



# The Redstone Link Newsletter

Presbyterian Women  
of  
Redstone Presbytery

February 2020

*“God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does God require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”  
Micah 6:8*

Dear PW friends,

We have entered a new decade! Welcome to the 20's. Whether they will be “roaring” or not is up to us as PW leaders in our congregations and in the Presbytery.

I do want to thank those groups who have made pledges to PW in the Presbytery of Redstone, Synod, and Churchwide PW. We are grateful for your support as we plan events that we hope will capture your attention regarding areas of interest to Presbyterian Women. We will keep in the forefront mission, both local and global, as well as issues facing us all as we move towards a more diverse community of women in this 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Please note that there will NOT be a Spring Gathering this year.

Inside this newsletter is the flyer advertising the Spring Retreat that will be held on Tuesday, May 26 at Pine Springs Camp, led by Rev. Norma Prina Murphy. Norma will share with us many of the ways in which her pilgrimages to the Holy Land have made scripture come alive for her.

Mark your calendars for the Synod PW Summer Gathering that will be held within the bounds of Redstone Presbytery at Antiochian Village in Ligonier, July 9-11! This is a wonderful opportunity to hear a presentation from Churchwide PW Moderator JyungIn (Jenny) Lee, worship and study together, and meet Presbyterian Women from across the Synod. The facility is handicapped-accessible. Watch for the registration information that will be coming soon!

We are always looking for Presbyterian Women to serve on the Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Redstone. Perhaps you know of someone in your own PW group who has a heart for PW and leadership skills that she would be pleased to share.

The annual directory and mission packet that are published each spring will be distributed at the Spring Retreat. The Coordinating Team of Redstone Presbyterian Women is here to help you as you meet with Presbyterian Women in your local churches and plan for Bible study and local gatherings. Please don't hesitate to call on us, we are here to assist you!



Grace and peace,  
Sylvia Carlson, Moderator  
724-755-2288

## THE REDSTONE LINK

The purpose of "The Redstone Link" is to provide information on the activities of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Redstone and the issues that concern them individually and corporately.

If your PW has some creative and/or unique projects, programs, or upcoming events, please send them to Linda Blick, Communications Coordinator, 1314 Weber Ct., North Huntingdon, PA 15642 or email: [lhblick@gmail.com](mailto:lhblick@gmail.com). Deadline for the next Newsletter is **July 31, 2020**.

## Thank Offering

Total given by the local churches of Redstone PW in November 2019 is **\$1999.50**. Your generosity is a blessing!

**In order for a local PW or Women's Association to be listed as active on the PW in Redstone rolls, the Contingent Fund of \$1.50/person and the Synod Dues of \$20/group will be paid annually to the Treasurer, Sue Blank.**

## Web Addresses



**[www.redstonepresbytery.org](http://www.redstonepresbytery.org)** – Redstone Presbytery website. Go to Presbyterian Women's link  
**[www.pwtrinity.org](http://www.pwtrinity.org)** – PW in the Synod of the Trinity website

**[www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org)** - Churchwide Presbyterian Women's website

**[www.pcusa.org/marketplace](http://www.pcusa.org/marketplace)** - to order from the Presbyterian Distribution Service

## HELP

### CALLING WOMEN TO SERVE

The offices needed to be filled by **April 2020** for the Coordinating Team of PW in Redstone Presbytery are

- Vice-Moderator
- Study & Social Action Representative
- Search Committee Member

Please contact Florence Shearer, Search Comm. Chair at (724) 235-2418 if you can serve!

## Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday

**March 8, 2020**

In 2020, on Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday, we honor women of faith. Though Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday is March 8, 2020, your congregation or women's groups may use this resource on any day that you choose.

The Celebrate the Gifts of Women resource is available in the November/December 2019 issue of Horizons magazine, as a free download from [www.pcusa.org/women](http://www.pcusa.org/women) and free from the PC(USA) store, 800/533-4371 or [www.pcusastore.com](http://www.pcusastore.com); item 27501-20-001. While supplies last, a limited number of bulletin covers are available from the PC(USA) store, 800/533-4371 or [www.pcusastore.com](http://www.pcusastore.com); item 27501-20-002; \$5.00 for a pack of 25. The bulletin cover also may be downloaded free from [www.pcusa.org/women](http://www.pcusa.org/women).



