

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Utah

SPRING GATHERING

April 28 & 29, 2017

Friday 5 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 2:35 p.m.

Mount Olympus Presbyterian Church

3280 East 3900 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84124

Out of the Darkness. . .

into the Light John1:5

Carol Day, 2016 USA Mission Experience (Trafficking, Immigration, Domestic Violence)

Reverend Vicki Neumann, Epiphany of Hope-Women's Prison Chaplain (Pen Pal and Journey of Hope Mentorship Ministry)

Lola Zagey, The Other Side Academy

\$15 registration fee includes materials and 2 meals.

Registrations due April 19, 2017. We request that if you register, you please honor your registration amount of \$15 even if you are unable to attend the Gathering.

Please include in your RSVP:

Name

Friday and/or Saturday Attendance

Is This Your First Time to a Gathering?

Any Food Allergies

2 Ways to Register: (1) Tell your congregation's PW Moderator or (2) Notify Pauline Forster (rdpf56@gmail.com) or (801)278-9566

A Note from the Moderator

March 2017

Dear Women of the Presbytery of Utah,

I hope you all are doing well and that your PWCs are having a great year. I am looking forward to the Spring Gathering at Mt. Olympus Presbyterian Church in Salt Lake City, April 28th & 29th. In preparation for the Spring Gathering please review the minutes from the 2016 Fall Gathering which are included in this newsletter prior attending the Gathering. We will be approving the minutes as part of our Saturday morning business meeting and this information will only be projected at the Gathering.

Carol Day who is a member of our PWP coordinating team and who represented the Synod of the Rocky Mountains as a participant in the USA mission experience to San Francisco last September is excited to share information about her experience with us. In addition to her presentation, she has arranged for some local organizations that she has become involved with since her trip to also present information about the services they provide and that are similar to the programs she visited in San Francisco.

Please join us to share in this weekend of learning and fellowship with your fellow Utah Presbyterian women. There are also scholarships available for those needing financial assistance to attend the gathering. I look forward to seeing you there!

Blessings,

Lynn Erickson

Utah Presbyterian Women Moderator

Moderators: You are an important member of the Coordinating Team! Moderators of congregations, please plan to attend the Coordinating Team meetings. You or a spokesperson from your congregation's PW is needed to assist in planning the Spring and Fall Gatherings. These meetings also help you to meet women from across the state and to find out what is going on in our Presbytery of Utah PW! Networkers will contact you to let you know the date and time of the next CT meeting as well as carpooling information. Please send any corrections or new contact list info for your congregation's PW to: Lynn Erickson at lmcerickson@gmail.com

Get to Know the Speakers for the Spring Gathering

Carol Day, USA Mission Experience delegate, "Out of the Darkness. . . into the Light." Carol's presentation will be a discussion that covers sex trafficking, immigration, domestic violence, and how faithful people have become dedicated to becoming part of the solution to these and other issues.

Reverend Vicki Neumann, Women's Prison Chaplain, Draper, and founder of Epiphany Fellowship, a not-for-profit inner-city ministry located in Utah. Their ministry is to help women with children caught in the cycle of poverty by providing a temporary housing and mentoring program. The ministry joins hands with the community to share resources to provide expertise in the fields of job training programs and placement, educational opportunities, professional counseling, and medical assistance. (epiphany-fellowship.com)

Lola Zagey, The Other Side Academy. The Other Side Academy is a school where students learn vocational, pro-social, and life skills so they can succeed on "the other side." It is a school where students can learn marketing skills, business skills, and gain experience in various trades. It is a school where students learn how to make and keep promises and how to live life with integrity, accountability, and with love. Our students will have the opportunity to work in our various vocational training schools such as [The Other Side Movers](#) and [Promise Land Food](#). Our school is for men and women who have hit rock bottom, usually from a lifetime of addiction and criminal behavior, who now want to learn a better way to live. The Other Side Academy is available for these men and women pre- and post- sentencing and those within the jails and prisons within the state of Utah as well as those convicts, substance abusers, homeless, and others who walk in off the street.

The Other Side Academy is a place for those who want to make a better life for themselves and who are willing to put in the work to change their destructive behaviors. It's a place where they will be supported by those who have come before them, and where they will be expected to support those who come after them; a place where "as A helps B, A gets better." It's a place where honesty is at the core of everything we do and where hard work, especially on ourselves, pays off. The Other Side Academy is a place where the most lost among us can change their lives to a life free from addiction, crime, and destruction to a life full of honesty, empathy, and accountability.

