

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY OF UTAH 2018 FALL  
GATHERING  
SEPTEMBER 21 – 22, 2018  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
880 28<sup>th</sup> STREET, OGDEN, UTAH  
“Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come... Isaiah 60:1**

The Fall Gathering began with Registration from 5:00 to 6:00 PM by Community of Grace, Karen Durrant and Lynn Erickson, issuing the program and name tags. Following a social time and a time to peruse various display tables, we met in the dining room and were greeted by Moderator, Carol Day of Community Presbyterian Church of Springville, Utah. Barbara Wightman, First Presbyterian, Ogden gave the blessing over a delicious hot meal, provided by First Presbyterian Church of Ogden.

At 7:00 PM we adjourned to the Sanctuary and were welcomed by Moderator, Carol Day who related that our speakers for Friday evening would be some attendees of the Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, Kentucky. The Fall Gathering chose the Louisville theme “Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come”. All songs and Devotions are taken from the Gathering Program Booklet.

Mary Hargis, First Presbyterian Church, Ogden, Networker/Search introduced the first time gathering attendees as:

<b>Wasatch Presbyterian Church:</b>	<b>Terresa Newport</b>	
	<b>Bee Losee</b>	
	<b>Yvonne Hill</b>	
<b>First Presbyterian, Ogden</b>	<b>Barbara Wightman</b>	<b>Marion Reed</b>
	<b>Pat Singleton</b>	<b>Catherine Ivey</b>
	<b>Beth Flook</b>	<b>Kathryn Harvey</b>
	<b>Claudia Glover</b>	<b>Alice Aeschbacher</b>
	<b>Margaret Rostkowski</b>	

Each was welcomed and given a gift bag and among the “goodies” was a coupon for a discount for the next PW gathering.

Loyda Kyremes, Wasatch Presbyterian, and Linda Page, Community of Grace, offered the Call to Worship after Loyda lit the Christ Candle.

Our first speaker was Terresa Newport who related her Churchwide Gathering experiences. She told of Break-Out Sessions on prayer, gratitude, **being** bold, racism and 8 hour disaster preparedness (no-one is immune to disasters). Micah 6:8 was prominent. She quoted Kathryn Blankenship’s “awakening without action is only theoretical”. Also a **Plenary** speaker, **Marisol** Jimenez was quoted, “Your Voice, Your Future – Immigration”. The second speaker was Verlane Seiler who discussed the mission programs that she attended; Dr. Anita Coleman spoke on “we must decrease whiteism and promote the Kin – dom of God – ways to act

were related. The Kentucky Refugee Mission was visited. Verlane reported there are 22.5 million refugees worldwide and ways they are being helped. A visit was made to the Community Gardens – 14 acres for agriculture run by refugees. Seeds from refugee countries are planted. Resources are shared and money goes back into the project, part of the Hope Ministries by Kentucky Refugee Mission. A march for Justice and Peace was held – Mayor of Louisville, the Stated Clerk of PCUSA, J. Herbert Nelson II, and Wanda Beauman-Vice Moderator for Justice and Peace addressed the PW marchers, they walked to a significant bridge which is the dividing line between privilege and poverty in Louisville stressing that “red lining “ or creating areas of privilege needed to be stopped – to bring the community together.

Following was a Good Samaritan skit performed by Carol Day, Regina Prickett, Loyda Kyremes, Linda Page and Rev. Nancy Holve. This was based on “Love Your Neighbor – What Do I Need to Do to Have Eternity?” The theme was a person wearing a red hat, who no-one wanted to help, an updated version with a cell phone used to call 911 and the “good Samaritan” waited until help arrived, acting on loving her neighbor.

Moderator, Carol Day, thanked all evening’s participants. She reviewed the Saturday schedule of 6 workshops (choose only two). Homework was reading over Spring Gathering Minutes and Treasurer’s Report found in the Newsletter. We were to resume at 9:00 AM in the Sanctuary. We closed with our theme song “Arise and Shine”, led by Loyda Kyremes who also extinguished the Christ Candle.

