



Spiritweaving

From the Moderator

Greetings to my Sisters and Brothers in the Name of Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior:

We had our Spring Gathering on April 14 at First United Presbyterian Church in Nampa. How wonderful it was to hear and see Nampa Moderator Lorraine Diehl's story of her time in Vietnam, a different Vietnam than we had ever seen before. Hearing Barbara Clark from Pendleton talk of Syria/Lebanon, India and Madagascar reminded us again that there are Christians around the world trying to bring peace, clean water, and education to those who are living in war zones, with no wells, and with no schools. We must support them with our dollars and with our prayers!

Many of us in the Presbytery are preparing to attend the 2018 PW Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, Kentucky August 2 - 5. There are 67 registered from the Synod of the Pacific, so we should have a good luncheon seeing so many of our friends there. I wish you God's traveling mercies and hope to see you there.

What are we reading this summer? I have been listening to The Great Emergence by Phyllis Tickle, read by Pam Ward. It is also available in hardback and paperback. Tickle gives an integrated summary of church history in the 1st 3 CDs. In the 4th CD she deals with "what does all this mean for the Church today?" An easy read for any of you interested in delving into the whys and wherefores of what is happening today within the Church.

Jodi Picoult's Small Great Things pits racial discrimination against white supremacism which makes for difficult but necessary reading. At the May Synod of the Pacific meeting at the Riverside Hotel in Boise, Waking Up White by Debby Irving was given to each attendee to read and discuss at the October synod meeting. The quote at the beginning of the book is from James Baldwin: "If I love you, I have to make you conscious of the things you don't see." There is a study guide for Waking Up

White @ pcusa waking up white, page 81 of Reports and study guides. There are guides in English, Korean and Spanish.

I continue to give great thanks for the committed and involved women in the Presbytery of Boise who work for justice and peace in their lives and in their groups. The current officers on the Boise Presbytery PW coordinating team are: **Moderator**, Jacquelyn Benjamin, jacquelyn.benjamin@gmail.com; **Vice Moderator**, Patricia Thompson, lepith@gmail.com; **Secretary**, Marilyn Lolley, rafter-ho@ruralnetwork.net; **Treasurer**, Katharyn Mattson, katharyn-mattson@msn.com; **Search Moderator**, Carol Collins, ccollins2@frontiernet.net; **Spiritual Growth Leader**, Jody Goode, faith-poet@gmail.com; **Justice and Peace**, Priscilla Oja, pojaidaho@aol.com; **Horizons**, Sharon Lamm, and **Newsletter**, Joya Hill, joyahill@gmail.com.

There will be a Coordinating Team meeting at Emmett FPC before the Fall Gathering which will be at the Southminster Church on October 6, 2018.

In Christ's Love, Jacquelyn Benjamin, Moderator



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From the Treasurer

Treasurer for Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery notes—

It's time to think about a new PWP/Boise treasurer. I have been serving for 6 years. I will help anyone who is willing to volunteer!

Thanks to every PW treasurer for trying to get your checks to me on time. Now it is time for the Birthday Offering. Those offerings need to be sent to Churchwide by mid June and to me a couple weeks before so I have time to do the book work. Remember that the Thank Offering which occurs in the Fall needs to be collected and sent to me by the end of November.

At the same time, remember that it will be time when you have your first Fall

Gatherings to consider your 2019 pledge. Thinking early will make it easier to get your pledge sheets turned in by the first of December.

I have another reminder— for safety, please remember not to write "treasurer" on your envelope addresses to me. This is a signal to whomever that there is money in the envelope.

Have a happy and fun summer! Kathy Mattson, PWP/Boise Treasurer.

Southminster

Winter and spring have been fun and busy for Southminster Presbyterian Women of Boise. December found us delivering trays and trays of Holiday cookies to the faculty and staff at our neighborhood grade school

We've had a variety of interesting programs from how to build fairy/gnome gardens; Astegos, a new mission for homeless children and mothers in the Boise area; what the Red Cross is currently doing; the AVID program for first generation college-bound students at Borah High; to a wonderful quilt show featuring our members' treasures and a program and beautiful dis-

plays from the ladies of Boise First Presbyterian on the quilts they make for area refugees, children, veterans and others. It was a special day.

Our Hopefully Yours Indoor Yard Sale was much hard work from our members and many others in our congregation and it was a huge success! Phyllis Sanderson and Lindy Reagan are leaders for this sale.

We're excited to hear about the adventures of our four ladies who are going to Church Wide Gathering. They will tell us of their experiences at our Women's Sunday on August 19. Sara Nevill will be in charge of the service and our dele-

gates are Kathryn Nicholas, Carla Middleton, Gloria Levis and Evelyn Cates.

