

***PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN***  
*in the Presbytery of Utah*  
***FALL GATHERING 2017***

September 15 & 16  
Friday 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
and Saturday 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Community Presbyterian Church  
2278 N. Wedgewood Lane  
Cedar City, UT



**FIVE SMOOTH STONES: ON THE ROAD OF FAITH**

God has given us stones, like God gave David, to help us defeat big bad giants. Learn how to use the gifts of past success, prayer, priority, passion and perseverance!

**Presenter: Rev. Nancy Pearson**  
Pastor, Community Presbyterian Church, Cedar City

**Registrations are due Thursday, September 7, 2017**  
\$15 registration fee includes materials and 2 meals

**REGISTER TODAY!!**

Please include in your reservation:

- Name
- Friday and/or Saturday
- Is This Your First Time to a Gathering
- Food Allergies

2 ways to Register:

1. Tell your congregation's PW Moderator
2. Contact Jane McCoy 702.375.5813 or Marci Beck at the church 435.586.8891

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

## *A Note from the Moderator*

August 2017

Dear Women of the Presbytery of Utah,

Our Fall Gathering is coming up at Community Presbyterian Church in Cedar City on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Come enjoy the beginning of fall and our program themed “Five Smooth Stones: on the Road to Faith.” After everyone has registered and had dinner, our program will start with Rev. Nancy Pearson speaking and then end with time for prayer and meditation in a couple of special themed rooms.

Saturday morning, we will continue with our theme with Rev. Nancy Pearson speaking again and then breaking out for workshops related to our theme. After our morning breakouts, we will have our business meeting. In the interest of saving time and money on printing, I ask that you please do your homework ahead of time by going over the minutes from the 2017 Spring Gathering included in this newsletter. This information will not be available in printed copy and will only be projected at the Fall Gathering.

After the business meeting, we will break for lunch, and we will wrap up our Gathering with worship.

While you are in Cedar City, why not make it a weekend and visit the Shakespeare Festival or take in nature’s beauty of Cedar Breaks National Monument. Also, Tuacahn Amphitheatre in Ivins, UT is less than an hour away from Cedar City.

There is scholarship money available for those who need assistance with travel to the Gathering or lodging. This gathering, we also have home hospitality available. Contact information is included in this newsletter for those wanting to take advantage of this.

Blessings until we gather,

*Lynn Erickson*

Utah Presbyterian Women Moderator

Moderators: You are an important member of the Presbytery Coordinating Team!

Moderators of congregations, please plan to attend the Presbytery Coordinating Team meetings. You, or a spokesperson from your congregation’s PW, are needed to assist in planning the Spring and Fall Gatherings. These planning meets also help you meet women from across the state and find out what is going on in our Presbytery of Utah. Networkers will contact you to let you know the dates and times of the meetings as well as carpooling information.

If you have a new contact or a correction to the moderator contact list, please contact Lynn Erickson at [lmerickson@gmail.com](mailto:lmerickson@gmail.com).

## Directions to the Community Presbyterian Church, Cedar City, UT

### From Salt Lake City:

South on I-15

Take Exit #62 toward Cedar City (left and over the bridge)

Remain on UT-130 which is Main St.

Continue south to E. Nichols Canyon about 1.3 miles. Turn left

Continue to Wedgewood and the church is on the corner of E. Nichols Canyon and Wedgewood.

### From St. George:

North on I-15

Take Exit #62 toward Cedar City and turn right

Remain on UT-130 which is Main St.

Continue south to E. Nichols Canyon about 1.3 miles. Turn left

Continue to Wedgewood and the church is on the corner of E. Nichols Canyon and Wedgewood



## Hotels Near Community Presbyterian Church

<b>El Rey Inn &amp; Suites</b>	80 S Main St, Cedar City, UT 84720	<a href="http://elreyinncedarcity.com">elreyinncedarcity.com</a>	(435) 586-6518
<b>SpringHill Suites by Marriott Cedar City</b>	1477 S Old Hwy 91, Cedar City, UT 84720	<a href="http://marriott.com">marriott.com</a>	(435) 586-1685
<b>Best Western Town &amp; Country Inn</b>	189 N Main St, Cedar City, UT 84720	<a href="http://bestwestern.com">bestwestern.com</a>	(435) 586-9900
<b>Quality Inn</b>	250 N 1100 W, Cedar City, UT 84721	<a href="http://choicehotels.com">choicehotels.com</a>	(435) 586-2082
<b>Holiday Inn</b>	1555 S Old Hwy 91, Cedar City, UT 84720	<a href="http://ihg.com">ihg.com</a>	(435) 865-7799
<b>La Quinta</b>	1377 S Main St, Cedar City, UT 84720	<a href="http://laquintacedarcity.com">laquintacedarcity.com</a>	(435) 865-0005
<b>Abbey Inn</b>	940 West 200 North, Cedar City, UT 84720	<a href="http://abbyinncedar.com">abbyinncedar.com</a>	(435) 586-9966

HOME HOSPITALITY is also available. Contact Lee Bechtel at 435.867.8278 or [paraleebechtel@gmail.com](mailto:paraleebechtel@gmail.com). This is a wonderful opportunity to fellowship with and meet other Presbyterian women.

