



PW NewsBytes

News you can use from Presbyterian Women

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WINTER EDITION



A Purpose-ful Change on the *Horizons*

Beginning in 2021, a subscription to *Horizons* will include five issues of the award-winning magazine and the annual, also award-winning, Bible study.

Shifting to five issues of the magazine is a cost-savings to Presbyterian Women's Annual Fund, which supports all of PW ministries. While subscriptions are an important and faithful way to support *Horizons*, they do not cover the full costs of publication. Rest assured that the change doesn't mean less content! In each issue of *Horizons* and across all of PW's communication channels, you'll still see the inspiring, engaging stories about how Presbyterian Women live faithfully and joyfully and with inspiration from the PW Purpose.

Presbyterian Women uses so many channels of communication—*Horizons* magazine, a newsletter, a vibrant social media presence, eblasts and a feature-rich website (that includes a shop, free downloads, a blog, news and more). Those outlets mean you're always in the know about what's new with Presbyterian Women, and *Horizons* can focus on deeper theme-based explorations of how we live out our faith.

In addition to the PW/*Horizons* Bible study mailing in March, *Horizons* magazines will be published

January/February—includes the Birthday Offering and the *Horizons* index for the previous year

March/April—watch for Honorary Life Membership honorees and the Installation Service for PW leaders

Summer—features the Thank Offering, as well as the start of Bible study resources for the current year's PW/*Horizons* Bible study

September/October—includes an Annual Fund (Mission Pledge) highlight

November/December—highlights the Fellowship of the Least Coin prayer movement and grants, as well as the Celebrate the Gifts of Women liturgy

If you're already a subscriber, thank you and know that no action is needed on your part. Your subscription "end" date (or renewal date) will remain the same.

Thank you for your support of Presbyterian Women, including *Horizons*, which tells the stories of our many ministries!

There's Still Time To Give to the 2020 Thank Offering

One of this year's Thank Offering recipients, the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County, offers healing circles to bring together survivors, loved ones, advocates and anyone whose life has been impacted by domestic violence.



With journals and refreshments in hand, the group opens with meditation and a reflection on what they hope to gain from the experience. Then they have a story-sharing workshop to engage empowering and challenging questions and reflect openly with one another. They discuss times of feeling completely safe, who they can always count on, and their shared experiences around domestic violence. To close, they share their personal understandings of hope, support, safety and comfort,

which helps them reflect on how far they have come. In these circles, laughter echoes, tears freely flow and a real sense of community grows. "I've been going to therapy for 11 years," one participant in the circle said. "This was better."

Help Presbyterian Women support life-giving projects such as this one through the Thank Offering. Donate and learn more at www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank

"Hey! What is this PW NewsBytes all about?!"

PW NewsBytes, formerly the *PW Quarterly Mailing*, brims with "news you can use" from Presbyterian Women Churchwide! Just like the name suggests, *PW NewsBytes* is fully digital, which is good stewardship (of finances and trees) and makes for easy sharing and a more connected PW community!

- *PW NewsBytes* can be effortlessly shared or saved.
- Keeping to fewer pages, the newsletter can also be easily printed for PW friends who prefer paper.
- Although a newsletter named *NewsBytes* may seem a bit lighter on content, live links make it easy to learn more. In other words, readers choose their own PW adventure!
- And PWC, PWP and PWS newsletter editors can select content from *PW NewsBytes* to share via their communication channels.

PW NewsBytes is a work in progress! Send your thoughts, content ideas and suggestions to patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org.

WHAT'S NEW? Resources for Presbyterian Women



PW Annual Fund (Mission Pledge) Mailing

As PW leaders who are called to interpret and receive 2021 PW giving, sharing the good news of what PW makes possible is a blessing. To assist you in your ministry, you will soon

receive the 2021 PW's Annual Fund promotional resource in your mailbox. Note that the Annual Fund resource has transitioned from the recent booklet format into two separate resources: a **promotional resource** that interprets (in words and visually) the financial foundation of PW and what our gifts make possible; and **"nuts and bolts" info** for treasurers. Both items are available for download at www.presbyterianwomen.org/annual-fund.

The promotional resource will be mailed in December to moderators of PW in the Synod and PW in the Presbytery, as well as to all PC(USA) congregations (addressed to "PW/Women's Group"). Printed copies are available to order; visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop and search for item PWR20011.

