

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Utah
Spring Gathering
April 13 & 14, 2018

Friday 5 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Japanese Church of Christ
268 West 100 South, Salt Lake City, Utah

Building Bridges of Understanding



Rev. Nancy Holve: Creating bridges through sharing the 2017 Global Mission Exchange to Indonesia

Marilynn Collins: Sacred Spaces: Creating bridges in our churches for victims of sexual and gender-based violence who are seeking assistance, hope, and understanding.

\$15 registration fee includes materials and 2 meals (Friday dinner, Saturday lunch)

Registration due April 6, 2018. 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) Register:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Qe0584L5lqH2h9XIK76ZgfvR6Nbc-iSEvaitBhj_g/edit?usp=sharing or carolanneday@gmail.com

A Note from the Moderator

March 2018

Dear Women of the Presbytery of Utah,

Spring is in the air and our Spring Gathering is quickly approaching at the Japanese Church of Christ in Salt Lake City, Friday, April 13th and Saturday, April 14th. This spring's Gathering theme is "Building Bridges of Understanding" and is based on the latest PW Global Exchange trip to Indonesia. Friday night after dinner and an icebreaker to get to know one another our own Rev. Nancy Holve will speak to us about her participation in the Global Exchange trip.

Saturday morning, we will continue with our business meeting to elect new officers, approve the budget for the year, vote on bylaws changes, and in addition, other business. We will also have a couple of breakout sessions for continued learning before lunch and wrap up with worship, installation of new officers, and commissioning of those who will be attending the Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, Kentucky this August. We still have scholarship money available for those that need assistance with travel to or lodging for this Spring Gathering. The scholarship application for this, as well as a scholarship application for the Churchwide Gathering in Kentucky for registration, is included with this newsletter.

Lenten Blessings,

Lynn Erickson

Utah Presbyterian Women Moderator

Meet the Gathering Presenters

Rev. Nancy Holve will share her experiences as part of the 2017 Global Exchange to Indonesia. In September 2017, a group of Presbyterian Women traveled to Indonesia for the Global Exchange. The participants and Indonesian sisters and brothers shared their experiences, faith stories, and ministries with one another. Nancy will share these experiences with us.

Marilynn Collins will present a workshop addressing the following:

"Thirty five percent of the world's women have experienced sexual violence of some sort! Churches urgently need to build bridges of understanding and caring with these women. They are us! Our churches can become Sacred Spaces where all victims of sexual and gender-based violence find sanctuary, support, and assistance as they seek to heal. How can we best listen, love, refer and advocate for our sisters? the workshop will be based on wewillspeakout.us resources."

Minutes of the Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Utah
Community Presbyterian Church Cedar City
September 15-16, 2017
"Five Smooth Stones On The Road of Faith"

The Gathering began on Friday evening September 15 with Registration at 5:00 p.m. by Torrie Leonard of Cedar City Community Presbyterian Church(CPC). As the women gathered they browsed the display tables that held information on *Horizons* magazine, Church Wide Gathering, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, samples of mission projects: procedure dolls, little dresses for Africa, receiving blankets, and used books, a fundraiser for the girls' high school in Pakistan.

At 6:00 Gen Phelps and Sonya Swatsley, CPC, lead the gathering in an icebreaker designed to prompt conversation by making links to mutual past experiences. Following a blessing, dinner was served by CPC Music during dinner was provided by guitar, violin, and voices of Des and Sara Penny.

At 7:20 p.m. we gathered in the Sanctuary where Lynn Erickson, Community of Grace, opened the gathering with a 'History of Presbyterian Women and Its Publications' from PW(USA) website October 11, 2015. This highlighted 200 years of women striving to find their voice and place working as strong women who took tough positions on issues relating to Peace, Hunger, Trafficking, and War. They connected across the country providing funding, support, and prayer. Lynn lit the Christ Candle.

Carol Day, Springville Community Presbyterian, recognized 17 first time attendees:

Beverly Dressen, Cathy Ewert, Dawn Hendrix, Elaine Moores, Gaylene Knoke, Gloria Cheeseman, Lynne Brown, Mallory Turner, Mary Shurtleff, Nadine Hansen, Ruth Forthingham, Sara Penny, Sherry Larsen, Susan Allmon, Torrie Leonard, Sherry Hughes, Elza Camacho

These women are from Community Presbyterian Church, Cedar City.