## Restaurants in Cedar City

Check with YELP! but these are our favorites:

Centro Pizza

Milt's Steakhouse

Charlie's BBQ

Pastry Pub

The Grind Coffee etc/

Teriyaki Bowl

Park Place

The French Spot

## What to do while visiting Cedar City?

Go to the following websites:

Visit Cedar City: Cedar City Events, Attractions, Hotels, Restaurants ...

<https://www.visitcedarcity.com/>

Utah Shakespeare Festival

<https://www.bard.org/>

**The Fall Gathering offering** will be going to the Family Support Center of SW UT - The Utah Association of Family ... The Family Support Center is a private, non-profit organization that receives funding from various state and federal sources, as well as private foundations, groups, and individuals invested in the future of our children. This allows us to provide high quality services at no cost. Staff members are well trained professionals and paraprofessionals with experience working in the areas of family preservation and child abuse prevention. A complete background check is done on all the Center employees and volunteers.

[utahfamilysupport.org/cedarcity/index.html](http://utahfamilysupport.org/cedarcity/index.html)

## Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendar

### 2017

Sep. 15-16	Community Presbyterian – Cedar City	2017 PWP Fall Gathering
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### 2018

Feb. 24	TBA	Winter PWP CT Planning Meeting
TBA	Japanese Church of Christ, Salt Lake	2018 PWP Spring Gathering
TBA	Springville Community Presbyterian	Summer PWP CT Meeting
Aug. 2-5	Louisville, Kentucky	2018 PW Churchwide Gathering
Sep. 21-22	First Presbyterian Church, Ogden	2018 PWP Fall Gathering

Brigham City PW will hold its fall rummage sale on Saturday, October 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Gillespie Hall, with lots of treasures for sale. As always, we will serve our traditional lunch of sloppy joes and homemade pies in the downstairs dining area. Proceeds from this event are tithed for a selected global mission and the remainder donated to local missions like the Community Pantry, Soup Kitchen, Family Support Center, New Hope Crisis Center, Boys & Girls Club, etc.

Minutes of the Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Utah

Mt. Olympus Presbyterian Church

April 28-29, 2017

“OUT OF THE DARKNESS...INTO THE LIGHT” John 1:5

The Gathering began on Friday evening April 28, 2017 with Registration at 5:00 PM by Cottonwood Presbyterian Church. Following a blessing, dinner was served by Community of Grace Presbyterian Church.

At 7:10 PM we gathered in the Sanctuary where Loyda Kyremes of Wasatch Presbyterian Church led us in songs. Todd Wheeler, from Wasatch, assisted Loyda on the piano.

Following the singing, the Christ Candle (signifying Christ’s presence with us) was lit by Moderator, Lynn Erickson. Lynn extended a warm welcome and thanked Community of Grace for a wonderful dinner. Lynn then presented a devotion on the Presbyterian Church USA trip to Thailand regarding trafficking and immigration, written by those attending the trip. The theme revolved around 1 Timothy 5:18, Isaiah 65, Isaiah 40: 20-31 and Romans 12:15. Lynn closed the devotion in prayer. Lynn announced that First Time Attendees would be recognized on Saturday morning as all of them would be there at that time. She then presented Carol Day from Springville Community Presbyterian Church who was chosen for the 2016 USA Mission Experience in the San Francisco and Bay Areas.

Carol thanked everyone for their support in sending her on this mission. A slide presentation followed pointing out trafficking, abuse, and immigration where she highlighted a 3-point plan: 1) Be amazed, 2) Let go, and 3) Resist. She mentioned that God put Jacob’s ladder in all of us. The entire story of the Mission Trip can be found in the January/February 2017 issue of the Horizons Magazine. A very enlightening and thought-provoking program that should nudge us into getting involved in some way. Carol finished with a group activity wherein groups were formed and all performed a favorite music genre as found on our cell phones. It was a great way to be involved and get to know others and their likes.

Carol Day and Marilyn Collins spoke on their Presbyterian Disaster Assistance training and let us know they are available for a program presentation on this important subject.

Marilynn Collins announced that the PW Global Mission Exchange would be to Indonesia next and 50 crocheted necklaces are needed (materials available at Gathering). Loyda Kyremes announced Crossroads Urban Center would hold their annual Beer & Brats fundraiser on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Marilynn announced this would be the last year to have the Mother’s Day Cards for sale. The dates and known information about the Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, Kentucky was announced. Announcements were made about that the New Horizon Bible Study was available on the Horizon table and that the Least Coin and Cents-ability boxes were on the dining tables. It was also announced that there were books for sale benefiting the Martinpur School and that they have named their library the Utah Library. We were encouraged to take copies of the Fall Gathering Minutes (as printed in the Newsletter) and read them over for familiarity at the Business Meeting tomorrow (Saturday, April 29).

