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Presbyterian Women of Wyoming

Spring 2018



Moderators' Musings

Greetings Sisters! As Margie and I complete this wonderful 3-year term as co-moderators of Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery, we leave our office filled with joy, but also sadness. It's been a unique experience, getting to know so many of you, getting to know the structure of Presbyterian Women, and learning where we fit into the whole picture. We are grateful to you for giving us the chance to discover more about Presbyterian Women. Celebrating its 30th anniversary, PW has accomplished great things... mission, fellowship and encouraging women to grow in their faith.

We leave PWP in good hands. Kathy and Louise will lead you well, trying new things, going different directions. Fresh new leadership is a very good thing! However, we also need those who can guide us so we are grateful that Gail Heimbeck and Mable Frederick are still leading us and can lend their experience to the new leadership. Of course, Margie and I will also be available to lend our ideas.

We plan to continue to be involved in PW — it's too much fun to leave! I will be attending Churchwide Gathering and hope to see several of you there. The Spring Gathering first in Powell, Churchwide and then the Retreat at Story. So much to look forward to.

Thanks again for this unique experience.

Lovingly in PW,
Melinda and Margie



**2018 Churchwide Gathering August 2-5, 2018
Louisville, KY**

“Arise, shine, your light has come!”

The Churchwide Gathering of PW is an amazing event. It's an opportunity to hear from inspiring speakers, learn more about ways to live our own faith, connect with dear friends, kindle new friendships and more! We gather because we are women of faith responding to Isaiah's invitation: “Arise, shine, your light has come!”

There is still ample time to register for the Gathering. You can register online or by completing a mailable registration form. Registration booklets are available from Melinda Brazzale or your local moderator. Register online at www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering. Register by May 1 and you will receive a Gathering pin and will have priority to purchase a limited-edition Gathering tote bag.

**Join your Wyoming sisters in Louisville at
Churchwide Gathering!**

Mission Project at Spring Gathering

Powell PW has identified the Crisis Intervention Services program that we can support by bringing any of the following items that they can use and are in need of as of right now. We appreciate any and all you are able to do! Thank you!

Toilet rug
Candles
Clorox wipes
Toilet bowl cleaner
HE laundry detergent
Toilet paper
All-purpose spray cleaner
Swiffer pads (wet pads)
Cleaning rags
Sponges
Notebooks
Colored highlighters
Paper clips
Black sharpies
Canned chicken
Terro liquid ant baits
Plastic cups
Plastic silverware
Monetary donations

We will also be collecting Target, Walmart and Walgreens \$10 gift cards to be taken to Churchwide Gathering in August. These cards will be given to the D.I.A.P.E.R. Project, Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Inc., and Lily's Place. Should you wish to donate more than \$10, please purchase additional cards in the amount of \$10 each.

We also invite our local PWs to bring 2 door prizes. If you attended a Churchwide Gathering in the past, bring your tote bag, t-shirt or other memorabilia, too, for part of our 30th birthday celebration.

Synod of the Rocky Mountains Annual Coordinating Team Meeting

The Synod of the Rocky Mountains Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team met in Denver at the Holiday Inn Jan. 19-21, 2018. This was the new location of the meeting, which was previously held at the Loretto Retreat Center. It was a productive weekend with much business held, including the election and installation of new leaders. They include: Kathy Lundberg, PWS Member-at-Large to coordinate the 2019 PWS Gathering, Vicki Terry-PWS Vice Moderator, Alice Koerner, PWS Racial Ethnic Member-at-Large, Lynn Erickson, PWS Search Committee Member and Gail Heimback, PWS CCT Representative. These leaders terms will be from 2018-2021. Sharon Cely, Vice Moderator, Alice Koerner, Search Committee moderator, Dorothy Peay, Racial Ethnic Member-at-Large, and Vicki Terry, PWS CCT Representative were recognized and thanked as outgoing officers.

It was voted to have a Rocky Mountain Coordinating Team Google network, with documents, including bylaws, minutes and job descriptions. Current job descriptions were updated to alter and clarify some responsibilities.

It was voted to hold the annual CT meeting on Friday, Jan. 18, 2019 at 10:00 am via Zoom. Elections and budget discussions will be part of the meeting. The next CT meeting will be held in conjunction with the Synod Gathering in the summer of 2019. Kathy Lundberg will organize the Synod Gathering which will be held in Sheridan, WY. The following CT meeting will be held in Denver in 2020 and Vicki Terry will be in charge of arrangements for that meeting.

