



The PW WAVE



Lake Erie Presbyterian Women

September 2014



PWP Lake Erie Fall Gathering

Second Presbyterian Church

111 Reed St.
Oil City, Pa 16301

Saturday, October 18, 2014

9:00 am– 1:30 pm

“Nurturing the Promise of Baptism”

*Plenary Speaker Tammy Bartasavich,
“Building Blocks for Healthy Development of
Children and Youth.”*

Plus!

Four Great Workshops, choose any two.

- 1. Moms in Prayer*
- 2. Books that Nurture our Children's Faith*
- 3. Nurturing the Spiritual Life of Children*
- 4. Bullying: What Every Adult Needs to Know*

And More!

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Fall Gathering Workshops

Moms in Prayer

This workshop will introduce you to Moms in Prayer International and will include a time of prayer for a specific child (of any age) in your life - child, grandchild, niece or anyone you wish to cover in prayer.

Led by Laurel Porter

Books that Nurture Our Children's Faith

Come and see books that are available for all age levels that will nurture our children's faith. There will be a drawing for books that are appropriate for home or Sunday School use.

Led by Glenda Buonanducci

Nurturing the Spiritual Life of Children

In this workshop we will explore faith & faithfulness specifically as it relates to children in our lives. We will consider six themes related to spirituality- Belonging, Thanksgiving, Giftedness, Hospitality, Understanding and Hope. We will also share some suggestions on how to raise spiritually healthy children.

Led by Karen Haas

Bullying: What Every Adult Needs to Know

This DVD and discussion will educate you about what bullying is and how you can help young people for whom this is a problem.

Led by Elaine Garts

Connecting, Caring, Sharing.....

From the Moderator.....

Five of us from the Presbyterian Women of Lake Erie Presbytery "got our bloom on" at the PW Synod Gathering at Waynesburg University from June 19-21.

The theme was "Hope in Bloom" based on Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

At our worship services we progressed from "Seeds of Hope" to "Sprouts of Hope" to "Nourishing Hope" at our closing worship service which included communion and an inspirational sermon, "Called to the Light of Hope." delivered by Rev. Helen Kester.

Each of us were also able to attend two of nine workshops. I attended outgoing Synod Moderator Sue Mummert's presentation of her experiences during the PW USA Mission Experience to Appalachia in 2013. She related the mission work being done and the work that still needs to be done.

My second workshop was "Hope in Orange Blossoms" where we heard about a successful food pantry which offered many additional services for their clients at a Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. We also heard about human trafficking, fair trade and peacemaking issues and were able to collect resources about these issues.

The Synod Gathering is held every third year with Regional Synod Gathering and the Churchwide Gathering the other two years. Each of these provide a great opportunity to meet, worship and learn with other Presbyterian Women.

But now it's time to think about fall, in particular, the PWP Fall Gathering. It will be held Oil City Second Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 18.

The gathering theme is "Nurturing the Promise of Baptism." Our keynote speaker will be Tammy Bartasavich, co-director of CORE (Community, Outreach, Research and Evaluation) who will speak on "Building Blocks for Healthy Development of Children and Youth." There will also be workshops about Nurturing Children's spirituality, books to nurture their faith, Moms in Prayer and bullying. I hope you will encourage your young mothers to attend. But this gathering is for all women - mothers, grandmothers, aunts or anyone who works with children - who wish to keep the promise they make when a child is baptized.

Hope to see you all at the Fall Gathering.

Peace,
Elaine Garts

In 1888 Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio suggested that each woman give one dollar more than her regular contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America as a "thank offering to her Lord" and the Thank Offering was born. Women gave sacrificially and were credited with saving the worldwide missionary movement of the church at the time. Since then, Presbyterian women have granted support to literally thousands of ministries worldwide, and raised millions of dollars for mission.



In February 2014 the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women met to review 62 applications submitted for grants from the 2013 Thank Offering. Thirty of the projects were chosen for funding totaling \$699,125. Seventeen of the projects are ministries serving people in need in the United States including one in the Synod of the Trinity, The Welcome Table in Philadelphia that brings together homeless women once a week who prepare and share a meal together. Thirteen of the projects are international. More than 40 percent of the projects funded are health ministries.

The Thank Offering supports programs that relieve pain, provide clean water, alleviate homelessness, provide educational opportunities, promote health and improve the lives of women and children around the world.

The goal for the 2014 offering is \$900,000 to help even more projects when the Creative Ministries Committee meets in 2015 to approve grants.

Your support will be greatly appreciated. The offering will be dedicated at the Fall Gathering.

Observe Orange Day 25th of each month

In July 2012 the U. N. Secretary-General's UNiTE to End Violence against Women campaign proclaimed every 25th of the month as Orange Day.

In 2014, Orange Day continues to spark actions around the world on specific themes and issues towards ending all forms of violence against women and girls.

We encourage you to participate in Orange Day the 25th of each month. Orange ribbons will be available for you to pick up at the Fall Gathering.