If you know of a PW leader who would benefit from receiving this resource in the mail but who may not otherwise be on the mailing list, please contact Patricia Longfellow at patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org.

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The Racial Equity Committee (REC) has created a new resource to equip groups who

are exploring cultural humility. Cultural humility helps us to become self-aware, critical practitioners of culture; to understand the dynamics of organizational power; to learn how to create environments that are welcoming of diversity and change; and thus to live into the inclusive, caring community at the core of Presbyterian Women.

Download **Prejudice vs. Racism: A Racial Equity Workshop** (and more racial justice resources) at www.presbyterianwomen.org/antiracism.



Prayer & Beyond: Faithful Response in Times of Trouble leaflet is now also available in Spanish, Korean and as a video. Visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/prayer-beyond to download or order print copies of the resource in English, Spanish or Korean, or for a link to a video of the resource read aloud.

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Give the gift of Horizons! Buy one, get one free!

For a limited time, give the gift that matters to every PW sister on your list! Purchase a one-year subscription to *Horizons* magazine for \$24.95 and get one free! Give one set or four, just be sure to act soon! (This offer ends in February 1. Taking advantage of this offer means your gift recipients will receive the 2021–2022 PW/*Horizons* Bible study!)

Give your gifts at www.presbyterianwomen.org/BOGO, call 866/802-3635 or print (and share) the order form on page 5!

PW/*Horizons* Bible study



Did you know that *Into the Light Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament* Bible study author Lynn Miller blogs each month, sharing extra reflections and insights for each lesson? So far, blogs for lessons one, two, three and four are available at www.presbyterianwomen.org/blog. They can help you prepare to lead or study each lesson. And, so can the Bible study

resources in *Horizons* magazine!

The Anna H. Bedford Bible study resources are a valuable perk of subscribing to *Horizons*. Visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/subscribe to start, renew or gift a subscription today!

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Learn more about the 2021–2022 Bible study, **What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus** (working title) by Merryl Blair. Check out (and share) the advance flier on page 6 of this newsletter!

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Current and Upcoming PW/*Horizons* Bible studies

2020–2021: **Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament** by Lynn Miller, go to www.presbyterianwomen.org/light to order study books and for a complete list of available resources.

2021–2022: **What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus** (working title) by Merryl Blair, look for the advance flier on page 6 of this newsletter.

2022–2023: **Sabbath** (working title) by Carol Bechtel, in field testing now!

2023–2024: **Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts** (working title) by Olive Mahabir

2024–2025: This study will be chosen by the PW Board Bible study Committee in Spring 2021, please send suggestions for authors to Betsy.Ensign-George@pcusa.org.

Give to Celebrate and Strengthen Presbyterian Women



PW's Annual Fund (the Mission Pledge) makes PW—at all levels of the organization—possible. From PW's historic grant programs to gatherings near, far and virtual, and even the newsletter you are reading, PW's Annual Fund helps support

PW's many ministries.

The current global pandemic has impacted just about every area of our lives. As we meet in new ways, it's important that we remember and financially support the organization and our programs that mean so much to so many. Year-end gifts to Presbyterian Women are faithful ways to bring 2020 to a close.

Make a year-end gift and/or set up a recurring gift to PW, so that you can rest assured that you are supporting PW—even during topsy-turvy days! Visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/give.

Share PW's Year-End Giving Flier (page 8) widely—with your PW sisters, PW supporters and church members, so that everyone has an opportunity to support PW.

Presbyterian Women Giving

Jan 1, 2020 – Oct 31, 2020

Annual Fund (Mission Pledge)—\$521,054

Thank Offering—\$215,278

Birthday Offering—\$180,677

Honorary Life—\$66,979

Together in Service—\$11,430

How do we stay connected?



By visiting www.presbyterianwomen.org, and receiving PW eblasts by contacting Patricia Longfellow at patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org!

Honorary Life Membership

“We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose” (Rom. 8:28). As a community who loves God and works together “according to God’s purpose,” honoring committed individuals with an Honorary Life Membership (HLM) is loving and encouraging. It’s also a blessing to tomorrow’s PW, as funds derived from PW’s Honorary Life Membership program support women’s leadership development. Visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/give to place an online order or www.presbyterianwomen.org/HLM to download a form. Questions? Contact Jung Ju Winner, jung.winner@pcusa.org.

Always at the Wheel!



