



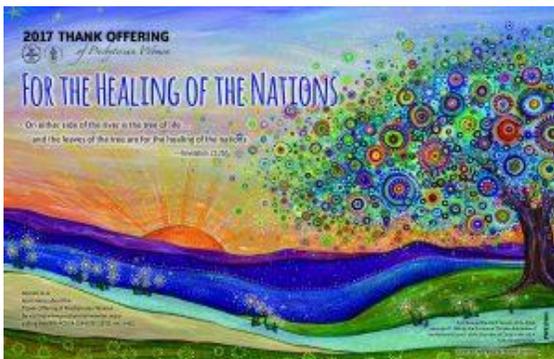
2017 PWHP FALL GATHERING
Around the World with PW
Saturday, October 21 – Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
Hear about PW mission! Do PW mission!
Registration form attached!
Deadline is Monday, October 16.

We hope to see many of you on October 21 at our Fall Gathering! Our presenters (Gail and Judy) are excited to SHARE their experiences with us. Say extra prayers for Gail's safe travels to and from Indonesia. She leaves this week along with some beautiful crocheted necklaces from Mid-America. Thank you to all who contributed!

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. Although the hurricanes are at the front of our minds, school kits are still a necessity. We'll be collecting school items and packing bags to send to Church World Service. Hope to see you next month!

JOYS & CONCERNS

Prayers of thanksgiving for continued healing for **Shirley Nichols!!!** After 65 days in the hospital and rehab, Shirley came home mid-August. It was an ordeal and as husband, Jim said, "It has been a long haul and we are both very appreciative of all the cards, thoughts and prayers. God is good."



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!

SEPTEMBER BOOK REVIEW by Judy Klamm – ***A Path Appears*** by Nicholas Kristof & Sheryl WuDunn

Many people want to see the world be a better place. *In A Path Appears: Transforming Lives, Creating Opportunity* authors Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn examine a variety of individuals and organizations around the world that are doing just this. Education, healthcare, and water are just some issues tackled by individuals. The authors also discuss the downfall of aid programs as well as initiatives done through the business community. Many corporations are working with their employees allowing them paid time to serve in their communities. This book shows how small amounts of money and people working together can begin to alleviate poverty both in the United States and around the world.

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!

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.

SEPTEMBER DEVOTION by Rev Glenda Watts – *Psalms*

Scripture: Psalm 3:1-7a, 84:10-12, 63, 51:1-12, 139, 30:6-12, 42:1, 5, 91, 145:1-16

"Be still and know that I am God." "I was glad when they said to me, let us go into the house of the Lord." "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" You recognize these statements immediately as coming from the book of Psalms in the Bible. You may have to look up the number; except, of course, Psalm 23, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." Almost every memorial service includes this psalm.

I've been thinking about psalms recently because for a Bible study we are bringing one or two psalms that are meaningful to us. This is hard because there are so many different kinds. Even though the word psalm means "song of praise," there are many more lament psalms than praise and thanksgiving. Yet the Psalms was the songbook and prayer book of the Hebrew people. It was a hymnal for God's temple services.

The people of Israel came to God with all their joys and sorrows, their complaints and cries of anguish. They could do this because they trusted in the character, power, and previous action of God. We need to continue to cry out to God, to continue to expect an answer, and therefore continue to live in hope, trusting that our good, powerful, and just God does indeed reign.

Martin Luther wrote "For every [person] on every occasion can find in the Psalms that which fits his needs, which [she] feels to be appropriate as if they had been set there just for [her] sake..."

What psalms are meaningful to you?

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

If you have trouble opening attachments, please check to see that you have the newest version of Adobe Reader. You can get it at <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>. I typically un-check the boxes under Optional Offers as I update my Adobe Reader.

Please excuse me for a bit. I have moved and do not have internet service. So if I have failed to answer you, just try again. And again. And again. I hope to get connected sometime this decade. As my family reminds me, it's a first-world problem (stop whining!).

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