Nancy Pearson, pastor of CPC, welcomed the women to the gathering and presented the program theme, "Five Smooth Stones: On the Road of Faith." She encouraged us to explore the character traits represented by David's five smooth stones by tumbling them around in our mind and heart so that a change can come about. We read the story of David & Goliath from I Samuel 17:32-50.

Nancy presented each stone/character trait and explained how David exemplified it, brought in another scriptural reference, gave an example from her own life, and inspired the gathered women to develop this trait in their own lives. She spoke about the stones of Past Successes, Prayer, and Priorities on Friday night and Passion, Perseverance on Saturday morning. We were given a booklet with Bible references and application prompts to follow and record Nancy's presentation.

Nancy closed her presentation with prayer. Lynn extinguished the Christ Candle. There were two centers for meditation and reflection available to participants.

Saturday, September 16 registration began at 8:30 with music in the sanctuary by Ruth Forthingham and Christine Winterrose. Karen Durrant gave the devotion, "Grace in the Middle" by Alicia Bruxvoort, a mother's reflection as she comforts her child and illustrates that we all need God's Grace as we struggle through the middle of life's events. Grace to sustain, give perspective, courage, and hope.

After Nancy Pearson completed her presentation of the Five Stones, attendees formed two groups and participated in two half hour workshops. Gen Phelps facilitated a workshop where women created a bag of five stones and Bible verses to take home. Susan Allman led us through a process of discerning what our priorities actually are and how we can rework the choices we make in our daily activities attention and time management. She had us make three lists: things I love to do, things I have to or need to do, and things I don't have time to do. Snacks were provided between the workshops by First Presbyterian, Ogden.

The minutes of the Spring Gathering for the Presbyterian Women in Utah at Mt. Olympus Presbyterian Church were presented by Carol Day, Springville Community, who was acting secretary in Pauline Forster's absence. A motion was made, seconded, and the minutes were accepted as submitted.

Mary Van Scoyk, Trinity Presbyterian Ogden, presented the 3rd quarter financial report. A clarification was made in the printed financial report that the ending amount in the savings account is \$2679.17 as appears in the notes, not the amount in the cash summary. A motion was made to accept the financial report, seconded, and passed. Mary also highlighted the Thank Offering's 15 recipients of grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$50,000. They are detailed in the July/August *Horizons* magazine. Marilynn Collins, Trinity Presbyterian Ogden, urged attendees to look at the display tables including the sample of mission projects that have been made by First Presbyterian Ogden and CPC Cedar City. She asked us to take *Horizons* materials and enter the drawing. We were given a 10% off coupon for the CPC Cedar City Thrift shop. Marilynn explained the proposed bylaw change that would dissolve the Celebration Giving/Together-in-Service coordinator position. Times have changed and individual PW groups are

creating a variety of projects. The only national link is Knitting 4 Peace. In the future mission concerns will be a part of Justice & Peace and is reflected in the bylaw change. This will be voted on at the Spring Gathering. We were encouraged to share this information with our local PW groups.

Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz, Cottonwood Presbyterian, represented the networker search committee and informed us of the openings for the coming year: Vice Moderator, Treasurer, Horizons, and Justice and Peace. She urged us to look into our congregations by demonstrating a passion for PW, count up our past experience for confidence, prioritize, and persevere in prayer. A discussion followed that led to the posting of open positions on the website with a brief blurb and a pdf with more information.

Lynn Erickson, Community of Grace, talked about the upcoming events: Feb 24 PWPCCT planning meeting at Springville Church, April 13,14 at the Japanese Church of Christ Salt Lake City, Church wide Gathering August 2-5 2018 Louisville, (please have a scholarship application to Lynn by Dec. 15 2017) and Fall Gathering 2018 1st Presbyterian Ogden September 21-22 2018.

Lynn presented gifts to past officers Lee Bechtel and Jane McCoy and thanked them for their service on the coordinating team.

Carol Day, Marge Gaines, Emily Lower, Springville Community Presbyterian Church, presented a skit inviting us to come to the Church Wide Gathering. With the help of Mallory Turner, Colleen Alter, and Karen Durrant, we were introduced to the theme, "Arise Shine Your Light has Come."

At 12:00 the women of Trinity Presbyterian of Ogden served a sandwich and salad lunch.

We were welcomed to worship by music from Harry Taylor and Nancy Pearson in the pulpit. As we entered we were given a rock. Nancy urged us to leave the rock representing burdens behind. Instead we are to clothe ourselves in compassion with love as a cloak over all, allow peace to rule our heart, and let the word of God dwell within us.

