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## **Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of South Dakota**

***August 2017***

**Moderator Musings**

by Trudi Nelson, PWP Moderator

### ***Faithful Women Fall Retreat – September 23-24, 2017***

Don't miss this awesome event at Joy Ranch (near Watertown). Pastor Pat Hammond, First Presbyterian Church, Sioux Falls, will lead the retreat again this year. A registration form is in this ***Prairie Wind***.

We are so excited to make changes that were recommended from the last retreat...same location.../ move to Saturday and Sunday.../walk on a tour of the facility.../make use of the beautiful church.../ take nature walks.../relax by the many fireplaces, etc. All happens with song and prayer, meditation, Bible verses, etc. Other activities to inspire you...! Come and see!

The registration form is in this ***Prairie Wind***. Please return to me by **September 12<sup>th</sup>**. Scholarships are available. Let's fill the place where the Old West meets the New West!

### ***Presbyterian Women Mission Pledge for 2018***

In September I will send information to every PW in the Congregation regarding the PW Mission Pledge for 2018. PW could not stay alive nor function so vibrantly, if not for each and every PW. Thank you so much for your contributions to Presbyterian Women on all levels: Presbytery, Synod, and Churchwide.

### **Other PW Happenings**

#### ***PWP Spring Gathering – Miller - 2018***

Mark your calendars for the PW Presbytery Spring Gathering in April at the First Presbyterian Church in Miller. Rev. Janice Palmer will lead the worship service with Communion. The theme: ***REFLECTING ON LIGHT.***

#### ***2018 CHURCHWIDE GATHERING- AUGUST 2-15, 2018***

***Arise, shine, your light has come!*** The Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky. More info available.

## *Looking Ahead:*

**September 12-29, 2017:** Global Exchange to Indonesia

**September 23-24, 2017:** PWP Faithful Women Fall Retreat at Joy Ranch near Watertown, SD

**October 28, 2017:** PWPCT meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Huron

**October-November, 2017:** Women of the Reformation tour

**January 15, 2018:** Registration opens for Churchwide Gathering

**April 28, 2018:** PWP Spring Gathering at First Presbyterian Church in Miller

**August 2-5, 2018:** PW Churchwide Gathering at Galt House Hotel in Louisville, KY. Registration cost is \$425. Room rate is \$149 per room.

**June 20-21, 2019:** PW Synod Gathering at Gateway Hotel and Conference Center, Ames, IA

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## **On Retreat with God**

Submitted by Bonnie Wirt, Spiritual Growth

Let's gather in a quiet place "on retreat with God." The Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery have scheduled a Faithful Women Fall Retreat at Joy Ranch (near Watertown) from Saturday, September 23 at 1:00 PM to Sunday, September 24 at approximately 2:00 PM. Rev. Pat Hammond will be our spiritual leader.

We've had a summer filled with visits with relatives and friends near and far; our gardening and grass-cutting never ends; the fairs are just around the corner; and before long it's back to school. Our summer has provided a change, but not necessarily much rest

As one season winds down and another soon begins, we have this great opportunity for respite from life's "busy-ness". As Jesus invited His disciples, "Come with me ... to a quiet place and get some rest" (Mark 6:31).

As we go "on retreat with God" at Joy Ranch we can look forward to some quiet time for reflection. We also can expect Rev. Hammond to lead us through experiences for the purpose of listening for God's voice and allowing us to examine our personal faith.

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### **YOU SAY**

It's impossible

I'm too tired

I can't go on

I can't figure things out

I can't do it

I can't manage

I'm afraid

I'm always worried and frustrated

I feel all alone

### **GOD SAYS**

All things are possible

I will give you rest

My grace is sufficient

I will direct your steps

You can do all things

I will supply all your needs

I have not given you a spirit of fear

Cast all your cares on me

I will never leave you

### **BIBLE VERSES**

Luke 18:27

Matthew 11:28-30

II Corinthians 12:9

Proverbs 3:5-6

Philippians 4:30

Philippians 4:19

II Timothy 1:7

I Peter 5:7

Hebrews 13:5

(from Maggie Fink in July-August 2006 *Good News at Renner Lutheran Church*)

# Faithful Women Fall Retreat

**Where:** Joy Ranch (just outside of Watertown)  
**When:** Overnight on Saturday to Sunday, September 23-24, 2017  
**Begin:** 1:00 p.m. Saturday and **End:** 2:00 p.m. Sunday (Approx.)  
**What:** "On Retreat with God"  
**Who:** Leader is Rev. Pat Hammond  
**Cost:** \$145.00.....If you room by yourself, **less** if you have a roommate(s); **plus three meals.**  
Divide \$115 for the room by the number of roommates: \$57.50 each for two in a room, etc.

