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Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Woman Shenandoah
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A MODERATORS VIEW

We will be celebrating another Easter soon. When we think about the reason it is not only a sad time but also happy as Jesus died on the cross and rose again from death that we might have life eternal, if we but repent of our sins and follow him.

We live in a world that has seen many tragedies. I often think Jesus must be crying his eyes out when he sees all that is going on. We treat our fellow humans with little or no respect. Always concerned about ourselves and want we want.

Surely there must be a man or woman out there that can lead the people to know Jesus. I think of Martin Luther King and Billy Graham and the work they carried on for years. There are many good pastors but it would take a huge commitment to do as King and Graham.

If we each could reach just one person, think what a wonderful gift that would be.

Three things will last forever -- faith, hope and love and the greatest of these is Love.
1 Corinthians 13:13

In Christ's Service
Darlene Mason, Moderator

SHARED BY CHARLESTOWN PRESBYTERIAN

Recently, in our Faithweavers class we were discussing Caleb and the land he was finally granted in Hebron after wandering the wilderness for 40 years. If you recall, only Caleb and Joshua were wholly faithful to the promise that the Lord would lead them into the promised land. Even

Moses lapsed. Moses sent out Caleb and the other spies to survey Canaan on a 40-day exploration. Caleb's report and attitude put his faith in the Lord. "The land is bountiful", he reported, and despite the intimidating inhabitants, Caleb expounded that if the Lord is pleased with them, "He will lead us into this land of milk and honey". God recognized that Caleb had a different spirit and followed God wholly. We also remember that Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness and was subjected to the temptation of Satan. Deep prayer provided Jesus the fortitude in the wilderness. There are many other times 40 is mentioned in Scripture and generally symbolizes a period of testing. How will we seek fortitude in our 40 days of Lent? Pray and be faithful to the Lord. The faithfulness of Joshua and Caleb teach us that we are to stand for God even when others do not. When we are faithful, we can understand God's blessings. Temptations will abound just as Christ was tempted during his 40 days in the wilderness, but with Christ we can stand strong in faith.

Proverbs 3:5-6

[5] Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. [6] In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy path.

Extra Trivia: The number 40 appears in Scripture 146 times. Other notable instances include Moses on Mount Sinai on two occasions and Elijah fasted 40 days on Mount Horeb.

SHARED BY DIANE MAYHEW

MASSANUTTEN PRESBY SHARES

We continue to have wonderful worship service on you tube every Sunday with many members of church family sharing in the worship.

Zoom Sunday school class meets at 9:30 am on Sunday with lots of good sharing. Class is called faithful conversations.

Each Wed. During lent we have a devotional and prayer time from 7-7:30 pm via zoom.

Confirmation class has been active preparing for this special time in their life.

Youth group has been so active being led by a great youth leader, Hannah Altman.

Our pastor Ann Pettit has been our great shepherd during this past year. The pastor search committee has been very active searching for just the right pastor to co-pastor with pastor Ann.

Submitted by Pat Armstrong

LADIES FROM IVANHOE PC SHARE

I asked several of our PW at Ivanhoe Church to tell what they hoped to see from PW this coming year. Here were a few of the comments: to get more women of the church involved; inviting others of the community and to have smaller gatherings like was done some years ago at District Meetings; and to encourage the formation of a men's group. The last suggestion is one that I have also hoped to see happen for several years. We realize that in early historical times, women were often treated as property and not respected in any part of their lives, much less in the church. We have come a long way since those days and it is wonderful that so many women have emerged as dynamic pastors and leaders of the church everywhere.

However, it seems like in some churches, the pendulum has swung far enough over to the extreme other side, and men have decided to just "sit back" and remain unseen, not fulfilling their role as leaders of the church. Why can there

not be a healthy balance between the two- just as balance is needed in a relationship and/or family unit?

When attempting to organize a workshop with this topic for Fall Gatherings, I was met with the "deer-in-headlights" syndrome from both men and women. Call it "old fashioned" but my childhood memories of the church where I grew up, are filled with the realization that there was a strong balance between the men and women spiritual leaders and participants of our church. for Sunday School and Worship Services. As a result, there was also a strong group of young people who grew spiritually and became the next generation of congregations.