Lynn Erickson, Moderator, closed our evening with a prayer and extinguished the Christ Candle, allowing time for socialization and checking individual mission project tables, at 8:35 PM.

Saturday, April 29, 2017, Registration began at 8:00 AM by Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz with a time to view the display tables. At 8:30 AM in the Sanctuary a music program began led by Loyda Kyremes and accompanied by Todd Wheeler. This was an energizing, fun, moving time of song. At 8:50 AM, Pastor Philip Hughes of Mt. Olympus warmly welcomed us to MOPC as he explained the Church Mission Statement and our youth’s upcoming mission trip to Kenya, Africa.

We were then led in a devotion by Carol Day, who also lit the Christ Candle. Her devotion cited Micah 6:1-8 – a passage of Hope – “Evil prevails when a good man does nothing” a thought provoking question: “What does the Lord require of you?” Carol closed us in prayer at 9:00 AM.

Lynn Erickson, Moderator, called the business meeting to order. She recognized first time attendees as follows:

Lisa Fletcher	Wasatch Presbyterian Church
Jane Lee Vondette	Trinity Presbyterian, Ogden
Gene Vogel	Wasatch Presbyterian Church
Sheila Barnish	Mt. Olympus Presbyterian Church
Shirley Knox	Mt. Olympus Presbyterian Church

The first time attendees were presented with a bag of goodies including a ½ off ticket for the next Gathering, prepared by Valley Community Presbyterian Church of Richfield.

The Minutes of the Fall Gathering for Presbyterian Women in Utah at American Fork, September 16-17, 2016 were presented by CT Secretary, Pauline Forster. A motion was made, seconded and the minutes were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer’s Report – Mary VanScoyk, Trinity Presbyterian, Ogden presented the budget. A discussion on the \$10.00 allocated for phone, flowers followed. It was suggested, a motion made, seconded and approved to delete the word phone from the Phone/Supplies/Postage Expenses/Flowers budget line and raise money allocated from \$10.00 to \$75.00. A discussion followed regarding Networkers/Search expenses budget to be raised from \$25.00 to \$75.00. A motion was made, seconded and approved to increase this also. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Budget as adjusted. It was announced that the Birthday offering is due the second quarter to the Treasurer.

Marilynn Collins spoke on the Global Exchange. Our representative this year is Rev. Nancy Holve and each PW group was encouraged to make a monetary donation in support of this Global Mission.

Lynn and Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz – Networker/Search Capital then recognized the outgoing officers. as: Carol Day, Website Administrator; Mary VanScoyk, Treasurer (9 years); Rev. Nancy Holve, Pastoral Resources; Marilyn Collins, Together in Service

Sally then presented the slate of newly nominated officers as:

Carol Day – Vice Moderator for the remainder of the term (1 year)  
Mary VanScoyk – Treasurer for a 1-year term  
Mary Hargis – Networker/Search North for the remainder of the term (1 year)  
Loreen Heil – Networker/Search South/Central  
Rev. Nancy Holve – Pastoral Resources  
Marilynn Collins – Together in Service  
Jane Lee Vondette – Website Administrator for the remainder of the term (1 year)

Other nominations were requested from the floor and with none, a motion was made to accept the slate; it was seconded and then approved.

It was noted that we have a full slate for the first time in several years!

Lynn announced the Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, KY, August 2 – 5, 2018 – Theme – “Arise, Shine Your Light” – Isaiah 16:1. Registration fee \$425.00, rooms \$149.00 per night (can be shared), six scholarships will be available for registration only and will be revisited at the Fall Gathering, scholarship application forms will be available then. Carol Day and

Marilynn Collins announced that they are available to share their Disaster Preparedness Training.

Upcoming dates were presented as follows:

CT Planning Meeting – Springville Community Presbyterian Church – either June or July

Fall PW of Utah Gathering – Community Presbyterian, Cedar City – September 15-16, 2017

Spring Gathering – April 20-21, 2018 Japanese Church of Christ, Salt Lake City

August 2 – 5, 2018 – Churchwide Gathering – Louisville, KY

Fall Gathering PW of Utah – September, 2018 – First Presbyterian, Ogden

Rev. Nancy Holve announced Valley Community Presbyterian, Richfield was having a rummage sale next Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Community Presbyterian, Cedar City is opening a Thrift Shop in June. Crossroads, Beer & Brats – Sunday, April 30, 2017.

Marilynn Collins announced – Rev. Moler from Ogden Pres. would be installed as Pastor in Kanab in early July. Trinity, Ogden to hold Rummage Sale, June. Sarah Yates reminded of the Community Presbyterian of Brigham City Thrift Shop. Linda Olson told us First Presbyterian, Ogden has made a total of 750 Prayer shawls and lap robes. Community of Grace Rummage Sale – June 1 and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We adjourned at 10:05 AM for a break of snacks provided by 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyertian Church of Ogden.

