

PWHP e-CONNECTION

October 15, 2017



2017 PWHP FALL GATHERING

Around the World with PW

Saturday, October 21 – Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

Hear about PW mission! Do PW mission!

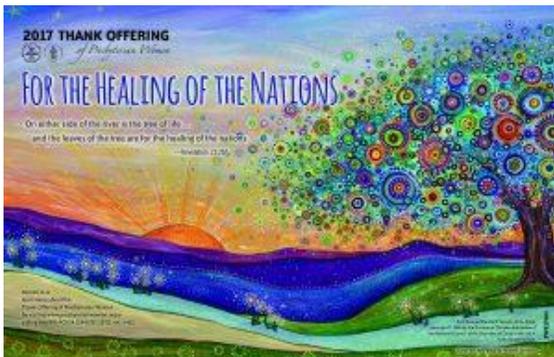
Registration form attached!

Deadline is Monday, October 16.

We hope to see many of you on October 21 at our Fall Gathering! **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, October 16!!!** Our presenters (Gail and Judy) are excited to SHARE their experiences with us.

We're also excited to DO mission at this gathering. We'll learn how to make washable sani-pads for girls in Africa. Keeping our young African sisters in school is a priority and we can help. We are also collecting school items and packing bags to send to Church World Service. Hope to see you Saturday, the 21st!

The PW Global Exchange to Indonesia was the immersion experience of a lifetime, and I'm so looking forward to sharing it with you! *Horizons magazine* staffer Laura Lee was with us, and she took a gazillion professional-grade photos that I'll share a few of, and our moderator, the Rev. Glenda Watts has promised to help me put together my presentation for the fall gathering. Judy Robinett will share her USA Mission Experience in San Francisco, with plenty of images and insights, too. It's Saturday, Oct. 21 at Grace Covenant. It's coming right up! The \$10 registration fee will buy your lunch, and the offering we'll take at worship will go to *Safehome* and *Newhouse*, women's shelters. Send your registration to Judy Robinett **TODAY** so the women preparing lunch can count you in. See you soon! *Gail Cunningham*



2017 THANK OFFERING

Last winter, the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women met to review 92 applications submitted for grants from the 2016 Thank Offering. Fifteen of the projects were chosen for grants totaling \$382,500. Ten of the projects are ministries serving people in need in the United States. Five are international. More than half are health ministries. The funds collected in this year's Thank Offering will be distributed next winter – your contribution can make a huge difference in many places around the world.

The 2017 Thank Offering booklet was mailed to each PC(USA) congregation. Materials are also available online at <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/>. Contributions from your PW group should be sent to our PWHP Treasurer by the end of the year. Be Thankful!

3rd 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 August-October 2017.

OCTOBER BOOK REVIEW by Judy Klamm – *Luther's Fortress* by James Reston

In the year of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, it is important to examine the life of Martin Luther. James Reston in *Luther's Fortress* looks at the year Luther spent in Wartburg Castle to hide from those who wished to take his life for questioning the Roman Catholic Church. After the Diet of Worms where this Augustinian monk vigorously defended himself and his views contained in the Ninety-Five Theses, church authorities looked to have him killed for voicing dissent against the Church. Elector Frederick and others kidnapped Luther and kept him at the castle. During his time there Luther kept writing against church doctrine. He also translated the New Testament into German. Eventually Luther left the castle and continued to reform the church he considered corrupt.

2018 CHURCHWIDE GATHERING

[Click here](#) to visit the most recent email sent regarding the Churchwide Gathering in 2018. One of the highlights of this communication is the word that the new improved PW website is up and running! Take a look at www.presbyterianwomen.org!

OCTOBER DEVOTION by Rev Glenda Watts – *The Idea that Changed the World*

Scripture: John 3 16; Romans 5:1-11, 8:37-38

This year, Presbyterians celebrate the 500th anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation. The Reformation began when Martin Luther posted his “95 Theses” on a church door in Wittenburg, Germany in 1517. The theses, which criticized the sale of indulgences by the Roman Catholic Church, launched a movement that emphasized individual relationships with God and salvation through faith alone.

I've always been fascinated by Luther's struggle to believe in his own salvation. Already a monk, while offering his first mass he was overwhelmed by the holiness of God and the sinfulness of humans. He spent days in prayer looking at his life and found sins in thought, word and deed. He confessed and confessed his sins. Later he would remember others he had forgotten to confess. What if only the ones you remembered were forgiven? He climbed a staircase in Rome on his knees, saying a prayer on each step. He was in torment. Finally through a study of Psalms and Romans, he found the missing piece, the reason sinful humans could love God—the doctrine of justification by faith alone. When he grasped this, “he felt to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise.” This rediscovery led to revival across Europe –“The Reformation” which changed the world forever.

I wonder how many of us have struggled so much to be assured of our salvation. Sometimes I think I take it for granted. When have you felt reborn and have gone through open doors into paradise? How important in your life is confessing your sins to God—not just on Sunday in worship? Do you find it hard to believe that God loves and adores you and is speaking to you right here and now?

Take time to be still and listen for the voice of God inviting you to accept and respond to God's amazing grace as you live into the future God has prepared for you.

To the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

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.

PWHP TREASURER

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

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