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The Newsletter of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Los Ranchos

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Dear Sisters in Christ,

We have made it through COVID almost. It is my fervent hope and prayer that all of us have remained well during the time. Have you ever stopped to ask yourself, "Am I any different now that I have spent a year and a half pretty much inside the confines of my home? Do I react differently to new challenges?" Most of our churches are reopening slowly and carefully. I hear church leaders discuss if things will return back to what was or will there be changes? Our own PWPLRCT began this very discussion at our last CT meeting in June and will continue in August. Have we learned anything about our organization?



Our Coordinating Team (CT) has decided that the theme for this year will be based on the scripture from 2 Corinthians 5:17 which states, **"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come."** Maybe we are having a rebirth of sorts after all this darkness. Will the old ways give rise to creative new ways? Are we at least open to new possibilities, or will we just fall back into what was always comfortable because, "We have always done it this way?" Now how about your women's group? Will there be changes... a new direction perhaps? Let us know.

Love and Blessings,
Anne Sivley

Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Los Ranchos



God planted a seed of faith in our hearts, so all we had to do is water it with prayers, fertilize it with words of God and cultivate it with lots of love.

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches." Matthew 13:31-32

"The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us." — C.S. Lewis



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Autumn Equinox 2021
in the Northern Hemisphere will be at
12:21 PM Pacific Daylight Time
Wednesday, September 22



Presbyterian Women

PWP *Horizons* Bible Study Circles

Open to all women, meeting monthly by Zoom beginning Oct 2021 — Blessed Connections the 1st Wed and Lights of Los Ranchos the 3rd Wed — will be starting the *Horizons* 2021–2022 Bible Study *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*, By Merryl Blair.

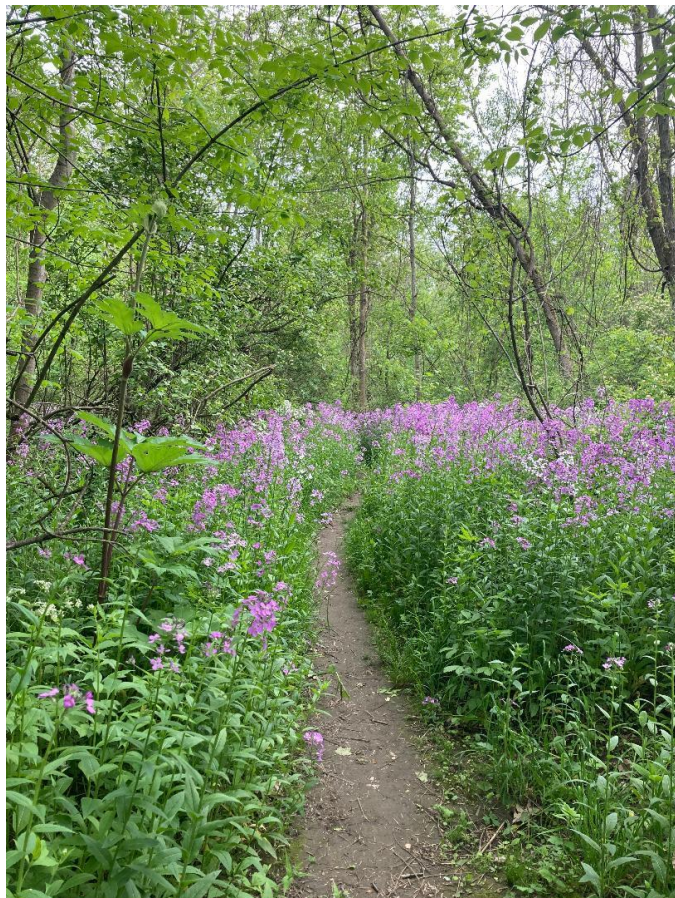
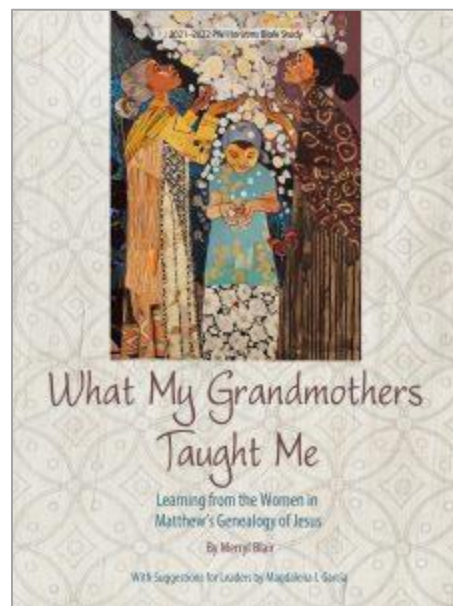
Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary—Matthew names these women for a reason. How might Jesus have heard the stories of his grandmothers? What might the young Jesus have felt as he heard about his family? What might the stories of these women have added to his sense of identity, as part of a particular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

Those interested in participating in either Circle, please contact Anne Sivley at annesivley@aol.com, or 714-501-4339.

