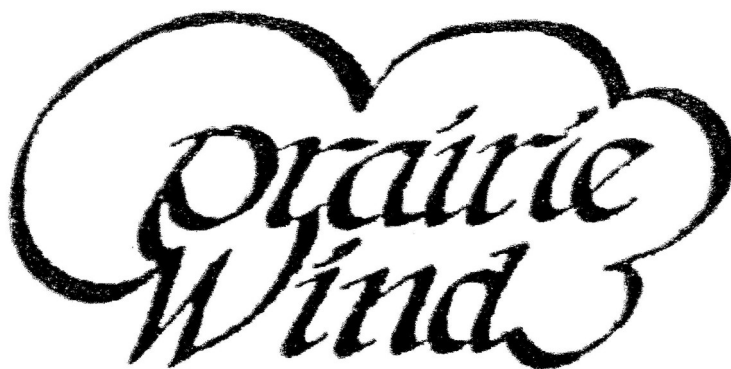


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Presbyterian Women of the
Presbytery of South Dakota

Out of the BELIEVER'S Heart



Special points of interest:

- * Spring Gathering Information
- * Synod Gathering Details

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From Trudi Nelson, Moderator

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery Spring Gathering

When: Saturday, April 27

Where: First Presbyterian Church in Brookings

Time: 10 a.m.

Registration: 8 :30– 9:30 a.m.

Cost: \$15 for the day. Includes morning and afternoon refreshments and lunch.

Worship Leader: Ann Spitzenberger, CRE from Brookings and currently serving the Second Presbyterian Church in Flandreau, will lead the Service of Worship with Communion and give the message on the theme from John 7:38.

Message of Mission: Jeanne Jones Manzer, a member of the Presbyterian Church in Brookings, is part of a grassroots group of citizens in Brookings, which formed in 2018 to welcome Latinos moving into the county to work in agricultural enterprises.

Disaster Preparedness: Linda Barnett, a member of the Presbyterian Church in Brookings, and PDA-PW Disaster Preparedness Trainer, will present information on Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for individuals, families, and congregations.

Bring Special Offerings: Birthday, Least Coin, and Cents-Ability.
A Special Offering will be taken for a designated mission.

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MODERATOR:

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Looking Ahead

Presbyterian Women in the Synod Gathering

Out of the believer's heart shall flow streams of living water. John 7:38

When: June 20-23

Where: Gateway Hotel and Conference Center in Ames, Iowa

Registration: \$200 received by June 1; Register for rooms separately

Begins: Thursday, June 20 at 3 p.m. and concludes Sunday, June 23

Registration Booklets are available on-line and/or contact Trudi Nelson, PWP Moderator
Scholarships from PWP-SD are available.

Email: nelsont@svtv.com

Phone: 605-636-9287 **Cell:** 605-480-0560

MODERATOR

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Worship Leader**Ann Spitzenberger:**

Ann returned to school at South Dakota State University as a non-traditional student, receiving her degree in 1998 in Music Education. From 1999 -2006, she taught music at the Flandreau Indian School, and left when the music program was cut. From 2007-2018, Ann was the Assistant Coordinator for 3 years and the Coordinator for 8 years for HomeCare Services.

During all these years, Ann had a passion for church work. She served as a pulpit supply for the Olivet Presbyterian Church in Volga, and eventually served as a Commissioned Ruling Elder after completing the required classes through Dubuque Seminary in 2006.

Ann served the Brookings Church as the interim pastor for 9 months. She has been the pastor of the Flandreau Second Presbyterian Church since July 2014. Ann and her husband Terry live in Brookings. They have one daughter and son-in-law and four granddaughters, who also live in Brookings.

Message of Mission**Jeanne Jones Manzer:**

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Matthew 25:35-36.

A grass-roots group of citizens in Brookings was formed in 2018 to welcome the growing number of Latinos moving into the county to work in agricultural enterprises. The group is called "Bienvenidas a Brookings," Spanish for "Welcome to Brookings."

