



The Redstone Link Newsletter

Presbyterian Women
of
Redstone Presbytery

"I will set up my covenant with you and your descendants, in every generation." Gen. 17:7a is the theme for the 2014 Presbyterian Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study.

GREETINGS FROM THE MODERATOR

JANUARY 2014

I want to thank 22 PW groups in the Presbytery of Redstone for returning the **Mission Pledge Form (Goal Sheet)** this past fall, indicating your willingness to reach out in support of the purpose of Presbyterian Women in Redstone Presbytery, in the Synod of the Trinity, as well as in the Presbyterian Church (USA.) Because of your commitment to PW, we are able to continue to publish 3 newsletters a year; distribute a Redstone PW Directory; and hold fall and spring gatherings as well as a spring retreat. We believe that these gatherings and communications are important to the life of PW groups here in Redstone.

But, we need **HELPI!** It takes a lot of planning and coordination to produce this Redstone Link Newsletter and to facilitate our various gatherings. None of this happens in a vacuum. We have vacancies on our Coordinating Team that hamper our effectiveness. We are looking for some Presbyterian Women who value the work that PW does to keep Presbyterian Women at the local level informed about matters of vital interest and concern here in Redstone Presbytery, in the Synod of the Trinity, and throughout the Presbyterian Church (USA). We need the following: Vice Moderator; Study and Social Action Representative; 2 Search committee members; and 2 liaisons to local PW groups. Please give prayerful consideration to serving in some capacity so that PW continues to be able to present meaningful gatherings where women are exposed to creative new ways to grow in the knowledge of God. Perhaps you are aware of a member of your PW who has particular interest or expertise in one of the above mentioned areas.

2014 opportunities for giving will include the **Love Gift Offering; the Synod PW Mission Project – Hands Across the Street, A mission of the Columbia Presbyterian Church, Columbia, PA; as well as a mission project sponsored by the Colver PW.** Details are in this newsletter. Please bring these offerings/donations to the Spring Gathering for dedication on:

- **Saturday, March 29 - Spring Gathering at the Colver Presbyterian Church, Colver, PA.** Because this meeting is on Saturday, I hope that you will encourage women who work outside the home to come and meet with Presbyterian Women from other congregations.

Please reserve the following dates on your calendar. Ask a friend to join you as you, together, learn new and exciting ways of being "Presbyterian Women".

- **Tuesday, May 27 – Spring Retreat at Pine Springs Camp**
- **June 19-21 – Thursday thru Saturday– "Hope in Bloom," the Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Trinity at Waynesburg University, Waynesburg, PA**
- **Saturday, October 25 – Fall Gathering at Middle Presbyterian Church, Mt. Pleasant, PA.**

There is a lot of important information here in this newsletter. Why don't you share it among the women in your congregation so that they can see what PW is doing here in Redstone Presbytery? Hope to see you in March!

Grace and peace,
Sylvia Carlson



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 and 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.

Web Addresses



www.redstone.org – Redstone Presbytery website. Go to Presbyterian Women's link

www.pcusa.org/pw - Churchwide Presbyterian Women's website

www.pcusa.org/marketplace - to order from the Presbyterian Distribution Service

FALL GATHERING

The next Fall Gathering of the Presbyterian Women of Redstone will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2013 at the Middle Presbyterian Church, Mt. Pleasant.

Mark your calendar!



Please list the following members of your Coordinating Team. Give **email addresses** for everyone that has one. **If there are no changes from 2013, just write no change and return.**

Redstone Presbytery- Local PW Organizations Coordinating Teams **Updates for 2014**

Church, Town and Group Name _____

Moderator(Contact Person) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Treasurer _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Secretary/Historian _____

Address _____

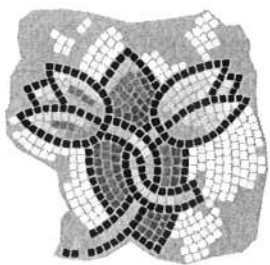
Phone _____ Email Address _____

Mission Coordinator _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Please return by March 5, 2014 to Beth Watkins, 449 Bell Point Rd., Apollo, PA 15613; beth.watkins@comcast.net or call 412-817-9130.



SPRING GATHERING
 Presbyterian Women of Redstone Presbytery
 Colver Presbyterian Church
 79 Reese Ave., Colver, PA 15927 814-748-7253
Saturday, March 29, 2014 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



REGISTRATION begins at 9:00 a.m.

WORSHIP - 9:30 a.m.

LOVE GIFT RECIPIENT-2013 YOUTH TRIENNIUM: Attendees Kim Clark (chaperone) and her daughter, Gali, (student) will speak on their experiences at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Purdue University in July 2013. The theme "I AM" led participants to consider and explore the "I AM" statements of Jesus, as shared with the disciples and the early followers of Jesus, as well as the Hebrew understandings of God known simply as "I AM". Our Love Gift Offering has provided support to the youth from Redstone Presbytery to attend this event since 1999.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Sue Mummert from Carlisle Presbytery and presently the Moderator of PW in the Synod of the Trinity will speak on her participation in the third USA Mission Experience, *Unto These Hills*. She traveled with a group of Presbyterian Women to Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee in 2013. The Mission Experience equipped women to understand the history and culture of the region, the existing ministry of the church there and the challenges faced by women, children and families living in the area.