Order study book at <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study/matthews-genealogy/>



Wild Phlox Flowers near Lake Michigan in Wisconsin.
Photo by Anne Sivley's cousin Martha Felton Dobbs
Blessed Connections
(1st Wed month PWP *Horizons* Bible Study)

Presbyterian Women

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! JULY 31, 2021 IS “PW GIVES” DAY!



PW Gives Day commemorates the founding of Presbyterian Women and the ongoing journey of PW—the community that is PW and each individual woman who is PW! Even during a global lockdown, PW found ways to connect and offer loving help.

Giving in Love, Always

In her *Horizons* magazine article, “Redefining Normal: A Brief History of Presbyterian Women Navigating Change,” PW’s executive director Susan Jackson Dowd reminds us that PW matters and will continue to matter. “Presbyterian Women pushed against what was considered normal during civil wars and world wars, military crises, flu pandemics, the Great Depression and more recent economic crises, civil rights marches and movements, September 11 and global terrorism—through the trials and triumphs of American history, then and as we continue to make it now. The mission of Presbyterian Women remains expansive and practical.” Read (and share!) Susan’s important and encouraging article at <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/redefining-normal-horizons-article/>.

Join others on July 31 or even today and Give!

- Give online at www.presbyterianwomen.org/give. Select **PW Gives Day** & your gift amount of \$10 or more (and add a bit extra for a transaction fee), then scroll & type **PWGDAY21** in the comments box as well as your church and presbytery (or synod) information.
- Contact Carissa Herold by phone at 844/PW-PCUSA, ext. 5322 or email carissa.herold@pcusa.org.
- Mail your gift to Presbyterian Women, Inc., PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652. Please indicate “annual fund” and **PWGDAY21** in the memo line of the check.



Promote “PW Gives” Day

1. Watch for (and share your!) stories on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram about how, where and why PW gives.
2. Send your #PWGives story and photos to Carissa Herold carissa.herold@pcusa.org
3. If you are not already on PW’s email list, contact Patricia Longfellow, <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/staff/patricia-longfellow/> to be added to the list and receive information about this day (and other PW programs)!
4. Pray for PW as we bring the light of God’s love to a world in need of care and hope.
5. Download and share with your PW a PW Gives Day flier <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/pw-gives-day-2020-flier/> with this.
6. giving and promotion information.

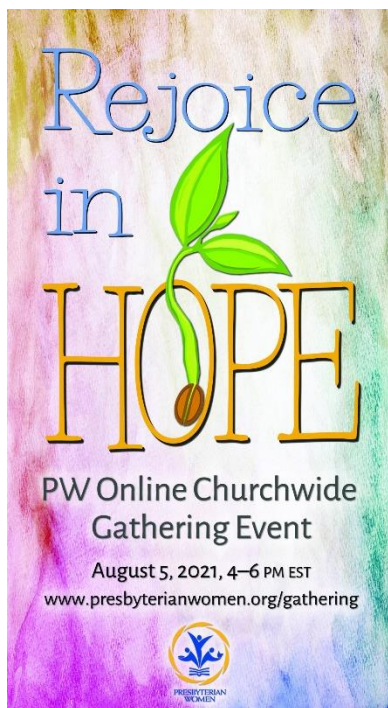
In community and with love, PW Gives, Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.

“God has infinite attention to spare for each one of us. You are as much alone with him as if you were the only being he had ever created.”

— C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Presbyterian Women

PW's Online Churchwide Gathering Event



The Online Churchwide Gathering Event will be August 5, 4-6 pm ET. (It will begin after a one-hour break following the conclusion of the Business Meeting at 3 pm.)

How do I watch the Online Churchwide Gathering Event?

The Online Churchwide Gathering Event will be held on Zoom and also livestreamed on Presbyterian Women's Facebook page. Zoom's capacity is limited, but the livestream on Facebook is open to all. Go to PW's Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/presbyterianwomenpcusa> just a few minutes early, or whenever you can join on August 5, 4-6 pm ET (1-3pm PDT)!

How can I share this news with others?

Tell your friends to visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering. Copy or adapt this page to share in your newsletter or on your website, with the logo for the Online Churchwide Gathering Event <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2021-CWG-Online-event-logo-scaled.jpg>.

What will happen during the Online Churchwide Gathering Event?

