



SUNRISE



Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Woman Shenandoah

Darlene Mason, Moderator

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June 2021

Pat Armstrong, Editor

A Moderators View

Many of our churches are now opening, some with the masks still required and others with just social distancing. Whatever is required it is a small price to be able to worship in church with like-minded people. This has been sorely missed.

The Harrisonburg Area Day of Giving was held on April 21, 2021 with Massanetta Springs Conference and Campgrounds being the recipient of \$146,435.00 for their Rekindle the Fire campaign. A much needed infusion of money since they were forced to cancel all activities in 2020.

I attended a Zoom meeting of the Mid Atlantic Synod on May 8, 2021. A new slate of officers were presented Moderator-Elect Nancy Long, Vice Moderator Catrelia Hunter, Secretary Jeanne Anderson Racial Equity Corita Floyd, Churchwide Rep Adrienne Knight, Moderator of Search Committee Michele Simmons and 2 members Janet Rakes and Alice Freeman. It was also decided that the 2020 Planning Team would stay in place for the 2022 summer Gathering Shenandoah Presbytery will be responsible for the Resource Coordinator. Please search your congregations for someone to fill this position.

I read recently that Franklin Graham was going to lead a prayer march in Washington in September, it is surely time for Christians to come together and lead our country on a higher road.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another I John 4:11 and But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases his mercies never come to an end. Lamentations 3:21-22

In Christ's Service

Darlene Mason, Moderator

MOUNT OLIVE PRESBYTERIAN SHARES

For the month of April, Mt. Olive held it's Sunrise Service on April the 4 with 47 in attendance and then their breakfast with 45 in attendance. Good food and fellowship was had by all. The children blest us with Easter songs via the bells during church services. Pat can we have at least a weeks notice on when these things are due, Sarah mails the info to you but she's not sure you get them in time. Working with her on using my computer to email you.

SHARED BY MARY HOWDYSHELL

NEWS FROM SECOND PRESBYTERIAN STAUNTON

Second Presbyterian has not met for worship since October 2020. However, we are grateful to announce that we will return to in-person worship on May 23rd, Pentecost Sunday! We will continue to stay distanced, without any singing, but rejoicing that we can once again worship in community. Live streaming of the worship services will continue for those who are unable to attend in person.

Mary Rainey, PW Moderator, shares that in spite of the pandemic, our PW have remained active, with 2 circles meeting intermittently throughout the fall of 2020 and spring of 2021. Presbyterian Women sponsored the Blanket Fund Offering in February and the congregation

supported by donating \$555.00 which was sent to Church World Service. Recently the PW at Staunton Second donated to the Valley Mission playground project which helped refresh the current play area with equipment and new mulch. They also donated to the PW Birthday Offering. Meals on Wheels continues to be supported by our PW and Sue Gochenour volunteers in assisting with the delivery of 600 meals a month! Several circle members have also volunteered to clean the flower beds. After some much needed painting, new plants and flowers will be planted this summer.

After taking a break for summer, the PW Coordinating Team will resume meeting in August 2021.

Rejoicing always,

Pam Snyder

NEWS FROM MASSANUTTEN PRESBYTERIAN

It has been a blessing having Gina Holden lead us in our pw bible studies on zoom this year. Our study on Lament has given us lot of new insights into god's word. We have also been blessed with you tube worship each Sunday and have also had several Sunday morning worships on the lawn. Wonderful seeing our church family in person. Our women will celebrate the birthday event on June 7 with a brown bag lunch in the picnic Pavillion. Doug Sensabough and Chris Hamilton will present a program on living waters for the world. Both of these men have joined in mission trips for this wonderful ministry. If any ladies would like to hear this presentation, please feel free to join us. We look forward to in person worship on June 6.

SHARED BY PAT ARMSTRONG

NAMES OF GRADUATES AT COLLIERSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THESE STUDENTS GRADUATED FROM COLLIERSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL.



L-R: Harper Knick, Lindsey Ramsey, & Braden Gualtieri

COLLIERSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN TO HOST THEIR ANNUAL CHURCH DINNER

In April the CPC Presbyterian Women and the Annual Church Dinner Steering Committee met to discuss the feasibility of holding the Annual Church Dinner on November 6, 2021, as planned following the cancellation of last year's event. After much prayer and discussion it was decided the Annual Dinner will be back with modifications as a result of the increased numbers of vaccinations, changes to the recommended health guidelines, and the decrease in the numbers of COVID-19 cases.