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Redstone PW Spring Retreat at Pine Springs Camp, **May 26, 2020**.
- Synod PW Gathering will be at Antiochian Village, near Ligonier – **July 9- 11, 2020**
- Redstone PW Fall Gathering Saturday, **November 7, 2020** at Pleasant View Presbyterian Church, Smock.

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Keep updated with Churchwide CT news by logging onto the **PW Quarterly Newsletter** at the PW website, [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org).

## ANNOUNCEMENT

***The Redstone PW Spring Gathering has been cancelled for this year. The 2020-2021 Directory/2019 Year-End Reports and Mission Packet will be distributed at the Spring Retreat at Pine Springs on Tuesday, May 26.***

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TOGETHER IN SERVICE (MISSION OPPORTUNITIES)  
COORDINATOR: Tammy Noss, (412) 289-7401; [tammynoss@comcast.net](mailto:tammynoss@comcast.net)  
9723 Route 22, Blairsville, PA 15717

**The 2020 SYNOD MISSION PROJECT is the Lighthouse Foundation** for three transitional housing units that serve homeless women, single parents, two parent families, and those at risk for homelessness from 18-29 years old. The cost is \$5,100 per family for 18 months. They help to find employment and educational programs for the clients and as they are employed, they pay rent which is given to them as the deposit for future housing. Since 1985 The Lighthouse Foundation has been committed to serving the needs of individuals and families in Allegheny and Butler counties. It began as an outreach ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown eventually becoming its own 501©(3) non-profit organization.

PW Synod has changed the collection deadline for Mission Projects to December 15, 2020.

**Redstone PW will request that you bring your donation to the Fall Gathering on Nov.7, 2020 at Smock, Pleasant View PC.** Make checks payable to Redstone PW, write Synod Mission on memo line.



**PINE SPRINGS CAMPERS really enjoy our donations for S'mores each summer so we're going to invite you to participate again. Please bring your donations of Graham crackers, marshmallows and Hershey bars to the PW Spring Retreat on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to attend but would like to donate, please drop off your donations at the Presbytery Office.**

Churchwide donations given in 2018-2019 total \$17,657.95 for **The Disaster Recovery Project for PW in Puerto Rico**. In the aftermath of Hurricane Maria these donations will support the women who have a strong desire to help their communities develop the tools for resilience, recovery and reconstruction. Donations will be used for recovery efforts in three key areas; water supply, community building and home reconstruction. **The Pillowcase Project for the Children** has received well over 2,000 pillowcases. They were sent to PW's at three churches, one for each presbytery on the island. Each PW group on the island would decide how to use the pillowcases. At the Synod Gathering in Puerto Rico this summer, they were talking about using them as bags to give out school supplies, gifts, etc. Reports from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance indicate that some of the pillowcases were given away in the southern part of the island after the earthquakes. The pillowcases were very popular in that area and PDA thanked us. For more information contact PW mission associate Cheri Harper at [cheriharper@pcusa.org](mailto:cheriharper@pcusa.org) To donate to this Together in Service project go to [www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving-funding/give/together-in-service/](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving-funding/give/together-in-service/)



### **REMINDER: TO ALL LOCAL MISSION COORDINATORS**

The Together in Service **2019 Project Report Form** is the last page in the Mission Packet. Please list all the projects and monetary donations given by your PW and the organizations to which they were sent in 2019. Also include a paragraph about one or two of your projects and pictures (with names and dates) if possible. Please send the report by Mar. 28, 2020 to Tammy Noss, 9723 Route 22, Blairsville, PA 15717, (412) 289-7401; [tammynoss@comcast.net](mailto:tammynoss@comcast.net)

**WE REALLY WANT TO HEAR ABOUT ALL YOUR GOOD WORKS!!!!**

The total report from all the local PW's will be printed in the 2020 Yearbook that will be distributed at the Spring Retreat in May. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **MISSION UPDATE ON PREVIOUS MISSION PROJECTS**