We resumed in the Sanctuary as Carol Day welcomed us back and introduced our Speaker, Chaplain Vicki Neumann from Epiphany Fellowship Mentor Ministry which is an entity of Salt Lake Interfaith Hospitality Network (SLIHN). Chaplain Neumann and her husband founded what is now known as Family Promise of Salt Lake. Epiphany Fellowship Mentor Ministry's goal is to provide a safe house for those released from incarceration in a Christian run environment. Hope of safety in an insecure world, offering hope and light (John 1:5) – mentors and pen-pals are always needed.

Our next speaker was Lola Zagey from the Other Side Academy, downtown Salt Lake. Lola shared her story of recovery from drugs addiction and giving back! The Other Side Academy is a non-profit, re-educational 2 year residential self-help community for men/women who have recovered from addiction and criminal behavior who want to live a better life. Both women were thanked and presented with \$75 honorariums for their programs. Following Lola's heartwarming presentation, we adjourned for lunch prepared by Mt. Olympus Presbyterian Church headed up by Mardi Lessey.

At 1:45PM, we were welcomed to Worship by Rev. Nancy Holve. Rev. Nancy's message centered around women and power, good and bad. She used women of the Bible as examples – Sarah/Hagar, Lydia. We were told to look to them to find hope and extend our mission. A Resurrection hope that we give to each other.

During the Worship Service Officers were installed

Lynn Erickson - Moderator

Carol Day – Vice Moderator

Pauline Forster – Secretary

Loyda Kyremes – Historian

Mary VanScoyk – Treasurer

Mary Hargis – Networker/Search – North

Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz – Networker/Search – Capitol

Loreen Heil – Networker/Search – South/Central

**Members at Large:**

Linda Olson – Horizons

Sarah Yates – Justice and Peace

Karen Durrant – Newsletter

Rev. Nancy A. Holve – Pastoral Resources

Marilynn Collins – Together in Service

Jane Lee Vondette – Website Administrator

Marilynn Collins then called Aloha Whitney a former Global Exchange participant (India – 6 years ago) (Marilynn was a participant 18 years ago) to commission Rev. Nancy A. Holve as she travels to Indonesia, the world's largest Muslim nation, to build bridges.

Following Communion our Worship Service ended. Ushers and Communion Servers were from Wasatch Presbyterian Church. Piano accompaniment was by Elaine Nordberg from Community of Grace Presbyterian. Our Spring Gathering came to a close at 2:35 PM.

Special offering amount (recipient, Family Promise SL)	\$341.00
Cents-Ability Offering Amount	\$ 11.45
Least Coin Offering Amount	\$ 4.60
Martinpur Book Sales Amount	\$ 21.00
There were 43 people in attendance	

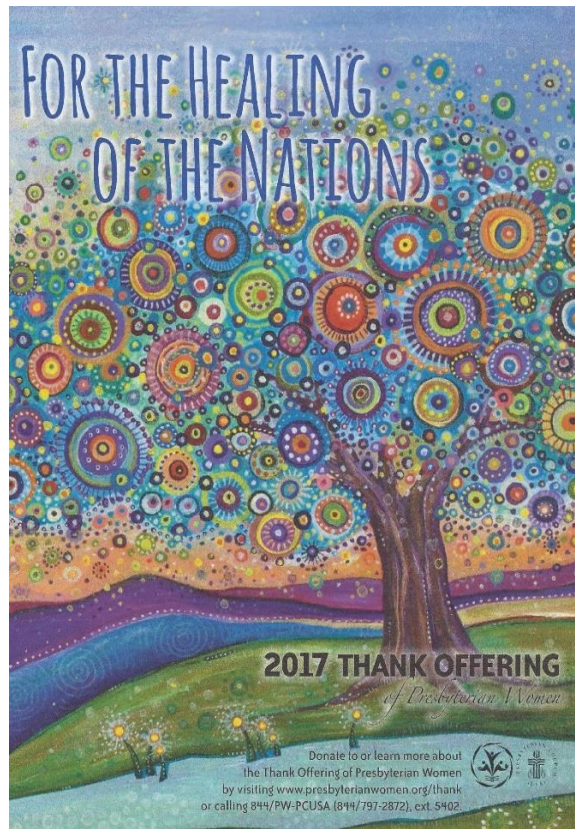
Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Forster

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.







### For the healing of the Nations

**“On either side of the river is the tree of life . . . and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.” —Revelation 22:2b**

#### List of Grant Recipients

In February 2017, the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women met to review 92 applications submitted for grants from the 2016 Thank Offering. Fifteen of the projects were chosen for grants totaling \$382,500.

**United Presbyterian Church, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan/Feeding America West Michigan Project Feed EUP! Comstock Park, Michigan —\$27,927** This innovative mobile food pantry will serve children by providing fresh food to those on free and reduced lunch programs.

**Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Cincinnati (IHNGC) Forever Home Project Cincinnati, Ohio — \$34,000** The IHNGC helps families who have experienced homelessness transition into more permanent housing. Funds will be used to purchase household supplies, food and transportation.

**Blue Monarch Parenting Sober Hillsboro, Tennessee —\$20,873** Blue Monarch helps mothers who are recovering from drug addiction by teaching effective parenting tools to mothers who have likely never observed healthy parenting in the home.