As of now the Annual Dinner will be a "take-out" event with meals being ordered and purchased in advance online or by phone prior to the Annual Dinner date. Patrons will have the opportunity to order meals indicating the number and type of meats requested and choice of potato.

All side dishes and a cake dessert will be included with each meal. Patrons will be asked to indicate a desired pick up time so meals will be ready.

Again this year the day will feature a Bazaar containing bread, baked goods, assorted food items, homemade soups, crafts, fresh vegetables, and seasonal decorations for sale. The Bazaar will be held on the church grounds and in the Bazaar building.

Since 1925 the Annual Church Dinner has offered the CPC family a wonderful way to extend hospitality to the community and surrounding area while providing an opportunity for the church family to fellowship and enjoy working together while serving others. The mission has not changed only the method of delivery. The Annual Church Dinner is sponsored by the Presbyterian Women but is a total church effort with CPC men, women, youth, and children working together. Proceeds from the dinner are used to fund mission projects locally and abroad. We look forward to this opportunity to witness to our faith as we serve others.

In May the PW celebrated the birthday of the PW organization by inviting the entire church family to give a monetary gift to their annual Birthday Offering. A total of \$475.00 was donated on Mother's Day to support two ministries in the United States and one in Nkhoma, Malawi designated as this year's Birthday Offering recipients.

In May the two Presbyterian Women's Circles concluded their study of P. Lynn Miller's "Into the Light-Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament." The Night Circle met in person each month for those comfortable wearing masks and social distancing. They also offered their study virtually on Facebook Live attracting participants from both Circles, the congregation, and the community. The two Circles have begun preparations for the 2021-22 Bible study year set to begin in September. There is much interest in "What My Grandmothers Taught Me" by Meryll Blair. We are looking forward to studying the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus.

On May 23, Pentecost Sunday, three members of the Rockbridge County High School Class of 2021 were honored during the 11:00 a.m.

worship service by the Presbyterian Women on their upcoming graduation from Rockbridge County High School. They will participate in graduation exercises held at Rockbridge County High School on Friday evening, June 4. The graduates were presented with the gift of a personalized English Standard Version Study Bible. Those young people included Braden Gualtieri who will be attending Bridgewater College, Harper Knick who will be a student at James Madison University, and Lindsey Ramsey who will be enrolling in the Staunton School of Cosmetology.

As we have moved into late spring the Presbyterian Women have been creative in hosting three wedding showers as a drive-by event or an outdoors celebration on the church grounds. We continue to stay connected by text feeds, email, Zoom, and Facebook Live. We are worshipping in person in the sanctuary and broadcast all services virtually. Our church will host Camp Daniel, a summer camp for children and youth, three days a week during the month of June from 8:15 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Our PW will be there to support the students and staff in a variety of ways. We are grateful for the way we have been joined or "knitted together" during this time of adversity in order to minister and witness to those in our community and beyond.

*Submitted by: Debbie McCormick,
PW Communications Coordinator*

Register Now for Our June Bible Study

INCARNATION AS ADAPTIVE CHANGE

How Jesus' Life Teaches Faithful Change

We all live in a changing world—this past year has taught us that.

Adaptive change is change that requires changes in our priorities, beliefs, habits, and loyalties.

Adaptive change is change that helps congregations thrive.

In this 5 week Bible Study, we will study events in Jesus life, and examine how they teach us adaptive change.

Wednesdays in June, noon-1 pm via Zoom
June 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30

Contact shenpres@shenpres.org to register and receive Study Guide.

This study will NOT be recorded.

Calling All PW Congregational Leaders!

Did you know that each Mission Community has a PW Coordinator who is available to assist you in your leadership roles within your congregations? You do! And your Mission Community Coordinators are the link between your congregational PW and the Presbytery PW Coordinating Team.

We'd love to know what you've been doing within your circles, or whatever form your PW fellowship, Bible Study and work takes. Feel free to contact me to get contact information for your Mission Community Coordinator, or let me know how I might assist you as you are planning another year of PW in your respective areas.