The Other Side Academy is not a drug rehab, a group home, or correctional facility. We don't talk about drugs. We don't offer any 12 step or other similar program. We don't have counselors or therapists or doctors on staff. We are a school where our students practice living pro-social behaviors, such as being honest, being accountable, and making and keeping commitments every day until living that way becomes part of their nature and so they can then choose not to do the destructive and toxic behaviors of the past. (<http://www.theothersideacademy.com>)

Need a Motel?

Holiday Inn Express
7134 South 700 East
Midvale, Utah
Phone: 801-352-8100
Double Occupancy \$119.00 + tax (2 Queens)
Single Occupancy \$109.00 + tax (King + pull out couch)

Hyatt Place Cottonwood
3090 East 6200 South
Salt Lake City, UT
Exit 6 off I-215 East
Phone Number: 801-890-1280
Double Occupancy \$169.00 + tax
Single Occupancy \$139.00 + tax (King + pull out couch)

Crystal Inn
818 E. Winchester Street
Murray, UT
Exit 9 off I-215 East (bear left at exit, cross 900 East)
Crystal Inn on left hand side of street just past RC Willey
Phone 801-685-9300
Double Occupancy \$100.00 + tax (2 queens)
Single Occupancy \$95.00

Directions to Mt. Olympus Presbyterian Church
3280 East 3900 South

From the North
I-15 South to 80 East to I-215 East, Exit 4 3900 South
Turn right at exit light
Church 1 block on left hand side of 3900 South

From the South
I-15 North to 215 East to Exit 4 3300/3900 South
Bear left at exit, first traffic light 3900 South
Make a left
Proceed under the underpass and Church is one block on left hand side of 3900 South

Minutes of the Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Utah
American Fork Community Presbyterian Church
September 16 – 17, 2016
“What Happens When Women Pray Part 2”

The evening began on Friday, September 16th, 2016 with Registration at 5:00 PM by Community of Grace Presbyterian Church, Sandy. Prior to dinner, Community of Grace introduced an ice breaker which involved each person having a paper placed on them that had either a character or object from the Old or New Testament and that person had to ask those at the table questions, to determine who they were. A great “mixer”. Following a blessing, dinner was served by Wasatch Presbyterian Church, Salt Lake City with Trinity, Ogden assisting financially.

After dinner, a Fellowship of the Least Coin skit, introduced by Moderator, Lynn Erickson, was performed by Sara Yates, Brigham City and Dawn Higley, American Fork. Saving a country’s least coin was explained and how this money is then given to Church Women United and organizations are chosen to further humanitarian projects. It was noted that this is the Fellowship of the Least Coin’s 60th anniversary year. The skit concluded with each attendee reading in unison “Prayer of the Fellowship of the Least Coin.”

Reverend Jon Schmick from American Fork Community Presbyterian Church welcomed us and pointed out that this church was founded in 1877 and that the movie “Footloose” was filmed there also.

At 7:20 PM we adjourned to the Sanctuary where Moderator, Lynn Erickson, opened our Gathering, lighting the Christ Candle, signifying Christ’s presence among us. Following an opening prayer, Lynn welcomed everyone and announced our Gathering would focus on Prayer. She then introduced eight first time attendees and presented them with a gift bag, put together by Community Presbyterian, Richfield containing a one half price ticket for the next Gathering. These Friday evening First Time Attendees were: Barbara McMillan, Gina DeMarce, Muriel Petermann, all from American Fork; Maria Soriano, Martha Walden, Heidi Carter, Community of Grace; Nancy Pearson, Sonya Swatley, Cedar City.

Our dynamic speaker, Jenna Christ, was introduced by Moderator Lynn Erickson. Jenna studied Civil Engineering in college and it was during that time that she

dedicated herself to Jesus. Jenna spoke on “His Majesty”. The Lord’s Prayer was presented in sections and these were analyzed, with group participation, as adoration and petitions. Prior to breaking into small groups, Lynn extinguished the Christ Candle and reminded us to read the Spring Gathering Minutes and peruse the Treasurer’s Report for our Saturday Business Meeting.

We then broke into small groups where we wrote a personal prayer and exchanged these among our groups and prayed for one another. We were dismissed from these small groups whereby we could visit the Display Tables: Celebration Giving, Horizons, Justice & Peace, Used Book Sales, PW Historian Scrapbooks, PDA information and Pillow Case Sewing project for Royal Family Kids Camp until 9:00 PM.