Even with our family structures changing and presenting more challenges perhaps there is a way to bring more men back to the church in mind, body, and spirit, and a way that they can make the women and children's roles even stronger for Jesus Christ.

Connie Wood

Report from Third Pres

We collect the 4 cent a meal on the first Sunday of the month. 25% now goes to BRAFB and 75% goes to Shenandoah Presbytery.

Ash Wednesday was celebrated by each taking a small cup of ashes and applying the mark of the cross themselves.

We celebrated the 97th birthday of Dot Desper with a card shower.

We will be celebrating Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Sunrise Services (as weather permits) along with the usual Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday events.

Darlene Mason

COLLIERSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN **WOMEN REACH OUT TO THOSE** **IN NEED**

The Collierstown Presbyterian Women have completed a very busy Winter Quarter. Additional contributions to our record breaking Blanket Sunday campaign were given in early February bringing our donation total to \$2330, an increase of \$330 above what was reported in the February issue of SUNRISE. The additional funds enabled the purchase of 233 Church World Service blankets for distribution, 128 more than the goal we had set in January. We were truly touched by the generosity of our church family, our Pike learning pod students, and the community's support.

As February got underway the PW turned its attention to supporting our church's annual food drive that had as its theme "Bridging the Gap" for those with food needs. The goal of the food campaign was to use the state maintained bridge connecting the church to Turnpike Rd as the collection site on Saturday, February 6 for this year's initiative in support of the national "Souper Bowl of Caring" effort. On that day twenty-five volunteers from PW, the church membership, our Pike Pod families, and friends and neighbors were on hand to receive donations that lined both sides of our bridge. An amazing total of \$1480 in monetary gifts were given along with over 1200 lbs. of canned foods and other food items between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. that day. The donations were divided and delivered on Tuesday, February 11 to the Rockbridge Area Relief Association (RARA), the food bank of the Gospel Way Church of God in Christ located in Lexington, and to Helping Hands, a food ministry of the Fairfield Presbyterian Church. The goal had been to help supply and assist those in our area with needed food and support. Each dollar given and each food item donated was one more way to cover our neighbors and those in the surrounding area with God's love. We were especially grateful to Goad's Body

Shop and the Cattlemans Market for providing additional locations for donations to be left. Our CPC family, the Pike Pod, neighboring Collierstown and Buffalo community churches as well as friends and neighbors made it possible to reach across the gap to provide for those in need.

The outpouring of giving during these two initiatives was made even more remarkable as our church building was closed to in person worship services. The level of participation and the generosity displayed gave evidence to the fact that a church is not a building but a people committed to Christ and to serving others in His name.

Our Presbyterian Women will be holding our spring meeting on Thursday, April 22. In addition to our usual business relating to spring and summer activities, recognition of our 2021 high school seniors, and a review of the ministries we support, we will be discussing the future of our Annual Church Dinner scheduled for Saturday, November 6. This event is sponsored by PW but is a total church undertaking. It has been a source of fellowship and outreach for the church family for close to a century. It was not held in 2020 due to the COVID crisis. We are exploring ways it could be adapted to safely extend hospitality to those who come to enjoy delicious food in a welcoming setting. We would appreciate your prayer support as we look to the Lord for direction in this regard.

We know the answer to fear in an increasingly terrifying world is to join our hearts to the un-failing character of God. David, the Psalmist, reminds us in Psalm 27:1 "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? We are going forward secure in this certainty. We will chart our course based on His direction and leading.

*Submitted by: Debbie McCormick,
PW Communications Coordinator*

COLLIERSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN FOOD DRIVE PICTURES



BETHANY PC SHARES

Bethany PC plans to restart in person worship on Easter Sunday. It has been a long time since we have seen our church family and all are looking forward to being together. Our ladies group will

restart monthly meetings on April 13. We are pleased that vaccinations are complete for all and we have hope for sharing good times going forward.

