vacations. Another sign of the coming to the end of summer is when your coordinating team begins planning the Fall Gathering. We have the date and place and we are getting the program together. Hope you all will be able to attend.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to be your representative at the Synod Gathering in June this year. I really enjoyed the worship sessions, the workshops and the fellowship with new people from the Synod.

Melissa Bane Seiver is the author of the 2017 Horizons Bible Study. Melissa is a teaching elder in the PCUSA who, after more than 23 years as a pastor, chose to leave the pastorate and focus on her longtime ministry of writing and photography. Melissa gave us a preview of each of the nine lessons in the study. The title is "Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews." Each lesson has a different theme of the Community of Christ. I think it will be inspirational as well as informative. I am looking forward to beginning this study and sharing it with some friends. I think you will enjoy it also and I hope that you will make use of this material in your circles.

Another inspiring speaker was Veda Javid Gill from Pakistan. Veda told us of her mother as a very poor child in Pakistan, and how she was given the opportunity to attend a school run by Presbyterian Missions. This was at a time when girls were not



given the privilege of an education. Veda said that her mother also made sure that she received an education. Veda is now the Executive Director of the Presbyterian Education Board/Pakistan. The mission of the PEB is to provide quality educational opportunities to poor masses in Pakistan, without regard for caste, color or creed.

We heard from a police officer who talked about human trafficking and the stories of two PW women who are survivors of abuse and how their lives have been transformed through Christian people who believed in them. After these emotional presentations, we had the opportunity to participate in an anointing ceremony. I attended an anointing workshop earlier in the day and learned this practice is based on James 5:14, and is seeking a blessing from God. The program ended Saturday morning with worship and Communion. It was a privilege for me to be able to represent Washington Presbytery.

Ginger Wainwright

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Horizons

Visit Horizons online at:

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PW Synod of the Trinity Special Mission Project

LILY'S PLACE

Huntington, West Virginia

"THE PARENT PROJECT"

PWS Mission Project Goal = \$15,000

We are well aware that the epidemic of drug addiction is exploding in our nation. "Lily's Place opened as the first neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Center in the country. Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) is a group of problems that occur in a newborn who was exposed to addictive opiate drugs while in the mother's womb."

"The mission of LILY'S PLACE is to provide medical care to infants suffering from prenatal drug exposure and offer non-judgmental support, education and counseling to families. The PARENT PROJECT has been designed in an effort to not only support and educate families but to support and educate the general community as well. NAS babies have a great many special needs; the PARENT PROJECT educates

caretakers of babies graduating from Lily's Place. Caretakers complete training for therapeutic handling, care of a high-needs infant, infant CPR, feeding a NAS baby, what symptoms to expect, what to do if there is a problem, safely precautions, and safe sleeping practices."



"The \$15,000 raised will be used for support and supplies of THE PARENT PROJECT, including materials to use in educational outreach efforts, as well as supplies for hands-on-training sessions for parents/caretakers."

Presbyterian Women in Washington Presbytery are urged to consider this PWS Mission Project for 2017-2018. We hope to have a speaker at the Fall Gathering. Your donation will be received at the PW Washington Presbytery Spring Gathering, 2018.

Chartiers Hill UP Church

MUM SALE

Friday & Saturday

September 22-23, 9 AM—2 PM

Large Variety of hanging baskets & potted plants

Plus.....

FLEA MARKET

Saturday, September 23rd

9:00 AM—2 :00PM



Martha Washington Quilt Show

plus a Quilt Raffle and Bake Sale

The Church of the Covenant

November 3-4, 2017; 9 AM-5 PM

Lunch will be served 11:00-1:00

For more information contact:

Connie Hornickle 704-228-7985

Attention Treasurers ~ Important Announcement

Due to new banking procedures you will need to send separate checks for General Mission and Contingent monies. The bank will no longer split the money between the two accounts without charging a fee.