September 17, 2016, Saturday morning Registration began at 8:00 AM by Community of Grace Presbyterian Church, Sandy, a time of Fellowship and Display Tables review.

At 8:55 AM, in the Sanctuary, Loyda Kyremes, Wasatch Presbyterian Church, led us in an energizer song and exercise, then a time of additional songs. At 9:00 AM, Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz lit the Altar candles and offered a devotion of the Fellowship of the Least Coin. She presented the Introduction from the booklet, Circle of Prayer, titled “Women on the Move with God.” She also read “Shanti” (which means Peace) explaining the story of the Least Coin. Moderator, Lynn Erickson, introduced first time attendee for Saturday 9/17 as Sandy Davidson, Springville.

The Business Meeting began with the presentation of the Spring Gathering Minutes by CT Secretary, Pauline Forster. These were projected by Carol Day. The Minutes were presented, moved, seconded and approved as corrected.

Treasurer’s Report – Mary VanScoyk, Trinity Presbyterian, presented this as projected by Carol Day. A discussion followed regarding the distribution of the registration money collected. \$9.00 is allocated for meals and the additional \$6.00 for supplies, programs, speaker, etc. for a total of \$15.00. Mary stated that the \$400.00 special offering money would be moved to the Actual Total Column. It was moved, seconded and approved to receive the Treasurer’s Report. It was announced that the Thank Offering was due to Treasurer, December 10th with the

4th quarter pledge. The 70 recipients of the Thank Offering are listed along with a dedication program in the Horizon Magazine.

Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz, Cottonwood Presbyterian, reported as the Capitol Networker/Search Resource person that she had performed officer installations and attended PW meetings. It was announced that Jane McCoy was resigning her position as Networker/Search Resource person for the South.

Moderator, Lynn Erickson requested that people contact her with any corrections to the Coordinating Team lists and asked us to prayerfully consider any of the CT openings. We were reminded to return our PW Mission Pledges for 2017 to Lynn Erickson by November 18th. Annual Reports including financials are due to Lynn by January 13, 2017.

We were reminded that Carol Day would soon be leaving on her USA Mission Experience in San Francisco and San Jose Presbyteries. We can check on her progress from 9/22 to 9/30 on [pwutah.org](http://www.pwutah.org) on the USA Mission Experience page. <http://www.pwutah.org/home/registration/usa-mission-experience>.

The Fall Gathering PW Special Offering collected during Worship will be given to the Center for Women and Children in Crisis (CWCIC), 1453 E. 840 N. Orem, Utah, 84097. <http://www.cwcic.org>.

We were reminded of upcoming dates:

2017 - February 25, Springville Comm. Pres.	Spring Gathering Planning Mtg.
April 28-29 Mt. Olympus Pres. SLC	2017 PWP Spring Gathering
Summer TBD	Fall Gathering Planning Mtg.
Sept. 15-16, Comm. Pres. Cedar City	2017 PWP Fall Gathering
2018 - August 2-5 Louisville, KY	2018 Churchwide Gathering

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM by Lynn Erickson for a snack break.

At 10:35 AM, Moderator, Lynn presented our Speaker, Jenna Christ. She spoke on "Our Need" again using the Bible and the Lord's Prayer, dwelling on His Majesty and then us. We were then dismissed to Workshops – "Knowing His Word" and "Praying

His Word”, led by Jenna Christ and Jane McCoy, Cedar City. We used a prepared prayer booklet with helpful information for personal devotion and basic Bible study methods.

Following Workshops, Dawn Higley offered a prayer and lunch was served by Community Presbyterian of American Fork. During lunch, Janay Bailey, Community of Grace, presented information about the pillowcase sewing project that COG PW did for the Royal Family Kids Camp for foster children. This project provides pillowcases for each child to take home at the end of the camp.

Following a short break, we attended Worship Service with Reverend Nancy Holve officiating and Tiffany Hall, accompanist. Rev. Holve offered a Prayer of Illumination. She spoke on Women of Faith and Power in the Church, citing early home churches and how much of what is in 1 Timothy is alive throughout the world today. No matter what the circumstances, “we pray”. We can pray and do mighty works quietly! Communion was served and following the final prayer and extinguishing candles, Worship concluded.