Physical distancing may be a must, but it doesn’t have to drive whether we honor a PW sister or sibling with an Honorary Life Membership! Download an HLM “always at the wheel” banner from www.presbyterianwomen.org/HLM. Then print and place on a door or yard stake or other super crafty Pinterest-worthy idea. (Take a photo and send to jung.winner@pcusa.org!)



Legacy Christmas

“I saw three ships come sailing in, on Christmas day, on Christmas day . . .”

Seeking a stocking stuffer or a gift of cheer? If so, Legacy Christmas CDs are still

available from www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop. Choose Treasured Carols of the Kirk (item PWR16200) or Nativity Hymns and Carols (item PWR16201)—or both—for just \$5 each (plus shipping). Your purchase of any PW or *Horizons* item, helps sustain and promote PW’s ministries.

Amazon Shopping Going Strong!

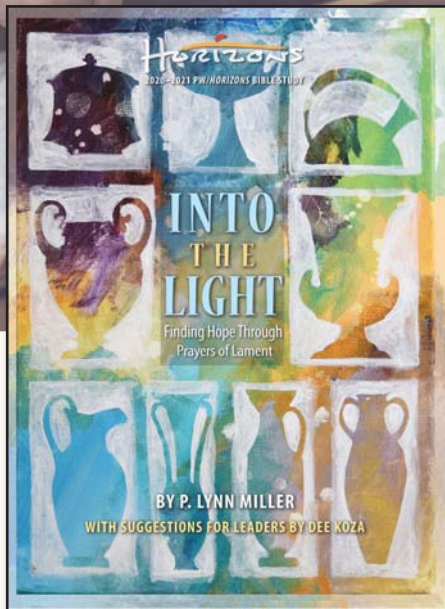
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Visit Smile.Amazon.com and search for "Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church USA Inc," or visit (and bookmark!) Smile.Amazon.com/ch/80-0473061. Questions? Contact Rhonda Martin, rhonda.martin@pcusa.org or 844/797-2872, ext. 5596.

Spread (*Into the*) Light with Your Pastor!



Pastors, preachers, PW leaders! The 2020-2021 PW/*Horizons* Bible study, ***Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament***, by Lynn Miller, is a study for the whole church and brims with themes that preach!

Sermon ideas for pastors

- Help those you lead in worship to connect with scripture as a source of comfort, guidance, and hope during these difficult days.
- ***Into the Light*** can help you explore texts that are infrequently included in the Lectionary and ones you might not have preached, such as Job, Lamentations, and Hosea.
- In your sermons, give examples of ways that lament is not unique to today's problems but has been part of the story of the faithful since Creation.
- ***Into the Light*** includes contemporary songs, art, personal stories, and hymns that can be used as powerful sermon illustrations.
- The final lesson of ***Into the Light*** reflects on the "new heaven and a new earth" imagery from Revelation 22:1 that gives us hope for today and tomorrow. Use your sermons to reflect this hope we have in God whom we trust.

All PW/*Horizons* Bible studies, including this study, are richly supplemented with numerous editions (Spanish language, audiobook, and large print) and support materials (a Companion DVD, workshop for leaders, an author blog, various webinars, and even free videos on PW's YouTube Channel). Visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study to learn more (including how to order)!

Order copies for your pastor or favorite seminarians! Shop online at www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop
Or call 800/533-4371, Monday-Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM EST.



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**This offer ends
February 1, 2021**

With this special offer, you can give one gift subscription to *Horizons* and get one FREE! For just \$24.95, your gift recipients will receive five issues of the magazine (in print and digital) plus the award-winning *Horizons* Bible study (mailed in March 2021). Your gift recipients will receive the 2021-2022 PW/*Horizons* Bible study, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy* (working title) by Merryl Blair. Anyone who subscribes by April 1, 2021 will receive this study as part of their subscription. **So hurry!**

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Introducing the 2021–2022 PW/*Horizons* Bible study

What My Grandmothers Taught Me

Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus

by **Merryl Blair**

Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary—Matthew names these women for a reason. How might Jesus have heard the stories of his grandmothers? What might the young Jesus have felt as he heard about his family? What might the stories of these women have added to his sense of identity, as part of a particular family in a particular time and place?

Have you thought about Jesus' grandmothers? What can these Grandmothers-of-the-Faith teach us? Their stories will lead us into the gospel, the good news about Jesus Christ. By exploring these stories together, we will have a richer idea of what the good news is.