You can also order an orange polo shirt with ribbon logo (\$28) from PDS, 800 524-

Connecting church wide....

2014-2015 Synod of the Trinity Mission Project

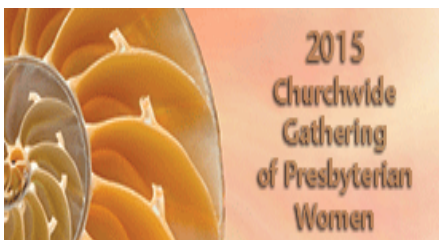


Free Wheelchair Mission

Free Wheelchair Mission is a humanitarian, faith-based organization that provides the life changing gift of mobility to the impoverished disabled in developing countries as motivated by Jesus Christ. Since 2001, Free Wheelchair Mission has sent over 650,000 wheelchairs to more than 85 countries around the world, sharing the gifts of dignity, independence and hope. For over 100 million people living in under-served regions of the world, a wheelchair is either inaccessible or unaffordable. They have to crawl on the ground or wait to be carried to meet their basic needs. For just \$71.88 a wheelchair can be manufactured and delivered to them, affording them the opportunity for education, employment and access.

***Any funds raised should be sent to PWP Treasurer,
Nancy Fye, 417 Blackstone Drive, Erie, PA***

"One Body, One Spirit" based on 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, is the theme of The Gathering which begins Thursday, June 18 and concludes Sunday, June 21. It will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Minneapolis, Minnesota. "One Body, One Spirit" invites us to consider ourselves as one community in Christ. With all our varied gifts, we share an identity in Christ. The Gathering is an opportunity to renew and refresh your faith and celebrate our shared identity



At the Gathering women from across the country and around the world will join in plenary sessions, including worship services. You will also have a variety of learning opportunities in forums and workshops, inspiring speakers, uplifting music and much more. The newly elected leaders of the PW Church wide Coordinating Team will be installed. You can visit displays and exhibits with many interactive opportunities as well as shopping at the Enough for Everyone Global Marketplace and the Resource Center/Bookstore. You will also be able to take in some of the sights of Minneapolis.

Registration is \$395. Events and lodging will all be at the Hyatt Regency. Rooms are \$169 per night and may be shared by up to four women. There will be a registration booklet in the November/December issue of Horizons. You can also get information on the PW Facebook page or at presbyterian-mission.org/ministries/pwgathering/aboutgathering.



Search Committee Update

The Search Committee is delighted to report that Cindee Behrendt (Emmanuel) is our new Recording Secretary, Cheryl Griffith (Emmanuel) is the Covenant Group II Leader and Kate Kysor (Port Allegheny) is the Covenant Group V leader. Thank you ladies for accepting these positions!

The positions still currently open are two spots on the Search Committee. Positions that will need filled in the spring are: Moderator Elect, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Mission Opportunities, Historian and Covenant Leaders for Groups I (Erie West) and III (Crawford County). PLEASE be thinking now about a position you might be able to fill. If you have questions regarding the responsibilities for any of the positions just give me a call and I will review them with you. We really need your help. Please consider taking a more active role in PWPLE and help keep a great organization going strong! Karen Haas 814-833-2053.



Rebecca Moelk
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IN THIS ISSUE YOU WILL FIND

- LETTER FROM YOUR MODERATOR
- CHURCH WIDE GATHERING REPORT
- OCTOBER 18 FALL GATHERING REGISTRATION
SEND IT IN!!!
- GATHERING INSERT FOR CHURCH BULLETINS
- *AND MORE!!!!!!!*

Please share this newsletter with pastors, PW members and ALL the women in your congregation!!

The Open Door Café



The Open Door Café got its start when a small group from Second Presbyterian Church began having conversations around creating a place outside the church walls where God's mission in the neighborhoods could be discovered. It was decided to open a café. That all might feel welcome, regardless of means, payment for food and beverages would be optional, in the form of a donation. This would be a place where people could gather over

soup, coffee and have conversations; possibly leading to relationships. It would be a place where one could become "detectives of divinity" watching for ways to join God in His mission.

Since its opening in December of 2012, the Open Door Café has become much more than what that small group thought possible. There are over 20 volunteers serving directly in the café. People from all over the city provide soup, ingredients, and supplies. Church members and folks from the neighborhood are working side by side renovating an adjacent house for a soon to be expansion. In its first year over 3000 were fed and caring relationships were formed. The Open Door is not just a café. It is a space dedicated to God where relationships are formed and we know God is present in those relationships.



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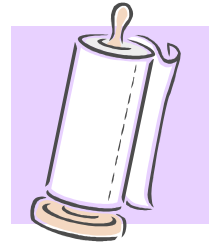
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Names (Please register each person by name so that name tags may be prepared in advance.)

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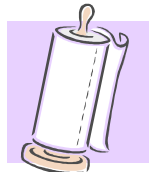
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