Special Offering (CWIC) amount	\$440.56
Cent-Ability Offering amount	\$ 5.41
Least Coin Offering amount	\$ 14.80
Martinpur School Sales	\$ 53.32

There were 51 people in attendance

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline Forster CT Secretary

2017 BIRTHDAY OFFERING of Presbyterian Women



The creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women asks that you open your hearts to the projects they have chosen for the 2017 Birthday Offering: First-Hand Aid's Rural Clinic Development Initiative, which provides health care to people living in rural communities in Cuba; Family Justice Center of Georgetown and Horry Counties' Safe Haven for Victims of

Domestic Violence (South Carolina), which will provide shelter for victims of domestic violence; and Paper for Water's Navajo Water Project, which will install water systems for households without running water in New Mexico.

Grant amounts will depend on gifts contributed during 2017. Please give as you have been blessed and support these life-changing projects.

The Birthday Offering is due to Mary VanScoyk, Treasurer by June 7th.

Networker – Capitol – Shared Learnings

As the newly installed Networker for the Capitol area, I am happy to report I have had the privilege of leading installations for the following PWC's in the Capitol area: Wasatch, Community of Grace, and Mt. Olympus. I was pleasantly surprised to learn COG conducts its PWC installation as a part of its Sunday morning worship service. What a testament to both PW and the COG congregation. I have noted this as a "best practice," and I pray other PWC's might be able to experience doing the same at some point in the future.

In addition to the Capitol area installations, I was honored to be able to lead the installation for the PWC of First Ogden. It was here I observed Rev. Rick Minnich attend the entire PWC program, including the luncheon which followed. This is again an item on my "best practice" prayer list.

I am looking forward to the forthcoming year and working with the Networker Team and the entire CT.

With Grateful Hugs,
Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz

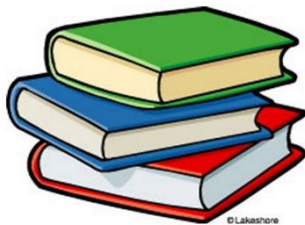
TOGETHER-IN-SERVICE (by Marilyn Collins)



Have you wondered whatever happened to the mission sewing assignments we used to get? Torn bandages, surgical masks, flannel blankets, items to ship overseas and to US missions were a major part of the PW mission program just a decade ago. But major increases in postage, high import fees,

customs duties, local sewing skills, and an evolving definition of mission all have impacted PW's mission outreach. Much more focus is placed on local needs. But in the process, many congregations have lost their connection and their interest in international mission.

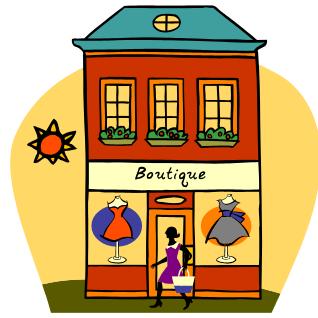
While PW's international hands-on mission opportunities have virtually disappeared (we still have Little Dresses for Africa), we must not forget the millions of people, especially women and children, around the world who need our prayers and support. Your support of the PW Birthday and Thank Offering, both of which provide international and national grants, the Global Exchange program, and mission co-worker support are just three of the ways that individual and congregational PW members can still make a difference in the world. The Mission Yearbook of Prayer and Study, available online on the PC(USA) website, is an excellent prayer resource that can bring international issues closer to home. We hope you will look for and find many other opportunities. If your congregation has a special international mission outreach please let me know (mcollins1949@hotmail.com), and we will share it with other PW groups in Utah.



BOOK SALE

Time to make room on your bookshelves for some new volumes? Have some excellent stories or reference books you would like to share? Bring them to the Spring Gathering and share your wealth with sisters. Hardback and paperback books, DVDs, and audio books are all welcome. Proceeds are forwarded to the PC(USA)

for use by Martinpur School in Pakistan, where they help with upgrading of the school library.



WOMEN OF WASATCH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BOUTIQUE

1626 South 1700 East Salt Lake City 84108

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017 10:00am-3:00pm

LUNCH AVAILABLE: 11:30am – 1:00pm Cost: \$10.00

PROCEEDS FOR LOCAL MISSION PROJECTS:

Crossroads Urban Center, YWCA Women in Jeopardy,

4th Street Homeless Pharmacy, St. Vincent DePaul Soup

Kitchen, Family Promise, Road Home Shelter, Utah Youth Mentor Project, The Sharing Place, Youth Resource Center, The Inn Between, Journey of Hope, etc.