- A collection of \$541 for **Pine Springs Camp** was received at the Fall Gathering at Bethel Presbyterian Church of New Florence.
- The **RISE AGAINST HUNGER** Meal Packaging Event was held at the First Presbyterian Church in Avonmore on October 5, 2019. 86 volunteers worked to pack 19,656 meals in less than 2 hours. The food was later delivered to the homeless migrant workers in Nicaragua. Jeanne Orvosh chaired this mission event. \$6000 was raised by a Spaghetti dinner, a T-shirt sale and donations Judy Koontz raised at the Redstone Mission Tea, SERRV sales at PW events and the Hunger Walk. **What a TEAM EFFORT!!!**

### **FOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE: CITY MISSION OF UNIONTOWN: MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> – APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2020.**

The Feinstein Foundation no longer has the annual challenge for City Mission to participate in, but City Mission conducts their own Food Drive during March and April. If your local PW gives a donation to the City Mission, but it's not this early in the year, try and change your donation to March or April. This way your donation will have a greater impact for the City Mission. Send donations to: City Mission-Living Stones, Inc., P.O. Box 943, Uniontown, PA 15401

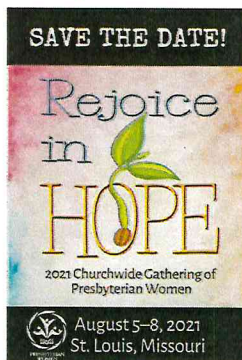
### **World Day of Prayer 2020**

Women, men, and children in more than 170 countries and regions will celebrate World Day of Prayer, **Friday, March 6, 2020**. This year, the women of the **WDP Committee of Zimbabwe**, are using the theme **"Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk"**. (John 5:2-9a) Participate in this international celebration by ordering materials for your local church or community. Call 1-888-937-8720 or online at <http://www.wdp-usa.org>



### **Fall Gathering Review**

On, Saturday, October 19, 2019, the Bethel Presbyterian Women at New Florence graciously hosted 30 women from Redstone Presbytery. Rev. Sylvia Carlson, Redstone PW Moderator, introduced the Bethel PW Moderator, Florence Shearer and then led the morning worship with reflections on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. Rev. Susan Blank received the offering. Rev. Donna Havrisko, Pastor, Westminster PC, Greensburg, presented the 2019-2020 *Horizons* Bible Study, "Love Carved in Stone, A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments." Liddy Barlow, Exec. Minister of the Christian Assoc. of SW PA, discussed the ecumenical and interfaith programs in the Pittsburgh area. After a delicious lunch, Rev. Laura Blank shared highlights of the 2019 Youth Triennium in July. The Redstone PW Love Gift helped the youth with transportation. Martha Manning, representing the Synod of the Trinity, relayed her participation in the USA Mission Experience to the Finger Lakes area of NY. The Mission Focus for the Gathering, Pine Springs Camp, received \$541 from attendees' donations. Many thanks to the Bethel PW for their hospitality & to Rev. Sylvia Carlson for planning this event.



**Start Planning Now!**

**PW Churchwide Gathering**

**August 5 – 8, 2021**

**St. Louis, Missouri**

### **PW SYNOD GATHERING**

**July 9-11, 2020**

Antiochian Village, near Ligonier

Registration Form will be available in March on the PW link of the Redstone Presbytery website **[www.redstonepresbytery.org](http://www.redstonepresbytery.org)**. See flyer on page 7 of this newsletter.



# Redstone Presbyterian Women Spring Retreat

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Pine Springs Camp, Jennerstown, PA

Just north of Route 30, off Route 985

9:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:30-2:30 Program for the day and a satisfying lunch



## A Virtual Tour of the 5<sup>th</sup> Gospel

With Rev. Norma Prina Murphy

Join Norma for a journey through the Holy Land. Gain new insights into our faith history as you travel with her to various places that are featured in the stories of Jesus. Learn how these pilgrimages impacted her faith!

Norma Murphy is a retired PC(USA) pastor who specialized in Interim Ministry. She will be traveling to the Holy Land this fall for the 5th time. It will mark the 4th pilgrimage she has co-led there. She is living near her son and his family for the first time and enjoys being 'Grandi' to her granddaughter Abiageal, age 6.

The mission project will be to, again, supply the makings of S'mores for campers as they enjoy evenings around the campfire.