There is another great resource available to all PW. It is provided by our national Presbyterian Women, Inc. office in Louisville. This resource, PW Newsbytes, is available to all and is available online at www.presbyterianwomen.org. This fully digital newsletter was formerly called the PW Quarterly Mailing.

Lastly, this year all PW can comfortably participate in the triennial Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women online. While we will miss the community of fellowship by being together in person, this option comes at no cost and allows each of us to participate from the comfort of our homes. August 5, 2021 from 7-9 p.m. Go to www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering for more details.

Pam Snyder, Leadership Coordinator for PW in Shenandoah Presbytery

Commission on the Status of Women Goes Virtual in 2021!

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW65) returned this year after the cancellation of the event for 2020 due to COVID-19. The theme was Women in Public Life – Equal Participation in Decision-Making. The event ran from March 15-26th. While I was skeptical of how this intense event would effectively happen virtually, I was pleasantly surprised at how smoothly all went and the cost savings incurred by not traveling to New York city. It was also much less physically exhausting! An event that was projected to have approximately 8,000 participants from around the world blossomed into over 27,000 participants! Going virtual allowed many to participate who otherwise would not have been able to due to travel VISA issues, expense, physical limitations, etc. Note that both PCUSA and Presbyterian Women hold NGO status through ECOSOC.

On Friday, March 12, 2021, the PCUSA and PW Delegations met virtually for a worship and orientation session. This was led by our PCUSA staff located in NY at the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations. While I missed the precious gift of being in community together, it was wonderful to "see" many whom I have worked with throughout my 12 years as a delegate to the CSW at the UN.

One of my favorite events was our daily morning devotional. Each morning at 8 a.m. we joined by Zoom to sing, dance, praise God and worship together virtually. Yes – we danced in our living rooms, bedrooms, kitchens – wherever we were viewing! This time together was so energizing and inspirational and really set a positive note for each day. I was especially pleased to be able to participate in the Ecumenical Women's CSW65 choir. This unique opportunity taught me how to learn the music electronically, practice, then video myself and submit my alto part for each song. Our wonderful director of music at the Church Center then combined everyone's videos and presented our music during the devotionals. It worked and was beautiful! I have so missed singing with the Second Presbyterian Chancel

Choir members and playing in our sanctuary during our COVID months.

This provided a wonderful outlet for me to reconnect to the music.

Even though I was still working full-time, I was able to participate in many parallel events and side events being streamed from the United Nations and various other locations around the world. One that especially impressed me was Girls on Fire which was an excellent intergenerational panel and call to action presented by the Salvation Army. We heard from Girls International, which is a US organization specifically designed for girls in middle school and high school who are challenged with domestic violence. They shared that 1 in 5 children are exposed to intimate violence in the home and 1 in 3 high school girls are abused by their boyfriends. They encouraged us to educate ourselves, listen to the young girls and help amplify girl's voices – not speak for them. COVID has put these issues on steroids as the number of abused girls has doubled in the past year. These young girls and young women need us to advocate on their behalf. Another excellent opportunity was the event sponsored by the PCUSA – Women Leading in the Church. This diverse panel provided conversations on the progress and challenges of women in leadership in the church. I was surprised at what many women have experienced as they have moved into what was once more traditionally male roles. We were all challenged to help build up the confidence of all people who feel called to ministry especially women and women of color.

The PCUSA and PW delegates all left invigorated, educated while knowing our job is to continue to advocate for gender equality and putting an end to gender based violence. Advocacy is a form of worship. So what we call do even in the midst of a pandemic?

Wear black on Thursdays to resist rape and all forms of violence against women and girls

Write letters to local and national governments

Volunteer with grass roots organizations

Practice the ministry of presence: be present –

engage – be informed of the issues

Be an ambassador for Christ! Make room for everyone as Jesus did!

Dance! Look for/Google the song/dance video of the Masaka Kids Afrikana sharing the song Jerusalem. They taught us that difficult times require fierce dancing!

Stand in solidarity against gender-based violence.

Peace,
Pam Snyder

**It is easier to preach
ten sermons
Than it is to live one.**

**The good Lord didn't
create anything without a purpose,
But mosquitoes come
close.**

**When you get to your
wit's end,
You'll find God lives
there.**

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY 2021-2022 What My Grandmother Taught Me!