**Bridging the Gap Between Nutrition and Health Cosby, Tennessee —\$50,000** The Thank Offering grant will be used to purchase a refrigerated box truck to help Sunset Gap expand the reach of its food pantry in rural Appalachia.

**First Presbyterian Church of Liberal First Presbyterian Child Care Center Liberal, Kansas —\$7,580** First Presbyterian Child Care Center is the only commercial daycare center in the Liberal, Kansas area. Funds will be used to erect a fence around the outdoor play area and purchase equipment and educational supplies.

**South End Neighborhood Tutors, Inc. The Wizard’s Wardrobe Albany, New York —\$10,000** The Wizard’s Wardrobe is a one-on-one afterschool tutoring program for children in the first and second grades. Funds will purchase digital recorders, computers, printers and bindery equipment.

Angel Interfaith Network (AIN) Infant Safety Los Angeles, California —\$5,000 AIN helps families who are at risk for losing housing with payment for overdue rent and utility bills.

University of the Ozarks Food for Thought Garden —Polytunnel Clarksville, Arkansas —\$7,000 This grant purchase a greenhouse-like structure to extend the growing season of the University of the Ozarks Food for Thought Garden and double the amount of fresh produce available to the local school backpack program and to community members who face food insecurity.

Presbyterian Village, Inc. Improving Accessibility in Residential Care Little Rock, Arkansas —\$50,000 Presbyterian Village plans to renovate ten residential care bathrooms by converting traditional bathtubs to accessible, walk-in showers.

Phoenixville Women’s Outreach The House 4 Phoenixville, Pennsylvania —\$5,000 The House is a shelter that serves single women who are homeless. Funds will be used to install security cameras and lighting and motion detectors for the front and back of the house.

International Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada en Nueva Paz, Cuba Nueva Paz Presbyterian Church Breakfast Club Nueva Paz, Cuba —\$2,000 Nueva Paz will establish The Breakfast Club, to serve elderly people in this small, rural farming town. The church will hire a cook, select a person to buy food and have a doctor or teacher on hand to educate participants about nutrition and exercise.

Westminster Presbyterian Church (WPC) Capacity Building for Hope Mission School Bernard Farm Community, Paynesville Township, Liberia —\$18,300 Hope Mission School exists to provide educational and vocational opportunities for the community’s youth. This grant helps expand the current school to a full high school by adding 11th and 12th grades, and will introduce new vocational training. The grant will also be used to purchase generators, allowing the school to sell cold drinks and excess power for recharging cell phones and other electronic devices.

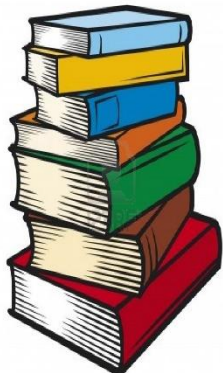
Africa Inland Church, Nyanza Area AIC Nyakach Dispensary Building Improvements and New Services Kisumu, Kenya —\$50,000 For 100 years, the Nyakach dispensary has offered medical services and education to impoverished and otherwise underserved women and families. The grant will provide much needed structural, equipment and administrative upgrades.

In His Steps: Pathways of Peace (IHS) Mara l’il Mara (Woman to Woman) Breast Cancer Project Palestine —\$50,000 Breast cancer is the most common cancer among Palestinian women; it is an urgent health concern. The grant will help develop a culturally sensitive program that raises awareness about the prevalence of breast cancer across the West Bank.

Asociación La Iglesia de Dios (ALIDD) Centro Diaconal Comunitario Argentina —\$49,500 The grant will be used to provide assistance to families living in poverty in Argentina. Assistance will include clothing, food, help with school homework, Bible school and workshops on social health issues.

Our annual “thank offering to our Lord” continues to be a vital part of women's giving in the PC(USA). Please prayerfully consider how you can support this important ministry. The Thank Offering will be due to Mary VanScoyk, PWP Treasurer, with the fourth quarter payment in December.





### BOOKS, CDS AND DVDS ALL WELCOME!

At each PW gathering one of the best sharing places is the used book table. Women are eager to learn about new authors, good spirituality books, and great stories. We will again be gathering books, CDs and DVDs for sale in Cedar City. All proceeds from sales go to the Martinpur Boys school library in Pakistan, and all leftovers will be given to the new thrift store "Treasures" just opened by the congregation in Cedar City.

### MISSION PROJECT DISPLAYS

A display table at the Cedar City gathering will feature favorite local mission projects. We know that many PW groups are making reusable sanitary pads, buddy dolls for hospital procedures, Little Dresses for Africa, baby



blankets and hats, bags of toys/coloring items/reading materials for children stuck in hospital beds for extended periods of time, and other items. Bring a sample and instructions for making the item and share with your PW sisters in Utah. We are always looking for new opportunities. And discovering new needs.