According to Jeanne, "This past year we have provided food, clothing, and minimal furniture. We have given rides to Immigration Court in St. Paul, Minn., Federal Court in Sioux Falls, and to the Immigration and Custom Enforcement Office in Sioux Falls. We helped facilitate English classes for Spanish-speaking people and helped find needed medical care."

Jeanne was baptized, confirmed and married in Second Presbyterian Church, Flandreau. For the past 39 years she has been a member of the Presbyterian Church in Brookings. She has taught Sunday school classes, sung in the choir, served as a Deacon and a Session Elder. Her career includes a reporter, a teacher, a non-profit publicist, and a volunteer. She is married to Tom, and they have two children and one grandson.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**Linda Barnett:**

In South Dakota we don't consider cold weather a disaster, mostly it causes emergencies. But it happens every year. It can feel like a disaster to a church whose

pipes burst due to freezing weather, or to a family whose furnace goes out, or one whose car won't start, and they must go somewhere. What kind of plans do we have for such occurrences?

Disaster preparedness happens when you decide to reduce the suffering that disaster can cause to you and others. Doesn't that sound like a mission of the church? Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) thinks so.

The ministry of PDA is to enable congregations and mission partners of the PCUSA to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring communities adversely affected by crisis.

Because being prepared is so important, PDA asked Presbyterian Women (PW) to train congregations and presbyteries in disaster preparedness. Being prepared can't eliminate the chaos of a disaster, but it can reduce the chaos and the suffering.

Linda is a PDA-PW Disaster Preparedness Trainer, and will present information on PDA and disaster preparedness for individuals, families, and congregations. She is Ms. PW and has traveled to and participated in all levels of PW in the church from congregations, to presbyteries, to synods, to PW churchwide. She loves to travel. She is currently a member of the Presbyterian Church in Brookings and is a former member of the Presbyterian Church in Sioux Falls.



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From the believer's heart

From Bonnie Wirt, Spiritual Growth

When I first read the phrase, "From the believer's heart," what came to mind was Jesus saying, "The words that come out of your mouth come from your heart" [Matthew 15:18]. Probably a more significant directive for us to heed in the 21st century than it was in the time when Jesus spoke it.

My thoughts also turned to Mary's words to Gabriel when the angel told her of God's plans for her: "I am the Lord's servant! Let it happen as you have said" [Luke 1:38]. For such a young woman faced with an extremely overwhelming possibility, Mary demonstrated amazing faith!

When God first called him, Moses hesitantly asked, "Who am I?" [Exodus 4:13. Moses clearly did not have self confidence in his ability to do what God asked of him. As we Presbyterians have contemplated the lessons of the Horizons 2018-19 Bible study, we've had to wonder we would respond differently than Moses did.

God did not give up on Moses. When Moses came to know that God would be with him, he was able to become the leader he was called to be. Whenever we decide we can't do something, we need to pay attention to nudges from God and our believer's hearts.

Samuel heard God's call and responded, "Here I am. What do you want?" Later on, God called Samuel for assistance in appointing young David to be the next king of Israel. The Lord told Samuel, "People judge others by what they look like, but I judge people by what is in their hearts" [1 Samuel 16:7]. When, at God's direction, Samuel poured oil on David's head, the spirit of the Lord took control of David and stayed with him from then on" [1 Samuel 16:18].

The book of Psalms expresses David's heartfelt love of God. Knowing he was not a perfect human being, David prayed, "Create pure thoughts in me and make me faithful again" [Psalm 51:10]. Later in his life, David told his son Solomon, "Worship God and obey him with all your heart and mind, just as I have done. He knows all your thoughts and your reasons for doing things, and so if you turn to him, he will hear your prayers" [1 Chronicles 28:9].

To quote Anne Frank, "Everyone has inside himself a piece of good news! The good news is that you really don't know how great you can be, how much you can love, what you can accomplish and what your potential is." Young in years, Anne found strength in God as did Mother Teresa, who said, "Open your hearts to the love God instills."



