

PWHP e-CONNECTION

August 29, 2018



2108 PWHP FALL GATHERING

Coffee ♥ Conversation ♥ Connecting

Saturday • October 13 • 10-noon – Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
11000 College Blvd • Overland Park, KS

LET'S HAVE COFFEE!

What do Presbyterian Women in Heartland Presbytery like best about gathering together? We like Gathering together! And having coffee and talking. We like to learn about one another, where we're from, what our home churches and women's groups are up to, and what we have in common. We're in a connectional church, and we like to connect. We also like to "do stuff" - - hands-on mission projects that will make the world better -- especially when we can talk while we do it. And we like to go out to lunch.

So, on Saturday, October 13, let's get together and talk from 10 am till noon! Grace Covenant Presbyterian, 11000 College Blvd, Overland Park, is pretty easy to get to, since it's close to both I-435 and Hwy 69, though it might take some time for some of us to get there. And NO RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED, since we're not preparing lunch -- though this is a perfect excuse for groups of us to go out to lunch together afterward, at any of the many restaurants within a few miles! Feel free to invite your chauffeurs and lunch buddies to join us.

Please be ready stay connected -- to share your church's or PW's activities, joys and hopes -- and the tech-savvy among us might even share pictures. And if you like to do stuff like knitting or sewing while you chat, bring it with you. There might be a group making Sani pads to enable girls in Africa to go to school.

Looking forward to having coffee with you on Oct. 13th!

Gail Cunningham

PWHP TREASURER – NEW ADDRESS!!!

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

NEW
ADDRESS!



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MISSION MATTERS

Ginny Wirtz, a faithful PW from Grace Covenant, has agreed to lift Mission Awareness in PWHP. **Ginny's first Mission Matters article is attached.** Check it out!

AUGUST BOOK REVIEW by Judy Klamm – ***Good Girls, Bad Girls*** by TJ Wray

T. J. Wray in *Good Girls Bad Girls of the New Testament: Their Enduring Lessons*, examines fourteen New Testament women. She looks at the Biblical record about them and provides cultural context about their lives. In some cases, she also gives historical information (if known). These women knew Jesus or were disciples in early church history. The author provides insights about the women and looks at what they represent for our lives today. The women found in scripture speak to us today and help us become better disciples.

WHAT'S NEW

Your Presbyterian Women in Heartland Presbytery Coordinating Team (PWHPCT) has reorganized itself a bit. Here we are:

Co-Moderators: Shirley Nichols, Heritage; Gail Cunningham, Second

Recording Secretary/Historian: Judy Klamm, Southminster

Treasurer: Judy Robinett, Southminster

Membership & Newsletter: Pam Nitsche, Southminster

Membership & Newsletter-Elect: Cinda Atwater, Osawatomie

Horizons, Search: Chelly King, Grace Covenant

Mission: Ginny Wirtz, Grace Covenant

Justice and Peace: Kat (Katherine) Friedel, Rolling Hills

Racial Ethnic/Corresponding Member: Danelle McKinney, Dakota Presbytery

At Large: Synod of Mid-America Moderator: Glenda Watts, Heartland Presbytery

At Large: Dee Zak, Grace Covenant

As you can see, the 2018 Fall Gathering will be a more informal get-together than in the past. Grace Covenant was chosen for its easy accessibility by car and gracious hosting in the past. Our goal is to Be and model the Connectional Church, sharing our strengths and coming together with love. We're feeling our way along a new and unfamiliar path into the future. Come and trail blaze with us!

WHAT'S NEW 2

Check out the Facebook page for "[Presbyterian Women in Heartland Presbytery](#)." Cinda Atwater is striving to keep us connected. It's an open group. Just press "Join" and you're in.

2018 CHURCHWIDE GATHERING

Words are really not adequate to express what one receives at the Churchwide Gathering. **Read Glenda Watts' report of her experience – it's attached!** We connect and reconnect with women in our presbyteries, synods, across our nation and even the world. We are so fortunate to be able to gather, worship, express ideas and opinions without censure. PW is alive (oh, yes!) and well and advocating on behalf of the marginalized in our society. Praise God for we are so blessed.