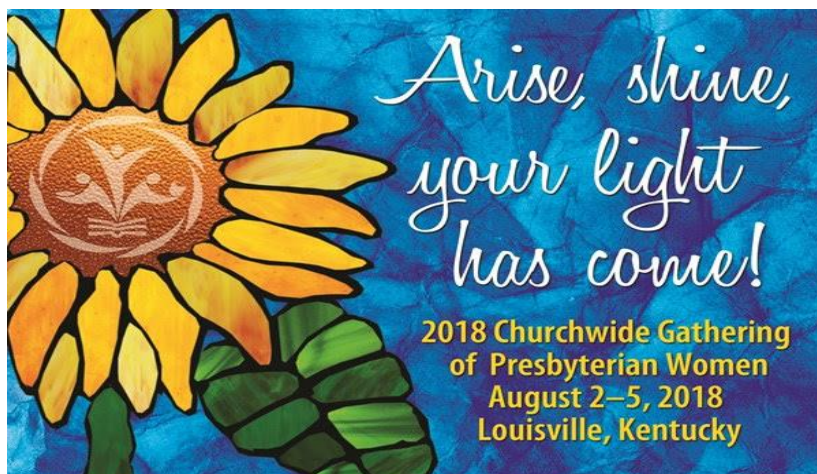
VARIETY OF BOOTHS:

Crafts, jewelry, clothing, candle warmers, candies, cosmetics, scarves, designer stationery, wire-wrapped serving pieces, soaps, bags, purses, skin care, quilts,

Children's books, baby clothing, candy, woven baskets,

Tupperware and more.

Bring a canned or non-perishable food item for Crossroads to receive a free ticket for the drawing for a vendor donated item



The 2018 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women will be held August 2–5, 2018, in Louisville, Kentucky. That is also the year that PW celebrates its 30th anniversary! Beginning March 30, 2016 (March 2016 was 30 months from the Gathering), those on our email list began receiving a series of “Gathering Quest” emails to help them prepare, promote and plan for the 2018 Gathering. Because 2018 is the 30th anniversary of PW, each Gathering Quest email also includes a 30th Anniversary Challenge question about something in PW’s 30-year history. Visit www.presbyterianwomen.org for an answer sheet to fill out and bring to the Gathering. Be sure you are on our email list so you don’t miss one bit of news about the Gathering! Email patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org and urge all your friends to get on the list, too. Meanwhile, here’s the latest on the Gathering. The Gathering will be at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky. Nightly room rates are \$149 per room, and Gathering registration is \$425. Of course, as you make plans to attend the 2018 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women, you might want to consider contributing something for the Silent Auction. If so, dig out the paintbrush, knitting needles, or kistkas and make a PW-inspired piece. All proceeds will benefit PW’s annual fund, the Mission Pledge. Details to come! And, congregation, presbytery, and synod gathering planners, here’s a head’s up! The 2018 Churchwide Gathering promotion packet, which brims with great ideas, is in the works! Have a spark of inspiration that may be of interest to other gathering planners related to the theme of the Churchwide Gathering? If so, share with carissa.herold@pcusa.org and you may see your idea within the pages of the Churchwide Gathering promotional pack, once it becomes available! Finally, watch for additional updates on email and in PW Quarterly newsletter available at <http://pma.pcusa.org/ministries/pw/>

Women in Politics

Community of Grace Presbyterian Women would like to invite all women to a night of “Women in Politics” on March 24. A light supper will be served at 6:00 p.m., and Jenny Wilson will be our speaker at 7:00 p.m. Jenny has been active in Utah politics for many years, including running for mayor in 2007. She has experience working in the private and non-profit sectors, including positions in administration, fundraising, and project management. We are fortunate to have someone with such broad experience come speak to us. You are invited to attend all or part of the evening. If you would like to attend, please rsvp to Janay Bailey at janaybailey@msn.com or [801-550-0212](tel:801-550-0212)

2017 Women’s Retreat



ALL WOMEN’S RETREAT

“God’s Story, Our Story”

The Presbytery of Utah and First Presbyterian Church Salt Lake City are co-sponsoring a women’s retreat in Park City, for all women ages 18 and over. Featured speaker is Dr. Deborah Spinks-Winters, Lecturer in Old Testament at Palmer theological seminary. The theme is “God’s Story, Our Story.” The retreat costs \$110, including a room for one night, meals, speaker and facilities. If you wish to stay overnight on Friday, the cost is an extra \$40. Rooms are in an up-scale condo building; they feature multiple bedrooms and bathrooms with kitchen and living room. Everyone gets her own bed. Scholarships are available. To register go to www.fpcslc.org, under “Get involved”.