The first chapter of the Gospel of Matthew invites us into the family stories that helped shape Jesus and shape us too. The women in Jesus' family tree have backstories that are exactly the kind of story you can imagine hearing while sitting spell-bound as a grandmother reminisces about her early life. Matthew chose to mention a handful of women: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary. What can they teach us? Matthew has named these women for a reason. Their stories will lead us into the Gospel, the Good News about Jesus Christ. Having explored their stories together, we will have a richer idea about what the good news is.

Introducing the 2021–2022 PW/Horizons Bible study

About the authors

God has gently nudged author Merryl Blair in interesting directions throughout her working life (nurse, youth minister, Old Testament lecturer—perhaps not the normal career path). For 25 years she has served as senior lecturer in Old Testament at Stirling Theological College (part of the University of Divinity, Melbourne, Australia). She and her late husband, Graeme, also taught, during sabbaticals, at Northrise University, in northern Zambia.

Merryl has represented Churches of Christ in Australia on ecumenical councils at state, national, and international levels. In "retirement" she continues to present Bible studies at women's conferences. She met PW executive director, Susan Jackson Dowd, at one three years ago! Rev. Magdalena I. García, writer of the Suggestions for Leaders, is pastor of Ravenswood Presbyterian Church, in Chicago, Illinois. Formerly, she served as hospice chaplain for Vitas Healthcare. She is a graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary (M.Div., 1989) and a recipient of the 2008 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Women of Faith Award. She writes and translates for Presbyterian publications and publishes liturgies under her personal blog: justle-ros.blogspot.com. A native of Cuba, Magdalena has lived in Chicago since 1971.

Bible Study, Supplemental Materials, and Other Helps!*

Bible study editions

- English edition; item HZN21100; \$10
- Spanish edition; item HZN21110; \$10
- Spanish edition, download; item HZN21111; \$10;
- Large-print edition (spiral bound); item HZN21150; \$15
- Ecumenical edition; item HZN21102; \$10
- Audio edition, download only; item HZN21172; \$15;
- What My Grandmothers Taught Me Companion DVD; item HZN21103; \$20
- What My Grandmothers Taught Me Companion DVD, download; item HZN21104; \$20
- Workshop for Leaders; item HZN21101; free; also available as a free download
- Pendant/charm; features the cover art from the study; item HZN21300; \$10
- Promotional flier; item HZN21411; free; also available as a free download
- Promotional poster; item HZN21410; free download
- Bulletin cover—8 ½" x 11"; free download

*Note that prices do not include shipping and handling (\$6.25 minimum). International orders and orders to Puerto Rico incur additional shipping charges. Prices, availability, and ship

www.presbyterianwomen.org/?s=what+my+grandmothers+taught+me

purchase and download at
www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop

Some items may not be available till later this summer (like the audio version).

Shenandoah Presbytery Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team May 8, 2021 zoom meeting

Darlene Mason
Pam Snyder *asb.*
Ruth Williams
Paula Osborne

Connie Wood
Vickana Norton
Punker Robertson *asb.*
Pat Armstrong

Karen Stevens *asb.*
Donna Parker *asb.*
Harriet Kopp *asb.*
Joyce Anderson *asb.*

The Presbyterian Women of the Shenandoah Presbytery in the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic (PWSP) met via zoom, 10:00am on Saturday, May 8, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by moderator Darlene Mason and opened with prayer and lighting of the Christ candle. Connie shared the devotional time by reading from "Mornings with Jesus", May/June issue, Tue. May 4th based on Mark 12: 29-31, Love your neighbor as yourself, do not neglect yourself for the sake of others.

The PW pledge was recited.

February meeting minutes were approved as previously distributed at that time without corrections or comment.

Vickana Norton, Secretary report – the 2020-2021 Directory was emailed April 2nd. There are not plans to mail or automatically distribute paper copies unless requested. Please be sure to share with your churches right away. Please pass on changes or information as soon as you are aware.

Karen Stevens - Treasurers report submitted. – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance contribution?

