



*Presbyterian Women in the
Presbytery of Utah
Spring Gathering*

April 17-18, 2020

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

Community of Grace Presbyterian Church
2015 Newcastle Dr
Sandy, UT 84093

*"Following in the Footsteps
of Great Women of Faith"*

Presenters: Jeri Joy and Maren Haynes Marchesini

Registration Deadline: April 10, 2020
\$15 registration fee includes 2 meals

REGISTER TODAY!!

Please include in your RSVP:

- Name
- Friday and/or Saturday attendance
- Is this your first time at a Gathering?
- Any food allergies?

2 Ways to Register:

1. Tell your congregation's PW Moderator
2. Notify Lynn Erickson at email: lmcerickson@gmail.com

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

Moderator's Message

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I am so excited to gather with you at Community of Grace on April 17-18. We will be following in the footsteps of great women of faith. I count you, yes you, as a great woman of faith. I am delighted to come into unity with you forming a community to celebrate faithfulness of women past, present, and future.

Our presenters for the gathering are amazing and not to be missed. Jeri Joy has the perfect name to match her personality. She is full of joy and witness of her faith. She will share her experience as the Synod of the Rocky Mountains USA Mission Experience to the Finger Lakes region of upstate New York, women who persisted and continue to persist.

Dr. Maren Haynes Marchesini will bring out the gifts of each of us through music. Please take time to watch the YouTube video featured in [musicmakescommunity.org](https://youtu.be/atdATR3sdFw) that demonstrates how music can bring us into community. <https://youtu.be/atdATR3sdFw>. I experienced Maren's workshop in Bozeman, Montana when I intinerated for the 2016 USAME. Maren was a classmate with my son-in-law and daughter at the University of Washington. I admire and believe in the idea that music is accessible for each person and has a power to form and transform.

We will also have some beautiful Vietnamese pop-out greeting cards available for purchase through Sally Hoffelmeyer Katz.

Two of our sisters have joined the "The Great Cloud of Witnesses". Phyllis Rooney, Springville, left us on December 15, 2019, at age 96. She was my inspiration, friend and mentor. She moved me to become active in PW. Linda Olson, 1st Pres. Ogden, left us suddenly on February 14, 2020. Linda created over 900 prayer shawls. Her piles of soft gorgeous prayer shawls at PW gatherings moved me to begin knitting as an adult. These two great women of faith and service have left our physical community but will be with us in spirit. The Utah PW Coordinating Team has designated a donation of \$250 per person to go to the Birthday Offering. You will have an opportunity to add to this donation in their memory at the gathering.

I am jazzed down to my toenails to have the opportunity to gather with you, great women of faith, to follow your footsteps and share in the joy and delight of the community we will build together.

Carol Day
PW Moderator in the Presbytery of Utah



2020 Spring Gathering Program



Following in the Footsteps of Great Women of Faith

2 Timothy 1:4-7 New International Version (NIV)

4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

Presenters: Jeri Joy and Maren Haynes Marchesini

Jeri's bio:

Jeri Joy recently participated in the Presbyterian Women's USA Mission Experience (USAME) to the Finger Lakes Region of New York, as the Rocky Mountain Synod representative. She explored the rich history that Presbyterian Women have in the women's and civil rights movements and experienced issues that currently affect migrant workers and Native Americans in that area. Formerly, she was a Ruling Elder, Circle Moderator, Stephen's Minister and Chairman of the Fellowship committee. However, her experience from the USAME caused her to pray about focusing on Presbyterian Women and their issues and

Missions, with a heart specifically to find effective ways to grow PW membership in her community and other communities. Jeri is currently Moderator for PW Women in Sheridan Wyoming, is married to Gary and lives in Sheridan, Wyoming. Between her and her husband, they have 6 children, 15 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

The 2019 November/December Horizons has a preview of Jeri's presentation.

Maren's bio:

Maren Haynes Marchesini (a fourth-generation Presbyterian) serves as Director of Worship and Music at St. Paul's United Methodist Church and directs the Carroll College Choir in Helena, MT. An active music director, choral musician, cellist, and composer, Maren presently plays cello with folk music duo, "Hemispheres"; directs the Helena Youth Chorus, Ironhorse Camerata Orchestra, and Ladychoir, a professional-quality women's chorus. She earned her BA in cello performance at Whitworth University and a Master's and Doctorate in Ethnomusicology at the University of Washington studying Christian congregational music in American megachurches. She later served in music and worship arts design at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California. Maren, husband Michael, and son Asa (one year) live in Helena, Montana.