The online event will include plenary and worship. During plenary, Irene Pak Lee—associate pastor at Stone Church in Willow Glen, California—will offer a keynote.

You'll also hear from PW/*Horizons* Bible study authors, present and future!

- Merryl Blair, author of *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus* (2021-2022 study)
- Carol Bechtel, author of *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight* (2022-2023 study)
- Olive Mahabir, author of *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in the Gospel of Luke* (2023-2024)

You'll hear about programs and resources that Presbyterian Women cherish, and see messages of hope and thanks from individual Presbyterian Women, PW groups and PW's ministry partners.

During worship, Rev. Diane Moffet will preach and Austin College will provide music. Communion will be celebrated as we Rejoice in Hope, newly confident in God's promise to guide and support us, and our PW community that strengthens us.

What does it cost to attend?

It's free to watch the livestream of the Online Churchwide Gathering Event! The event is not free to produce, and is possible thanks to the annual fund, financial gifts to make the Gathering possible, <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving-funding/give/> and sponsorships from PW groups and PW's ministry partners.



CONTINUALLY LEARNING ON RACISM



CANVAS CHURCH | 17332 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 115, Irvine, California, 92614



As a community called by Christ to embody peace, justice and love in our world, it is incumbent upon us to hear the voices of those who have been marginalized and oppressed, and to act to overcome the forces of that oppression. For decades the black community in America has been

raising the alarm about the endurance of systemic racism in our society, and, tragically, many of us have far too slow to respond. That must end. And we at Canvas are committed to the long road of change that lies ahead.

And while we know that action is required, we also hear the call of those who have suffered to begin with our own labors of learning and reflection. We must listen to the unheard voices and take upon ourselves the burden of our initial education, not placing that duty on those who already face the uphill battle for justice.

[we have gathered collections of resources] to begin the learning process and to engage in dialogue and reflection. These collections, and the individual sessions of which they are comprised, are *hardly* a comprehensive or authoritative list! Nor do we endorse every claim or call to action. Rather, this is our best effort in the moment to curate resources that can open us to new perspectives and provide insight into areas of our world that are not familiar to us. Our goal – and a core value of Canvas – is learning. And as we learn, we will endeavor to discern where each of us, and Canvas as a community, is called to act on Christ's behalf.

We encourage you to join with us as a learning community by joining our dedicated Facebook Group! And know that you are welcome to share any of these resources with any person or group you imagine might benefit from them.

For more information and links visit: <https://canvasoc.org/connect/racism-series-overview>

Third Los Ranchos Presbytery Gathering of 2021



SAVE THE DATE !

September 30 online

Stay updated:

<https://losranchos.org/event/third-presbytery-gathering-of-2021/>

Synod of Southern California and Hawaii

<https://www.synod.org/>

Synod Environmental Education Series with Dr. Tom English

Sponsored earlier this year by JPIC*, sessions are available as videos by following the linked images below. Dr. English frequently lectures on Environmental Issues to university, civic, industrial, governmental, and church groups. He is ranked in the top 0.1 % of the Climate Reality Project's speakers' program, lectured at over one hundred universities, and has given eight White House presentations.

•JPIC (Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation) is a COA-related committee of the Synod.

- Session 1** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yanpoDHxdtbbsuP-Mfuurm3roCeNEEtM/view>
- Session 2** https://drive.google.com/file/d/1812EBUhd_0NFmMh0-H0J4q72fg2hrvu7/view
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- Session 9** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/16LSsf5AxBsv42ey0R7eP5c32t3YnPwXs/view>

Sessions 1, 2 and 3

Sessions 4, 5 and 6

Sessions 7, 8, and 9

"Forgiveness does not mean excusing." – C.S.Lewis



Welcome to the 225th General Assembly

Visit this page regularly to see what's new.



"Free will, though it makes evil possible, is also the only thing that makes possible any love or goodness or joy worth having." — C.S.Lewis

THE BOGIE TRUST

KATHRYN (KATHY) BOGIE

1909-2004

Kathy (as she liked to be called) was a beautiful woman and her love for God and Presbyterian Women (PW) was evident. She attended Community Presbyterian Church in North Long Beach most of her life. She was an inspiration to everyone around her; simply by the way she lived her life and lifted their spirits with kind words.

Her mission in life was to support Presbyterian Women and mission projects. She left a large portion of her inheritance to Presbyterian Women which has allowed PW to continue some of the mission projects that were so dear to her, and to support Presbyterian Women.