Presbyterian Women Shenandoah Presbytery Treasurer's Report February 17, 2021 – May 8, 2021				
FUND	Balance as of 2/17/2021	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance as of
5/8/2021				
Operating Fund	\$8910.24	-0-	\$414.99	\$8495.25
Least	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Birthday Offering	-0-	\$420.00	\$420.00	-0-
Thank Offering	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Mission Pledge/CW	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Mission Pledge/Synod	-0-	\$250.00	\$250.00	-0-
Honorary Life Membership	-0-	\$95.00	\$95.00	-0-
Misc/Living Waters/Other	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Misc/Blankets	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTALS	\$8910.24	\$765.00	\$1179.99	\$8495.25
Operating Fund			Receipts	Disburse
3/9/2021	Harriet Kopp – reimbursement for stamps/envelopes			\$64.99
3/22/2021	Memorial Donation for Ann Wilkerson			\$50.00
4/5/2021	PC USA Mission			
\$100.00				
	Children's Home of the Highlands			\$100.00
	Massanutten Day of Giving			\$100.00
TOTAL			-0-	\$414.99
Least Coin			Receipts	Disburse
No activity				
TOTAL			-0-	-0-

Birthday 4/5/2021 5/7/2021 TOTAL	Berryville 2 nd Presbyterian-Staunton	Receipts \$370.00 \$50.00 \$420.00	Disburse \$370.00 \$50.00 \$420.00
Thank Offering No Activity TOTAL		Income -0-	Disburse -0-
Mission Pledge - Churchwide No Activity TOTAL		Income -0-	Disburse -0-
Mission Pledge - Synod 3/9/2021 TOTAL	Covenant	Receipts \$250.00 \$250.00	Disburse \$250.00 \$250.00
Honorary Life Membership 3/2021 TOTAL	Covenant – Gynn	Receipts \$95.00 \$95.00	Disburse \$95.00 \$95.00
Sunnyside Links No Activity TOTAL		-0-	-0-
Living Waters/Misc./Other No activity TOTAL		-0-	-0-
Blankets No activity TOTAL		-0-	-0-

Connie Wood – Vice Moderator report

Her church is meeting for worship and Sunday school indoors in the sanctuary. Ivanhoe is a small group that has room to space out. Waiting on word of any planning for a fall Big Event.

Harriet Kopp – Historian report

The report submitted to the Synod for the Shenandoah Presbytery was shared with CT. Let Harriet know if you had any questions and please offer prayer for her, her Dad and sibling as caregivers.

Pam Snyder - Horizons

Horizons Representative Report

May 2021

March/April Horizons:

This edition of the PW Horizons magazine focuses on Health and wholeness and include the following articles:

Susan Jackson Dowd, Executive Director of Presbyterian Women, Inc. has shared a very informative article title **Redefining Normal: A Brief History of Presbyterian Women Navigating Change**. This article offers a look at Presbyterian Women's history and the many instances in which PW (individually and collectively) challenged assumptions about what was normal, to the benefit of the church and the world.

2020 Honorary Life Membership Recipients. What a wonderful listing of wonderful women to celebrate! As a reminder, the funds received for the Honorary Life Memberships fund leadership development grants that provide women with opportunities to attend PW's triennial Churchwide Gathering, trainings, and special events such as the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and more.

Installation Service for Presbyterian Women Leaders: Vilmarie Cintron-Olivieri, is an educator and served as co-moderator of the 223rd General Assembly (2018). She is an active Presbyterian Woman. This installation is available for you to use for installing PW leaders in your congregation and in our Presbytery.

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

Building Inclusive Community, Cameras On, Relationships Growing is shared by Micah Rose Emerson in this new Horizons department. This article speaks to one of the commitments in the PW Purpose – to build an inclusive, caring community.

Antiracism Training through PCUSA: The Office of Gender, Racial & Intercultural Justice will offer virtual anti-racism training session in 2021. Rev. Denise Anderson and Rev. Shanea D. Leonard will lead training sessions in July and September. These two-hour sessions are designed for beginning and intermediate learners. Learn more at www.presbyterianmission.org/story/pcusa-offering-three-virtual-anti-racism-training-session-in-2021.

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 this March/April 2021 issue of *Horizons*.

Pam Snyder
Horizons Representative

Celebration Giving Representative Report May 2021

PW's Annual Fund at work!

Every Presbyterian Women mission and ministry grows from the fertile soil of PW's Annual Fund. The soil holds the PW network – a system of roots stretching deep and wide – and is enriched with the faith, hope, commitment and financial support of PW groups and individuals.