LUNCH and SERRV SALE

LOCAL MISSION: An opportunity to share information on local missions and projects

MISSION FOCUS: Birthright of Johnstown Details on Mission page in this Newsletter.

The Colver PW will provide lunch.

Make checks (\$10/person) payable to: PW of Redstone Presbytery.

Mail to Susan Blank, 4068 Bushy Run Rd., Jeannette PA 15644. (724-523-6460)

Registration Deadline: March 22, 2014 Please mail your registration by March 20, 2014

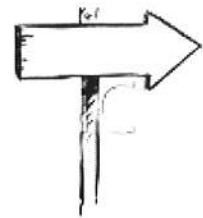
Redstone PW Spring Gathering, Colver Presbyterian Church, March 29, 2014

Name of Church _____

Number of Registrants _____ x \$10 = _____ Amount enclosed _____

Names of Registrants (use back if necessary) Please Print: _____

 Name and Phone # of Contact Person _____

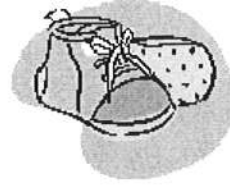


DIRECTIONS FROM GREENSBURG

Head northeast on US-119 N/New Alexandria Rd toward Sagamore Dr Continue to follow US-119 N	7.7 mi
Turn right onto US-119 N/US-22 E/William Penn Hwy Continue to follow US-22E	37.9 mi
Merge onto US-219 N via the ramp to US-422/Carrolltown/Indiana	2.2 mi
Take the exit toward Ebensburg	0.3 mi
Merge onto US-422/Benjamin Franklin Hwy	0.2 mi
Turn left onto Schoolhouse Rd	184 ft
Take the 1 st left to stay on Schoolhouse Rd	0.5 mi
Take the 2 nd right toward W Highland Ave	0.1 mi
Turn left onto W Highland Ave	.2 mi
Continue onto Colver Rd	3.6 mi
Turn left onto S R 4002/Tripoli Rd	1.8 mi
Continue onto Reese Ave/T664 Church will be on the right	0.5

79 Reese Ave
Colver, PA 15927





SPRING MISSION PROJECT-2014 A Baby Shower for Birthright

Colver is our host church for the **Spring Gathering** on Saturday, March 29, 2014 and they have chosen BIRTHRIGHT OF JOHNSTOWN to be the mission project for the Gathering.

Birthright of Johnstown, Inc. has helped hundreds of women and their precious little ones. They provide nonjudgmental guidance, emotional and material support to every woman experiencing distress due to an unplanned pregnancy. They provide help with new maternity clothes, new baby clothing sizes newborn to 3T, diapers, baby wash, baby wipes, new baby blankets and bottles.

They stressed that they ALWAYS NEED baby wash, baby wipes, new warm socks (sizes newborn to 2T) and new baby shoes, all the little sizes. And of course they will accept checks made payable to Birthright of Johnstown, Inc.

So Ladies, imagine you are coming to a BABY SHOWER and shop for those adorable babies who will receive our donations or write a check to support this ministry to the little ones and their Moms.

Mission Project Update—Thanks to everyone who donated to the Vandergrift Food Bank at the Fall Gathering. We collected many boxes of non-perishables and checks totaling about \$300 dollars. Thanks so much for helping those in need.



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE and PDA have been very busy helping after disasters around the world. I received e-mails immediately after the flooding in Colorado and the typhoon in the Philippines telling about the aid that was sent including Kits of the Heart and clean-up buckets in the United States. Please consider assembling more kits to replenish their warehouses.



SPRING GATHERING – Look for the **Mother's Day Cards** which you can use to announce a gift to the **HEALTHY WOMEN HEALTHY FAMILIES** Mother's Day Project in honor of someone you love. New cards will be available at the Spring Gathering on March 29. Every donation will support a variety of health programs for women and children in Africa in addition to malaria prevention and treatment.

There will also be a **SERRV SALE** at the Spring Gathering at Colver on Saturday, March 29. Carol Burrows is reducing her inventory so all prices will be reduced 20%. Remember all of the items were made by artisans from around the world. You are helping to fight poverty with each purchase. Carol is also interested in helping groups do a SERRV sale at their own church so more people will learn about this mission. If you would like to discuss details please call Carol at 724-468-5383.

THINKING AHEAD—We will be collecting graham crackers, marshmallows and Hershey's chocolate bars again at the May 27th PW Retreat at Pine Springs to help stock their pantry for the summer campers to make S'MORES.





WANTED- VOLUNTEERS for the Fall Mission Trip to NEW WINDSOR, MARYLAND

We had a great trip last fall and filled 30 beds plus a cot. Redstone Presbytery PW's goal is to fill all the rooms again and we will even take more people if you are willing to share double beds or put cots in your room. We have reserved all the rooms so we hope YOU will join the group. This trip is open to men and women. We will be traveling to New Windsor, MD on Sunday, September 28th; leaving about 2PM and returning on Tuesday evening, September 30th. We will work two days.

Some volunteers could be working in the where volunteers assist with processing and quality control of the hygiene kits, baby kits, school kits and clean-up buckets.

Most volunteers will be assigned to SERRV pricing and quality control. Volunteers check, package and price handcrafted articles from all over the world. Most of the work is done while seated at tables.