Mimi Moring
Moderator Bethany PW

MT OLIVE PC SHARES

- THINGS ARE GOING WELL HERE BUT SOME FOLKS ARE WAITING BEFORE RETURNING DUE TO COVID.
- WE HAD TWO ELDERS INSTALLED ON SUNDAY BY REV TOM HOLDEN
- COMMUNION WAS SERVED BY REV TOM HOLDEN ON MARCH 7
- SPEAKER BOB HILL FROM GIDEONS CAME TO SPEAK
- EASTER PLANS ARE FOR SUNRISE SERVICE, BREAKFAST AND WORSHIP
- WE HAVE WED NIGHT BIBLE STUDY ON FACEBOOK
- MARCH 19 WILL BE FIRST DRIVE THRU TENDERLOIN DINNER FROM 3 UNTIL SOLD OUT
- IT WILL BE A WHILE BEFORE WE START MEETING FOR CIRCLE

SHARED BY SARAH LANGE

NEWS FROM BUNKER HILL PRESBYTERIAN

Bunker Hill Presbyterian Church has been virtual for a year excluding a few Sundays in Sept. and Oct. when we met at our pavilion. We have not been back into our sanctuary for service since the 3rd week in March, 2020. We plan to have in person outside service 10am on Easter Sunday at our pavilion and plan to continue outside services for a while yet. Church members are encouraged to be vaccinated. We want as much safety and protection for all of our church family as possible as we gather for worship. WV and our county has been wonderful in getting our population here on schedule for a smooth vaccine process that is very efficient and organized. We will miss another egg hunt and special peanut butter egg making to raise funds for PDA/One Great Hour of Sharing during this time of year

again, but we know there will be time again in the future for these fun events. Our outreach into the community has continued, but on a subdued level at best. We still supported the Back Pack Program, sock collection for nursing homes, assembling of clean up buckets, Operation Christmas Child and invited Meals on Wheels and Rescue Mission to speak at our outside services to continue their broadcast of information on their mission in our communities. We have some planned promotion for our scholarship fund and if a yard sale is held this year, it will be in the fall and scaled back. Not using our sanctuary gave us a chance to assess some needed repairs and energy consumption issues. Our pastor, Ron Potter, is recovering from major heart surgery a few weeks ago and we request your prayers to join us in his bouncing back and continuing on his road to restored health.

SHARED BY VICKANA NORTON

Notes from Mossy Creek

Our Youth Group led by group leader, Sarah Wichaël, have done some interesting things during this covid shutdown. They have been ice skating at the Bridgewater Park with 10 people attending, played Putt Putt Golf, filled 9 Sunshine Boxes for our college students with everything being Yellow that went into the boxes and this Saturday, March 27th, the youth will be in our church parking lot where we will have a drive through to pick up your palm if you will not be able to attend in church Palm Sunday services. As you can see our youth have found interesting ways to have some fun times as well as to serve our church members.

We have been holding in house worship services since early Fall with good attendance. Our services have been live streamed for those who remain at home. We certainly hope that due to lessening of these restrictions, we will soon be able to see more of our members in person. Our minister, Jamie Smith, has continued to serve the members well both in church as well as online as most of the churches are doing. It has not been easy for any of us but we can see a light at the end of the tunnel. Easter Blessings to one and all.

Shared by PATRICIA WICHAEL



**Shenandoah Presbytery Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team
February 20, 2021 zoom meeting**

Darlene Mason
Pam Snyder
Ruth Williams

Connie Wood
Vickana Norton
Punker Robertson

Karen Stevens
Donna Parker
Harriet Kopp

The Presbyterian Women of the Shenandoah Presbytery in the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic (PWSP) met via zoom, 10:00am on Saturday, February 20, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by moderator Darlene Mason and opened with prayer and lighting of the Christ candle. Darlene shared the devotional time by reading from Isaiah 8: 9-14, this being the 4th day after ash Wednesday.

The PW pledge was recited by those gathered.

Vickana Norton, Secretary report – the 2020-2021 Directory has not been distributed, but there is plans to finish it up and send electronically by April 1st. Paper copies will be made available for those who request, but will be encouraged to use electronic copy or print out at their churches if need be.

November meeting minutes were approved.

Karen Stevens - Treasurers report submitted and approved – current balance as of today: \$8,910.24. Karen also shares that at her church, Olivet, they are meeting in person but there is virtual services offered and many across the states are participating. The choir has not met for about a year but they have music provided. Circles meet virtually or not. Some fundraising activities are on hold.