Presbyterian Women nurture our churches and communities by graciously sharing our resources, including time and effort. We build up the church and PW through our generosity and presence. Our ministries involve meeting immediate needs and advocating for long-term change.

Our church, our world and our organization depend on a strong and vibrant PW (the organization and the women who are PW.)

Learn more about the many ministries seeded and lives changed by Presbyterian Women, including the Bible study!. Visit www.presbyterianwomen.org to learn more. You are encouraged to continue to support the PW Annual Fund through your circle, congregation and Presbytery. You can give online at www.presbyterainwomen.org/give or by mail:

Presbyterian Women, Inc.
PO Box 643662
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3635

Be sure to include your name and contact information and note that your donation is for the “Annual Fund.”

Another great opportunity to support PW is through the *PW Gives Day* on July 31st. Look for additional information on the PW website.

Pam Snyder
Celebration Giving Representative

Ruth Williams– Justice & Peace

One big issue in Justice and Peace is violence against women particularly during the Covid crisis. There are rising reports of violence against women, particularly domestic violence. Reporting has been a challenge since the abused women have been quarantined with the abuser. Horizons has listed 8 books to help understand these dynamics. If you would like to have the titles, give me a call and I can send you the titles. They are in the Horizons magazine.

National Day of Prayer was this past week on the 6th.

May events - 9th Mother's Day

23rd Pentecost - designating 50 days after Easter when the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles, causing them to speak in tongues. It is also considered the birthday of the church.

25th of each month - Day to wear Orange taking a stand on ending violence against women and girls. Do this every 25th of the month.

20th - June Summer begins – first full day is the 21st.

New publishing schedule for Horizons. 5 publications instead of 6 - Jan Feb - Mar Apr- Summer- Sept Oct-Nov Dec.

Summer Gathering in August has been canceled for an in-person Gathering but there will be an On Line program and a worship service. Voting representatives will vote on leaders, business and budget for the national organization. Moderators are being contacted with schedules.

Together in service – Punker, Hi everyone! I regret that I won't be able to Zoom tomorrow either! Family on their way for the weekend.

The only report that I have is that the "Helping Hands Produce Stand" celebrated our 1year anniversary with only one Friday off due to ice! We have served about 20 families each week during this COVID time. This ministry has blessed us as much as we hope it has blessed others!

*Blessings and Love to all,
Punker*

Sunrise Editor – Pat Armstrong

THANKS TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO **SUNRISE**. IT IS STILL A CHALLENGE TO GET PW TO SEND IN REPORTS ABOUT ACTIVITIES IN THEIR CHURCHES. IF ANYONE HAS IDEAS ABOUT HOW TO GET MORE PARTICIPATION, PLEASE EMAIL SUNRISE EDITOR PAT ARMSTRONG AT ARMSTRONG.RICHPAT@GMAIL.COM IDEAS INCLUDE ACTIVITIES IN YOUR CHURCH, ARTICLES FROM PW SHARING THEIR EXPERIENCES AND TELL ABOUT WHAT PW AND CHURCH WORK HAS MEANT TO THEM, POEMS, HISTORY OF THEIR CHURCHES, ETC. THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS WE CAN SHARE. YOU CAN START SENDING IN REPORTS FOR JUNE 1 SUNRISE. BLESSINGS AND LOVE TO ALL.

**Pam Snyder - Leadership Coordinator Report for the Mission Community Coordinators
Leadership Coordinator Report May 2021**

As a reminder, 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:

Continue to connect with the congregational PW moderators

This can be a simple phone call to touch base or send a card or post card reminding them that you are a resource. This is especially important since many congregations have not held in-person PW and circle meetings during the pandemic.

Share information about the current PW Bible Study, *Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament*, and new 2021-2022 Bible Study, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus* by Merryl Blair.

Share what some other PW groups are doing: When you talk with PW moderators, ask them what they have been doing these past months and share with others. Everyone is looking for a way to provide mission and ministry in their congregations and communities!

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!

2021 PW Churchwide Gathering Update! The triennial Business Meeting will be held online August 4 and 5, 2021. During these sessions, PW, Inc. voting representatives will vote on leaders, business and a budget for the national organization.