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Psalm 51:10

May 3-5: Women's Retreat at Pioneer

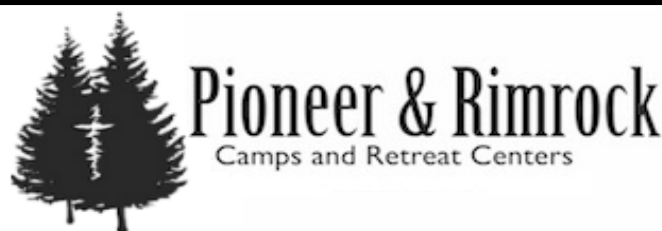
Register Now!

The 2019 Women's Retreat at our Pioneer Lodge is open to all women ages 18 and up.

The weekend will provide rest, relaxation and fellowship, plus Bible study and food. The spring weather should provide opportunities for walking, hiking and meditation in the labyrinth. Costs cover lodging, food and programming.

- Tier 1: \$147
- Tier 2: \$177
- Tier 3: \$207

Go to www.pioneerrimrock.camp or call 606-343-7539 for more information.



Introducing our Presenter:

Rev. Kristi Holler, (M.Div, Th.M) was born and raised in the Sioux Falls area, beginning on a farm in Hartford.

She is a pianist, composer, and singer, and enjoys music in a variety of genres and settings, especially worship! Kristi's life work includes church and music ministry.

Kristi was ordained and installed as the new pastor at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Marion. Kristi enjoys meeting people, bike riding, reading, laughing, playing trumpet, piano, and chess. Kristi loves nature, this beautiful world God created, all people and every animal imaginable!

Known as a Christian

From Dianne Boatright, Spiritual Growth

Dare to declare who you are. It is not far from the shores of silence to the boundaries of speech. The path is not long but the way is deep.

Around the world and throughout history, people of faith have been killed for beliefs that undermine those in power or because those with power felt their power might be undermined. Even today declaring your faith as a Christian you could receive the death sentence.

Have you ever been embarrassed to be identified as a Christian? More specifically, have you ever been afraid of being identified as a certain type of Christian? Almost daily, media outlets announce more examples of cruel language and violent acts meted out in the name of Christian values. There are times we do not want to call ourselves Christian because we don't want to be thought of as hateful, intolerant and judgmental. We don't want to be lumped in with people who identified themselves as Christians while speaking and acting in un-Christ-like ways. We don't want to explain that we aren't 'that' kind of Christian.

"It would be better to be less concerned by what we are called and more intentional about who we are."

Jesus said in Matthew 5: 6-7 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled" and "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy." If we are overly concerned with our own righteousness, we run the risk of becoming judgmental. If our focus is on not being like someone else, we run the risk of being judgmental, and labeling others only by the ways they fall short.

It would be better to be less concerned by what we are called and more intentional about who we are. A label may be just a word applied to a surface; an identity is the fact of being who or what a person is. (Oxford dictionary.) Being called 'Christian' may not convey the same meaning to everyone. But being identified as Christian—by one's way of living in, moving through and caring for the world—is more substantial. Being part of a world-wide family of sisters and brothers in Christ is priceless.

Prayer: Dear Lord, help us to be identified by how we live, work and do everything in the name of Christian until we can be with you in heavenly glory. Be with us as we travel. Keep us safe. In your name we pray. Amen

News from the Presbytery

New cohort of CREs to begin in Fall 2019

Are you interested in becoming a Commissioned Ruling Elder? The Presbytery of South Dakota will begin a new cohort that will meet at United Presbyterian Church in Willow Lake the second Saturday of each month from September 2019 through May 2020. Contact Carolyn Visser at: cjvisser@hotmail.com or Janice Palmer at: jpalmers516@gmail.com for more information about the program.



FPC accepting applications for Adams Scholarship

The PW of First Presbyterian Church in Sioux Falls is now accepting applications for the Adams Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded each spring to men and women who are pursuing roles in Christian Service (ministry, mission work, church music, Christian Education, etc.). Initial

consideration is given to FPC members and thereafter to outside applicants.