**Presbyterian Women
Shenandoah Presbytery
Treasurer's Report**

November 4, 2020 – February 17, 2021

FUND	Balance as of 11/4/2020	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance 2/17/2021
Operating Fund	\$8887.17	\$75.00	\$51.93	\$8910.24
Least	-0-	\$164.87	\$164.87	-0-
Birthday Offering	-0-	\$700.00	\$700.00	-0-
Thank Offering	-0-	\$2701.00	\$2701.00	-0-
Mission Pledge/CW	-0-	\$200.00	\$200.00	-0-
Mission Pledge/Synod	-0-	\$250.00	\$250.00	-0-
Honorary Life Membership	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Misc/Sunnyside Links	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Misc/Living Waters/Other	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Misc/Blankets	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTALS	\$8887.17	\$4090.87	\$4067.80	\$8910.24

Operating Fund			Income	Disburse
12/29/20	Vickana Norton (reimbursement For Mimi's gift) Franklin PW fund Cost of Deposit Slips		\$75.00	\$34.93
TOTAL			\$75.00	\$51.93
Least Coin			Income	Disburse
11/16/2020	2 nd Presbyterian		\$10.00	\$10.00
12/1/2020	Berryville		\$23.87	\$23.87
12/14/2020	2 nd Presbyterian		\$20.00	\$20.00
12/29/2020	Franklin		\$61.00	\$61.00
2/9/2021	Collierstown		\$50.00	\$50.00
TOTAL			\$164.87	\$164.87
Birthday			Income	Disburse
2/9/2021	Collierstown		\$570.00	\$570.00
2/9/2021	Piedmont		\$130.00	\$130.00
TOTAL			\$700.00	\$700.00
Thank			Income	Disburse
11/16/2020	Zetta		\$50.00	\$50.00
	Elkton		\$130.00	\$130.00
12/1/2020	Ivanhoe		\$50.00	\$50.00
12/14/2020	Beulah		\$190.00	\$190.00
	2 nd Presbyterian		\$395.00	\$395.00
	Covenant		\$570.00	\$570.00
12/29/2020	Shepherdstown		\$686.00	\$686.00
	Franklin		\$275.00	\$275.00
2/9/2021	Collierstown		\$355.00	\$355.00
TOTAL			\$2701.00	\$2701.00
Mission Pledge - Churchwide			Income	Disburse
2/9/2021	Collierstown		\$200.00	\$200.00
TOTAL			\$200.00	\$200.00
Mission Pledge - Synod			Income	Disburse
2/9/2021	Covenant		\$250.00	\$250.00
TOTAL			\$250.00	\$250.00
Honorary Life Membership	TOTAL		Income	Disburse
Sunnyside Links	TOTAL		-0-	-0-
Living Waters/Misc./Other	TOTAL		-0-	-0-
Blankets	TOTAL		-0-	-0-

Connie Wood – Vice Moderator report

Good morning everyone out there in Zoomville. It is so good to see you and hear your encouraging voices. As I said in an e-mail to Mary Lou Cox recently, "Us Baby Boomers have become Zoomers!" LOL!

As you know, my job as Vice-Moderator includes helping to plan the Spring and Fall PW Gatherings. Many of you have been so helpful and supportive during my term. It seems significant that during my term in this position, we have needed to cancel four of those events-one due to a Hurricane and three due to the Covid Pandemic. This includes the Annual Spring Gathering that would have been scheduled April 10, 2021. It has also been canceled due to continuing challenges, restrictions, and guidelines related to Covid-19. Those of you who helped to make this decision are appreciated.

The verse from Isaiah 43:18-19 has caught my attention during this time of closings, cancellations, chaos, and absence from traditional normalcy. "Do not remember the former things, nor consider

100 Questionnaires have been sent out and 14 responses received back so far. Any returned or address updates received will be passed on to Vickana so they can be reflected in the directory.

Pam Snyder - Horizons

November/December 2020 Horizons magazine:

Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday– includes worship guidelines and resources. The theme for 2021 is God Disrupts Us with Love, which focuses on women disrupting systemic poverty. While March 7th has been designated as Women’s Sunday, PW groups can use this service on any day they choose. This resource can be used in a PW gathering or with the entire congregation.