IN JUNE 2021, \$5,000 WAS DISTRIBUTED FROM THE BOGIE TRUST as follows:

- ❖ **Rising Tide at MKEC**\$1,000
(After school and summer program in downtown Long Beach)
- ❖ **Menaul School**..... \$1,000
(Provides low-income student scholarships in Albuquerque, New Mexico)
- ❖ **WISEplace**.....\$1,000
(Provides help to women in Orange County to end homelessness through housing and services that build personal self-reliance.)
- ❖ **Angel Interfaith Network**..... \$1,000
(Works with personnel at LAC+USC hospital to identify patients and their families in urgent need of food, clothing or emergency money.)
- ❖ **South County Outreach**\$1,000
(Provides a food pantry, assistance with housing and utilities. Offers families employment and financial counseling.)

MISCELLANEOUS — Movies

“Respect” (Aug. 13)

<https://www.boston.com/culture/entertainment/2021/06/10/2021-summer-movie-preview/>



Acclaimed singer/actress Jennifer Hudson (“Dreamgirls”) will have a chance to play Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin in “Respect,” a biopic that chronicles the singer and civil rights activist’s life from childhood to superstardom. Co-starring Forest Whitaker (“The Last King of Scotland”), Marlon Wayans (“Scary Movie”), and Audra McDonald (“Private Practice”), “Respect” hits theaters Aug. 13.

“Respect” is directed by Liesl Tommy. It was filmed in late 2019 and early 2020 outside of Atlanta.

“CODA” (Aug. 13)

<https://time.com/6047564/summer-movies-2021/>



This coming-of-age drama was a hit at this year’s Sundance; it follows a teenager (Emilia Jones) torn between musical aspirations and a devotion to helping her deaf family and their fishing business. The film arrives a year after Sound of Metal dealt with similar themes and won two Academy Awards; Coda is likewise expected to be an awards season contender. Academy Award winner

Marlee Matlin, perhaps the most prominent deaf actor ever, and Eugenio Derbez co-star.



Marlee Matlin, second from right, plays the deaf mother of a hearing child in this family drama

“If God had granted all the silly prayers I’ve made in my life, where should I be now?”, CS Lewis quotes on prayer



Summer! There's nothing like enjoying the beautiful Sunlight!

We hope your Summer is off to a wonderful start as our communities continue moving forward towards a sense of normalcy. Despite these dog days of Summer, our mission continues and it is your continued support and generous donations of funds and goods that make our work feel like a cool breeze.

Network Partners

Thank you **First Presbyterian Church Santa Monica!**

They donated hygiene kits for the LAC+USC emergency ward and the homeless patients we serve. We are truly grateful for their generous contributions.



Thank you **Covenant Presbyterian Church** for their generous donation of swaddles and receiving blankets! Angel Interfaith Network would not be able to provide for as many infants as we have without the generosity of our donors! Every donation is greatly appreciated!



We also appreciate
Deacon Norman Stump
for taking the time to drive out to Angel
Interfaith's Gatehouse and deliver these
adorable receiving blankets.



And last but definitely not least, to our **Anonymous Angel Donor**, THANK YOU

You know who you are and we appreciate you for blessing us and kicking off our new fiscal year like this! We received your \$2,000 donation and we will make sure that it is used for food cards exactly as you requested.

Those We Serve:

Twelve-year-old **Irene** arrived at the LAC+USC in need of medical attention after having been held hostage for ransom in Mexico with her Mom and 8-year-old brother. They arrived with only the clothes on their backs. Through St. Camillus Spiritual Care Department, Chaplain Arely immediately contacted Angel Interfaith Network and requested clothing, hygiene kits and shoes for the family. Thanks to your support, we were able to help meet the immediate needs of this family. The family was very appreciative and is recovering from their trauma.

Francisco a, 71-year-old man battling Cancer and sole support of his wife, had been unable to go out and sell his sweets and candies in the streets causing him to not have enough money to cover his rent. His social worker reached out to Angel Interfaith and requested rental assistance and food gift cards to help the couple. Angel Interfaith Network was able to help fill these needs, thanks to our team effort.

Urgent Needs:

Food Gift Cards



Financial Support



We are in need of food gift cards and financial support as the problem of food and housing insecurity continues. Your donation and assistance will ensure that a family doesn't have to worry about their next meal or stress about past due rent knowing that rental assistance or food cards have been provided. **Your donations help in making life better for the patients and families of LAC/USC**

Do you know of any funding opportunities?

Angel Interfaith Network is in need of information to locate a foundation or grant opportunities offering financial assistance!

Your suggestions can be emailed to info@stcamillus.org



Please Donate Today

<https://stcamilluscenter.networkforgood.com/projects/87161-angel-interfaith-network>

For further information about Angel Interfaith Network, contact: office@angelinterfaith.net



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<http://www.coalongbeach.org/cam/>



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