The Adams Scholarship originated in 1966 to honor Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Adams. Dr. Adams was senior pastor at First Presby-

terian Church from 1939 to 1966. Presbyterian Women created the scholarship in 1966 and have continued to support it through an annual fundraising event.

Scholarship forms are available on the church website www.fpcsiouxfalls.org. Go to Quick Link and click on forms. Completed applications are due May 1. If you have any questions please contact Becky Hillestad.

Introducing the 2019-20 PW/*Horizons* Bible Study 'Love Carved in Stone'

By Eugenia Anne Gamble

with suggestions for leaders by Joyce MacKichan Walker

What would it mean to consider the Ten Commandments not as a harsh list of what not to do but, instead, as a "love letter" from a loving God? A fresh embrace of the Ten Commandments (or Words), author Eugenia Gamble suggests, may ultimately contribute to the restoration of ourselves and our communities and the furthering of the gospel in the world.

"Moral behavior matters, not simply because immoral actions can anger or disappoint God, but because principled behavior is how love becomes real, both toward God and in community."

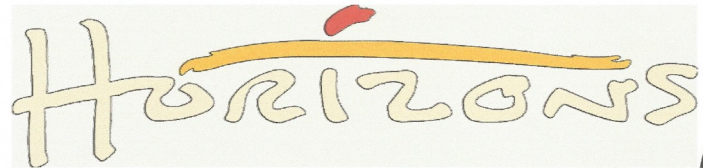
Love Carved in Stone is a Bible study that helps us reframe the way we look at and live in the world.

Why the Ten Words? The author notes that nowhere in the Hebrew text does the word for "commandment" appear.

She says, "In the Bible, these utterances are called just what they are: 'words.' I've chosen to use the term 'Ten Words' because it is the biblical form and opens us up to looking at the Ten Commandments in fresh ways."

Each lesson begins with an exploration of one of the Ten Words in its biblical context. From there we consider a moment from

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Jesus' life that shows us how he lived out that Word. We then consider the Word for our own lives and contexts. We conclude with an invitation to pray with the Word in our circles or study groups and in our personal devotions.

A note from Diane Helin, your PWP *Horizons* representative:

How exciting is this for a Bible study!! And what a follow-up to this past study, **God's Promise: I Am with You**. Imagine this – a "love letter" from a loving God!

Those of you who subscribe to the magazine will receive the new study along with your March/April *Horizons*. Anyone else can order (\$10 plus shipping) by calling the PC(USA) Store at 800-533-4371.

HOWEVER, I will be bringing copies of the Bible study (\$10 each, no shipping costs) to the PWP Spring Gathering on April 27 at Brookings. See me at the *Horizons* table with cash or check (payable to Diane Helin) to purchase copies for yourself and/or others in your PWC. If you are buying for your group, I would like to know how many in advance, so that I can know how many to order early April from the PC(USA) Store.

The **First Word** calls us to allow God to be our One and Only.

The **Second Word** asks us not to be fooled into substituting other things for God.

The **Third Word** summons us into deep and honest intimacy with God for who God is and not for what God can do for us.

The **Fourth Word** calls us, regularly and without fail, to stop and rest in the beauty and provision of God for us and for the whole human family.

The **Fifth Word** calls us to honor that which is honorable in our heritages and give a place of precedence to those who bring us to the fullness of life.

The **Sixth Word** calls us, as individuals and as a society, to refuse to "take life," whether in literal or metaphorical ways.

The **Seventh Word** reminds us that life-long commitments matter, not just to us but to the whole community.

The **Eighth Word** reminds us not to take from others—not their possessions, their self-esteem, or their livelihood. This word asks us to ponder how our choices take from or lift up others.

The **Ninth Word** calls us to fundamental honesty in all of our dealings and in the institutions of our society.

The **Tenth Word** calls each of us to trust God's provision and to welcome the unique lives that we live.

In His Steps – Recipient of a Thank Offering Grant – Year-end Update

Did you know that women in the Holy Land die of breast cancer because they find out too late that they have cancer?