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

PW Newsbytes: This resource is available to all PW. It was formerly called the PW Quarterly Mailing, and contains "news you can use" from PW Churchwide. This fully digital newsletter is available for printing for those you prefer paper vs. online reading. Share this resource with your congregation PW leaders!

Commission on the Status of Women:

Once again, I was selected as a PW delegate to the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations. This is an excellent opportunity for PW to participate on a global level to advocate for gender equity and to address all forms of violence against women and girls. This event was cancelled in 2020 but was held virtually this year. The 2021 theme was *Women in Public Life: Equal Participation in Decision-Making* and was held March 15-26, 2021. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet as women of faith as PW in the PCUSA, to worship with women globally, to participate in a variety of parallel events and side events provided through many advocacy groups and the United Nations. Over 25,000 were able to participate in this virtual event, compared to approximately 8,000 that would have attended in person. As one new delegate shared, "attending CSW is like trying to drink water from a fire hose!" There are events going on all day and into the night and it is sometimes difficult to choose to participate due to so many available opportunities and the brain's ability to absorb it all. Please read the article submitted for the next PW Sunrise newsletter!

As always, 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.

Blessings and peace to all,
Pam Snyder, Leadership Coordinator

No report: Mountain and Central Valley - Donna Parker, Pam - Highland E3 or Karen - Maury River

Potomac Highlands Quarterly report

Paula Osborne – Eastern Panhandle and Potomac Highlands

Bloomery Presbyterian Church

New phone # for the church 304 856-3814

Contact person: David Omps CRE Minister

New contact person: Hannah White, 304 496-8141

Address Route 127

Bloomery, WV 26817

Started in service worship service on April 11, 2021. Following Covid 19 restrictions.

Their worship services are recorded for YouTube and their FB page each week.

Franklin Presbyterian Church

New Contact person: Kimberly Cline 304 358-7693

The church is worshipping every other Sunday.

Petersburg Presbyterian Church

Worship is in service with Covid 19 restrictions. There is a women's Bible Study group using the Horizons Study book. This year they just started meeting 2 months ago because of Covid 19.

Romney Presbyterian Church

The church is having in service worship. Sunday School starts this week, May 2, 2021. Town Church services are recorded every week on zoom. Here a wonderful connection was made again with someone known back years ago in Charleston.

Every Tuesday there is a zoom Bible Study and on Wednesday evenings, there is a book study, Dynamics of Faith, by Paul Tillich. Fridays you are invited to have coffee with the new minister, Rob Vaughan, via zoom.

Seneca Presbyterian Church

I talked with Joy Harper who is 100 years old! She was a joy to talk to! She says the church is meeting for worship. They had Easter Sunday service and Good Friday service. They did not have a Sunrise service, however, for the Good Friday service they met for pizza with the Circleville Presbyterian Church, where the pastor also serves.

Also staying in touch with the Eastern Panhandle churches. They all seem to be doing the best they can and offering virtual bible studies and activities.

Moderators Report

May 8, 2021

There have been a few changes since our February meeting, our world and our country and our home towns have become vaccinated and a little safer to move about.

Bethany Pres. PW has resumed their Circle bible study and they graciously have invited me to participate. And also, the Y has resumed their Bible Study of which I attend. Heretofore I have only attended Church which except for two weeks in November has been open since last June.

As most of you if not all were aware of the Great Community Give conducted in Harrisonburg on April 21, 2021. Masanetta was the recipient of \$146,435. Which will go a long way on the reopening, although on a limited schedule but with added expenses due to the safety precautions required.

I will be attending a Zoom Mid Atlantic Synod meeting later today.

Nancy Meehan Yao has volunteered to conduct a Bible Study for any group that would like her. Contact her at the Presbytery Office. 540.433.6830 ext. 102 e-mail assocgp@shenpres.org

In Christ's Service
Darlene Mason, Moderator

Old BUSINESS:

Worship Resources position is still currently vacant and Paula will do our August meeting, Donna the November meeting and Punker the February meeting.

SEARCH COMMITTEE Does NEED PEOPLE

Brought forward from last meeting – 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:

August meeting: tentative plans for an in person meeting. Will know by June if we can use Sunnyside. Ruth will check and keep us informed if we can use the room.

Darlene closed the meeting at 10:48am and Connie Wood offered us a closing prayer.

Submitted May 15, 2021

Vickana Norton – Secretary

