



Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of South Dakota

March 2017

Moderator Musings

by Trudi Nelson, PWP Moderator

PW Presbytery Spring Gathering – *Walking with Jesus*

Plan now to attend the PWP Spring Gathering on **Saturday, April 29, 2017**, at the Kimball Protestant Parish. Registration begins at 8:30 and the gathering at 9:30 a.m. The cost of registration is \$15.00.

Bring your Special Offerings: Birthday, Least Coin and Cents-Ability (Hunger) and your Necrology list.

In the morning Judy Rops, registered nurse and breast cancer survivor, will be the mission speaker. She traveled to Palestine in April, 2016. She will present her insights of Palestinians living under oppression. She is involved with *In His Steps: Pathways of Peace*.

Mission displays can be set up the night before (Friday) from 7:00-9:00 at the Kimball Protestant Parish. One of the displays will be quilts made by the women of the Kimball Protestant Parish. Women of the Kimball Protestant Parish began making quilts in 1982 and made eight quilts. Through 2016 a total of **2,697 quilts** were made. The biggest year was 2010 with a total of 211 quilts.

Where do the quilts go? Mission is a priority. They are sent to: Lutheran World Relief; Indian Reservations (Pine Ridge and Standing Rock); Ronald McDonald House; Chamberlain Crisis Center; Lutheran Outdoors; Chamberlain Academy; plus the Kimball High School graduates; Tornado/fire victims and others in need; etc.

In 2008 twenty quilts were sent to the Rim Rock Presbyterian Camp. Another time twenty-five were sent to Tree of Life Women's Shelter (Native American). Sheryn Eckstrum is chairperson of the quilt project.

In the *Prairie Wind*, you will find a poster to display and information on motels, etc.

See you there!!

Faithful Women Fall Retreat – September 23-24, 2017

Get involved and participate in the Faithful Women Fall Retreat at Joy Ranch (near Watertown) in September. Pastor Pat Hammond will lead the retreat again this year. Those who came last time were so excited that they wanted it every year. We moved it to a Saturday-Sunday to accommodate the requests from last time and for those who work.

Joy Ranch is a peaceful, quiet replica of an old west town. Take a walk along Lyle Lake, visit the church on a hill, relax in front of the many fireplaces, and take time to enjoy your surroundings. The retreat will include Bible study, meditation, singing and praying, and activities to inspire you.

Mark your calendars!!

Looking Ahead:

April 28-29, 2017: PWP Spring Gathering at Kimball Protestant Parish in Kimball, SD – Registration 8:30 AM and gathering 9:30 AM on Saturday, April 29. Cost \$15.00. Church open Fri evening 7:00-9:00 PM for early set-up

May 1-7, 2017: Children's Book Week – PW focus on child and youth literacy – for further information: www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice

July 23-28, 2017: Synod School in Storm Lake, IA. Convocation speaker is J. Herbert Nelson, the stated clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

September 12-29, 2017: Global Exchange to Indonesia

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

October-November, 2017: Women of the Reformation tour

January 15, 2018: Registration opens for Churchwide Gathering

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

Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews **Bible study resources**

Submitted by Diane Helin, Horizons Representative

The new *Horizons* Bible study, *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*, approaches Hebrews through nine major themes: In Community with Jesus Christ; In Community with the Living God; In Community with the Living Word; In Community with God's Messengers; In Community with the Tradition of the Past; In Community with the Reality of the Present; In Community with the Hope of the Future; In Community with the Household of Faith; and In Community with All the Saints. The study was written by pastor and educator Melissa Bane Sevier (Suggestions for Leaders by Sung Hee hang). Melissa'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. The study will be available March 15, 2017. *Horizons* subscribers receive their copy with the March/April magazine.

Note: A modest but timely price increase on the 2017–2018 *Horizons* Bible study (now \$10 for regular print, ecumenical and Spanish editions; \$15 for large print) has been put in place. To encourage *Horizons* magazine subscriptions, readers can continue to subscribe (by April 1 to receive this year's Bible study [regular print, English edition] with their subscription to *Horizons*) at the same subscription rate as in 2016 (\$24.95/year); the Bible study will mail with the March/April issue. Subscriptions received after April 1 will receive next year's Bible study.

God, thank you for those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular. Help me celebrate the holiness of the common day.

From *Moments of Peace in the Presence of God*.

