

PWHP e-CONNECTION

June 1, 2017

2017 PWSMA SPRING GATHERING

This gathering was packed full of information, inspiration, fellowship and fun! It was like a Churchwide Gathering, but in Branson - - it even included the World Premiere of the *Horizons* skit, "The Three Wise Women" that will be featured at the CWG in Louisville in 2018!



Glenda Watts



Carol Winkler



Shari Stump



Susan Jackson-Dowd



Helen Christ



"Three Wise Women"



Susan Rosenbaum



Gathering Fellowship

The Rev. Glenda Watts, PWSMA Historian and PW Heartland Moderator, planned and led worship on Saturday morning, led "Hearing God's Voice through Movement," a Tai Chi exercise and led the Heartland business meeting.

The Rev. Susan Rosenbaum, of Shell Knob, MO, Pastoral Presbyter of John Calvin Presbytery was the dynamic Sunday worship preacher.

Carol Winkler, Moderator of PW Churchwide, was the Friday evening after-dinner keynote speaker and also led a workshop on the *Educated Child Initiative*.

Rhoda Frasier, Moderator of PWSMA, coordinated the event planning, composed and edited the gathering booklet, accompanied all singing, provided the worship music (and hymnals from her church), led a workshop showing women of the Bible in quilt blocks and led the business meeting.

Shari Stump, came from Los Angeles, CA, to hang out with her Churchwide PW pals, to lead a workshop *Singing the Word*, to lead *Singing with Shari* sessions, and to reprise her acclaimed role as *Julia, Child of God*.

Susan Jackson-Dowd, Louisville, KY, PW Executive Director, shared the Saturday morning keynote, *Hearing the Voices of Change*, and led a preview Bible Study of the 2018 *Horizons* study on the letter to the Hebrews.

Helen Harano Christ, former moderator of PWSMA and sister of Gail Cunningham, traveled from Seattle, WA to attend.



Those who chose to arrive early to attend **MOSES**, the current production at Branson's Sight and Sound Theater, were treated to a spectacular production of the familiar stories from Exodus that included a 180-degree surround stage and camels, horses and Egyptians traveling up and down the aisles. Gail Cunningham is posing with the statuary Moses in the theater lobby.

Members of the PWSMA CT and others provided Door Prizes and **Auction** items. Shari Stump was the auctioneer, and all of the proceeds went to the PW Mission Pledge. Toni Spieth provided this beautiful quilt, being shown by Mary Jorgenson.



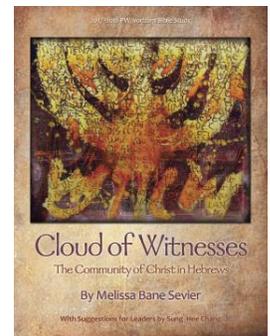
JOYS & CONCERNS

- **Katy Cunningham Veysman**, Gail Cunningham's daughter, lost her valiant battle with cancer on March 17, 2017. Her obit appeared in the KC Star on May 13. Katy -- a beautiful person who will be missed by so many. Prayers to Ed & Gail as well as Katy's husband and young son.
- Prayers of thanksgiving and continued healing for **Shirley Nichols**. Shirley has undergone deep brain stimulation for treatment of essential tremors. One surgery down, one to go.
- Deep thanks from **Gail Cunningham** and her family for the kind and caring thoughts and prayers and expressions of sympathy from so many PW sisters at the death of her daughter, Katy Cunningham Veysman.

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY WORKSHOP – July 15, 2017

The Horizons Bible Study Workshop sponsored by PW in the Synod of MidAmerica, PW in Heartland Presbytery, and PW in Village Church, will be Saturday, July 15, 2017, at Village Church at 67th and Mission Rd in Prairie Village, KS. The 2017-2018 Study will be "**Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews**," by Melissa Bane Sevier. **The registration form is attached.**

The study is available for purchase (\$10/study book). Subscribers to Horizons Magazine received their copies with the March/April magazine.



HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

[Click here](#) to go directly to the information page for the Horizons Bible Study. It includes synopses of the lessons as well as a link for ordering.

2nd Quarter PW CHURCHWIDE NEWSLETTER

As always, there is a massive amount of information in the PW quarterly newsletter. [Click here](#) to download the second quarter's installment dated May-July 2017.

2017 PWHP FALL GATHERING Saturday, October 21

Save the date! Plans are being made for the PWHP Fall Gathering to be held at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, 11100 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS. Details will be firmed up in the summer. It will be the morning of Saturday, October 21, ending with lunch.

The registration form information is complete, but I haven't gotten my act together yet to get it assembled. 😊

JUNE BOOK REVIEW by Judy Klamm – ***7 Women*** by Eric Metaxas

Of all the women of faith who have influenced history, how can only several be discussed in a book? Eric Metaxas in *7 Women* looks at seven women who have stood strong in the Christian faith to become great. Starting with Joan of Arc and ending with St. Teresa of Calcutta, the author provides a short reflection on their lives. These strong women influenced those around them to a life of faith They raised strong children, resisted Nazism, and changed United States history and the Civil Rights Movement. While many other women could have been included these seven remind the reader of the power of faith and are an example for others to follow.

2018 CHURCHWIDE GATHERING

[Click here](#) to visit the most recent email sent regarding the Churchwide Gathering in 2018.

PWHP TREASURER

Anything to do with PWHP money now needs to go to our treasurer:

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2017 GLOBAL EXCHANGE

We are honored to have Gail Cunningham chosen as our Synod's participant for this year's Global Exchange to Indonesia, September 12-29. Guided by Romans 1:12 ("... so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine") participants will learn how to live respectfully in a multi-faith culture and encourage and accompany one another as together they seek a more peaceful and just world.



2017 BIRTHDAY OFFERING

Navajo Water Project -- This project is one of the three chosen to receive grants from the 2017 Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women. Your gift to the Birthday Offering in 2017 will allow the Navajo Water project to eventually provide water systems to 205 families at the Smith Lake Navajo Reservation in New Mexico. The Navajo Water project will provide a running water system for 40 families that do not have access to running water in their homes. They currently store their water in pots, pans, and 55-gallon drums. The grant will provide each household with a cistern, pump, sink, shower and all pipes for the installation of their water system. The

actual grant amount for this worthwhile program will depend on gifts received in 2017. We ask that you give as you have been blessed, generously and as led by the Holy Spirit.

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JUNE DEVOTION by Rev Glenda Watts

Scripture Genesis 16:1-16; 21:9-21; Exodus 2:23-25; 1 Samuel 2:1-10

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13

Living in a time of so many conflicting voices and worldviews, it is more important than ever to “be still and know that I am God.” Listening to God requires a deliberate choice to shut out the chaos around you and focus your thoughts. Is God someone you can hear? The Bible says yes, and the Bible is one of the main tools through which God speaks.

Read the Psalms of David to begin. My favorite is the story of Hagar, the first person (woman) to name God (Gen. 16) “The God who sees me.” Another good example is the boy Samuel in the temple who says, “Speak God, I’m ready to listen.”

The epic, spectacular presentation of *Moses* in Branson reminds us that our God *was* in the past, but affirms “our God who *is* today.” Freed from slavery over and over they sang, “our God who *is* today!”

We live in a world of noise. Almost everywhere we go, we find sounds competing with our minds, keeping us from letting our thoughts get below the surface level. Hearing God's voice means not listening to the noise of the world around us. It's not easy, but it can be done.

“Speak God, I’m ready to listen!”

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat	July 15	Horizons Bible Study Workshop, Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, KS
Sat	Aug 5 9:00AM	PWHP CT meeting, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
Sat	Oct 21	FALL GATHERING , Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS

If your PW group has new contact information or new moderators or treasurers, please let me know, pnitsche@kc.rr.com. Please send me Name, Address, Phone, Email Address and Church Affiliation.

WEAR ORANGE on the 25th of every month to bring attention to the need to end violence against women everywhere.