The offering will be given to the Cedar City Family Support Center that provides a 24 hour crisis nursery and parent support in the community.

Communion was served by Nancy Pearson, Jeannette Nosker, Sally Hoffelmeyer Katz, and Lynne Brown.

Our prayer was a time of calling out places, people, and churches.

Lynn Erickson closed the gathering at 1:55.

Special offering amount (Family Support Center) \$341.45

Cents-Ability offering \$7.20

Least Coin Offering \$3.60

Martinpur Book Sales \$22.65

There were 54 people in attendance

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Day (acting CT secretary)



2018 Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women

Welcome To This Place

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

–Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)

2018 Birthday Recipients -

Cottage Village, a Tiny-house Community for Low-income Residents Cottage Grove, Oregon

Cottage Village will provide quality, affordable housing and a safe, structured social community for individuals and families with low or very low incomes. This Birthday Offering grant will be used to help build 13 tiny houses and a central shared-use area that will serve as a compassionate and protective community for vulnerable rural citizens.

Village of Grace Center for Physical and Spiritual Health Tegucigalpa, Honduras

This Birthday Offering grant will make it possible for the Presbytery of Honduras to purchase the Village of Grace Center for Physical and Spiritual Health near Tegucigalpa. Originally established by Presbyterian mission co-workers, the retreat center will be managed by Presbyterian women in Honduras. It will offer international hospitality for retreats, workshops and mission teams from the PC(USA), Solar Under the Sun and Living Waters for the World.

The Dwelling Place Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota

The Dwelling Place was established in 1998 to provide for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of women and their children following their escape from a violent partner. Transitional housing, education, food, clothing, trauma-informed support services, programming and mentoring for women are all part of the mission of The Dwelling Place. This Birthday Offering grant will help The Dwelling Place purchase a vacant lot where they will construct a multi-use building with spaces suitable for large and small group programming, one-on-one case management, safe living space and staff offices. With the additional building, The Dwelling Place will be able to serve even more women and children who are seeking safety.

The amount of the grants to be given to these organizations will depend on how much money is donated. **Please give as you have been blessed, generously and as led by the Holy Spirit.**

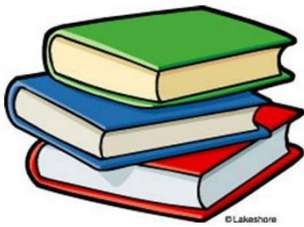
The Birthday Offering needs to be collected and sent to Mary VanScoyk, Treasurer by June 10.

Need Lodging for the Gathering?

Hyatt House Salt Lake City Downtown
Hyatt House Salt Lake City Downtown
140 South 300 West
Salt Lake City, UT
(801) 359-4020

Courtyard by Marriott
345 West 100 South
Salt Lake City, UT
(385) 290-6500

Radisson Hotel Salt Lake City Downtown
215 West South Temple
Salt Lake City, UT
(801) 531-7500



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.

Your PWP Networkers Want to Hear from You!

When is the last time you reached out to your Networker to invite her to a PWC function? To lead your PWC installation of officers? Or to offer potential candidate suggestions for PWP Officer positions? Your specific Networker is only a phone call or e-mail away:

Mary Hargis – North Area: 801-773-7632 mkh.3@juno.com

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

sahoffelmeyerkatz@comcast.net

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

heil2loreen@gmail.com

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

Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendar

2018

April 13-14 Japanese Church of Christ, Salt Lake
April 28-29 Park City, the Lodge at the Mountain Village
July 14 Springville Community PC
Aug. 2-5 Louisville, Kentucky
Sep. 21-22 First Presbyterian Church, Ogden

2019

Feb. TBD Springville Community PC
April 12-13 Springville Community PC
July 12-22 Upper New York State
Aug. 9-11 Holiday Inn - Sheridan, Wyoming
TBD Valley Community PC, Richfield

2018 Spring Gathering
Women's Retreat
Summer PWP CT Meeting
2018 PW Churchwide Gathering
2018 PWP Fall Gathering

Winter PWP CT Meeting
2019 PWP Spring Gathering
2019 USA Mission Experience
2019 PW Synod Gathering

2019 PWP Fall Gathering



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! The Churchwide Gathering registration has started, and the early bird registration ends May 1st. Scholarships are available, and the scholarship application is included at the end of this newsletter. 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. If you are donating gift cards, purchase \$10 cards (only \$10/card) from Target, Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS. If you aren't going to the Churchwide Gathering but would like to donate gift cards, please bring them to our Spring Gathering, and we will take them to the Churchwide Gathering.

