**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, OGDEN**

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN 2020 ANNUAL REPORT**

Moderator: Marilynn Collins Sophia Circle leader: Ellen Keene

Secretary/Treasurer: Aloha Whitney

Loving Hands: Mig Neiswanger, Ellen Keene, Marilynn Collins, Angie Stuart, Vickie Rader, Cheryl Simmons, Jane Lee Vondette, Connie Hampton, Lynda Miner, and others

As with so many programs and activities, Presbyterian Women in 2020 was severely limited by COVID restrictions and precautions. The year began with in-person Circle meetings through June, though attendance was limited. The age and vulnerability of our members prompted us to begin Zoom opportunities for several women who were unable to meet with us in person. By year’s end, we had transitioned to entirely Zoom meetings. It has been challenging because several members do not have solid internet connections and have been unable to join us. We look forward to meeting again in person in 2021.

Monthly Sophia Circle meetings involve Bible study using a PW Horizons publication, prayer, lunch, and fellowship. The year opened with completion of the study “Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments,” by Eugenia Gamble. In September, we began our new study “Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament,” by Lynn Miller. Each lesson in the new study, we explore a type of lament, and write our own. While we miss meeting in person, enjoying lunch and hugs, we are very grateful for Zoom, and the chance to see each other virtually each month as we share our joys and concerns study and pray.

Presbytery PW met, using Zoom, in April to hold a business meeting and elect new officers. Marilynn Collins was recognized by the Synod PW for her 20-year service on the PW synod coordinating team. A Spring Gathering was not held. The Fall Gathering was held, using Zoom, in September to hear presentations on the 2019 USA Mission Experience to the New York finger lakes area. That trip focused on the 100th anniversary of the US women’s rights movement, civil rights, and current issues of social justice in the area. The synod representative, Jeri Joy, had many photographs and interesting experiences to share.

Because of COVID precautions, Trinity’s circle and Loving Hands groups did not meet to create hospital dolls, hats, or other projects for donation to our favorite mission programs. The annual Holiday Bazaar and women’s Christmas luncheon also were cancelled. We continue to collect funds to pay school fees for a girl student in Liberia through the God’s Precious Children mission. Their goal is to provide tuition funds to needy children, provide training for teachers, and build and renovate schools in Liberia. We continue to contribute financially to the PW national offerings and our presbytery and synod programs. We are pleased that PW donations to the church were able to be used to install shelving in the storage classroom; these will help all groups keep their equipment and supplies better organized. Thanks to Dave Keene’s hard work installing the shelving, and for everything else he does for us.

Hope springs eternal and we look forward to the challenges and opportunities of a new year. Marilynn Collins, Moderator