In His Steps (IHS) works with local medical and community leaders in the Holy Land to educate women about breast cancer and early detection. Throughout this year we were able to host Dr. Jihad Shawar at three Medical Centers in the U.S. plus meetings with the Patient Navigation Institute. This expanded our professional relationships that began with previous medical teams to collaborate with American practitioners for specialized training.

In October, an IHS delegation educated women from Beit Awwa and Deir Sammit, small villages near Hebron. We shared with them facts about breast cancer, taught them how to perform breast self-exams and partnered with a clinic in Hebron to provide follow-up screening.

Sara is a trusted woman in her village. Her family has lived in this community for generations. She is a well-known wife, mother, sister, and neighbor. Women come to Sara when they feel something's wrong, but they cannot bear to say the word "cancer" out loud.

In the Holy Land, breast cancer survivors are rare. A fragmented health care system, social stigma, and denial of travel conspire against women's health.

Sara understands all this and works woman to woman, Mara l'il Mara, to inform village women about

breast cancer, connect them to screening and diagnosis, and remove the barriers that may get in the way.

Sara is a patient navigator who works with Taghrid.

Taghrid is an oncology nurse. She heads a new patient navigation program at a breast cancer center near Sara's village. Sara invites Taghrid to her village to teach breast health workshops, perform exams, and schedule women for further care.

Women speak frankly among other women. They share stories and tears. At the end of the workshop, each woman receives an appointment for a screening at the al'Shaymaa Breast Center in Hebron.

Your help does save lives.

A message from our partner, Zafer Nobani, states: "Hundreds of women benefited from your wonderful program in different cities, villages, camps and families unable to pay money for breast cancer screening. You have been helping everyone for free. I heard from many of the families who received free service and thank your organization and donors. These simple donations saved many women and are hoping to continue this program. We are so thankful for American donors who contribute excellently to ease the pain and suffering in the holy land."



National PW News

From Communications

Communications is collecting stories of PW in action—stories about how PW's annual fund (the Mission Pledge) makes possible the work of PW at all levels, stories of PW's mission activities improving lives, stories of advocacy and peacemaking, PW circle stories, stories of women in leadership—in short, any and all PW stories can be used to interpret the work of women in the church.

Send circle stories to susan.jackson-dowd@pcusa.org; send justice and peace action stories to yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org; send Mission Pledge stories to carissa.herold@pcusa.org; send mission stories to cheri.harper@pcusa.org; send stories for the magazine to sharon.gillies@pcusa.org.

From Inclusive community

As for nurturing and developing leaders, the Inclusive Community Committee (ICC) is offering a leadership development incentive package that includes a one-time, synod-specific leadership development grant. The grants will provide an incentive for synod coordinating teams to

develop methods for connecting presbytery leaders to meetings and opportunities.



From Justice and peace

In March, for the first time, PW will send delegates to the UN Commission on the Status of Women under PW's own accreditation as a registered NGO (nongovernmental organization) recognized by the UN's Economic and Social Council. In the past, PW delegates have attended using the PC(USA)'s status as an NGO. Having both PW and the PC(USA) recognized by ECOSOC means an amplified voice at the Commission, which is the premier global advocacy body for women.

Invite a mission co-worker to speak with your church

Planning your church calendar for 2019? Consider inviting a PC(USA) mission coworker to speak with your congregation about their ministry. Call or email Destini Hodges (800.728.7228, ext. 5075; destini.hodges@pcusa.org) to find out which mission co-workers will be back in the U.S. in 2019.

Together in Service

Hands-on Project for Children in Puerto Rico: PW Pillowcases

Presbyterian Women can demonstrate love, concern and prayers for the children affected by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. PW Inc. is partnering with the three presbyteries on the island of Puerto Rico to create personalized pillowcases and distribute them through Presbyterian churches and schools. PW will send personalized pillowcases to the PW of the Synod of Puerto Rico in August 2019. We are hoping for at least 100!