Merryl Blair teaches at Stirling Theological School in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, and is active in the worldwide ministry of women of faith.

Bible study, supplemental materials and other helps!

The following resources will be available in the spring and summer of 2021.

- English
- Ecumenical
- Companion DVD
- Workshop for Leaders
- Large print
- Spanish
- Audio edition
- Pendant/charm
- Promotional poster/flier
- Blogs
- Bible Study resources in *Horizons* magazine
- And more!

To preorder, order or learn more, visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop or call 800/533-4371 (Monday–Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM, EST).



***Horizons* isn't just a Bible study, *Horizons* is a magazine too!**

In fact, current *Horizons* magazine subscribers receive the 2021–2022 PW/*Horizons* Bible study in March 2021. Subscribe by April 1, 2021, and you will, too!

Call toll-free 866/802-3635 or visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/horizons!

CELEBRATE THE GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY
MARCH 7, 2021



God Disrupts Us with Love

Matthew 25:35-36

BY JENNIFER L. LORD

El Niño Enfermo (The Sick Child), Eduardo Kingman, 1955, Ecuador

In 2021, on Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday, we are invited to honor women who work for transformative change and seek to end poverty and injustice. Though Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday is March 7, 2021, your congregation or women's groups may use this resource on any day you choose.

Our ancestors in the faith include many bold women who disrupted systemic poverty. Mary, the Mother of our God, sang out and proclaimed God who overturns the bonds of poverty, as did Hannah before her. The lesser known five daughters of Zelophehad—Malah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah—negotiated with Moses for release from the destiny of poverty. Tabitha (Dorcas) witnessed to and worked for others' freedom from poverty. Each of these women in her own way recognized and challenged the *status quo* of wealth and power.* These stories document that women disrupting systemic poverty is not a new thing. As we celebrate women who disrupt systemic poverty, we reflect on our own work, too. Every day we stand before the throne of God, the one who disrupts the tangles of the world with the kingdom.

The Celebrate the Gifts of Women resource, written by Jennifer Lord, includes a worship service with:

- ♦ a gathering prayer, call to confession, confession of sin, an assurance of pardon, suggested hymns and songs and scripture readings,
- ♦ sermon starter, and
- ♦ a litany for women who disrupt systemic poverty.

The *Celebrate the Gifts of Women* resource is available in the November/December 2020 issue of *Horizons* magazine, as a free download from www.pcusa.org/women and free from the PC(USA) store, 800/533-4371 or www.pcusastore.com; item 27501-21-001.

* See Luke 1:46–55; 1 Samuel 2:1–10; Numbers 27:1–11; Acts 9:36–42.

Order the November/December 2020 issue of *Horizons* from www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop; HZN20250; \$4 plus shipping. While supplies last, a limited number of bulletin covers are available from the PC(USA) store, 800/533-4371 or www.pcusastore.com; item 27501-19-002; \$5.00 for a pack of 25. The bulletin cover also may be downloaded free from www.pcusa.org/women.



Presbyterian Women—Moving Forward, Together!

This last year has been a time of turbulence. Even so, Presbyterian Women are navigating a way forward together—staying on course, living fully into our PW Purpose! You can find us ministering to our communities, taking action for justice, and deepening our faith through prayer and Bible study. As we set our faithful course for 2021 and beyond, let us remember Presbyterian Women in our 2020 year-end giving plans.

Here are a few ways you can support Presbyterian Women's Annual Fund (the Mission Pledge) for year-end giving:

- ✿ Understand and tell your PW sisters that, during this season of year-end giving, they may receive a letter or email that asks for their individual support of PW's Annual Fund.
- ✿ Encourage ongoing support of Presbyterian Women through financial gifts and participation in the organization.
- ✿ Give to Presbyterian Women's Annual Fund on an ongoing, regular basis. Give securely at www.presbyterianwomen.org/give or contact PW's finance manager, Rhonda Martin, at rhonda.martin@pcusa.org for information on becoming a PW sustainer or including PW in your estate.
- ✿ Watch for (and share!) stories on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (as well as PW publications such as *Horizons* magazine about the many ways that PW (at all levels of the organization) builds up our lives, the church and the lives we touch—especially women's and children's lives.
- ✿ When you receive an email about giving to Presbyterian Women, forward it to your PW sisters with a note about why you give to PW! (And encourage them to sign up for emails from PW by emailing pw_pcusa.org@pcusa.org!)



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