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News of the Presbyterian Women of the Washington Presbytery

Fall 2024



Moderator's Corner

I hope your summer is going well! It's hard to believe that August is here and fall is just around the corner. It's been a busy year and this fall will be no exception. So the Coordinating Team wanted to get a quick NewsWash out to you to share some important information as we head into a new PW year for our circles and groups.

We are planning for the Fall Gathering on October 24th. See the Save the Date in this issue. We'll have more details in September.

The PWP CT will present revisions to the Bylaws for the PW in Washington Presbytery. The minor revisions reflect changes that update our operations. PW in the Congregation (PWC) moderators will shortly receive copies in the mail to share with their groups.

We also have some updates from the PW in the Synod of the Trinity regarding current and future mission projects. Check out the information!

I am looking forward to attending the PW Churchwide Business Meeting and Churchwide Gathering August 7-11 in St. Louis and representing the Presbyterian Women in Washington Presbytery. I'll be attending workshops about the 2024/25 Horizons Bible Study "*Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*" and the 2026/27 Bible Study "*Love as Equity in the Body of Christ*", Best Practices for Saving and Sharing PW History, and Celebrating PW's Past, Present and Future, and other workshops, participating in plenary sessions and worship! It sounds like an exciting time. I look forward to sharing a recap at the Fall Gathering and a future NewsWash.

I'd like to schedule a workshop on the new Horizons Bible Study after I return. Please email me at bbstammerjohn@gmail.com if you are interested so I can work on getting that set up!

See you in October! ~Bettie Stammerjohn

Calling All PW Congregations!

We are updating the PW Directory for Washington Presbytery. By Sept. 1st, please send me the names and contact info for your congregation's PW moderator, and the days and times of your group's meetings. We'll have copies of the directory at the Fall Gathering for each moderator.

Reminder! Donations for the PW in the Synod 2024 Mission Project, Casa Materna, should be turned into PWP Treasurer, Linda Grimm by Nov. 30th! Suggested donation from each PWC of \$6.50 per PW to help cover the cost of the voluntary registration fee for each woman to receive care. You are welcome to give whatever donation you can provide to help this vital outreach to pregnant and postpartum women in Guatemala. A flyer is attached.



Save the Date PW Fall Gathering "Fall for PW"

Thurs., Oct. 24 9 a.m. – 12 Noon
Faith UP Church

Mission speaker - Rusty Salminen, SW Bethel Ethiopia Ministry. Cultivate PW Flowers - learn more about one another and each woman's faith journey through PW. Pumpkin centerpiece raffle to benefit South West Bethel Synod, mission speaker, PW resources, refreshments, and more! Stay tuned for more details.



The PW in the Synod of the Trinity (PWS) has announced that they are accepting applications for the 2025 PW Synod Mission project grants. You may know good projects in our region that may qualify, or you may have a project in your own church that may qualify.

The criteria of the project is that it will impact the lives of: women, children, youth, racial ethnic persons and persons with a disability and have a PW connection. The nominated project for 2025 should be a project within the Synod of the Trinity.

A copy of the grant application form can be downloaded from the PW in the Synod of the Trinity webpage at <https://www.syntrinity.org/synod-pw/>. Send one completed copy via USPS to Suzanne Herger at 142 Commonwealth Drive, Newtown, PA 18940. Additionally, send a copy via email to her at suzanne.herger@verizon.net.



PW Horizons 2024/25 Bible Study "*Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*" by Patricia Tull.

Join PW as we explore, with all our hearts, God's call to care for our neighbors and for creation. Readers will learn about ecological systems, the challenges we face in this time of accelerated climate change, and the possibilities available to address or counter the impact of human-made stress on our environment. Further, readers will explore theological questions that point us to act and engage, in small and large ways.

Copies of the Bible study, and resources for groups and personal devotions, are available at <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study/justice/> You can find additional resources and study helps in the Horizons magazine and on the PW Blog, PW Facebook page.

If you or your group are interested in participating in a Bible Study workshop, please contact Bettie Stammerjohn at bbstammerjohn@gmail.com as soon as possible.



Update on The Presbyterian Church of Charleroi Haitian Outreach Project

We recently received this update from Rev. Sharon Woomer at The Presbyterian Church of Charleroi about their outreach program to the Haitian immigrants working living and working in their community.

“Things are going extremely well here in Charleroi- We have had (thanks to Gayle and her team from Child Evangelism Outreach leading VBS) a wonderful beginning with children’s ministry- we started with 10 and had twenty children from midweek on!

Also last week we hosted a Mobile Medical Unit in our parking lot and also had an area set up so that community members could meet with service providers

We are in serious planning mode for a faith based afterschool program led by a very experienced neighbor from Haiti who is well acquainted with the community. I am recruiting volunteers.

We will have a small outreach dinner on Saturday (in July) (prepared by a college student from Ethiopia!) to welcome a new couple from Haiti (just here 2 weeks) worshipping with us.