**Joy Ranch** is a retreat center located on a quiet lake on the rolling prairie hills outside Watertown, SD. The entire facility is barrier-free. It's an 1880's prairie town designed with 'old west' facades and high comfort facilities. Besides conference rooms and sitting rooms, it has a beautiful country church.

**There are 16 themed bedrooms, each with two queen beds, and private baths.** It has its own private chef. Have coffee by the fireplace or on the deck, drink a root beer in The Thirsty Boot, go for a nature hike by the lake, or see the horses and other animals. All this, as we retreat with God.

**Rev. Pat Hammond** is a lifelong Presbyterian who served the Church as an ordained Ruling Elder for 28 years before discerning her call to seminary. Pat graduated from Dubuque Theological Seminary in May 2012 and was ordained as a Teaching Elder in the PCUSA in August 2013. She serves as Associate Pastor for Congregational Care at First Presbyterian Church, Sioux Falls.

Ten \$30.00 scholarships are available. Send a \$30.00 deposit to reserve your spot. Contact Trudi.  
**Fill out and return to Trudi. More information will come after the reservation.**

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# Synod School

Submitted by Judy Rops

Synod School was held the last week of July in Storm Lake, Iowa, at Beuna Vista University. What a joy to worship, sing, play, and learn with over 700 Presbyterians. 150 of the attendees were babies, children and teens. **Let Justice Flow** was the theme of the event with the Reverend J Herbert Nelson, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (USA), leading convocation each morning.

There were many classes and it was difficult to decide which classes to take. I taught an afternoon class each day on the subject of *Palestine: the Good, the Bad, the Ugly*.

One of the classes I took was called, *Moving the Conversation on White Privilege Forward*. One of our discussions was to consider why we use the words “black” and “brown” to describe dirty, dying people in sin without God, contrasted with “white” to describe people who have been washed clean and forgiven.

Do you remember “*The Wordless Book*,” a simple tool for presenting the Gospel to kids who couldn’t read. With just five colors—one for each finger on your hand—you could memorize the whole Gospel story. **Black** was for sin, **Red** for Christ’s blood shed on the cross, **White** for our hearts washed clean, **Gold** for our home in Heaven, and **Green** for the new life God creates in us.

Now, no one aims to send a message promoting racism while teaching the Gospel. We don’t mean to imply that people with white skin are God’s chosen, forgiven, beloved people while those with dark, black, or brown skin are icons for death, sin and evil.

The metaphors of darkness and light, dirty and clean, are powerful ways to express what God’s redemptive work does in our lives, neighborhoods, and world. God makes all things new, washing us clean, bringing light where there was none.

So, can we do a better job at watching our language?

Let us consider how we might express this Good News and make sure that everyone can hear this basic, world-changing fact: Jesus loves the little children, ALL the children of the world.

These are some thoughts from Catherine McNiel, author of *Long Days of Small Things: Motherhood as a Spiritual Discipline*.

One of the benefits of Synod School is to exercise our mind to think “outside the box” or “outside of our comfort range.” This class made me do this.

## Help our Treasurer

Please send a **Presbyterian Women in the Congregation Remittance Form** with each payment sent to Lois, our PWP treasurer. It makes her bookkeeping job a bit easier.

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## Justice and Peace Calendar

### August

6 Hiroshima Day  
19 World Humanitarian Day  
25 Orange Day  
27 Public Education Sunday  
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### September

2–4 Labor Day Weekend in the Pulpit  
4 Labor Day  
21 International Day of Peace  
21–27 Global Week of Action Against Gun Violence  
23 Native American Day  
25 Orange Day