The cost for this trip will be approximately \$100. That will cover the lodging and meals at the Conference Center. There will be additional costs for travel. We plan to carpool so the cost will be divided by the number of participants in each vehicle. You will also have an opportunity to shop in the SERRV outlet which is also located at the New Windsor site.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in doing or if you have more questions; please call Judy at 724.668.2843 or e-mail her at judykoontz@windstream.net

A \$25 non-refundable deposit is required by May 1, 2014. Please make check payable to Mission Trip Fund.

New Windsor Work Mission Trip September 28-30, 2014



Your name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

E-mail address _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

**Mail to: Judy Koontz , 570 Koontz Road, New Alexandria, PA
15670**

Please make checks payable to Mission Trip Fund





As your Presbytery Mission Coordinator, I have a Mission Project that I am passionate about—**FIGHTING HUNGER!** I hope you are all supporting the Hunger Fund through the One Great Hour of Sharing and collecting coins at every meal at your church. We used to call it 2 cents a meal. If you don't have the cups you can make your own or just use small dishes but you need to educate your congregation too. Please ask me about starting this at your church.

I have set a goal to raise \$10,000 so that Redstone Presbytery can host a meal packaging event called **STOP HUNGER NOW!** I have participated in such an event at the New Wilmington Mission Conference and our teenagers did at Triennium last summer. That \$10,000 will purchase 40,000 meals. But I need your help!!! There are several ways to help.

1) Collect and donate new or gently used shoes. I have a company that will buy them and that money will go to **STOP HUNGER NOW**. But I need A LOT of shoes. Please look in your closet, ask your friends and neighbors. Advertise at your church (use the flier it has the details), put a collection box out and take the shoes to the Presbytery Office. Or call me at 724-668-2843 and I will pick them up if you get A LOT of SHOES. If you have rummage sale, I will take all the shoes that are left.

2) Make a monetary donation. Write a check to **STOP HUNGER NOW** and send it to Judy Koontz, 570 Koontz Road, New Alexandria, PA 15670.

3) Sponsor a table at the Redstone **PW MISSION TEA** to be held at Congruity, New Alexandria (date to be announced- probably in the summer). I need 10 churches that will help me host this event. You will agree to be part of the committee, sell 10 or more tickets to the Tea, decorate your table and donate cookies. If you are interested please let me know by **FEB. 15** at 724-668-2843 so we can finalize plans. All the profits will help reach the goal.

4) Be a volunteer to pack the meals. When we reach the goal, the event will be set and you can be a part of packing the meals. It is a great experience.

STOP HUNGER NOW sent thousands of meals to the Philippines after the typhoon hit. They are involved in feeding programs at schools to encourage children to attend school because it may be the only meal they have that day. They are doing good work. If you want to learn more, go to their website stophungernow.org

I KNOW WE CAN DO IT WITH GOD'S HELP!!!

Judy Koontz

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STOP HUNGER NOW.

FUNDRAISER!

For more information, contact: Judy Koontz,
 724-668-2843, judykoontz@windstream.net

Scour your closets. Find all the shoes you have but no longer wear. Fill a box. Write a SoleMate Note. The shipping is on us. It's really THAT SIMPLE!

Shoes we accept: All gently worn, paired men's, women's and kids shoes that are still *reusable and re-wearable!* That means no holes in the soles, nothing wet, mildewed or torn. This includes athletic shoes, dress shoes, casual shoes timberland type work boots, sandals, heels, flats



Shoes we do not accept: Ski boots, winter boots, roller skates, ice skates, roller blades, flip flops, crocs, bedroom slippers or single shoes



ShoeBox Recycling collects shoes for reuse. All shoes collected will be sold domestically or internationally, where affordable options are needed. This fuels local economies and creates jobs, while helping the environment. Thank you for making the world a little smaller, little friendlier and a little greener.



2014 SYNOD MISSION PROJECT

Hands Across the Street-A Community Service Organization
with Columbia Presbyterian Church
located at 360 Locust Street, Columbia, PA 17512

" The Mission of Hands Across the Street is to serve the people of Columbia and the surrounding area who come seeking assistance toward living a better life."

Our Vision: "Hands Across the Street seeks to be a Grass Roots Organization that provides first-level assistance."

Hands Across the Street is a non-profit organization that helps those in our community that are in need of Clothing, Shelter, Counseling, a Monthly Meal, and after School Home Work Guidance.

The Ministries of Outreach under Hands Across the Street include: Community Meals, a Clothing Bank, Winter Shelter facilities, a Day Center, Hosting Recovery groups ; Al-Anon, Narcotics Anonymous, a Summer Food Service and a Summer Juvenile Probation Program serving Columbia, located between York and Lancaster, PA.



As you can see this organization works with a diverse number of groups and they need funds to provide food, clothing and housing. Please consider using a part of your mission budget for this very deserving project. Bring your checks to the Spring Gathering at COLVER on March 29, 2014.

FOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE:

CITY MISSION OF UNIONTOWN: MARCH 1ST – APRIL 30TH, 2014.