How can you help? Create a special pillowcase for a child! Purchase a "blank" pillowcase and.....get creative!

Create a pattern with fabric paint or dip-dyes and stencils or stamps. Glue

on buttons, felt or ribbons. Embroider designs or use iron-on appliques. Stitch on lace borders or a crochet edging. Or make your own pillowcases! Sew, quilt, crochet or knit a whole pillowcase with fun colors. Choose child-friendly designs; skilled sewers can make them reversible!

Be sure to include a message.

Write a note telling a child in Puerto Rico that you are sending love and care with the pillowcase. Send a prayer or special bible verse; send a picture of yourself, your church or your PW group. Sew in a label that identifies the group or shares a word of hope (perhaps in Spanish).

Make it an intergenerational project. Invite a young person to decorate a pillowcase with you; use the time to teach a new hands-on skill. Talk about the importance of mission while you're working. Or, you may choose to donate craft supplies. During Presbyterian Youth Triennium in July, we will use the PW exhibit space to create pillowcases. We need the following supplies: Pillowcases, fabric glue, appliques, fabric markers and stamps.

Send completed pillowcases and donated craft supplies to Presbyterian Women, Attn: Cheri Harper, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202-1396. Send pillowcases with youth who attend the Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Purdue University in July and they can deliver the pillowcases to PW in the Exhibit Hall.

Or order supplies through Amazon (use AmazonSmile and donate a portion of your supplies to PW in the PCU-

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SA—win-win!) and have them shipped directly to Louisville.

Going beyond Together in Service is PW's hand-on mission program, supported in part through financial gifts. Send your contribution of any size to PW, Inc., Remittance Processing, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh PA 152643652; or give online (www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving-funding/give/). Indicate the project name in the notes line of the check.

Share your pillowcase ministry online! Visit the PW Facebook and Pinterest page and post your ideas!

For more information, contact PW's mission associate, Cheri Harper, at cheri.harper@pcusa.org. To give to this Together in Service project, go to www.presbyterianwomen.org/tis.

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Synod Gathering of Presbyterian Women June 20-23

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Gathering begins with registration on Thursday, June 20, at 3 p.m. at the Gateway Hotel & Conference Center, 2100 Hills Dr., Ames, Iowa, and concludes after the plenary on Sunday morning, June 23.

Full registration of **\$200** includes meals and all programming.

Attendees are responsible for making their own hotel reservations and finding roommate(s). Please call **800-367-2637** to make your reservation. We have a block under Presbyterian Women. Only one person per hotel room should make the hotel reservation, but should list the names of others to occupy that room. Room rates are \$120 per room, per night, one to four persons per room, plus tax. These room rates will apply 3 days before and 3 days after the gathering. To take advantage of the special Gathering rates, **reserve your room by June 1.**

LEADERS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Kathy Reeves, recently retired after having served the PCUSA for 26 1/2 years with Worldwide Ministries (World Mission) and Presbyterian Women.

PLENARY SPEAKERS:

- **Elona Street Stewart**, Synod Executive of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies.
- **Mary Newbern-Williams**, has served at every level of the denomination from local congregation as pastor to presbytery associate and executive, chair of a synod committee, and national staff and committees of the Presbyterian Church USA.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Rev. Suzanne Gorhau

BIBLE STUDY LEADER:

Kathleen Keefer, Moderator for Presbyterian Women in the Missouri River Valley Presbytery.

WORKSHOPS

1. Suzanne Gorhau: Wells in Africa: Providing Clean Water for Rural Villages in Africa
2. Kathleen Keefer: Love Carved in Stone – a Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments



3. Kris Peterson: Leadership
4. Mary Newbern-Williams: With Scars on My Soul
5. Meghan Davis: Chair Yoga
6. Ekram Kachur: My Story as a Refugee,
7. Marcia and Mark McAdoo: Toxic Charity
- 8a. Marilyn Stone: Immigration and the Refugee Crisis: How can I help when I don't live near the border?
- 8b. Marilyn Stone: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance: How can I assist in disaster response?
9. Susan Ingels: Global Mission Exchange to Indonesia
10. Nancy Siewert: Book Review: Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race
11. Sue Kimball: In Her

Shoes- a simulation experience on domestic violence.