Toni Spieth, CT Rep for Synod of Mid-America, reported: As of Friday night, of the Gathering, PW had received \$32,952 in gifts. Gift card contributions—for the D.I.A.P.E.R. Project, Kentucky Refugee Ministries and Lily's Place—totaled \$11,787. \$482 was given to Cents-Ability. Cents-Ability originated in 1976, as "Two Cents-A-Meal"—a project to involve individuals and families in a corporate response to world hunger. The final tallies will be in the 2018 Nov-Dec edition of *Horizons*.

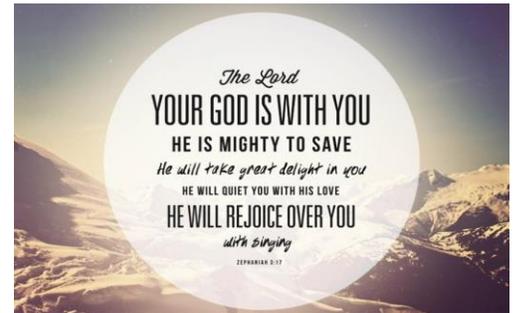
2019 USA MISSION EXPERIENCE (USAME) to Finger Lakes Region, New York

"Standing on the Shoulders of Empowered Women"

A group of Presbyterian women will travel to the Finger Lakes Region of New York, July 12–22, 2019, for PW's fifth USA Mission Experience. They will explore the rich history that Presbyterian women have in the women's and civil rights movements. These women will also have the opportunity to learn more about themselves and about the people of the Finger Lakes Region, including migrant workers and Native Americans. Highlights of the journey will include a day in Seneca Falls at the Women's Convention at the National Women's Hall of Fame; a visit to the Susan B. Anthony home; and a visit to the Harriet Tubman House. The USA Mission Experience equips women with an understanding of the region's history and culture, the existing ministry of the church there and the challenges faced by women and children living in the area. Participants serve as ambassadors for the region during two years of itineration following the experience. [Apply NOW to join the 2019 USA Mission Experience to the Finger Lakes Region](#). Applications and reference forms must be submitted to PW in the Synod moderators by September 15, 2018 (extended deadline!).

AUGUST DEVOTION by Rev Glenda Watts – **ARISE and SHINE**

The theme of the PW Churchwide Gathering in Louisville recently was “Arise, shine, your light has come!” Isaiah 60:1. This was good news for the exiles who returned from Babylon. When I was growing up, my mother came in to my room on Saturday morning saying “Rise and Shine” and this was not good news! She made my sisters and me get up early to help clean the house. “What was she doing all week we were in school?” It is hard to rise and shine when you are in the midst of problems in your daily life—relationships, health problems, etc. It’s easy to focus on what is wrong and get into negative thinking. Once you get into this cycle it is hard to change your thinking. I know a 22-year old with a two-year old and pregnant with another. She has always had behavioral problems, so no one in the family wants her to live with them. How does she get up in the morning and rise and shine? While your problems may not be that desperate, they are still very real to you. What do you say to yourself in order to stay positive? I remember the older women in my circle saying, “This too shall pass.” Are there favorite Bible verses that you have memorized? “This is the day the Lord has made, I will rejoice and be glad in it.” One of my favorites is Psalm 121. God is with you always. You are not alone! God is with you and will never leave you alone!



GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP MISSION TRIP – Register TODAY!

[Click here to see the flyer](#) for the upcoming Guatemala Partnership Mission Trip, January 16-24, 2019. The initial (cheapest) deadline is Sept 1 and the final deadline is Sept 30. Act today!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat	Oct 13	FALL COFFEE (GATHERING)	Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church Overland Park, KS
TBA	Spring 2019	SPRING GATHERING	New Hope Parish

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.

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.