Learn more about our Lord, and the Bible while enjoying fellowship, food, hiking, a spa, and shopping or napping. Make some new friends! Further details will be mailed to all registrants. If you have questions, ask Rev. Chris Meyers-Tegeder at pastorchrismeyers@fpcslc.org.

Location: Park City, the Lodge at the Mountain Village

Dates: May 6-7

PW of Utah – Searching for YOU, Your Talents, and Your Camaraderie!

Are you a computer savvy “want-to-be” and trainable? PWP is looking for a Website Administrator, with whom the current Website Administrator can pass along the “what’s,” “how’s,” and “wherefores’.” Anyone at all interested is requested to contact Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz at 801-272-5356.

God has blessed your PWP Coordinating Team, and your PWP Search Committee is ecstatic to report there are currently nominations for each of the following CT openings: Vice Moderator, Treasurer, Networker/Search – North, Networker/Search – South/Central, and Pastoral Resource. Come to the Spring Gathering to participate in elections and your CT installation.

With Grateful Prayers,
Your PWP of Utah Search Committee

Community of Grace Presbyterian Women Mission Project

The Presbyterian Women of COG have chosen several mission projects this year including our usual garage sale and fall farmers market. We are currently sewing pillowcases for the Royal Family Kids camp. Each child will have a pillowcase to use and then take home at the end of camp. The pillowcases are colorful and fun and will allow the children to remember their camp experience.

Katherine G. Johnson, a longtime Presbyterian

“Hidden Figures”—the movie about a group of brilliant female African-American mathematicians who aided NASA during the space race—took the second spot at the box office in its first weekend of wide release. The movie features the story of Katherine G. Johnson, a longtime Presbyterian and 2015 Presidential Medal of Freedom awardee.

Based on the non-fiction book of the same name by Margot Lee Shetterly, the film tells the true story of Johnson and her colleagues, Mary Jackson and Dorothy Vaughan, who worked as “human computers” with the burgeoning space program of the late 1950s and early 1960s. They were charged with collecting flight data and verifying that NASA’s newly introduced electronic computers had correctly calculated the details of space missions.

A member of Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church in Newport News, Virginia, for more than 50 years, Johnson served the church in several leadership roles including, not surprisingly given her gift with numbers, its finance chair.

A NASA mathematician and aerospace technologist from 1953 until 1986, Johnson’s computations have influenced every major space program beginning with the Mercury launches.. Johnson was initially hired as a research mathematician at the Langley Research Center with the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, the agency that preceded NASA, after they opened hiring to African Americans and women.



Johnson exhibited exceptional technical leadership and is known especially for her calculations of the 1961 trajectory for Alan Shepard’s flight as the first American in space and for her 1962 verification of the first flight calculation made by an electronic computer, in this case for fellow Presbyterian John Glenn, the first American to orbit the earth.

She is also famed for her trajectory calculations of the 1969 Apollo 11 mission, the first human voyage to the moon, and on-the-fly computations that enabled the Apollo 13 astronauts to return home safely from space. In her later NASA career, Johnson worked on the space shuttle program and the Earth Resources Satellite and encouraged students to pursue careers in the science and technology fields.

In addition to the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Johnson co-authored more than 20 important scientific papers for NASA. On May 5, 2016, the 55th anniversary of Alan Shepard’s historic rocket launch and splashdown, the new Katherine G. Johnson Computational Research Facility was formally dedicated at NASA’s Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia.

Gregg Brekke, Presbyterian News Service

Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendar

2017

March 24	Community of Grace Presbyterian, Sandy	Women in Politics
April 8	Wasatch Presbyterian, Salt Lake City	Boutique/Lunch/Food Drive
April 28-29	Mount Olympus Presbyterian, SLC	2017 PWP Spring Gathering
May 6-7	The Lodge at Mountain Village, Park City	Women's Retreat
July 15	Springville Community Church	PWP CT Planning Meeting
Sept 15-16	Community Presbyterian – Cedar City	2017 PWP Fall Gathering

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February 24	Springville Community Church	PWP CT Planning Meeting
April 20-21	TBD	2018 PWP Spring Gathering
August 2-5	Galt House - Louisville, KY	2018 Churchwide Gathering