Prayer

Good and Gracious God, on the days when the world feels heavy, lighten our load. On the days when the clouds hide the sun, brighten our way, we pray. On the days when we have more questions than answers, assure us of your presence. And then, Gracious One, washed in your tender mercies, may we be a blessing for our brothers and our sisters who share our sacred journeys. Amen

From Horizon's Bible Study *Who is Jesus?*

On A Walk with Jesus

Submitted by Bonnie Wirt, Spiritual Growth

Preparations have been made for an inspirational PWP Spring Gathering at Kimball Protestant Parish on Saturday, April 29, 2017, with registration beginning at 8:30 AM.

Hopefully, many Presbyterian Women statewide will plan now to attend this central location as we consider whether in this day and age we can walk the walk with Jesus.

As our guide we need only to look to the words of Jesus in Matthew 25:35-36: "When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat, and when I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink. When I was a stranger, you welcomed me and when I was naked, you gave me clothes to wear. When I was sick, you took care of me, and when I was in jail, you visited me."

And if that is not clear enough, Jesus also said: "Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me."

Thank Offering Grant for *In His Steps: Pathways of Peace* Information at PWP Spring Gathering

Submitted by Judy Rops. Spiritual Growth

Judy Rops received word in March that the grant application she had submitted on behalf of *In His Steps: Pathways of Peace*, was accepted for funding. This is a Thank Offering grant from Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Inc. It means that over the next year and a half, the Mara I'll Mara Breast Cancer Project in Palestine will receive \$50,000.00.

The project involves Muslim and Christian women working together to improve health and quality of life for Palestinian women living in the West Bank. The purpose of the project states, as submitted in the application, "Breast cancer, the most common cancer among Palestinian women, is an urgent public health problem. This 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."

The detection of breast cancer will involve local Palestinian patient navigators trained through monies from the grant, to assist women diagnosed with breast cancer. It will also provide the navigators with skills to educate other women to do breast self-examination, improving early detection.

Judy will be speaking about her mission experience in Palestine at the meeting in Kimball in April. Plan to attend to hear more about this exciting project.

Editor's note: Judy will also be offering a class at Synod School on this topic – last week in July in Storm Lake, IA.

Synod School 2017



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July 23–28, 2017

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PWP Gathering at Kimball Protestant Parish Information

Kimball Protestant Parish is located at 301 South Babcock Street. The entire church is located on one level so it is easily accessible to all. If coming into town via I-90, turn north after exiting the interstate. You will come to a Y in the road. The right fork takes you downtown and also by the Dakota Winds motel. The left fork is highway 45. This fork takes you past the Regency Inn motel, The Back 40, and Kimball Protestant Parish. Continue on highway 45 following the road signs and you will find Jim & Patsy's Bed & Breakfast.

For those in need of lodging:

1. Jim & Patsy's Bed and Breakfast, 778.6492

*Not only is Patsy an excellent cook, she is also one of our parishioners! The B & B is located 4 miles north of Kimball on highway #45, just follow the signs.

2. Regency Inn, 778.6088
3. Dakota Winds, 778.6215

Eating establishments:

1. Doo Waa Ditty's- located in the truck stop on the west side after exiting I-90. A favorite place for people to eat after worship on Sundays.
2. The Back 40- bar & grill, also owned by a parishioner, good food & great ambiance!
3. Club Vega- bar & grill, located downtown, east side of the street on the corner.

The church can be contacted at 778.6410, the parsonage at 778.6411 regarding any questions or concerns you may have. I can also be reached via e-mail at pastorlori@kimballprotestant.org. Looking forward to seeing you all soon!
Pastor Lori Robinson

Need 2017-2018 Bible Study?

Diane Helin, PWP *Horizons* representative, plans to bring copies of the new PW Bible study, *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*, to the PWP Spring Gathering. These will be for sale at the new cost of \$10 each. If attendees wish to purchase some copies for their PW, please plan to write a check payable to Diane Helin. PWs can skirt shipping costs by purchasing the books from Diane. To assist Diane with her order, if anyone plans to purchase at the Gathering, please let Diane know **how many are needed no later than April 15**.
Phone: (605)334-4562 email: djhelin@sio.midco.net

PW Antiracism Committee Reading Recommendations

Bright Lights, Dark Nights by Stephen Emond (New York: Roaring Book, 2015)
Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly (New York: HarperCollins, 2016)
Same Kind of Different as Me by Ron Hall and Denver Moore with Lynn Vincent (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2006)
White Racial Literacy by Robin DiAngelo (New York: Peter Lang, 2012)
Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race by Debby Irving (Cambridge, MA: Elephant Room, 2014)
Into White by Randi Pink (New York: Feiwel and Friends, 2016)

Walking with Jesus

Footprints in the Sand

One night I dreamed...