### Networkers Are Just a Phone Call and/or E-mail Away

Can you identify the PWP Networker for your PWC? When is the last time you had interaction with her? Your Networker is a Resource for your PW questions, can serve in leading your PWC installation of officers, and a friend who wants to get to know you and your PWC women. Please feel free to contact your Networker to make sure she knows about your PWC events:

Mary Hargis – North Area: 801-773-7632 [mkh.3@juno.com](mailto:mkh.3@juno.com)

Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz – Capitol Area: 801-272-5356

[sahoffelmeyerkatz@comcast.net](mailto:sahoffelmeyerkatz@comcast.net)

Loreen Heil – South/Central Area: 801-836-6577

[heil2loreen@gmail.com](mailto:heil2loreen@gmail.com)

### A Quick Note About PWP Officer Opportunities

Please be praying about how you can serve PW in one of the following CT positions beginning the Spring of 2018. Please contact your Networker with your interest and/or questions:  
Vice-Moderator, Treasurer, Justice & Peace Representative





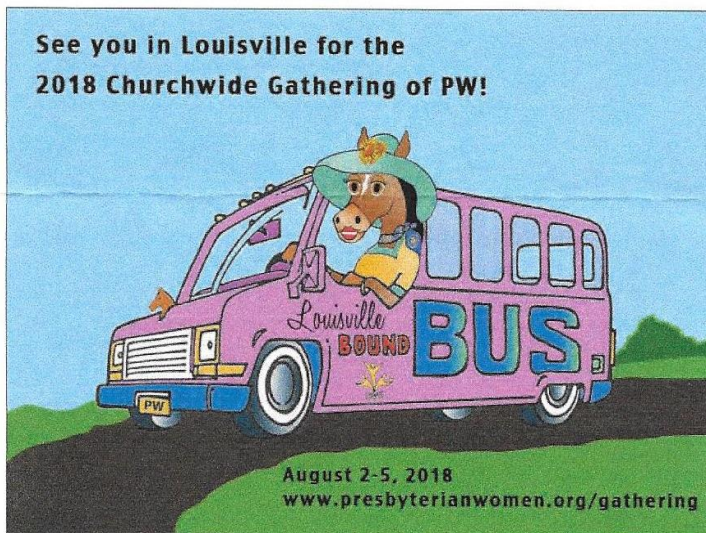
**Celebrate Presbyterian Women! Celebrate 30 years of Presbyterian Women!  
2018 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women**

Arise, shine, your light has come!

Isaiah 60:1

Attend because you want to . . .

- experience deep community and worship with more than 1,000 Christian women;
- discover how PW is engaged with the world—and how you can be, too;
- learn about current issues in the church and the world;
- explore mission opportunities;
- attend workshops on a variety of topics;
- meet international participants;
- participate in Bible study;
- visit the exhibit hall to connect, relax and shop;
- celebrate 30 years of Presbyterian Women!



Come early and/or extend your time at the Galt House (at the special PW rate) and visit area attractions with your friends and family.

Registration booklets will mail with the November/ December 2017 issue of *Horizons*. Additional copies may be ordered by calling 800/524-2612 or going to [www.pcusa.org/store](http://www.pcusa.org/store); item CWG18001.

Registration opens January 15, 2018. Register by May 1, 2018 to receive a special early registration incentive.

Regular registration is \$425; one-day registration is \$125.

Check for updates in upcoming issues of *Horizons* magazine and at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering).



### What is the theme of the 2018 Churchwide Gathering?

The theme is “Arise, shine, your light has come!” based on Isaiah 60:1.

### When is the 2018 Churchwide Gathering?

The Gathering begins on Thursday, August 2, 2018, and concludes on Sunday, August 5, 2018.

### Where will this Gathering be held?

The Gathering will be held all under one roof at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky. Optional tours and events will visit local Presbyterian, mission-focused and cultural sites, but there’s more than enough planned in the Galt House to keep you busy for the whole Gathering!

### Who attends the Gathering?

Christian women (and a few men and children!) from across the country and around the world come together for this triennial event. Past Gatherings have included people of all ages and from more than 20 countries.

### What happens at the Gathering?

Lots! Join in worship—enjoying uplifting music and gifted preachers—with sisters in faith from around the country and the world. Find inspiration in the plenary (large group) sessions, which highlight everything from Bible study to mission projects. Learn about your areas of passion and key issues in the world today through educational opportunities (forums and workshops) led by inspiring speakers. Get excited about the future of Presbyterian Women at the Business Meeting, where PW’s 2018–2021 leaders will be elected, a budget will be finalized and programmatic emphases will be chosen. Witness the installation of the newly elected leaders of PW’s 2018–2021 Churchwide Coordinating Team. Visit the many exhibits. Shop in the marketplace and bookstore. Take in some of the interesting and fun Louisville sights.

### How much will the Gathering cost?

Full registration is \$425. Hotel, travel and some meals are additional.

### Is there a discount if I only attend part of the Gathering?

Daily registration is \$125 per day.

### What hotel accommodations are available?

Housing and programming are all under one roof at the Galt House. Rooms start at \$144 per night; suites start at \$159 per night, for one to four persons per room, plus tax. These discounted rates will apply three nights before and after the Gathering.