Maren will be using materials from an organization in the Bay Area : **Music that Makes Community, Inc.**, a not-for-profit organization connecting a worldwide network of practitioners and leaders who share a practice of paperless song leading. They partner with hosts to produce conferences and workshops to teach the practice and create resources for making connections and building a repertoire of songs for paperless song leading: Musicthatmakescommunity.org

Why attend PW Spring Gathering?



Get to know Presbyterian women from across the state.
Have a ladies weekend getaway.
Learn new things.
Have a quiet time with God.
Have a joyous time with God.
Enjoy God's grandeur of spring beauty.

Lodging in Sandy

Limited home hospitality offered. Contact Lynn Erickson at lmcerickson@gmail.com

Hilton Garden Inn
277 W Segoe Lily Dr
Sandy UT 84070
801-352-9400

Best Western Cottontree Inn
10695 Auto Mall Dr
Sandy, UT 84070
855-680-3239

Hampton Inn
10690 Holiday Park Dr
Sandy, UT 84070
800-506-0081

Holiday Inn Express
10680 S Auto Mall Dr
Sandy, UT 84070
801-495-1317

Hawthorn Suites
6990 S Park Centre Dr
SLC, UT 84121
801-759-8336

Hyatt Place
3090 E 6200 S
Holladay, UT 84121
801-890-1280



Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering

2020 Birthday Offering Recipients

Center for Social Assistance to the Disabled, Family, and Children — PREOBRAZHENIYE - \$100,000 Assisted Living Facility, Davydovo, Russia

In Russia, facilities for adults with disabilities are state nursing homes that are inadequate to meet the spiritual and emotional needs of their patients. The goal for PREOBRAZHENIYE is to create a Christian model of housing and community. The Birthday Offering grant will help construct a new home that provides suitable living conditions, constant medical support, and an environment in which the residents can realize their rights to freedom of religion and work.

GAP Ministries of Augusta, Georgia - \$135,000

Expand Access and Service Space, Northeast Georgia Presbytery

For 40 years GAP Ministries has served a community on the margins of society, helping with food, clothing, toiletries, prescription assistance, photo IDs and storage bins for homeless persons. By renovating the second floor of their historic church building and adding an elevator, GAP can address other needs such as a Saturday service for the working poor, expanded health assistance and meeting spaces for partner ministries.

Community Presbyterian Child Learning Center in Payson, Arizona - \$75,000

Childcare and Pre-Kindergarten Facility, Presbytery of the Grand Canyon

Established in 1979, the Community Presbyterian Child Learning Center provides daycare and pre-kindergarten programs for children in Payson, Arizona; the Tonto Apache Tribe; and neighboring communities. The center currently uses two historic buildings and a modular structure that is small and not well suited for child care. This grant will help build a modern facility that will increase the number of children served and provide infant care that is currently not available in Payson.

Liberty Community Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota - \$75,000

Northside Healing Space Expansion, Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area

The Northside Healing Space is part of Liberty Community Church, the first and only African American-led Presbyterian congregation in Minnesota. This community-driven “healing homeplace” provides supportive housing, workforce development, access to healthy food, K–12 school initiatives, and care for survivors of trauma and commercial sexual exploitation. The Birthday Offering grant will help renovate their historic building and expand programming based on the expressed needs of the community.

New Grant Application: Mary Hargis shared at the PWP CT meeting that First Presbyterian Ogden PW and Utah PW are supporting a Birthday Grant application for construction of a larger building to house a program that educates and trains girls in India to keep them from early marriage and trafficking. The existing program has outgrown its usable space.

The Birthday Offering is received annually in the spring and due to Lynn Erickson, PWP Treasurer, **June 10, 2020**.



Please read these minutes for approval at the April 18 business meeting.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY OF UTAH
MINUTES OF THE FALL GATHERING, SEPTEMBER 20-21, 2019
VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH, RICHFIELD, UT
Theme: Loving Conversations about Racism

The Fall Gathering opened at Valley Community Presbyterian Church, Richfield, with an ice breaker by Sally Hoffmeyer-Katz that had all attendees seeking other women who shared characteristics. Following a dinner of homemade lasagna, salad, and ice cream sundaes, by the ladies of Richfield, Marilyn Collins opened the theme with a diversity activity that asked participants to step forward or backward as they answered questions relating to white privilege in US society. We then settled in the sanctuary and Sally led a devotional focusing on nature and how we all need to show up. Verlane Seiler recognized five first timers: Ruth Broughton (American Fork), Candy Vila (Mt. Olympus), Kim Dunn (Valley), Darcey Tindol (Valley) and June Scott (Denver).