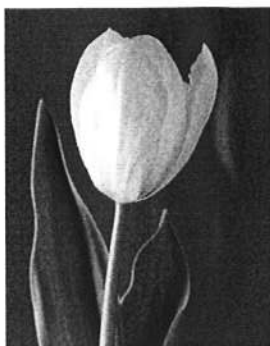
- For the 17th consecutive year, Alan Shawn Feinstein will divide \$1 million among hunger fighting agencies nationwide using it to help them raise funds this March and April. The food drive challenge covers the months of March and April. Last year was the 13th year the City Mission was able to take advantage these funds. The funds were then used throughout the year to purchase food for their 2 emergency shelters.
- Only cash or checks donated between March 1st and April 30th can be counted toward donations from the foundation. If your local PW gives a donation to the City Mission of Uniontown 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



Food Pantry
Donations Needed



PW SYNOD GATHERING
 JUNE 19-21, 2014
 Waynesburg University



"Hope in Bloom"

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

All of the registration materials you need are in this newsletter. A lot of interesting and varied activities are offered. Find a roommate and plan to attend the Gathering for an informative and uplifting experience. Waynesburg is in Redstone Presbytery's "backyard", so let's have a great representation from Redstone PW. Registration materials, poster & bulletin insert can also be downloaded from the PW link on the Presbytery's website: www.redstone.org. **Registration Deadline: May 15, 2014.**

Cost for Gathering: \$250/double room; additional \$33 for single.
 Commuters: \$50 per day with maximum of \$80; does not include meals.

Time: Gathering will start Thursday, June 19, at 1:30 PM and close Saturday, June 21, before lunch.



Mission Focus: "Avis Arbor"

The Gathering Mission Focus will be **Avis Arbor**, a shelter for women and children, serving Washington and Greene Counties. Please bring a \$10 Wal-Mart, K-Mart, or Target gift card to help support their programming.

Accommodations: All of the rooms at Waynesburg University are air-conditioned with a private bath. Electric carts (driven by college students) are continuously available for transportation from one building to another if you don't want to walk the hills. Meals, eaten in the college dining hall, are a part of your registration fee of \$250. They will include Thurs. & Fri. dinner; Fri. & Sat. breakfast; Fri. lunch.

Highlights of the Gathering!!

1. Betsy Ensign-George will lead the Bible Study on *2nd Corinthians*.
2. Pam Snyder, CCT Vice- Moderator for Mission will be the keynote speaker.
3. Workshops: Practicing God's Radical Hospitality; Planting Seeds for Leadership; Letting Laughter Lighten the Load; Listening with Your Heart; Hope in Orange Blossoms; PW Mission and many more.
4. Resources - A bookstore; Fair Trade items to sell. Four books are suggested for reading to be discussed in Book Club time, at lunch and dinner on Friday: Red Tent, Heaven is for Real, Bad Women of the Bible, and The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society.
5. 2013-14 Mission Project: "Hands Across the Street" will receive the offering.
6. Hands-on mission in the Bee Hive in Stover Center
7. Regular Features: *Horizons* skits; Spirituality Room and much, much more.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS FOR PW SYNOD GATHERING, 2014

WORKSHOP SESSION #1

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY WORKSHOP

Betsy Ensign-George

Join PW Associate Editor, Betsy Ensign-George, to explore together the nitty-gritty details of the 2014-15 Bible Study, *Reconciling Paul*. She will bring tons of information and you will leave the Workshop ready to teach the study (or at least not be as overwhelmed as when you came in). The Workshop will be hands-on, so be ready to roll up your sleeves. (Paint smocks won't be required, but you will get to try activities!)

FLOWERS AND FAITH

Jan Patsch Taylor

An inspirational floral workshop based on the books of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Floral demonstrations created will be given to those in the Workshop.

TRAVEL EO APPALACHIA! WITH THE PW USA MISSION EXPERIENCE

Susan Mummert

Join Sue Mummert as she relays her experiences on the trip to the heart of Appalachia with women from around the country. Learn about the history and culture of the Appalachian region, the mission work being done and the work that still needs to happen. Learn how YOU can support projects in the area and how YOU can apply to go on the next USA MISSION EXPERIENCE.

PRACTICING GOD'S RADICAL HOSPITALITY

Katie Blume

Every organization struggles with the challenges of change and difference. We can learn to respond in constructive ways. Seek to effect change in order to more effectively live the Gospel Message of God's Radical Hospitality using mutual invitation process for the study of Scripture.

PLANTING SEEDS OF LEADERSHIP

Judith Jerry

Learn the basics of functioning as a leader in your PW Group and how to encourage and prepare others to lead.

WORKSHOP SESSION #2

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY WORKSHOP

Betsy Ensign-George

See description above.

PW TOGETHER IN SERVICE

Pam Snyder

Hear a detailed description of many mission opportunities available through Presbyterian Women. Pam has an up close and personal look at many mission opportunities and will be sharing them in the Workshop and could suggest how you might be involved.

LETTING LAUGHTER LIGHTEN THE LOAD

Anita Thies

In Genesis 21:6, Sarah proclaims, "God has brought me joy and laughter: whoever hears of this will laugh with me." This lighthearted workshop will show you ways to embrace God's gift of laughter and bring smiles to others. We'll tickle our funny bones by making *the towel chicken, the rose napkin and the amazingly fun bubble pipe*. For classical tastes, we'll kazoo a simple part of the nutcracker ballet as our balloon mice leap.

LISTENING WITH YOUR HEART Nellie Baker, Carol McDonald, Alcinda James

God speaks to God's people in many ways. At times God's voice falls on deaf ears. Some hear with their head and decide that it is not important or is inconvenient at this time. Others listen with their heart and respond without questions. How do you respond? We have invited Mary (via time machine) to help us understand how to always answer with your heart. Can your hearing be improved?