Great fellowship was enjoyed throughout the weekend. Kathy shared the Global Exchange trip to Indonesia with us and looks forward to sharing it again at our PWP of Wyoming Spring Gathering. Our offering from the worship service at the synod meeting went to Cathy Chang, a mission co worker in Indonesia and to the One Small Gift mission project of gift cards for ministries in Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia.

It was wonderful to be back at the Synod CT meeting and I am honored to be representing the Synod on the PW Churchwide Coordinating Team. My term will begin after my installation at Churchwide Gathering in August. Please feel free to give me your input on PW or questions about PW programming and missions that you may have. I look forward to sharing PW news with you in the future.

Submitted by Gail Heimback



Greetings All,

I have just returned from the 2018 PW Synod Annual Planning Meeting in Denver, CO. From Marilyn Collins opening welcome remarks and devotions to the closing song and prayer, our time spent together was very productive and several items were accomplished. I am assuming that you all will receive the minutes so graciously taken by Mary Lee Hooks so I will not focus on the particulars.

In general we reviewed and updated the by-laws and the job descriptions. We spent a great deal of time reviewing the financials and budget for 2018-2019 and noted a downward trend to the donations received from the presbyteries. The Global Exchange funding was the exception to this. The search committee presented their findings and made nominations. Through icebreaker games and sharing of meals we shared our lives as Christian women growing together. On Saturday morning I presented the Global Exchange Program on Indonesia with slides and artifacts that I collected while I was there. I used Sharon as my model for "how to put a sari on" which was fun.

As I have extensive catering experience facilitating large groups, I offered to research the possibility of hosting the PW Synod Gathering in 2019 at the Holiday Inn in Sheridan, WY. I was elected as Member at Large and tasked to collect information about availability and cost for having the Gathering in Sheridan. I plan to meet with the Catering Director this week and then emailing the details to the Committee later this week. I did not accept the position of Vice Moderator which usually sets up the Gathering along with the two committee meetings throughout the year.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions and please consider having me come to your church or women's gatherings to present on Indonesia. Thank You for allowing me to attend the PW Synod Annual Planning Meeting as it helps me to grow in understanding about the powerful work that women can do together with Christ in the lead!

Blessings, Kathy Lundberg

TO CONGREGATIONAL MODERATORS

Please share the list of items that Spring Gathering participants are invited to bring with them to Powell for the Crisis Intervention Services program in Powell. We also ask that you invite them to bring the gift cards for Churchwide Gathering.

We will be playing a fun game at the 30th PW Birthday Party but all of the participants may want to be aware of information in the PW Manual on pp. 12 and 32. The PW Manual is an excellent resource if you have questions about PW at any time.



Pictured are Kathy Lundberg, 2018 Global Exchange to Indonesia participant and Merry Lee Hooks, PWS Secretary/Historian at the Synod CT

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY OF WYOMING

COORDINATING TEAM 2017-2018

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Co-Moderator:	Margie George
Moderator Elect:	Kathy Lundberg
Vice-Moderator:	Louise Semino
Secretary:	Gail Heimback
Treasurer:	Mable Frederick
Search Committee Moderator:	Willamae Shuler
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Historian:	Linda Learned
Newsletter Editor:	Gail Heimback
Horizons Representative:	Gail Heimback

Looking ahead to the PW of Wyoming Spring Gathering *“PW Building Bridges of Understanding” Romans 1:12*

The PWP Coordinating Team (CT) will meet Thursday, April 12 at 7:00 pm at Union Presbyterian Church in Powell. All elected CT members and congregational moderators are encouraged to attend. We will begin the Gathering on Friday, April 13, at 8:30 am at the church. The Friday agenda includes the annual business meeting, workshops, lunch, a field trip to Heart Mountain Interpretive Center, dinner, worship, and a 30th Birthday Party for PW! We will have presentations by Kathy Lundberg on Saturday, as well as installation of new officers and the commissioning of Churchwide Gathering participants. It is a full weekend, but a wonderful time to learn more about PW and to help celebrate all that we have done over the past 30 years. A registration form is enclosed with this newsletter. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Super 8 until April 9. Call 307-754-7231 and mention Powell Presbyterian Women when making your reservation. Please contact your local moderator or Melinda Brazzale at 307-256-0506 or mlbrazzale@gmail.com if you have questions. We'll see you in Powell April 12-14!

2019 USA Mission Experience

This trip will be held July 12-22, 2019, to upper New York State, focusing on civil rights and women's rights history. Trips will be taken to sites like the Susan B. Anthony home, Harriet Tubman house, Corning Glass Museum, and current Family Promise and food pantry sites. PW members are encouraged to apply for this unique experience. One woman from our synod will be chosen to participate. Please contact Kathy Lundberg for an application or information.