### Reminders:

- The Love Gift Offering will be dedicated at the Retreat.
- The 2020-2021 Redstone PW Directory and Mission Packet will be distributed.

**Pre-paid Reservations are important – Please use the tear-off form below**

**Make check payable to:**

**PW of Redstone Presbytery: mail by Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

**To: Rev. Susan Blank, PW Treasurer,**

**4068 Bushy Run Road, Jeannette, PA 15644 – 724-523-6460**

### 2020 Redstone PW Spring Retreat

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of persons attending: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$16.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_ amount enclosed

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

List of attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Use back if needed

Please let us know if there are special dietary needs, eg. gluten free \_\_\_\_\_



## The 2020–2021 *Horizons* Bible Study is

### *Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament*

**P. Lynn Miller, author and artist**

Suggestions for Leaders by Dee Koza



This study revives lament as a proper theological response to the difficult situations of our world. P. Lynn Miller is a PC(USA) pastor who has served as a workshop leader, graphic designer, and keynote speaker for conferences and gatherings. She is a painter, a designer of textile art and stained glass, a curriculum writer, a graphic designer, and an art historian. Presbyterian women will recognize Lynn's work every time they see or don an Honorary Life Membership pin that Lynn designed.

*The Bible Study is available for \$10.00. To place your order for Bible studies and other PW materials, call Presbyterian Distribution Service (PDS), 800/524-2612 or order online at [www.pcusa.org/store](http://www.pcusa.org/store). Prices do not include shipping and handling (10% of order total; \$5.25 minimum, \$65.00 maximum).*



*Horizons* is the magazine and Bible study for Presbyterian Women. It's how we stay connected! Your 1year subscription for \$19.95 will include six issues a year and an annual Bible study. Subscriptions must be received by April 1 to receive that year's Bible Study. Call 866/802-3635 or visit [www.pwpcusahorizons.com](http://www.pwpcusahorizons.com)



### REMINDERS FOR LEADERS

- ❖ Now is the time to plan for the **Birthday Offering**. Details of the offering recipients are in the **January/February Horizons**. Information on ordering promotional materials can be found elsewhere in this Newsletter.
- ❖ The **Love Gift** will be dedicated at the **Spring Retreat** on Tuesday, **May 26, 2020**. This Offering allows PW to encourage the youth or other groups of our Presbytery to become involved in mission programs. See more details on the PW link of the Redstone Presbytery [www.redstone.org](http://www.redstone.org).
- ❖ **Mission Yearbook of Prayer** is no longer published in a book. Daily readings are available at [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org).
- ❖ **Calendar of Events**
  - **March 6:** World Day of Prayer – Celebrating Zimbabwe: *“Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk”*; see page 4.
  - **March 10:** Synod Dues for 2020 are **\$20/group** (Send all 3 of these payments to Sue Blank  
Contingent Fund is **\$1.50/ member** 4068 Bushy Run Road, Jeannette, PA 15644.)  
1<sup>st</sup> quarterly payment of Pledge
  - **May 26:** PW of Redstone Spring Retreat at **Pine Springs Camp** (See Flyer, page 5.)
  - **July 9 -11:** PW Synod Gathering -**Antiochian Village, near Ligonier** (See Flyer, page 7.)



### LOVE GIFT OFFERING

This unique offering is only given by PW in Redstone Presbytery to support mission trips of individuals or groups, particularly the youth, from Redstone Presbytery. All of the women in the local PW groups are asked to give generously once a year. The Love Gift is collected and dedicated at the Spring Gathering. Any member of Redstone Presbytery, who is going on a mission trip, individually or with a group, may apply for funding. The application can be down-loaded from the PW link on the Redstone Presbytery's website, [www.redstonepresbytery.org](http://www.redstonepresbytery.org). Applications are to be submitted to The Moderator of Redstone PW by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### PW Purpose

*Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves*

- to nurture our faith through prayer Bible study,
- to support the mission of the church worldwide,
- to work for justice and peace,
- and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.





# **JULY 9-11, 2020**

## **SYNOD OF THE TRINITY**

### **PW GATHERING**

#### **‘REJOICE IN HOPE ‘**

#### **Make plans to join us now!**

Come to this lovely venue where you will find 300 acres of peaceful surroundings for walks, quiet reflection, visiting with old friends and making new ones. Visit their web site for more photos of this beautiful retreat.