### Are transportation services available?

For full-service air travel assistance, contact Roger Roy, Global Travel Alliance, at 505/867-2829 or gtaror@yahoo.com.

### Are scholarships available?

A limited number of leadership development grants will be available to help with Gathering costs. Watch [www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering) and check the Gathering registration booklet (mailing with the November/December 2017 issue of *Horizons*) for more information. Consider applying for (or donating to!) scholarships through your PW in the Congregation, Presbytery or Synod.

### When should voting representatives be available for the Business Meeting?

The Business Meeting will begin Wednesday, August 1, at 7 PM and will conclude by 5 PM on August 2. Voting representatives travel on August 1.

### What else can you tell me about the theme?

The 2018 Gathering is an opportunity to “arise and shine,” reflecting on the healing, prophetic, compassionate Light of the world. “Arise, shine, your light has come!” invites us to explore possibility, growth and radiance, empowered by God.

### Where can I get more information?

The Gathering web pages ([www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering)), the PW Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/presbyterianwomenpcusa](http://www.facebook.com/presbyterianwomenpcusa)), the Gathering registration booklet (mailing with the November/December 2017 issue of *Horizons*) and, of course, every issue of *Horizons* magazine!

### Louisville, here I come! When can I register?

Registration opens on January 15, 2018. Look for a registration booklet with the November/December 2017 issue of *Horizons* magazine. (Not a subscriber? Call 866/802-3635 or visit [www.presbyterianwomen.org/horizons](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/horizons).) Register by May 1, 2018 to receive an early registration incentive gift.

### What materials are available to promote the Churchwide Gathering?

Use this promo pack for lots of ideas! Also, call 800/524-2612 or visit [www.pcusa.org/store](http://www.pcusa.org/store) to order a supply of

- registration books (CWG18001) and
- save-the-date magnets (item CWG18029; limit 50).

And, of course, your story about what the Gathering means to you is one of the most powerful tools. Share your story with someone who has never been and invite her!





## BEFORE THE GATHERING

### Gathering Planning Timeline

#### 2017

##### July

A year and one month until the Gathering! Save just \$90.00 a month (\$22.50 a week) from now until January 2018 and you'll have the cost of registration covered when registration opens.

Do you have a song in your heart? Perhaps one that embodies the Gathering theme ("Arise, shine, your light has come!") and/or Isaiah 60:1. If so, share your suggestion for the Gathering theme hymn! By **August 1, 2017**, submit your song by email to [darcimckinnon@gmail.com](mailto:darcimckinnon@gmail.com). See next page for more details.

##### August

Plan to promote the Gathering at fall synod and presbytery gatherings and PWC meetings!

Start creating or collecting items to donate to the silent auction at the Gathering. See next page for details.

##### September

Start planning your Louisville getaway! Visit <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/city-events/see-more-attractions> for ideas on how to spend extra time in Louisville.

##### October

Visit [www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering) for the most up-to-date information about the Gathering. Then send an email to PW friends, sharing some of the reasons you found online that they may want to attend the Gathering!

##### November

Gathering registration booklets are available. Order yours (and a few for friends!) and start making your plans for the Gathering. Visit [www.pcusa.org/store](http://www.pcusa.org/store) or call 800/524-2612 and request item CWG18001.

##### December

Merry Christmas! Give the gift of the Gathering to someone you love or ask someone you love to give you this gift!

#### 2018

##### January 15

###### Registration opens!

Save just \$25 a week from now until the Gathering and you'll have the cost of your hotel bill, extra meals and excursions covered!

##### February

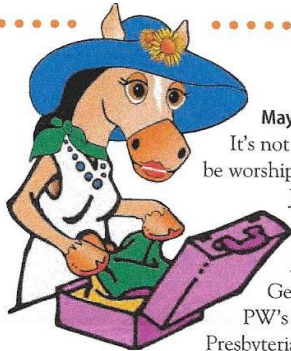
Ask your valentine to skip the flowers and give you the gift of the Gathering!

##### March

After you've registered for the Gathering, start making notes about which of the many possibilities you want to pursue! Donating to or shopping at the silent auction, participating in a justice and peace event, meeting Mission Partners, donating gift cards, or joining a book discussion group are only some of the possibilities!

##### April

Find out who in your congregation, presbytery or synod is attending the Gathering. Maybe you'll want to drive together or meet at the airport for your flight. If you haven't contacted Roger Roy with Global Travel Alliance for assistance with your flight, contact him soon: 505/867-2829 or [gtaror@yahoo.com](mailto:gtaror@yahoo.com).



##### May

It's not too late to register for the Gathering! There will be worship, community, education, fun and much more.

Join us! Register by May 1 to receive an early registration incentive gift.

##### June

Get your green on! Friday, August 3, will be PW's Justice Day at the Gathering and on that day Presbyterian women are asked to wear green. June is the perfect time to crochet a green scarf, design and make t-shirts for everyone in your group who is planning to attend, dig deep in your closet or sock drawer, purchase something new (fair trade is best) to find that perfect (green) extra-special something to show that you are committed to PW's work for justice and peace!