Fellowship of the Least Coin: This offering focuses on the gift of even the smallest coin of one’s currency. FLC brings Christian women together in a fellowship of prayer without any discrimination of race, nationality, culture or denomination. A list of grants distributed in 2020 is also included in the article.

There is an interesting article on how to develop a Zoom meeting or retreat **-Zooming to a New Model.** Great resource to use with your PW groups, Mission Communities or even our PW Presbytery.

World Day of Prayer is planned for March 5, 2021. There is an article on pg. 36 under Mosaic.

Bible Study Resource: Lesson Five of the 2020-2021 *Horizons* Bible Study, Into the Light, is included in this edition of *Horizons*.

Embodied Interdependence Practice: This introduces us to a simple spiritual practice of embodied prayer. Something you can do as a group or independently. *Reminds us of what we need and what others might need as well. It is a reflection and hopefully something that will be of meaning to you. Think of 3 words, something that you need in your life right now. Get comfortable to focus on our own personal wellbeing so we can be helpful to others. Place your hands over your heart and your belly and think of that first thing that you need and move your hands in an outward position opening your hands and sending this word out. Repeat this action with the other 2 words. Praying them out to others. Close with Amen or Let it Be.*

Nominees to PW’s 2021-2024 Board of Directors – Cathy Reed will be our new moderator for PW coming up.

January/February 2021 Horizons magazine features:

Learning Our Way Forward: Worship and Ministries in a Time of Change: This article shares how the First Presbyterian Church in Oak Ridge, TN has adapted their worship and ministries to maintain connections to one another and their community safely.

An Invitation: Lisa Gray shares how PW of Synod of the NE have adapted to meeting weekly by Zoom to stay connected and for book study.

Bible Study Resource: Lesson Seven of the 2020-2021 *Horizons* Bible Study, Into the Light.

2021 Birthday Offering Dedication Service

2021 Birthday Offering Recipient List

Pages Worth Turning: Each edition of *Horizons* includes several recommended books “worth reading.”

Announcement of 2021-2022 PW Bible Study: *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew’s Genealogy of Jesus.* Those who subscribe to *Horizons* will receive a copy of the Bible study along with their March/April 2021 issue of *Horizons*.

Pam Snyder
Horizons Representative

Celebration giving: Since 1922, Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering has helped fund mission projects that improve lives. This year's Birthday Offering recipients are listed in the January/February Horizons magazine.

The 2021 Birthday Offering scripture is:

*Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
Break forth, O mountains, into singing!
For the Lord has comforted the people,
And will have compassion on suffering ones.* Isaiah 49:13

The 2021 Birthday Offering promotional booklet is mailed to all PC(USA) congregations and PW leaders and includes grant recipient summaries; a dedication service; a greeting from the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of PW; ideas to promote and support the Birthday Offering; a poster/placement; and promotional resource flier. Additional promotional items may be downloaded for free at www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday.

A promotional video is also available at www.youtube.com/presbyterianwomen.

Pam Snyder
Celebration Giving Representative

Ruth Williams– Justice & Peace

March 5 is World Day of Prayer, the theme is "Build a Strong Foundation" based on Matthew 7:24-27. Let this be more than a one day celebration extending throughout the year. Find resources on www.wdp.usa.org.

March 9 is International Women Day

April 4 Easter

22nd Earth Day – RECYCLE!

The Presbyterian Women in San Fernando, California have created an interfaith group. The Muslim-Christian interfaith group has been Standing Together for 9 years coming together to increase mutual understanding, dialogue, respect, appreciation and support of the sacred in each other. Read more about their activities at www.presbyterian-women.org/stories.

The Churchwide Gathering set for August in Minneapolis has been canceled. Although there will be no meeting, the 2021 Gathering Planning Team is at work preparing a 2hr. online national program and worship service. Information will be going out to Presbytery and Synod moderators. Voting reps will have meetings. There is action going on, just not having the in person meeting.

Together in service – Punker, not a lot to report with covid - churches and PW groups are doing as many efforts as they can. Some churches have done "souper bowl" collections. Their **helping hands** group serves about 20 families each week (weather pending). Many other groups are doing as they can to still be the church visible in their communities. Have a heart for mission.