Saturday morning was resumed with Registration beginning at 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Following a time for displays and fellowship we met in the Sanctuary and were welcomed by Loyda Kyremes who along with Lynn Erickson led us in songs, accompanied by Margaret Rostkowski on the piano. Following this opening, Carol Day greeted us and a Horizon’s PW Magazine skit followed as a “Mrs. Rogers Neighborhood” theme. Emily Lower was Mrs. Rogers and Carol Day Mrs. McFeely Horizons Delivers person. Even the sweater and sneaks appeared – a sure fire plug for reading about your neighbors in Horizon’s Magazines.

Mary Hargis then welcomed us and gave us a history of First Presbyterian Church as founded on the original site in 1869 at 24<sup>th</sup> and Adams, having one thousand members at that time. The present facility was designed around the two Sacraments – Baptism and Communion. Original stained glass windows were stored and reused and they will soon celebrate the centennial of housing and service Boy Scouts begun in 1919.

Our Saturday guest speaker was Amy Knowlton, who introduced us to “Youth Futures” housed in Ogden and St. George, Utah’s home for vulnerable and homeless youth. This serves youth from age 12 to 18. A safe place to call home

and get their lives back on track. They house from 5 to 16 teens and are planning expansion. Most cases are abuse and their stay could be one night to three years. There are success stories. The collection at Worship Time will go to Youth Futures.

Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz gave a devotional from the Arise, Shine...your light has come booklet. She then lit the Christ Candle, signifying Christ's presence with us. There being no first attendees on Saturday, Carol Day, Moderator opened the Business Meeting. The first order of Business was the review of the Spring Gathering Minutes by Secretary, Pauline Forster, Mt. Olympus Presbyterian Church which were projected. A motion was made, seconded, and the Minutes were approved as presented. Lynn Erickson then presented the Treasurer's Report. Lynn reported that a total of \$521.00 was collected for gift cards for the Churchwide Gathering and \$510.00 was actually used and a motion was made and seconded and approved to give the additional \$11.00 to the offering from the Fall Gathering to go to the Youth Futures fund. Lynn presented a PW CT suggestion that a gift of \$500.00 be given to the Thank Offering in honor and remembrance of Mary Van Scoyk. This was seconded and approved and the money will be sent. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

The Search Committee Report was given by Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz, Cottonwood Presbyterian Church. She reported openings for Vice Moderator, Newsletter, Secretary, Historian, Capitol Networker/Search. Please contact Mary Hargis, Loreen Heil or Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz if interested or with other suggested names.

Carol Day then recognized the upcoming Triennial Synod of the Rocky Mountain Gathering in Sheridan, Wyoming, August 9 – 11, 2019 at the Holiday Inn, Sheridan, WY. Theme "Women's Civil Rights – And Yet She Persisted" Women of Great Faith, Courage and Determination. **Our 2019 Synod Global exchange participant will share her experience with the Women's Civil Rights in upstate New York. Registration \$135 or \$125 if prior to July 10, 2019. Sally Hoffelmeyer Katz will receive registration money as Synod treasurer. Special room rates \$89.00 double occupancy, per night. – Holiday Inn Convention Center Sheridan Wyoming (307) 672-8931 Ask for "PW Triennium Special Rate" for room reservations. for more information and a registration form contact Kathy Lundberg (406)580-5809 or kathleenlundberg@gmail.com**

**J. Herbert Nelson II, Stated Clerk of Session PCUSA is coming to Utah for the Presbytery meeting and worship at COG – at the business meeting they voted to add We Will Speak Out – Sacred Space – Training Pastors – Staff – Women that Marilyn Collins presented at the Utah PW Spring Gathering in April. 1600 people gathered in Louisville \$1,659.00 was raised for Cents-Ability's hunger ministries, Gathering offering \$38,732 which benefits the Mission Pledge, PW's Annual fund, \$32,470 (\$520 from Utah) in gift cards went to – Kentucky Refugee**