HOPE IN ORANGE BLOSSOMS Betty Grunstra, Grace Marable, Martha Manning

Learn about many issues that surround us, such as: *hunger, human trafficking, fair trade, working conditions and peacemaking*. Find the facts. Take home resources and ideas to use.

THE DINNER BOOK CLUB

During lunch and dinner on Friday, there will be an opportunity to discuss the following books if you desire. Special tables with facilitators will be available for each "book" discussion. Pick a book, read it and join the discussion.

BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE by Liz Higgs Ten of the Bible's best-know femmes' fatales parade across the pages of *Bad Girls of the Bible* with situations that sound oh-so-familiar. Eve had food issues; Potiphar's Wife and Delilah had man trouble; Lot's Wife and Michal couldn't let go of the past; Sapphira couldn't let go of money and Jezebel couldn't let go of anything. Yet the Woman at the Well had her thirst quenched at last; while Rahab and the Sinful Woman left their sordid histories behind. Let these *Bad Girls* show you why studying the Bible has never been more fun.

THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows The title sounds silly and written by an aunt and her niece in the form of notes or letters - I wasn't eager to read this. However, miraculously, this book manages to offer wonderful well-rounded characters, a genuine sense of historic time and geographic place, some real inspiring stories of courage under hardship during World War II and a sweet if rather predictable love story.

HEAVEN IS FOR REAL by Todd Burpo "Burpo, a Wesleyan pastor in rural Nebraska, recounts the story of his son's mystic vision of heaven while the youngster was suffering from a near-fatal illness in the spring of 2003. Through the course of the work, Burpo recalls conversations he with his son about what heaven was like. Christians will be encouraged....This work is written in a plain, conversational style..."

THE RED TENT by Anita Diamant Her name is Dinah and in the Bible her life is only hinted at in a brief and violent detour within the more familiar chapters about her father, Jacob, and his dozen sons in the Book of Genesis. Told in Dinah's voice, this novel reveals the traditions and turmoil of ancient womanhood - the world of the tent....Deeply affecting, *The Red Tent* combines rich story-telling with a valuable achievement in modern fiction: a new view of Biblical women's society.

Registration Form for the
2014 PW SYNOD GATHERING

"Hope In Bloom"

*June 19-21, 2014 * Waynesburg University*

Gathering begins at 1:30 pm on June 19 and ends at noon on June 21

Registration Deadline: May 15, 2014

PLEASE PRINT

NAME* _____ NAME FOR BADGE* _____

ADDRESS* _____

PHONE NO.* _____ E-MAIL (optional) _____

ROOMMATE REQUESTED _____

(both registrations should be mailed together)

HOME PRESBYTERY _____ LOCAL CHURCH _____

ARE YOU A PW MODERATOR? PW PRESBYTERY _____ PW CONGREGATION _____

The dorms we are using have elevators, air conditioning, private baths and handicap rooms.

I NEED A FIRST FLOOR ROOM _____ I NEED A HANDICAP ROOM _____

I WOULD LIKE A SINGLE ROOM (Additional charge of \$16.50 per night; 2 nights = \$33) _____

NO CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE.

A CONFIRMATION LETTER WILL BE SENT TO YOU WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

REGISTRATION FEES:

Amount Enclosed

Registration for the entire Gathering (includes double room and meals) \$ 250 _____

Registration for single room \$ 283 _____

EARLY ARRIVAL:

Add \$ 38.50 for room on Wed., June 18

(meals are on your own in the dining hall - prices in your confirmation letter) _____

COMMUTER = \$ 50 per day with maximum of \$ 80 _____

(Cost of meals NOT included in Commuter Fee. Cost of meals will be in your confirmation letter.)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

**NO REFUNDS AFTER MAY 28 FOR THOSE STAYING ON CAMPUS
AND JUNE 5 FOR COMMUTERS**

WORKSHOPS ARE ONLY GIVEN ON FRIDAY, JUNE 20, IN THE AFTERNOON.

You will be able to attend 2 Workshops. Refer to the Workshop list on the back of this form and the Workshop descriptions attached to the Registration Form. Choose 2 from each session - one will be a "back-up" in case your first choice is full.

I am willing to serve: _____ In Choir _____ As a Helper in the Resource Center

Please make checks payable to: PW IN THE SYNOD OF THE TRINITY

MAIL TO: DEBORAH WILSON, 425 HAINES HOLLOW ROAD, WAYNESBURG, PA 15370

724-852-6417 e-mail: revwils@windstream.net

MEDICAL FORM IS TO BE RETURNED WITH REGISTRATION

Place a #1 next to your first choice and a #2 next to your second choice. Please note that except for the Horizons Bible Study, each Workshop is only given once.

WORKSHOP SESSION #1

- _____ **Horizons Bible Study**
- _____ **Exploring God's Garden**
- _____ **PW USA Mission Experience, Appalachia**
- _____ **Practicing God's Radical Hospitality**
- _____ **Planting Seeds of Leadership**

WORKSHOP SESSION #2

- _____ **Horizons Bible Study**
- _____ **PW Together in Service**
- _____ **Let Laughter Lighten the Load**
- _____ **Listening With Your Heart**
- _____ **Hope in Orange Blossoms**

Redstone Presbyterian Women Spring Retreat Tuesday, May 27, 2014 ~ 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Pine Springs Camp, Jennerstown, PA

Just north of Route 30 off Route 985

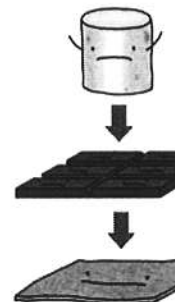


9:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:30-2:30 Program for the day and a satisfying lunch

“Living Wholeheartedly,”

a journey of exploration using our lives, prayers and scripture, with the Rev. Bobbie Hine, Minister of Visitation, First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, and Chaplain, Redstone Highlands, Greensburg.