Sunrise Editor – Pat Armstrong

REPORT FROM SUNRISE EDITOR FEB. 20, 1921 PWCT

SUNRISE FOR FEB. 1, 2021, WAS SENT OUT TO CT MEMBERS AND LEADERSHIP COORDINATORS ON FEB. 1. PLEASE FORWARD ALL COPIES TO ANY PW WOMEN WHO ARE NOT RECEIVING THIS. WE WANT THE LADIES TO BE INFORMED OF WHAT HAPPENING WITH OUR WOMEN. ARTICLES FOR NEXT SUNRISE CAN BE SENT IN AT ANY TIME. NEXT SUNRISE WILL BE SENT OUT APRIL 1, 2021. PLEASE SHARE NEWS FROM YOUR CIRCLES, CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUALS. WE CAN LEARN SO MUCH FROM EACH OTHER AS WE SHARE IDEAS. THERE ARE MANY CHURCHES NOT BEING REPRESENTED AND THIS IS SAD. WE KNOW LOTS OF GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING. WOULD REALLY LIKE TO GET SOME ARTICLES FROM LADIES ABOUT WHAT PW MEANS TO THEM.

BLESSINGS AND JOY, PAT ARMSTRONG SUNRISE EDITOR

Search Committee (subcommittee that met) – Pam and Karen and Paula discussed the CT vacancies on January 7th. With the absence of a Search Committee, a few volunteered at the November meeting to meet and came up with a recommendation to fill in the gaps on CT. The proposal set forth and decided upon would be to divide up the current coverage of mission communities to additional churches/areas and also be covered by the existing mission community leaders. With these additional churches to be assigned, there would be a reduction in communication with the churches to keep the workload down. They would be letting the church moderator or group contacts know that they were a resource and making a newsletter available to them twice a year, which will be created by Pam & Karen (the subcommittee). Joyce Anderson is taking Augusta Highland E1 and E2 as a new leadership coordinator. Paula would keep Eastern Panhandle and pick up Potomac Highlands. Mountain and Central valley will be Donna Parker. Pam is Highland E3 and Karen is Maury River. This would be streamlining from 7 to 5 people to cover the mission communities. Then switching to 4 with Pat Wichaël coming off as a leadership coordinator as of April 1. This action is in response to the lack of people who will volunteer at this time. It was presented and voted upon to have these inter-team changes come into effect as of April 1st and be reflected in the directory to correspond with that date.

SEARCH COMMITTEE Does NEED PEOPLE

Pam Snyder - Leadership Coordinator Report for the Mission Community Coordinators

We are starting off into another year of PW in Shenandoah Presbytery. While 2020 definitely presented new challenges, it looks as though we will continue to find new ways to “do PW” in 2021! The role of the newly adopted “Mission Community Coordinators” is to serve as the link between Presbyterian Women in the congregations and the PW Coordinating Team. My role as Leadership Coordinator is to stay connected with the Mission Community Coordinators and help strengthen the PW leaders network within Shenandoah Presbytery. For those of you in the roles of keeping the different congregations connected with PW in the Presbytery, here are a few recommendations to help you, including a few repeats:

- Make phone calls to the congregational PW moderators just to see how they are doing. We know most are unable to meet in person. Ask them what they have done to stay connected while distanced, and if it has been effective. Let them know you value their feedback and that you are mainly calling to let them know you are thinking about them and that you want to stay connected and be a resource for them and their PW group.
- Send Moderators a card and include something that will be uplifting and supportive for them in their PW leadership role. The “old fashioned” US mail still works and is frequently viewed as a more personal touch than an email. There are also PW note cards available on www.presbyterianwomen.org under “resources” if you’d prefer it to be identified as a PW note.
- Share information about the current PW Bible Study, *Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament*, and the many resources available to work through this study in the coming year. (See my notes below for suggestions.) It is never too late to start the Bible Study.
- Share what some other PW groups are doing: One PW group started a Cookie Ministry for their congregation. Bake cookies, wrap them in individual resealable storage bags, and deliver them to members of your church family. We are all missing the fellowship of regular worship services, PW meetings, etc. Just mask up, stop by, socially distance on the porch and catch up for a few minutes. This is a great way to fellowship with your PW members or other members of your congregation.
- For Mission Community Coordinators: Consider hosting a Zoom meeting of all leaders in your Mission Community. I can assist, as can Presbytery staff, in helping deliver a Zoom meeting. Make it a social time, to get to know each and build relationships the first time. Keep it to an hour. Then perhaps build a targeted subject for another Zoom event and focus on recommendations from the Moderators/leaders to help meet their needs. If only 3-4 participate, it is progress. Don’t give up!
- Pray for Presbyterian Women in our congregations, Presbytery, Synod and nationally!