**Mission, D.I.A.P.E.R. project and Lily's Place \$10,478 to Churchwide Mission pledge from the Silent Auction . Utah's donation was a wreath from Mt. O, a candle and suncatchers.**

Carol related that we are the hands and feet and we need to rise up – we are the hands and feet to do the ministry we are called to do – Hope and Promise. Carol reminded us that our Annual Pledges are due in November from individual church PW groups and the Annual Newsletters are due to her by January 4, 2019. Carol then thanked all who arranged and participated in this Gathering, in any way. A special thank you the First Presbyterian of Ogden for hosting and to Loyda Kyremes for lending her musical talents as well as workshop leaders. Also the snacks provided by Trinity Presbyterian at 10:30 to 10:45.

We were then dismissed to two workshops of the 6 offered. These were facilitated by: Emily Lower, Lynn Erickson, Terresa Newport, Carol Day, Loyda Kyremes, Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz, Sharon Cavagnolo, Aloha Whitney, Marlene Waters, Regina Prickett, Rev. Nancy Holve, Linda Page, Verlaine Seiler. The Workshops were: 1) Beyond Should: Cultivating Prayer and Self-care in Our Busy Lives, 2) Immigration and Seeking Asylum. Why People Make Perilous Journeys in Search of Safety, 3) Horizons Bible Study (2019-2020) Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments, 4) Gratitude Leads to Compassion, 5) Beyond Diversity, 6) Letting the Light In.

Following the Workshops, a wholesome, delicious lunch was provided by Wasatch and Mt. Olympus Presbyterian Churches, with the blessing given by Sarah Yates of Brigham City. After lunch we returned to the Sanctuary for our Worship and Communion Service led by Reverend Nancy Holve at 1:30 PM. Nancy related her themes would involve Arise, Shine – carry back to our community what we have learned as well as some of her Indonesian influences. Reverend Nancy read from Isaiah 60:1-5, the ingathering of the dispersed returning from Babylon and related to the displaced people due to fires and hurricanes – through it all is Hope. We were asked “In the mature years of our life, where is God calling us?” We were reminded that Jesus came to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. Walls are easier to erect than take down – boundaries are manufactured and we need to commune – go out to do the work where God called us to commune.

Aloha Whitney, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Ogden, read a loving tribute to Mary Van Scoyk written by Marilynn Collins (who could not attend). This was read at Mary's Memorial Service at Trinity. A great lady – sorely missed by all who knew her.

Hymns were sung and accompanied by Margaret Rostkowski on piano. Communion officiated by Reverend Nancy Holve and served by Trinity and Community of Grace. Nancy reminded us that we shine – when we are tired ask God for rest; then He will light the fire again and we will Arise and Shine.

Christ Candle was extinguished by Moderator, Carol Day at 2:30 PM and our Fall Gathering came to a close.

**Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendar:**

October 6, 2018	Rummage Sale	Brigham City, Utah
November 16, 2018	Annual Pledge	
January 4, 2019	Annual Report	
February 2, 2019	Winter CT meeting	Springville Community Church
April 12, 13, 2019	Spring Gathering	Springville Community Church
August 9 – 11, 2019	Synod Gathering	Sheridan, Wyoming
September 20-21, 2019	Fall Gathering	Valley Community, Richfield
April 24 – 25, 2020	Spring Gathering	Community of Grace

Least Coin	\$ 7.06
Cents-ability	\$13.73
Youth Futures	\$690.00 (\$700 sent)
Martinpur Book Sales	\$23.50
Thank Offering Memorium-Mary Van Scoyk	\$299 \$149 by mail
	\$500 from reserves by CT vote
total sent with certificate	\$988

There were 36 women in attendance.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Pauline Forster, CT Secretary