I was walking along the beach with the Lord.
Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.
In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.
Sometimes there were two sets of footprints,
Other times there was one set of footprints.

This bothered me because I noticed
That during the low periods of my life,
When I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat,
I could see only one set of footprints.

So I said to the Lord, "You promised me Lord,
That if I followed you, you would walk with me always.
But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life
There has only been one set of footprints in the sand.
Why, when I needed you most, have you not been there for me?"

The Lord replied, "The times when you have seen
Only one set of footprints in the sand, is when I carried you."

—Mary Stevenson

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of SD

Spring Gathering at Kimball Protestant Parish

Saturday: April 29, 2017 with \$15.00 Registration from 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Includes lunch: Mission Displays: Communion with Pastor Lori Robinson

Bring Special Offerings: Birthday, Cents-Ability, and Least Coin....And Necrology

Mission Speaker: Judy Rops with In His Steps: Pathways of Peace



Do you enjoy reading?

Join the *PW Reading Challenge*. Go to the website: <http://www.pcusa.org/resource/pw-reading-challenge/> and download the challenge sheet.

Reflecting on Light – 2018 Churchwide Gathering

From Nadia Drake, "Historic Pictures Show the Hidden Women of the Space Race,"
National Geographic online news story, December 23, 2016

After receiving the 2015 Presidential Medal of Freedom, Katherine Johnson said, "It was my job. And I did my job correctly and well." Her job? Being a "human computer" for NASA during the space age. In 1969, she was a hidden figure (to the public, not to the men who relied on her careful calculations) who guided Apollo 11 safely to the moon.

Katherine Johnson's work is profiled in the Oscar-nominated film (based on a best-selling book), *Hidden Figures*. Although her brilliant mind and steady nerves mattered to NASA and certainly to the men who put their very lives at risk as they hurtled through earth's atmosphere, orbited the Earth and landed on the moon, the accomplishments of Katherine and her sister "human computers" remained fundamentally hidden until recently. For these mathematicians, the color of their skin and their gender were two minuses in a world that did not value either. But Katherine Johnson – and elder and longtime member of Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church in Newport News, Virginia – was steadfast in her work and put her trust in God. "Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established" (Prov. 16:3). Katherine is testament to using one's gifts for the glory of God, despite difficulties and underappreciation from the people of this world. Katherine Johnson's legacy shines brightly, nevermore a hidden figure. Of the Apollo 11 mission, she said, "We told them how fast they would be going, and [that] the moon would be there when [they] got there." So they went and so it was.

Horizons subscriptions "Did You Know?"

- PW groups can save by subscribing in bulk—two to four subscriptions to one address is \$18.95/per subscription/per year; five or more to one address is \$17.95/year.
- 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.

Justice and Peace Calendar

April

Sexual Assault Awareness Month
2 Self-Development of People Sunday
7 World Health Day
8 International Roma Day
16 Easter
21–24 Ecumenical Advocacy Days
22 Earth Day
24 Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day
25 Orange Day

May

1 May Day/International Workers Day
1–5 Teacher Appreciation Week
1–7 PW Together in Action for Children's Literacy
1–7 Children's Book Week
13 World Fair Trade Day
13 Stamp Out Hunger Drive
14 Mother's Day
25 Orange Day
29 Memorial Day

June

11 Intercultural Church Sunday
18 Father's Day
25 Orange Day

For a complete calendar, including links to resources, see www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice.

Mission Opportunities

Submitted by Margaret Ellefson, Vice-Moderator



Isaiah 41:17 says: "When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue is parched with thirst, I the Lord will answer them; I the God of Israel will not forsake them."

Marion Medical Mission has taken this Scripture to heart – and so has Oahe Presbyterian Church and our Presbyterian Women's group. Last year we participated in a mission project to purchase shallow wells that would be built in various countries in Africa. The generosity was outstanding!

We have received Thank you cards with information of the monetary amount from us, the number of wells we helped to build, and the

number of people served from "our" wells. You will be amazed at how we have helped God to get water for the people in Africa!