The 2020-2021 PW/Horizons Bible Study, *Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament* by Lynn Miller.

Multiple resources for circles and Bible leaders are available online at presbyterianwomen.org under Bible Study Products. This includes a DVD of the study, posters, etc. The Workshop for Leaders, written by Joyce MacKichan Walker, is a lesson plan for Bible leaders. It includes activities that explore and resources to support the 2020-2021 PW/Horizons Bible study, *Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament*, and is available at no charge.

I mentioned in our last PW CT call, and offer again, that I am most willing to facilitate an “online Zoom Bible Study” for anyone that might be interested. Please share this opportunity with your various PW Moderators. This is also available to other CT members. This is an alternative way for PW to fellowship, virtually, and study together. It can be adapted to once a month, 2 times a month, once a week, whatever works for the majority. To be most effective, it does require a computer or a smart phone to effectively participate via Zoom. Please let me know if interested.

2021 PW Churchwide Gathering Cancelled! The Churchwide Coordinating Team made the tough decision to cancel the 2021 Churchwide Gathering due to the continuing challenges of COVID. It would not be responsible or healthy to

bring several thousand together this year. However, there will be a virtual worship service and program available online.

Thursday, August 5, 2021 from 7-9 pm. Go to www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering for more details as they become available.

I'm here to assist anyone who is interested in looking for new and creative ways to participate in the current Bible Study or to effectively fellowship as PW during the continuing COVID pandemic. Let's identify unique ways to effectively continue to do the work of Presbyterian Women.

All meetings of the United Nations will be virtual beginning in March and you will be kept posted of those goings on and have a submission for the Sunrise next issue.

Blessings and peace to all,
Pam Snyder, Leadership Coordinator

Eastern Panhandle by Paula Osborne

Worship

The Eastern Panhandle churches are worshipping in safe practical ways for their churches. Berkeley Springs Presbyterian Church is worshipping in person with masks and staying 6 feet apart, along with Hedgesville. Gerrardstown is having parking lot services along with zoom services, which can be found, on the churches FB page and on YOUTUBE. Bunker Hill, Charles Town, Shepherdstown and Tuscarora are worshipping by zoom and can be found on their churches FB page and on YOUTUBE. I found it interesting during these COVID 19 times most churches offerings are being collected on line through their FB or web pages.

The Eastern Panhandle Mission Presbyterian Coalition had an Ash Wednesday zoom Service at 7:00 p.m. The participating churches were, Berkeley Springs, Gerrardstown, Hedgesville, Falling Waters, Shepherdstown, Tabler and Tuscarora.

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Berkeley Springs and Tuscarora are having monthly Bible studies with the 2020-2021/PW Horizons book. Shepherdstown is meeting monthly and studying, So You Want to Talk about Race, by Ljeoma Oluo. Shepherdstown and Tuscarora are meeting by zoom and Berkeley Springs is meeting in person six to 10 feet apart.

Zoom Bible Studies and Sunday school

Charles Town has two Sunday school classes and a Wednesday night Bible study. They also have a daily devotion on their FB page. Their newsletter can be found on FB also. I have contacted Diane Mayhew to see if she would like to share the articles of Proverbs and Psalms with Sunrise. Members share monthly passages from either Proverbs or Psalms, which speaks to them. As Diane says it is a great way to bless others.

Gerrardstown has a weekly Bible study, Thursday at noon on Carl Barth book, James.

Pastor Rachel at Tuscarora has a weekly Thursday Tea Time at 4:00.