### October

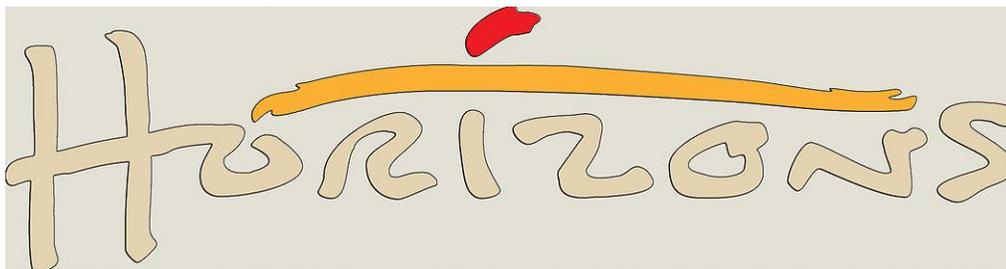
Domestic Violence Awareness Month  
2 World Communion Sunday  
8 Domestic Violence Awareness Sunday  
11 International Day of the Girl Child  
16 World Food Day  
25 Orange Day  
22 Children’s Sabbath; Educate a Child  
24 United Nations Day

For a complete calendar, including links to resources, see [www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice)

# Horizons

Corner with Diane Helin

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The author's prayer for us is that study groups and circles develop an understanding of the book of Hebrews and a stronger sense of community through this study. *Horizons* subscribers received their copy with the March/April magazine. Remember that that is the most cost-effective way to receive the Bible study – with a subscription to *Horizons*!

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Equipping the saints for life today—and tomorrow—can include sharing and enjoying resources that, although not brand new, can bring the good news to others and ourselves! That's why Presbyterian Women is offering the following resources to you at discounted prices (some are free; just pay shipping). You can share with a new immigrant church group, a prison ministry, a new circle—and order one (or two) for you and your circle, too! Your participation in this sale will help your PW ministry in lots of ways, including the opportunity to share amazing resources with others, freeing up space in the PDS warehouse, and helping your PW ministry as well. If you have a story to tell about how you choose to share or use your resources, please contact Sharon Dunne-Gillies at [sharon.gillies@pcusa.org](mailto:sharon.gillies@pcusa.org). Please note that many of these resources are available in very (very!) limited quantities. Order accordingly!

Sharing “yesterday’s” resources for a new today!  
**Hurry! This sale ends September 1, 2017.**

## Horizons Bible Studies (in alphabetical order)

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		WAS	NOW
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HZN13172	Audio CD	\$15.00	\$7.50



### *Above and Beyond: Hearing God's Call in Jonah and Ruth* by Carol Bechtel (2007–2008)

Not just a “fish tale” or a “Cinderella story,” these biblical books offer us insight into what it means for each of us to hear and heed God’s call.

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HZN07172	Audio CD	\$15.00	\$7.50
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- Print subscribers to the magazine receive the digital edition of the magazine free and the annual Bible study in print.
- Digital-only subscribers pay just \$15 but do not receive the Bible study.

## ***Walking with Jesus – Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery Spring Gathering***

Submitted to *Plain Song* by Linda Barnett, *Prairie Wind* editor

Presbyterian Women held their Presbytery Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 29, at the Kimball Protestant Parish. It was a day of fellowship, worship, information, food, and fun as approximately 30 women came together to put faith into action. The women of Kimball Protestant Parish provided a light breakfast, a salad lunch, and a snack for the road. All appreciated the home made items and enjoyed fellowship around the tables.

Since mission is dominant for PW some tables were filled with information about mission projects PWs around the presbytery are involved with. There were a number of quilts made by the women of Kimball Protestant Parish. They began making quilts in 1982 and have made 2,697 quilts to date. In 2010 they made 211 quilts. These quilts go to Lutheran World Relief; Pine Ridge and Standing Rock reservations; Ronald McDonald House; Chamberlain Crisis Center; Lutheran Outdoors; Tornado/fire victims and others in need; Chamberlain Academy; and Kimball High School graduates. In 2008 twenty quilts were sent to Rim Rock Presbyterian Camp. Another twenty-five were sent to Tree of Life Women's Shelter (Native American).

Other displays were from:

***Toys for God's Kids*** Duane Strand of Platte makes wooden toys for children. The mission statement reads: *To provide handmade, sturdy, attractive wooden toys, Free to God's children everywhere.*

Many are involved in creation and disbursement of these toys. More information available at [www.toysforgodskids.org](http://www.toysforgodskids.org)

***Days for Girls*** Because every girl and woman has inherent worth and dignity *Days for Girls* provides sustainable feminine hygiene solutions and health education. These solutions are made by women in our presbytery. Susan Sybesma of Platte is a team leader for this mission. More information available at [www.daysforgirls.org](http://www.daysforgirls.org)

***Teddy Bears Prayer Ministry*** Handmade Teddy Bears to be given to children in need of comfort.

***Presbyterian Disaster Assistance*** Both the emergency kits PWs put together for PDA and the Disaster Preparedness Training provided by PW in conjunction with PDA.