Loyda Kyremes presented a video documentary on the Doctrine of Discovery, a decision by the Catholic church adopted by all colonizing nations, that native peoples who were not Christian could not own land. The PCUSA is asking all its congregations to openly repudiate the doctrine, invite local Native leaders to attend events and receive apologies. Loyda shared histories and her personal and family story of racism and exclusion in Utah. When told “you’re just like us,” she reminds us that she is not. “What are you leaving out that’s important to me,” she asks.

June Scott, PW Synod Racial Ethnic Member at Large, from Denver, shared experiences from Big Tent, a national PCUSA conference that she attended this summer. She focused on workshops she attended on racism, implicit bias and conscious bias, race as a social construct, white supremacy, and saddening statistics of incarceration by race. She shared a short video and the story of two sisters, who look to be of different races and their experiences with the check-out clerk in a store.

Homework was to review the minutes of the Spring Gathering at pwutah.org. The evening was closed with prayer and extinguishing of the Christ Candle, by Nancy Holve at 8:50 pm.

Saturday morning the Gathering opened with a duet by Jane McCoy and Dana Covey, from Cedar City, then a short hymn sing, with Sylvia Sharman as accompanist. Jane opened the day’s theme with a devotional based on the book of Job. God is available to us, no matter where or when.

Carol Day, Moderator, opened the business meeting.

- The minutes of the Spring Gathering were Approved as corrected.
- Lynn Erickson offered the financial report, as printed in the program and reminded participants that the Thank Offering is due to her by December 10, the same time as the fourth quarter payments. She brought Thank Offering boxes for everyone to use. Special

thanks are offered to all in Utah for generosity in donating to the USAME trip; our donations kept the trip costs in the black.

Income year to date	\$6,929.78
Expenses year to date	\$7,337.33
Total funds in checking and savings	\$8,729.36
Designated funds	\$4,029.53
Available funds	\$4,699.83

- Loreen Heil reported that the Search Committee is still looking for a Capitol Networker. She nominated Aloha Whitney to be Newsletter Editor. Aloha was elected by unanimous vote and was installed by Carol Day, using an Horizons liturgy.

Announcements:

The Churchwide Gathering will be in St. Louis, Missouri in August 2021. Loyda asked that PWP leaders make certain that all Utah attendees are included in preparations and that an effort is made to have at least one Utah get together at the Gathering so there are no loners.

Thousands of pillowcases were made for the special Puerto Rico Together in Service project. No more are needed, but cash is still needed for PCUSA projects of recovery.

We Will Speak Out, the domestic violence emphasis promotion, proposed and approved by the Rocky Mountain Synod at the last business meeting, was presented at the Rocky Mountains Synod gathering, and an article advocating for education will be in the September Horizons.

A PW trip to South Korea is in the planning stages. It is quite expensive, and participation is limited.

Scholarships are available to the 2020 UN Conference on the Status of Women, which takes place in New York in early March.

Community of Grace will host the 2020 Spring Gathering, April 17 & 18. The theme will be from the USAME trip: Great Women of Courage and Faith

Trinity will host the 2020 Fall Gathering, September 18 & 19

Cedar City will host the 2021 Spring Gathering

All Saints Episcopal Church in Salt Lake City is sponsoring workshops on gun violence

All PW groups are encouraged to use the "Cultivating PW" promotional materials; instructions are on the PW website

Synod PW Coordinating Team members are being sought. A Moderator, Treasurer and Search Committee member are needed for the new class, to be elected in January. If you are interested in leadership at the Synod level, speak to Lynn Erickson or Marilyn Collins. Similar leaders are also being sought for the National PW Board of Directors. Speak to Marilyn if you are interested.

Thanks were offered to those who came early to help set up for the Gathering and do some garden pruning around the front of the church.

Loyda shared that she is offering an educational piece on PW at the next Presbytery meeting, October 12, at Wasatch PC. PW members are encouraged to attend the meeting and show the commissioners who we are.

The business meeting was closed with prayer and all adjourned to the fellowship Hall for a break; snacks provided by First Presbyterian PW of Ogden.

Following the break, all settled in the sanctuary for a workshop by June Scott. She shared a TED talk "Understanding My Privilege" and described the invisible package of unearned benefits, white privilege, and implicit bias. Everyone was invited to take the Harvard implicit bias test on racial bias.

Attendees were then divided into four small groups to listen to a scenario and answer questions related to prejudice, invisible bias, making people fit our images, and turning prejudices into monsters that guide our lives.

A delicious sandwich lunch was provided by Wasatch Presbyterian Church.