Thirteen of us attended the Spring Gathering in Nampa and so enjoyed the great program. We're looking forward to having you all to Boise on October 6 for PWPB Fall Gathering we'll be co-hosting with Bethany. Mary Davis from Pendleton will tell us of her experiences on the PW 2017 Global Exchange to Indonesia. So hope you can all come!

Best wishes,
Carolyn Warner
Moderator

Justice and Peace, June 2018

For most of us in the Boise Presbytery we have grown up with "white privilege" so it may be difficult for us to comprehend the dangers, barriers and prejudice others face. If one looks back in history it is the women who brought attention to educational, medical, and social injustices in our world. As Presbyterian Women there are opportunities for us to choose a topic that is important to oneself, our Circle, or our PW congregation. Below are a myriad of links to expand ones knowledge. Start by going to <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org> There find the title What We Do, in the drop down click on Work for Justice and Peace. From there select a topic to explore further and then help yourself and others to accomplish some action.

We are called to share God's love with the world, by being God's hands in the world. We answer God's call to "do justice, love kindness and walk

humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8). Presbyterian Women in the Congregation, Presbytery and Synod groups respond to local or regional justice and peace needs. Our work can be action, advocacy or awareness-building—or a mixture depending on the gifts of our groups. In addition to local and regional emphases, Presbyterian Women Church-wide suggests addressing the injustices of

- [Mass incarceration](#)
 - [Poverty](#)
 - [Racism](#)
 - [Human trafficking](#)
 - [Violence](#)
- And promoting
- Quality [education](#)
 - Informed advocacy through
 - [The United Nations Commission on the Status of Women \(CSW\)](#) and
 - [Ecumenical Advocacy Days \(EAD\)](#)

The [2018 Justice and Peace Calendar](#) outlines dates and areas of emphasis to guide your advocacy throughout the year. The newly re-

vived [Justice & Peace Links](#) is another way to stay informed on key issues. Sign up for the [Justice & Peace Links](#) newsletter by contacting [Yvonne Hileman](#). **Together in Action Days** While Presbyterian Women works for justice and peace on many issues in many ways, Together in Action days are opportunities for Presbyterian Women across the country to address two specific justice issues in their local contexts. Learn more about

- Together in Action against [human trafficking](#) (January) and
 - Together in Action for children's [education](#) (May)
- Presbyterian Women supports the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s work in the areas of [advocacy and social justice, education, hunger and poverty, immigration, gender and racial justice and environmental ministries](#).

Most of the above information is from the PCUSA PW website. Submitted by Priscilla Oja

News from Weiser

The PW of Church of the Redeemer news. Our ladies have sponsored our annual stone soup lunch in January following our congregational annual meeting, plus preparing an Easter breakfast and a just because May potluck. Our own Jody Goode is participating in the Seminary Without Walls classes. The ladies' Bi-

ble study now includes the men in our monthly Bible study. We welcome them with open arms.
Pat Thompson, moderator



Presbyterian women stay connected!



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Information came from the May Pilgrimage Newsletter

2018 Fall Gathering



2018 PW Fall Gathering
October 6, 2018 at
Southminster.

The speaker will be Mary Lemm Davis who went to Indonesia on the Global Exchange. She is from First Presbyterian in Pendleton, Oregon.

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2018 Churchwide Gathering



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The Presbyterian Women Logo

In July 1988, voting delegates to the organizing meeting of Presbyterian Women adopted the organization's original logo, designed by Sarah Abbot of the Synod of the Covenant. Updated in 1999, the logo continues to serve Presbyterian Women as it illustrates PW's Purpose.

A Logo with Purpose

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, Forgiven and freed by grace through faith, the central figure stands in praise.

and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves: Rooted in faith, the trio of women emerges. The outline of the central figure forms a cross. We are Presbyterian women engrafted in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is no longer we who live, but Christ who lives in us.

to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, The right figure holds a book to guide her reading, studying, praying or meditating.

to support the mission of the church worldwide, The left figure reaches out to care for others as she shares, nurtures and heals. The circle represents the church worldwide where women offer their gifts and talents in the midst of the global community.

to work for justice and peace, The uplifted arms of the central figure reach out to embrace a just peace. The relationship between the three figures depicts lives of wholeness rather than turmoil.

and to build an inclusive, caring, community of women The three women have no distinct features. They represent all women. The shapes surrounding them express energy, strength and openness.

that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Our name, Presbyterian Women, ties us to our denomination. The Bible resembles the Bible depicted in the PC(USA) Seal.

and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom. Guided by the Purpose, Presbyterian Women witnesses to the reality of God's present realm.