***In His Steps: Pathways of Peace*** Our focus mission for the gathering. *Mara li' Mara / Woman to Woman* – a breast cancer project in Palestine. Judy Rops, nurse, breast cancer survivor, and active member of PW spoke to the group about this mission (IHS). She went to Palestine as a volunteer to help educate women about breast cancer. Her presentation gave us a better understanding of Palestine and specifically how much need there is for education about breast cancer. Breast cancer, the most common cancer among Palestinian women, is an urgent public health problem. IHS project will develop within the local health care system, a culturally sensitive program to provide quality medical services for early breast cancer detection, diagnosis and treatment (within Palestine) for the most marginalized. This mission is of sufficient merit that it received a \$50,000 grant from the 2017 Thank Offering of the Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Inc.

After lunch there was a business meeting; installation of new officers; and Pastor Lori Robinson graciously led the worship service and served communion to all in attendance.

The next meeting of Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery will be the *Faithful Women Fall Retreat* on September 23-24, 2017, at Joy Ranch near Watertown. All women of the Presbytery of South Dakota are invited to attend.

# A Look at PWP Spring Gathering



Judy Rops speaking about  
In His Steps



Kimball Ladies in kitchen



Quilts made by Kimball women



Table Decorations

Teddy Bear Prayer Ministry  
and Toys for God's Kids

Mission Projects on Display



Days for Girls – feminine hygiene





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## Reflecting on Light – 2018 Churchwide Gathering

This month's reflection is from Doreen Der-McLeod, chair of the program team for the Churchwide Gathering

### Recognizing the Divine Spark

If you have practiced meditation or yoga, you may be familiar with the phrase “namaste.” It is a greeting, commonly used in India, when one greets a friend or a stranger. But it is more than a friendly “hello.” It literally means “I bow to you,” and signifies one soul acknowledging another soul. It is an acknowledgement of the divine spark within the other person.

As we consider the many ways that light appears in the Bible, we see that it often illuminates, enhances or brings hope. Acknowledging the divine spark, the light, in others helps us remember that we are all God’s children.

In his ministry, Jesus interacted with many who were considered unworthy of his attention—Nicodemus, the tax collector, the Samaritan women and, in general, outcasts and sinners of many kinds. Could it be that Jesus saw the “spark of the divine” within each of these people more than he saw their unworthiness or uncleanness?

Light comes in degrees of illumination—bulbs, for example, range from a dim 15 watts to a bright 100 watts. When light is bright, it is easier to see, but when the light is dim or only a spark, it is easy to miss. If we do not tend the spark, it might very well extinguish itself. When we recognize the spark of God in others, we blow on it with our attention, concern and love. In so doing, we nourish it and allow that spark to glow and grow.

We live in times of great polarization, when it can be difficult to recognize the “spark of the divine” in those with whom we disagree. May we look for the “spark of the divine” in all whom we encounter.

### Partners for Just Trade “Fair Trade Artisan Boxes”

Christmas in July? Purchasing fair trade products at any time of the year is fun and provides for artisans around the world. Partners for Just Trade (PJT), begun by the Presbyterian Hunger Program, continues its ministry of building partnerships between producers living in extreme poverty and consumers in North America. Presbyterian women—through purchases, grants, and offering local consignment sales (partnership boxes)—have been vital to the mission of PJT. Now, for the first time, PJT is offering their new, prepaid “Fair Trade Artisan Box.” These boxes allow you to purchase high-quality handmade fair trade products at a deep discount, then resell them at their suggested retail price. (All items come tagged with the retail prices.) You can sell them at Sunday coffee hour, women’s gatherings, meetings, or to friends and family for the retail price. You keep the difference to use in your fundraising or mission efforts while supporting and promoting Fair Trade principles and PJT’s artisan partners. These boxes have a retail value of more than \$300 but are available for just \$175 (and free shipping). They come with a bonus—a Bible study and companion DVD that teach the principles and importance of supporting Fair Trade. For more info or to purchase a box, contact Partners for Just Trade at 314.707.2831, email [sales@partnersforjusttrade.org](mailto:sales@partnersforjusttrade.org), or visit [partnersforjusttrade.org/artisanbox](http://partnersforjusttrade.org/artisanbox).

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