12. Fern Cloud: The Circle of Life

13. Kim Coulter: What's the secret to taking great pictures with your phone?

14. Sharon Falck: Native American Stories: Hear stories of the women in the Dakota Presbytery

15. Flint, the Poisoning of an American City

OFFERING RECIPIENTS

- Marion Medical Mission and Sudanese Tutoring Program
- Please bring \$10 gift cards from Target or HyVee which will be given to the following two ministries:

Wings of Refuge, a Christian based transition house for trafficked girls. It is located in Iowa Falls and has just received a Birthday Offering grant. They hope to relocate to Ames and may be there by June 2019.

Butterfly Freedom House, a place designed to help women who have been incarcerated find hope and success as they seek to discover God's plan for their lives. Participants are taught that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life through regular Bible Study, while working to be integrated into the community and a local congregation. The house is directed by a board of Christian women who desire to help women who have gotten out of prison lead a productive life and live in society again.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **BE-JEWELLED:** Bring a piece of costume jewelry or a scarf. We will sell each item for \$5 and the money will go to the Native American Dakota Fund.

SLAP GATHERING

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**Synod of Lakes and Prairies
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

- **GLOBAL MARKETPLACE**

HANDS-ON PROJECTS

Days for Girls is a global movement that prepares and distributes sustainable menstrual health solutions to girls who would otherwise miss school during their monthly periods.

OUTDOOR PRAYER STATIONS

Need time alone? Step outside and enjoy the water features on the Inn grounds. Each is equipped with personal devotions that guide you into a time of prayer. Enjoy this time of peace.

REGISTRATION FORMS

Complete registration books are available from Moderator Trudi Nelson at nelson@svtv.com or 605-480-0560 or contact Gathering registrar Sue Medsker-Nedderman at 314 N. Cedar Ave., Hastings, Neb.. 68901-5348 or s.medsker.nedderman@gmail.com.

NEWS FLASH

The Presbytery of South Dakota has twelve [12] \$50.00 scholarships available to those wishing to attend the Synod Gathering. Contact Mary Jenner to register for a scholarship. They are on a first come basis.

There will also be sign-up sheets at the Spring Gathering for women who may be interested in attending but need a ride and/or a roommate and another sign-up for women willing to

offer transportation to their sisters.

If you will not be at the Gathering, contact Mary to get on a list or for more information. It is the hope of your Coordinating Team that by offering this service we can encourage more women to attend and make it easier for individuals to make plans.

Mary Jenner: djenner@pie.midco.net or 223-3136.

Birthday & Thank Offerings

The Birthday and Thank Offering programs continue to do what they have always done: support ministries that serve people struggling with poverty, hunger, disasters human-made and natural, marginalization, sickness, infirmity, lack of access to education, and more.

In 2019 we celebrate the Birthday Offering by supporting these four projects:

1. Disaster Response Team, Presbytery of Charlotte—PW's grant will help provide a warehouse, parking and security fencing for household goods, food, hygiene and school kits, clean-up buckets, mobile shower units and trailers.
2. Effingham Child Development Center Playground, Illinois, will use PW's grant to improve the center's playground with a new play surface and all-inclusive play equipment.
3. Presbyterian Homes and Services of Kentucky, Inc., will improve the quality of life and safety for residents in the Appalachian region of Eastern Kentucky with new wardrobes, bedside cabinets, over-bed tables, nursing beds, mattresses and lift recliners.
4. Wings of Refuge Restoration Home, Iowa, provides a safe and healing space for women survivors of human trafficking. PW's grant will help fund a larger long-term

safe home where many more women will find restoration, community, opportunity and hope. This project is in the process of relocating to Ames, Iowa, and will be the recipient of one of the Synod Gathering offerings.

Give online or learn more at [www.presbyterianwomen.org / birthday](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday).



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