The mission project for the retreat will be ingredients for S'Mores: graham crackers, marshmallows, and chocolate bars! The campers will love to know that Presbyterian Women have supplied these treats for them!



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

Make the check payable to:

PW of Redstone Presbytery: mail by Monday, May 19

**To Susan Blank, PW Treasurer, 4068 Bushy Run Road, Jeannette, PA 15644
724-523-6460**

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 _____



World Day of Prayer 2014

Women, men and children in more than 170 countries and regions will celebrate World Day of Prayer, **Friday, March 7, 2014**. This year, the women of the WDP Committee of Egypt invite us into a time of worship with the words of the prophet Isaiah; "I am making a way in the wilderness and **streams in the desert.**" With these words as backdrop, we are invited to learn about Egypt's history and rich cultural diversity. Order materials online at www.wdp-usa.org/store or call 1-888-937-8720

Fall Gathering Review

Redstone PW held their annual Fall Gathering at the Vandergrift Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 26, 2013. 51 women came to worship, to learn, and to donate canned goods and monetary donations to the Kiski Area Loving Ministry Food Bank. After Sylvia Carlson, Moderator, opened the Gathering with announcements, Susan Nesti led the reciting of the PW Purpose. Sue Blank, Seminary student, gave the morning devotions. Rev. Donna Havrisko, Westminster PC, presented the 2013-2014 *Horizons* Bible Study: "An Abiding Hope: The Presence Of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy" by Janice Catron. Donna's presentation was interactive and informative.

Cheryl Croushore from Redstone Presbytery's Resource Center showed examples of resources available and entertained us with a video of the Vacation Bible Schools she visited throughout the summer. Judy Koontz, Mission Coordinator, discussed 2014 global and local mission projects. She encouraged women to join the next New Windsor mission trip in Sept. 2014 after telling of the trip 31 women and men attended in Sept.-Oct. 2013. Phyllis Frye, *Horizons* Rep., presented a short skit encouraging everyone to buy and read the *Horizons* magazine. Carolee Ackinlose presented a review of Presbyterian Women's 25th Anniversary. A drawing for a copy of the Mission Yearbook of Prayer was won by Betty Tylinski from New Kensington, United. Betty was also one of several first-time attendees.

Following the delicious lunch served by the Vandergrift PW, the women had an opportunity to shop at the SERRV display brought from New Windsor by Carol Burrows, Delmont and Judy Koontz, New Alexandria, Community. The afternoon speaker was Captain Pam Rhodes from the Salvation Army unit in Greensburg. Pam spoke on "Human Trafficking: What it is and what you can do". This overwhelming and growing problem in our society needs to be recognized by all of us in all areas of our communities.

Kudos to Moderator Ruth Pisarcik and all of the Vandergrift PW for hosting and to Susan Nesti, Fall Gathering Coordinator, for organizing a very interesting Gathering.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF REDSTONE PRESBYTERY Fourth Quarter 2013 Treasurer's Report

Balance	\$2982.57	Balance + Receipts	\$15,657.33
Receipts:		Disbursements:	
Pledges	2470.00	Pledges	2470.00
Thank Offering	8202.92	Thank Offering	8202.92
Birthday	165.59	Birthday	165.59
Fellowship of the Least Coin	552.20	Fellowship of the Least Coin	552.20
Hunger	264.80	Hunger	264.80
Sudan	200.00	Sudan	200.00
Together in Service	129.00	Together in Service	129.00
Kiski Food Bank	60.00	Kiski Food Bank	60.00
Synod Dues	20.00	Fall Synod Meeting Registration	111.38
Contingent	35.00	Fall Gathering Meals	210.00
Fall Gathering Registrations	360.00	Postage and copies	49.61
Fall Gathering Offering	215.25	Mission Yearbook	15.00
	<u>\$12,674.76</u>		<u>\$12,430.50</u>
	\$15,657.33	Balance: December 31, 2013	\$3,226.83

THE REDSTONE LINK

The Redstone Link is the Newsletter for Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Redstone.

The purpose of this Newsletter is to provide information on the activities of Presbyterian Women 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 Beth Watkins, Communications Coordinator, 449 Bell Point Road, Apollo, PA 15613 or email: beth.watkins@comcast.net. Deadline for the next Newsletter is March 5, 2014.



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.



Welcome Back

The Redstone PW Coordinating Team welcomes back Judy Hauser from Mt. Pleasant, Middle PC. She has accepted the office of Mission Interpretation and Spring Gathering Coordinator replacing Helen Kester. Judy served on the Coordinating several years ago as Communications Coordinator. She has stepped in to pick up the reins of organizing the Spring Gathering. Come to Colver Presbyterian Church on Saturday, March 29 and thank Judy for her willingness to serve.

Corrections to 2013-2014 Directory

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Lower Burrell, Grace Moderator

Only Jane Runyan, no Co-Mod.

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Vandergriff Moderator

Ruth Pisarcik – last name misspelled

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Thank You.

THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to all Presbyterian Women for your generous contributions to the Thank Offering. The total for 2013 is \$8473.92.



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 Gathering** on Saturday, March 29. This Offering allows PW to encourage the youth or other groups of our Presbytery to become involved in mission programs. See more details in this Newsletter.
- ❖ **Mission Yearbook of Prayer for 2015** can be ordered through the Office of Redstone Presbytery for \$15.00 each. Call Bobbie Martin at 724-837-6737. Place order by **June 30, 2014**.
- ❖ **Calendar of Events**
 - **March 7:** **World Day of Prayer – Celebrating Egypt: “Steams in the Desert”**
Order materials at www.wdp-usa.org or call toll free 1-888-937-8720.
 - **March 10:** **Synod Dues for 2014 are \$20/group** (Send all 3 of these payments to
Contingent Fund is \$1.50/ member. Sue Blank, 4068 Bushy Run Road,
1st quarterly payment of Pledge Jeannette, PA 15644.)
 - **March 29:** **PW of Redstone Spring Gathering, Colver Presbyterian Church**
9:00 - 2:30, Sat. (See flyer in this Newsletter)
 - **May 27:** **PW of Redstone Retreat at Pine Springs Camp**(See flyer in this Newsletter)
 - **June 19-21:** **PW Synod Gathering, Waynesburg University** (Details in this Newsletter)

“CALLING WOMEN TO SERVE”

The following offices will need to be filled by April 2014 for the Coordinating Team of PW in Redstone Presbytery:



- **Vice-Moderator**
- **Study & Social Action Representative**
- **Search Committee, (2) Members**
- **Liaisons (2)- District III**

The CT only meets twice a year in June and December. CT members are encouraged to attend the Spring Gathering, Spring Retreat and the Fall Gathering. Please call anyone on the CT or Search Committee for further information or if you have a name of someone you would like to suggest for an office.
Search Committee: Florence Shearer (724) 235-2418

2014-2015 HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY

The 2014-2015 *Horizons* Bible Study is
Reconciling Paul: A Contemporary Study
of 2 Corinthians
by Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty



It is available for \$8.00 each from Presbyterian Distribution Center by calling toll-free 800-524-2612. The Bible Study is free with a subscription to *Horizons* magazine.

Together in Service

2013 Project Report Form for Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery

Due: March 8, 2014

Presbytery _____ Date _____

Contact person _____

Address _____ City _____ Zipcode _____

Phone and email address _____

Church name and city _____

Together in Service - Globally (Please give a number beside each item)

Baby blankets _____ Baby gowns _____ Baby caps _____

Sheets _____ Thermal blankets _____ Financial support \$ _____

Other Global Projects (describe)

Together in Service in the U.S.A. Please list any projects completed at these levels.

Presbytery/Synod _____

Local/Community _____

Local Mission

Donated Items

Donated Money

Communities in Schools

City Mission

Blackburn Center

Welcome Home Shelter

Please see other side for questions.

In the space below, please tell us about two of your favorite mission projects, including

- Why you support this project
- What makes this project special
- What special relationship has grown out of this project
- How those served by it experience this project

(If available, send a photograph of the project or your group working on it. Include names & dates.)

Mail this form to Judy Koontz, 570 Koontz Road, New Alexandria, PA 15670; judykoontz@windstream.net

PW Presbytery Mission Contact Person

LOVE GIFT OFFERING

What is it? The unique offering only given by PW in Redstone Presbytery to support mission trips of individuals or groups, particularly the youth, from Redstone Presbytery.

Who supports it? All of the women in the local PW groups give generously.

When is it collected? Once a year at the Spring Gathering.



Who can apply for funding? Any member of Redstone Presbytery who is going on a mission trip, individually or with a group.

Where are the applications? The application can be downloaded from the Presbyterian Women's link on the Redstone Presbytery's website: www.redstone.org. The Moderator of Redstone PW can also be contacted.

What is the deadline? Applications are to be submitted to the PW Moderator by March 1st.

When are the recipients chosen? After the offering is collected at the Spring Gathering and the sum determined, the Financial Committee (Moderator, Treasurer, & Mission Interpretation Coordinator) meets to discuss applicants and decide on the amounts to be awarded.

What are the expectations of the recipients? If possible, PW of Redstone would like some kind of report or presentation about the mission trip when the recipient has returned, usually at the next Spring Gathering.



Past Recipients of the Love Gift Offering

2009 - Pine Run PC group to Baldwin, MI, Lake County Habitat for Humanity, June. Rev. Lanny Mellinger. \$609.
Level Green PC Youth Mission trip to Texas City, TX for Hurricane Ike relief. Nicole Dericks. \$609

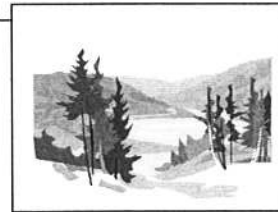
2010 - 32 Redstone Presbytery Delegates to Youth Triennium at Purdue University July - Cheryl Croushore \$1,208.50.
West Hempfield Mission Trip to Haiti with 4 adults led by Toni Hajek, elder. \$100.

2011 - Harmony & West Newton Youth Mission Trip to West Virginia in July led by CLP Glenn Hart. \$814.

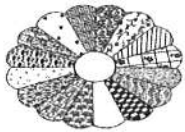
2012 - Laura Blank, Congruity PC, in Feb./Mar. on a peacemaking trip with the Palestinian Christians. \$1,032.