Following lunch Rev Nancy Holve led us in worship around the theme of Love one Another and Be Transformed. Community of Grace attendees ushered. The offering collected was designated for the Central Utah Food Sharing program. The Gathering ended with the benediction at the end of worship at 2:30 pm.

Displays present throughout the Gathering: used book sale for Martinpur School, Horizons, Mission/Justice and Peace, scrapbooks, Thank Offering banks, and PW print resources.

Marilynn Collins, Secretary

Attendance: 35 registered: 32 attended, including one scholarship and one guest.

Special offering for Central Utah Food Sharing - \$431

Martinpur books	-	\$21
Cents-Ability	-	\$11.94
Least Coin	-	\$7.06

Books at the Gathering



Each time Presbyterian Women in Utah gather for fellowship, learning, worship, and fun, we bring books to sell. Sometimes there is a rush to the table to see what others have brought. Sometimes a real treasure is found. All the proceeds from the book sales are sent to Louisville, KY, where they are deposited in a fund to benefit a library in a boys' school in Pakistan. The school was originally started by PC(USA) missionaries over 150 years ago and has been nationalized and reprivatized, but always serves as an important center for learning. PW in Utah is proud to be supporting the work of the school and the many reading and fluency efforts the library allows. So, bring your books to Sandy. Continue this important mission outreach effort (and clean off a few shelves at the same time).

The PW of Utah Needs You

The following positions are currently open. Please give your consideration and prayers for the right women to bring energy and love to serve in these crucial roles:

Networker/Search Capitol Region: The Search Committee searches for qualified women to provide leadership for the coordinating team. The Networkers contact and visit the PWC groups in their area and share information about PW at all levels. They also help with installations of CTs at the PWC level and find out what their needs are.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have knowledge and understanding of the receipts and disbursements of the operating funds of PWP. She shall receive funds from PWC and disburse them as approved in the operating budget. The Treasurer shall provide a proposed annual budget to the CT at its spring meeting and shall provide a finalized proposed budget for approval at the Spring Gathering business meeting. The Treasurer shall also provide a balance sheet at the end of each year that details all income and disbursement of PWP funds. That report shall be distributed at the spring CT meeting and subsequently printed in the spring gathering program for all members to see. The Treasurer shall also ensure that an annual audit is performed for the previous year, prior to the Spring Gathering.

In addition to the above named responsibilities, women will be part of the PCT and attend two Coordinating Team Meetings and two Gatherings per year.

Please contact **Mary Hargis, 801.698.2384** mkh.3@juno.com or **Loreen Heil, 801.836.6577** heil2loreen@gmail.com if you are interested or know someone who is interested in serving in either of these roles.

Coming Events to Mark on your Calendar

April 17-18, 2020 - Spring Gathering, Community of Grace, Sandy

May 2-3, 2020 - Utah Presbytery Annual Women's Retreat, Park City

May 9, 2020 - Presbytery of Utah Spring Meeting, St. George

June 10 Birthday Offering due.

July 11, 2020 - Summer PWP CT Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Springville

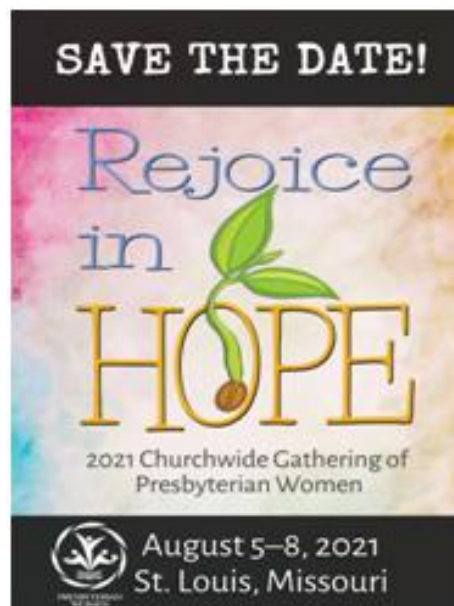
September 18-19, 2020 - Fall Gathering, Trinity, Ogden

April 23-24, 2021 - Spring Gathering, Cedar City: "Pictures of Grace"

August 5-8, 2021 - Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women, St. Louis, Missouri

September 17-18, 2021 - Fall Gathering, Wasatch Presbyterian Church, Salt Lake City

March 10, June 10, September 10, and December 10, quarterly mission giving deadlines



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 per mile for round trip mileage, housing based on hardship and need, and registration fee.)

Have you attended a PWP Gathering before? No _____ 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 traveling to the Gathering _____ Will you carpool? _____

Whom 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: Carol Day, 511 East 1700 North, Mapleton, UT 84664 or carolanneday@gmail.com by 4/4/2020