Participate in the 2017 Global Exchange by making necklaces for our sisters in Indonesia

By Kathy Reeves, PW mission associate

from the *Quarterly Newsletter for Presbyterian Women Leaders*

PW's 2017 Global Exchange participants will be gifting women in Indonesia with yarn necklaces during the Exchange, September 12–29, 2017. We will need lots of necklaces! Please consider participating by making necklaces for our sisters in Indonesia, using the instructions provided here by Mary Weber. Questions? Contact Kathy Reeves, 844.797.2872 or katharine.reeves@pcusa.org.

Instructions

The yarn is hard to find in retail stores. Look for ribbon yarns, track yarns, or flag yarns online. Try YarnParadise.com. Your crochet hook should be large; size J is best. Pull out a length of yarn about 13 inches long and leave it unworked. On the same strand, next work a chain stitch for approximately 13 inches. About 42 stitches work for me, but it may take more or less, depending on the thickness of the yarn. Keep your work *loose*! Leave another 13 inches unworked. Cut. Pull the yarn through the last stitch and fasten off. Make as many of these chains as you want in your necklace. I usually put five to seven together to make a necklace. After you have completed the number of chains that you want, hold them together so they line up. Then tie a knot in all of them together about three inches from the end of the chain. Tie a similar knot three inches from the other end of the strands. Tie the two ends together in another knot. Pull this knot very tight so that it will not come undone when you pull the necklace over your head. You can determine the length of your necklace by where you tie this final knot; leaving approximately one inch outside the knot will work for most women's head sizes. If you have left more than one inch at the end, measure about one inch down and trim all yarn ends to that length. If you have a shorter end, trim ends to be even. If you wish to make the necklace adjustable, pull all strands through a bead with a darning needle or small crochet hook, before tying the final knot. The bead works as a slide so the necklace can be shortened.



PW programs

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- [Global Exchange](#)
- [U.S.A. Mission Experience](#)
- [Honorary Life Memberships](#)

PC(USA) programs

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- [Presbyterian Peacemaking Program](#)

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- [Habitat for Humanity](#)
- [Bread for the World](#)
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January / February Media Resource Center News

The calendars have turned. The Christmas season has passed and Epiphany is upon us! Which means we are looking ahead to what we resources we might want to use for Lent. Ash Wednesday falls on March 1st this year, so now is the time to decide. The following six studies can all be used during Lent:

AD85 24 Hours That Changed the World
AD93 The Way
AD100 Final Words of the Cross
AD119 First Light, Jesus & the Kingdom of God
AD132 Not a Silent Night
AD155 John, the Gospel of Light

Check out the Media Resource Center for details on each of them.

www.plainsmedia.org

A popular women's study is also available: **AD159 First Corinthians** which is a six week Bible study to discover how we as Christians can handle our differences with humility and grace, always showing the love of Jesus Christ. DVD & Leaders guide are included.

The Media Resource Center began its fee fundraising for 2017 this past fall. If you haven't received your letter, please advise me via e-mail and I will send you another. It's never too late to send in your fee! As you probably know, we are subsidized by the SD PCUSA, the SDUCC and the NPUCC. Without their financial help, we could not provide our service. Without the nominal membership fees the churches pay to borrow resource materials, we could not purchase new materials every spring and fall. When your church is a member, anyone from your church may check out materials!

E-mail: Carmen Gill

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Editor's note: Sorry this is a bit out-dated. It can be used for next year!! I have not received the March/April newsletter.

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.

Lois Stanfield, 5732 W Bream Dr
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Thank you Trudi for your financial support of the Center of Hope during the calendar year 2016. The ministry here could not be done without your partnership. We give God the glory for His leading in this year of transition and reflection on how to best to serve those in need in Sioux Falls.

What follows are a list of your contributions as we have recorded them, please let me know if there are any errors or omissions. May God bless you as you have been a blessing to others.

Date	Check Date	Amount	Method
6/17/2016		\$2,305.00	Cash
6/23/2016		\$40.00	Cash

Calvin Ver Mulm
Pastor/Development Officer

No goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution. 501c3

Having the PW Synod Gathering in South Dakota helped some of our local charities. This is from *Center for Hope* in Sioux Falls. It reflects their portion of the Target and HyVee gift cards collected at the gathering.

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