2013 - 32 Redstone Presbytery Delegates to Youth Triennium at Purdue University July - Cheryl Croushore \$1,116.00.

Unto These Hills
USA Mission Experience
Eastern Tennessee, Western North Carolina
June 18-26, 2013



Come to the Spring Gathering on March 29, 2014 at Colver PC and hear Sue Mummert from Carlisle Presbytery and presently the Moderator of PW in the Synod of the Trinity tell her story of traveling to Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee for the third USA Mission Experience. The Mission Experience equips women to understand the history and culture of the region, the existing ministry of the church there and the challenges faced by women, children & families living in the area. Read the September/October 2013 *Horizons* for an in-depth discussion and pictures of their trip to Appalachia.



Liaison Corner

What is Cents-ability?

A strategy for raising awareness — and funds — for the fight against hunger

Cents-Ability is a small first step in the battle against hunger and poverty. Congregations invite every member - of all ages - to contribute a few cents at every meal. This simple act is an expression of thanks for what we have received. It is also a commitment to share with others in response to Jesus' command "You give them something to eat." These small acts of faithfulness can add up: One hundred persons in a congregation will contribute \$180 a month at two cents a meal. That's \$2,160 dollars a year.

Cents-Ability originated in 1976 as "Two-Cents-A-Meal," a project begun by Presbyterian Women to involve individuals and families in a corporate response to world hunger. Over the years, presbyteries have developed similar programs which help local hunger ministries and projects of the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP).

PHP has developed a series of Cents-Ability resources to help presbyteries and congregations begin and expand hunger education and fund-raising programs. These include posters, banks, placemats, prayer table tents and a notebook full of suggestions and program models. To order resources contact the Presbyterian Distribution Center by phone at (800) 524-2612 or on-line at www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/hunger/



Linda Blick, Liaison Coordinator

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"One Body, One Spirit"

Churchwide Gathering

June 18–21, 2015. Save The Date!!!

The CCT approved the 2015 Gathering theme and budget. The theme "One Body and One Spirit" is based on 1 Peter 3:8. The Gathering registration fee will cover participation, materials and some meals. Several cost-cutting measures are planned, including reducing the number of waived registrations, restructuring planning teams, and shortening the Gathering by one day.

The triennial business meeting will precede the Gathering. The Gathering will be held at the **Hyatt Regency Hotel in Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 18–21, 2015.**

START SAVING YOUR MONEY

JOIN PW FROM AROUND THE WORLD



2014 Birthday Offering

Presbyterian Women

Begun in 1922, the Birthday Offering celebrates Presbyterian women's history of mission giving. In 2014, the offering will fund one project. The grant amount for Blue Corn Mothers Alliance will depend on the funds contributed during 2013. **The goal for this offering is \$500,000.**

Blue Corn Mothers Alliance provides a range of services for Albuquerque's Native American women who experience domestic violence. This multifaceted program offers advocacy; crisis intervention; health, counseling and education services; and referrals for legal and shelter services to Native American women and children who have suffered domestic violence. Learn more on page 32.

Presbyterian Women continues to need broad, consistent support in order to fund community-changing mission projects like Blue Corn Mothers Alliance. Please promote the Birthday Offering in your presbyteries and congregations using the materials listed below.

Learn more about Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering, including how to give, by visiting www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday or calling 888/728-7228, ext. 5308.



Do not forsake me, O Lord.

RESOURCE MATERIALS FOR PROMOTING AND INTERPRETING THE BIRTHDAY OFFERING

Order the following materials by calling 800/524-2612 or going to www.pcusa.org/store (type "Birthday Offering" in the search box).

Free Items

Group giving envelope (pkg. of 25) (traditionally used in PW circles and congregations)	PWR12501
Individual giving envelope (pkg. of 10) (for those outside PW circles, those who want to give over and above their normal offering and those who wish to give with a credit card)	PWR14456
Bulletin cover (8½" x 14"; pkg. of 25)	PWR14452
Poster (English/Spanish)	PWR14454
Promotional video on DVD (English/Spanish)	PWR14458
Order form for promotional materials (distribute at all presbytery and synod events)	PWR14457
Interpretive/promotional packet (may be duplicated)* Includes invitation letter and Birthday Offering dedication service (both in English and Spanish), information about the grant recipient, ways to support the Birthday Offering, how to access PW resources, order form and samples of promotional items — DVD (English and Spanish), poster (English and Spanish) and Offering envelopes (one for circle gifts, one for individual gifts)	PWR14451

Cost Items**

Bulletin insert (pkg. of 25); \$3/pkg	PWR14450
Placemat (English/Spanish; pkg. of 25); \$4/pkg	PWR14453
Messages of Reconciliation and Hope: 75 Years of Birthday Offerings, 1922-1997 By Catherine Stewart Vaughn; \$12	PWR00507

* Automatically mailed to every PC(USA) congregation (addressed to PW/Women's Group), as well as PW leaders including the Churchwide Coordinating Team and Creative Ministries Offering Committee, Celebration Giving Representatives, and moderators, co-moderators and treasurers of PW in the synods and presbyteries.

** Prices do not include shipping and handling (10% of order total, \$5.25 min, \$65 max; no shipping charges for free/promotional materials)

Go to www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday to download additional copies of free promotional materials, to give online or to learn more.

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