If you need a registration booklet, please contact Lynn Erickson at lmcerickson@gmail.com

2018 Women's Retreat

Location: Park City, the Lodge at the Mountain Village

Dates: April 28 - 29

Women from all our Presbyterian churches, ages 18 and up, are welcome. Come learn more about the Lord and the Bible while enjoying fellowship, food, hiking, visiting the spa, shopping, or napping.

This retreat is co-sponsored by First Pres. of SLC and the Presbytery of Utah.

This year's speaker is Dr. Martha L. Moore-Keish, J.B. Green Associate Professor of Theology at Columbia Theological Seminary. With degrees from Harvard College, Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, and a PhD from Emory University, she has taught and researched for the PC(USA) denomination, Yale Divinity School and the Institute for Sacred Music as Assistant Professor of Liturgical Studies.

Publications include *Christian Prayer for Today*. Westminster John Knox Press, 2009, and *Do This in Remembrance of Me: A Ritual Approach to Reformed Eucharistic Theology*. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2008. She is currently under contract to author *Karl Barth and Comparative Theology* (co-editing with Christian Collins Winn). Fordham University Press, and *James. In Belief: Theological Commentary on the Bible*. Westminster John Knox Press.

Cost: Early Registration through March 26th: \$95.

Checks made payable to "First Presbyterian Church of SLC" along with registration form can be mailed to 12 "C" Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84103. Or register at www.fpcslc.org under "Get Involved" and pay online.

Cost after March 26th is \$115.

Church Women United

A multi faith gathering of Christian Women

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the

Church Women United May Friendship Day Celebration 2018

When: **Friday, May 4, 2018 (1st Friday)**

Time: 9:30 a.m. Registration; 10:00 - 1:00 Program & Lunch

Where: Location TBD (Volunteer Most Welcomed)

Theme: **"Reaching for Wholeness – In Gratitude for God's Presence"**

Keynote Speaker: Gina Cornia, Executive Director, Utahns Against Hunger

Annual FLC: *Fellowship of the Least Coin Offering / Dedication*

Potential Speakers: Esther Williams Scholarship Fund Recipients

Registration: \$1 Lunch: \$5.00

Community Outreach: **The CWU Esther Williams Scholarship Fund**

Make checks payable to "Church Women United" and note "Scholarship Fund"

Offering: Used for CWU Local, State, and National Programs: Checks need to be made payable to: **Church Women United**

**Lunch RSVP: To Mary Ann Allision at 801-278-9223 by Monday, April 30
Ogden Unit**

When: **Saturday, May 5, 2018**

Time: 9:30 a.m. Registration; 10:00-1:00 Program & Lunch

Where: Integrity Christian Fellowship, Roy, UT

Theme: **"Reaching for Wholeness – In Gratitude for God's Presence"**

Speakers: Unknown)

Lunch RSVP: Unknown

PW Happenings at Community of Grace Presbyterian Church
(2015 E. Newcastle Dr., Sandy, UT)

You're Invited

Community of Grace Presbyterian Women Presents:

"Keeping a Balance in our Busy Lives"

Tuesday, March 27

6:00-8:00 (approximate) p.m.

Community of Grace Presbyterian Church (2015 E. Newcastle Dr., Sandy, Utah 84093)

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Panel of Speakers 6:45-8:00 p.m.

Dr. Elizabeth Joy – Physical Health

Dr. Heydee Mas—Mental Health

Rev. Monica Hall—Spiritual Health

Soup/Salad Dinner provided by Community of Grace Presbyterian Women

RSVP: Karen Durrant (801.561.1024)

PW Community of Grace raise funds for mission projects

Friday June 8 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday June 9 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Items can be donated Monday, June 4 through Thursday, June 7

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 for round trip mileage, 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: _____

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 **By April 5, 2018**

APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP
TO THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CHURCHWIDE GATHERING
IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY – AUGUST 2-5, 2018

**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 Registration: **\$425** _____ (Covers Registration & some meals)

NOTE: Transportation, Hotel costs, and some meals are Not included.

Have you attended a PW Churchwide Gathering before? No _____ Yes _____
If yes, what year _____

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 _____

Reason for Request: _____

Moderator's Endorsement: _____

Moderator's Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application must be completed and signed by your PWC Moderator prior to sending to:
Lynn Erickson, 319 Coatsville Ave., Salt Lake City, UT 84115 or lmc Erickson@gmail.com

By Application deadline of April 14, 2018