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2018-2019 Horizons Bible Study

“God’s Promise: I Am with You”

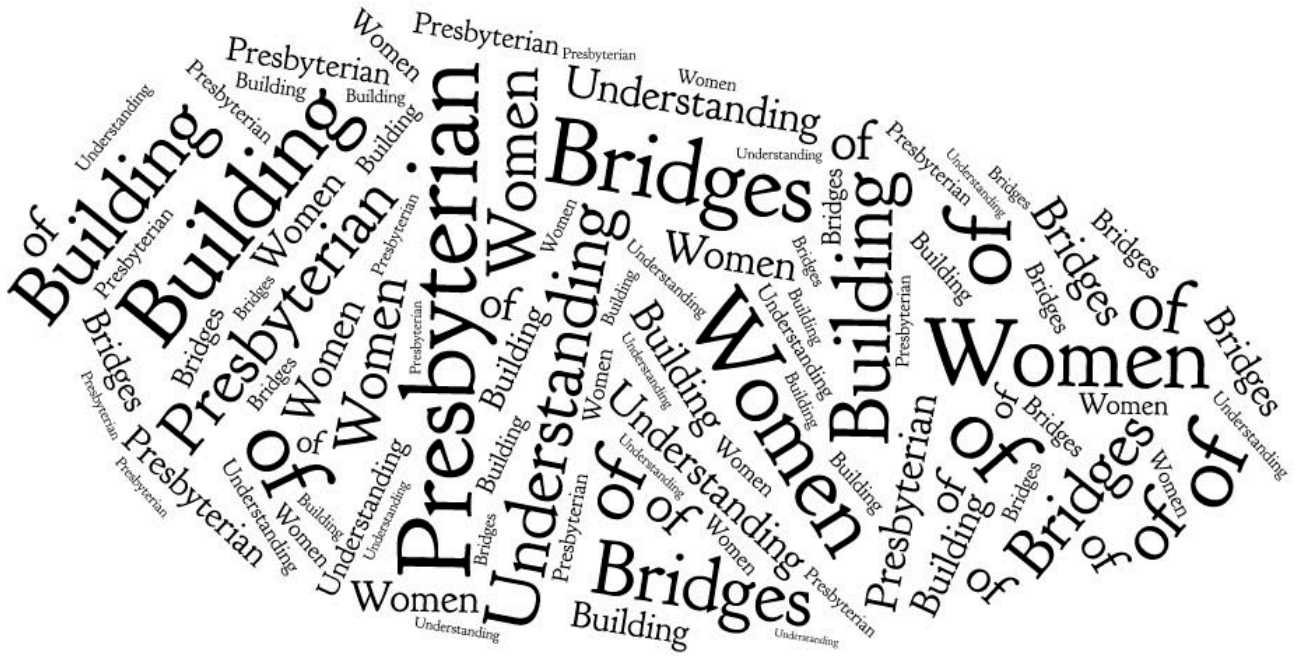
This study will help us discover how God's promise speaks to our circumstances, as individuals and as a community. We'll be encouraged to know of God's presence with us wherever we find ourselves on this life's journey—through uncertainty and discouragement: during trials and times of powerlessness; when we seek God's guidance and, yes during our everyday lives.

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2018 Wyoming Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering

Registration Form REVISED



"PW Building Bridges of Understanding," Romans 1:12

2018 Presbyterian Women of Wyoming Spring Gathering
 Union Presbyterian Church, Powell Wyoming
 April 13 at 8:30am to April 14 at noon

Name _____
 Street _____
 City _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____
 E-mail _____

In addition to your registration fee, check your choices:

Registration fee: \$24 _____
 Friday lunch: \$6 _____
 Friday dinner: \$10 _____
 Saturday lunch: \$6 _____
 Tour of Heart Mountain
 (1 hr walking indoors): \$4 _____

I would like to have childcare

Age of children _____

Total amount paid: _____

Please list any dietary or special needs: _____

Send your completed registration form with check made out for \$50 to Presbyterian Women by **April 4, 2018** to Mable Frederick, Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery Treasurer, P.O. Box 57, Guernsey, WY 82214.

A block of rooms is being held at Super 8, 845 Coulter Avenue, Powell, WY. Call 307-754-7231 and mention Powell Presbyterian Women. The rate is \$69 for 1 queen bed, \$79 for two queen beds. These rooms will be released on **April 9**. First come, first served. The rate includes continental breakfast.

More info: contact Melinda Brazzale, 307-256-0506, mlbrazzale@gmail.com