##### July

Gift cards, gift cards, gift cards! Now's the time to collect gift cards for the Gathering gift card offering from your PW sisters who are unable to attend the 2018 Churchwide Gathering.

##### August

Finalize your plans, water your potted plants and double check that you've packed your most comfortable shoes! It's time to go!



## Gathering Theme Song

Is there a song in your heart? Are you movin' your feet? Arise, shine, and tap to the beat!

We're lookin' for a theme song. Will you create one and send it along?

Experienced songwriters, budding musicians, we await your creative submissions.

Your own tune or familiar melody\* is a must, then we may sing it together come next August!

*\* Must be a melody in the public domain—that is, a tune that does not require permission and/or license fee to use.*

Presbyterian Women is seeking a theme song that enhances the "Arise, shine, your light has come!" theme for the 2018 Churchwide Gathering! Submissions should consist of original words and music (or original words to a tune in the public domain) that reflect the Gathering theme and scripture. Theme song submissions may also include *you* (or someone else) singing your song!

Submissions must be theologically sound, in keeping with the Reformed tradition, and must use inclusive language.

Submissions will not be returned and there will be no remuneration. PW retains all rights, but the author/compose will be created.

### Submissions

- Submissions must be received no later than August 1, 2017. Please email words and music to [darcimckinnon@gmail.com](mailto:darcimckinnon@gmail.com). **Be sure to include your name and phone number in the email.**
- You may also submit performances of your submission on YouTube (optional). Be sure to email the link to the video when you submit words and music to [darcimckinnon@gmail.com](mailto:darcimckinnon@gmail.com).
- If you prefer, you may mail your submission to:

PW Gathering Theme Song  
c/o Darci McKinnon  
1804 Courtney Lane  
Edmond, OK 73013

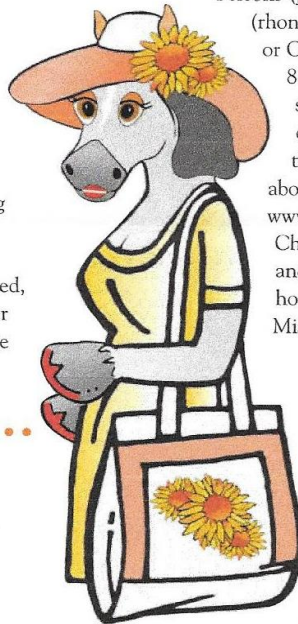


## Silent Auction

The 2018 Gathering will include a silent auction, full of exquisite handmade creations, vacation packages, jewelry and other enticing items. And better yet, all proceeds will benefit the Mission Pledge, Presbyterian Women's annual fund!

You can contribute in two ways—donating items before the Gathering and/or bidding at the Gathering!

Donated items should be new (nothing used, please) with a minimum value of \$50. Smaller items can be grouped into a basket. To donate an item to the auction, please contact Judy



Persons ([jpcratepw@gmail.com](mailto:jpcratepw@gmail.com)), Rhonda Martin ([rhonda.martin@pcusa.org](mailto:rhonda.martin@pcusa.org) or 844/797-2872, ext. 5596) or Carissa Herold ([carissa.herold@pcusa.org](mailto:carissa.herold@pcusa.org) or 844/797-2872, ext. 5322). Items should be shipped to the PW offices before the Gathering or hand-delivered to the auction area at the Gathering. Forms and information about the silent auction are available at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering). Check the Gathering registration booklet and program book for more details on when, how and where you can bid to benefit the Mission Pledge!

## Gathering Tote Bags

Keeping in mind good stewardship, Gathering registrations will not include a Gathering tote bag. Pack your favorite souvenir tote bag (or just a big purse!) and be ready to fill it with Gathering goodies.

If no Gathering is complete for you without a tote bag, never fear! For only a small fee, you can add a tote bag to your registration. A limited number of these tote bags will be available for sale at the Gathering, so order one when you register!

NEED BASED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY OF UTAH  
FOR PWP GATHERINGS

\*\*Application for Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Utah only

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address:

Street or P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Request for travel expenses: up to **\$100** \_\_\_\_\_ (To assist with mileage at government charitable rate of 14 cents based on distances over 300 miles round trip, housing based on hardship and need and registration fee.)

Have you attended a PWP Gathering before? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, when \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously received a grant from PW to attend an event? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be able to attend without a scholarship? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Number of miles travelling to the Gathering \_\_\_\_\_ Will you carpool? \_\_\_\_\_

Who are you carpooling with? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be sharing a room with anyone/if so who? \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Request: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Moderator's Endorsement: \_\_\_\_\_

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Moderator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Application must be completed and signed by your PWC Moderator prior to sending to:

Lynn M. Erickson, 319 Coatsville Avenue, Salt Lake City, UT 84115-1740 or

[lmcerickson@gmail.com](mailto:lmcerickson@gmail.com) **By August 31, 2017**