Mission

Hedgesville Karen Barry is supporting a food ministry called The Lord's Table, Food for the Body and Soul. She has been actively working with other sponsoring churches in the community for a year and a half to supply food for shut ins for Berkeley, Jefferson and Morgan counties. Last Saturday they delivered 68 meals. Presently they are working on a project called \$30.00 for 30 boxes. Donations for this project is sent to Karen Barry, 356 Cashew Lane, Gerrardstown, WV 25420.

Charles Town Presbyterian Church has a Hospitality Center in their building open Monday- Friday mornings from 7:00-9:00, for the homeless.

Prayer Concerns

Ron Potter, minister at Bunker Hill Presbyterian Church, for heart surgery. Violet Fox and Sherri Landmann PW from the Berkeley Springs Presbyterian Church for cancer. Cheryl Cook, Vickana's sister in law for breast cancer.

Donna Parker – Potomac Highland

She talked to her churches at Christmas time and sent each of them Christmas cards to stay in touch. Some churches are doing zoom services, some are not and some are doing activities with other community churches. Those churches

Participation in their own church is down due to do people wanting to avoid being around others. Flo Boggs will be celebrating her 90th birthday on April 15th. Please participate in the birthday card party and send a card to Flo!
Flo Boggs, 443 Meadowlark Acres, Keyser, WV 26726.

Patricia Michael – Leadership

report Central Valley Mission Community D

Some church activities are only on zoom or not meeting. Some are doing activities. Mossy Creek is meeting in person weather pending. For the month of Dec. Mossy Creek purchased a food item everyday and at the end of the month the box was delivered to members of the food pantry in January. Circles are not meeting due to covid or weather at this time. Using zoom and facebook. Ash Wednesday service was combined service. The virus has put many churches at a standstill with a hope “see” each other in the spring.

Moderator’s report – Darlene Mason

I regret to tell you that I have done almost nothing since last meeting.

I hope some of you were able to view the Presbytery video on Lessons and Carols they had available in December. I thought it was so good. Ash Wednesday service was different with receiving a small container of ashes to apply yourself.

The 3 Bible studies I attend are still not meeting, so I am left to study on my own which only gives me my perspective. I like the opinions of other people, as it always gives a different slant. I am studying the book of Romans. This week has been quite stressful not only for the weather but health wise. I have shoveled my drive 3 times and it is about 3 car lengths long and on a steep incline. Love snow but so very over it for this year.

Health wise I had a procedure scheduled at the hospital and had secured a person to go with me, at last minute the person decided she did not want to go in the weather. Long story short, missed the bus that would have taken me so drove myself knowing I could not drive back, but thinking I could catch the bus back to Staunton, wrong they would not let me do that. Ended up the little girl that checked me in said she would take me home. The one drawback to living alone and no family close. Not many to depend on.

God is good, I prayed for a solution and peace and it all worked out!!! In Christ’ Service, Darlene Mason

Old BUSINESS: We will continue promoting this for all churches as a continuing effort. CWS has expressed a great need at all times for the Health and School kits. CT members and their churches, continue to focus attention to the Gift of the Heart kits still at this time. Since Presbytery office is not open for drop off there, items can go to the drop off site in Weyers Cave, VA.

HYGIENE KITS: All items need to fit inside a one-gallon Ziploc type bag.

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package
- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package (either one is acceptable)
- One bath-size bar of soap in the original package
- One toothbrush in the original package
- Ten standard size Band-Aids

SCHOOL KITS:

- One pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (rounded tip, only)
- Three 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter / 12" ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener removed from the package
- One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers (please remove pencils from the package)
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- One 12"x14" to 14"x17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with handles (solid color or kid-friendly fabric, no logos, reusable shopping bags or backpacks)

NEW BUSINESS:

May meeting is going to be zoom again. We will have it on Saturday, the 8th of May at 10am. Donna at the Presbytery office will graciously have us set up again for that and send out the details prior.

Worship Resources position is vacant and members will take turns offering a devotional time during the meetings throughout the year. Connie has volunteered to do the May meeting.

It was discussed and decided to donate to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in the amount of \$200.00. [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance \(pcusa.org\)](http://PresbyterianDisasterAssistance(pcusa.org)). Karen will see that a check is sent.