Send one check for General Mission:

Mission Pledge; Thank Offering; Birthday Offering; Honorary Life Membership; Memorial/Honorary Gifts; Synod Mission Project.

Send a separate check for Contingent:

Membership fee: \$1 per member; PW Synod fee: \$20.00 per church; Fellowship of Least Coin; Hunger Offering, NewsWash.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mona Lou Dunn, PW Treasurer

FALL GATHERING

Make your plans to join us ...

October 28, 2017, 9:30 am -1:00 pm

Presbyterian SeniorCare, Washington

For Reservations Contact: Ginger Wainwright

gingwain@gmail.com 724-317-6685

Lunch is \$8.00

Local Mission Project:

Please bring items for *Love in a Basket*:

Please see information below...

"Precious in His Sight"



Craig's Corner

God's 'Gifted' Program

In a noteworthy turnabout, the giver of gifts got a gift given to someone else! Sound confusing? They are two whose lives you know about.

Acts 9 recounts of Tabitha/Dorcas, whose charity toward other women formed her reputation for generosity (Grk. *charis* = "gift"). When she herself became ill and died, the Apostle Peter came to her side and prayerfully applied God's gift of healing and restoration so that she lived again!

Yet not all God's gifts are wondrous works of healing. Other spiritual gifts we might call "motivations for ministry." At your *Spring Gathering* we began to think about the spiritual gifts described in Romans 12. Some Christians teach and some preach. Some serve and some, like Tabitha/Dorcas, extend creative gifts in kindness toward others. Each of us is fashioned with God-given inclinations that



Love in a Basket

Our "Local" Mission Project for our Fall Gathering will be items for the *Love In A Basket* mission at the Laboratory Presbyterian Church. These baskets are given to new mothers in the community who may need a helping hand.

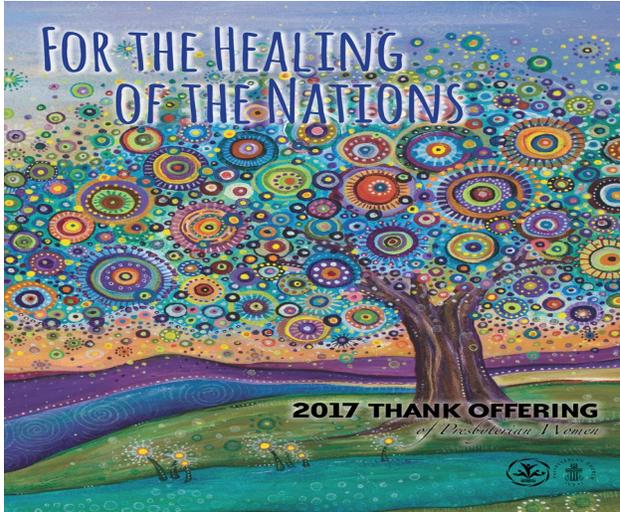
Items needed for babies: bottles, pacifiers, diapers, wipes, diaper cream, baby shampoo, sleepers, onesies, etc.

Items for mothers: personal care products and toiletries.

Please bring these items to our Fall Gathering.

motivate us for ministry in Christ's Church.

I hope you will have our February 3, 2018 **Leaderfest** event on your calendars. There we will be studying and applying more about how God equips and motivates each of us for different ministries. See you then!



God of all life, renew us by the power of your Holy Spirit. Lead us along the path that leads to the Tree of Life, and help us to join in your mission, which brings all nations to the healing and restoration promised in its branches. Amen.
Revelation 22:2

**Save the date for the
 Churchwide Gathering
 August 2-5, 2018**

NEW PW WEBSITE

Houston (Honolulu, Helena, Hot Springs), we have lift-off! PW has successfully launched a state-of-the-art, brand-new, shiny website! The coordinates remain unchanged www.presbyterianwomen.org but the view from your computer/tablet/phone is remarkably more awe-inspiring. PW's newly redesigned and streamlined website is not just "one small step" for PW, it's a "giant leap" forward for your PW ministry.



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