Free drawing for a one year subscription to PW  
“Horizon Magazine”

Each Presbytery is ask to donate a gift basket for the Silent Auction. Each basket should be wrapped in a clear wrapper and a list of the contents and your Presbytery’s name attached. Theme of baskets: **“Hospitality”**

**(proceeds go to the 2020 Mission Project, Lighthouse Foundation)**

FYI

in the area is also: Frank Lloyd Wright’s Falling Water and the Flight 93 National Memorial to mention two.

**Please join us for**

**Silent Auction  
Shopping**

**Workshops  
Speakers**

**Worship  
Communion Music  
Fellowship**

**Mission Project for  
Gathering is  
“Jeremiah’s Place”  
Bring \$10 gift cards for  
Target, Visa, Amazon,  
and Giant Eagle (near  
Pittsburgh area)**

#### **ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE**

140 Church Camp St.  
Bolivar PA 15923

[www.antiochianvillage.org](http://www.antiochianvillage.org)

Registrar: Alcinda James

[alcindaj@netzero.net](mailto:alcindaj@netzero.net)



# 2020 Birthday Offering OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

*But I will hope continually, and will praise you yet more and more.* —Psalm 71:14, NRSV

Since 1922, Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering has helped fund mission projects that improve lives. This year's Birthday Offering recipients are:

Center for Social Assistance to  
the Disabled, Family, and Children  
PREOBRAZHENIYE  
Assisted Living Facility  
Davydovo, Russia

GAP Ministries  
of Augusta, Georgia  
Expand Access and Service Space  
Northeast Georgia Presbytery

Community Presbyterian  
Child Learning Center  
in Payson, Arizona  
Childcare and Prekindergarten Facility  
Presbytery of the Grand Canyon

Liberty Community Church in  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Northside Healing Space Expansion  
Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area

## Resources to Promote the 2020 Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering

### *Essentials*

Available as a download, as well! The 2020 Birthday Offering promotional booklet, which is routinely mailed to all PCUSA congregations and PW leaders, includes grant recipient summaries; a dedication service; a greeting from the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women; ideas to promote and support the Birthday Offering; a poster/placemat; and promotional resource flier. Item PWR20451; free.

2020 Birthday Offering Korean- and Spanish-language promotional booklets are available on line. Free.

The 11" x 17" 2020 Birthday Offering poster/placemat is versatile: use side one as a poster suitable for bulletin boards and trifolds; use side two as a placemat for dinners and tabletops. Available as singles so order as needed (limit 150)! Item PWR20453; free.

### *Receiving the Offering*

Birthday Offering group giving envelopes, traditionally used in PW circles and congregations, are available in packs of 25. Item PWR12501; free.

Individual giving envelopes are PW's "multipurpose" envelopes! These #10 green envelopes include an attached slip that allows an individual (or group) to choose where to direct her gifts as well as an area for credit card information. Available in packs of 10; item PWR20456; free.

2020 Birthday Offering bulletin insert (one design)—  
Download at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday); free.

2020 Birthday Offering bulletin cover (8½" x 11")—  
Download at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday); free.

2020 Birthday Offering promotional video (English, Spanish and Korean)—Available on PW's YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/presbyterianwomen](http://www.youtube.com/presbyterianwomen).

### *More to Explore!*

The January/February 2020 issue of *Horizons* magazine includes the grant recipient list as well as a dedication service. Available to order January 2020; item HZN20200, \$4.00. (Not a *Horizons* magazine subscriber? Call 866/802-3635 or visit [www.presbyterianwomen.org/horizons](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/horizons) to subscribe!)

*Messages of Reconciliation and Hope: 75 Years of Birthday Offerings, 1922-1997*, by Catherine Stewart Vaughn, item PWR00507, \$12.00

### *Ordering is Easy!*

- Shop on line at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop).
- Or call 800/533-4371, Monday–Friday, 9 AM–5 PM EST.

**Note:** Prices do not include shipping and handling (based on weight of order; \$5.91 minimum). International orders and orders to Puerto Rico may incur additional shipping charges. Prices and availability may change without notice.