We had our first giveaway of household goods - we had 8 long tables full of items- and a mattress and springs - and all the items were gone in 20 minutes! Our next one is planned for mid August. I’ll be sending out notes to our churches inviting donations.

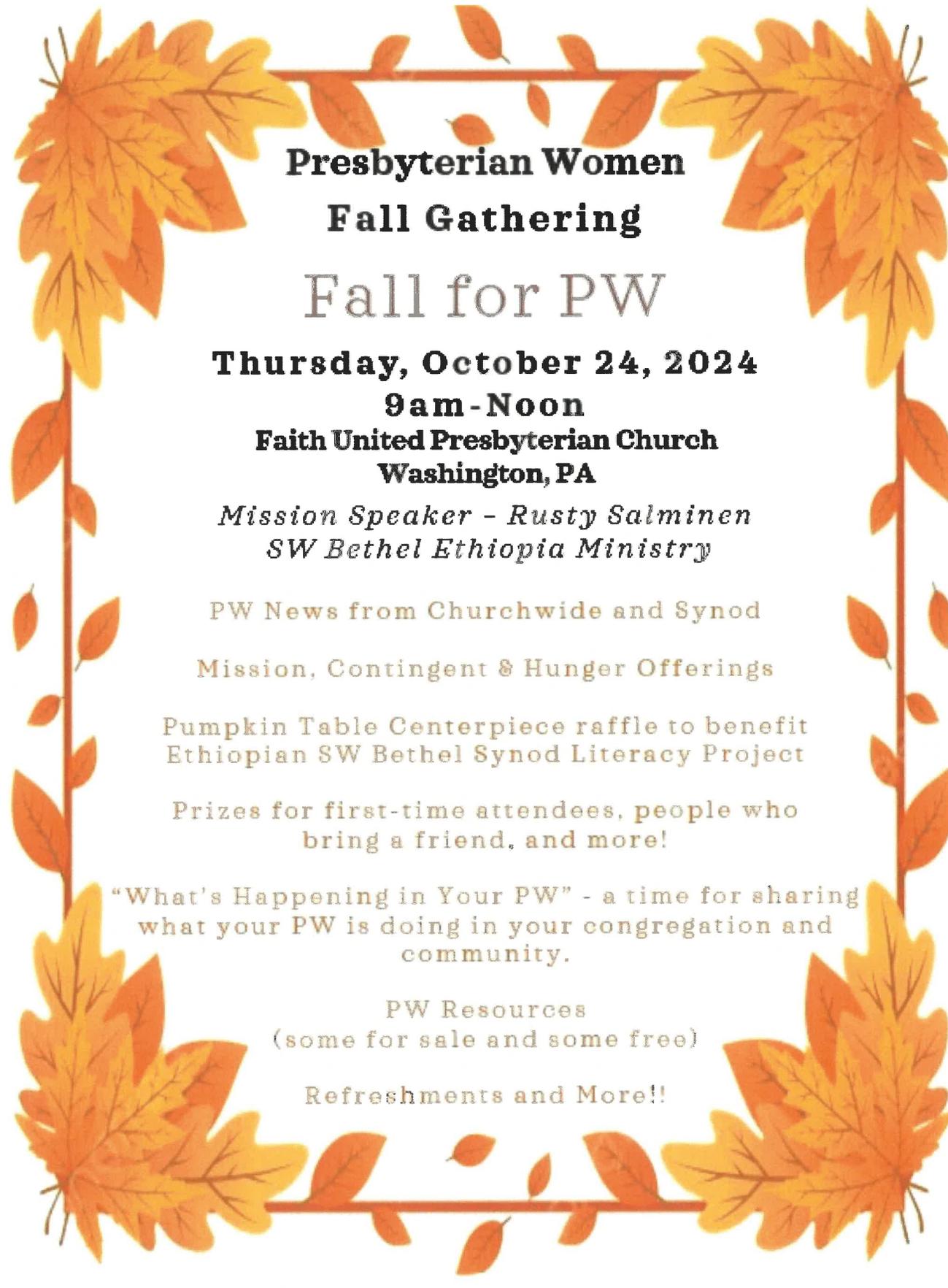
Also under discussion is the hosting of an ongoing series of small group discussions to support so many who are dealing with trauma.

More to come!

Working on a newsletter to widely share what God is doing in Charleroi.

So deeply thankful for your encouragement and support. Knowing I’m surrounded in prayer is absolutely vital and life giving. I’m also so grateful for the generous financial support that you all made possible.

*With great joy
Sharon*



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9am - Noon

**Faith United Presbyterian Church
Washington, PA**

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PW News from Churchwide and Synod

Mission, Contingent & Hunger Offerings

Pumpkin Table Centerpiece raffle to benefit
Ethiopian SW Bethel Synod Literacy Project

Prizes for first-time attendees, people who
bring a friend, and more!

“What’s Happening in Your PW” - a time for sharing
what your PW is doing in your congregation and
community.

PW Resources
(some for sale and some free)

Refreshments and More!!