



# Presbyterian Women

Missouri Union Presbytery  
Fall 2019 Newsletter

## Happy Autumn!

We have *exciting* news about the Women's Spring Gathering for all the women in our presbytery! On **Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**, we'll be gathering at the First Presbyterian Church of Boonville for our featured programs, activities and luncheon, and then attendees have the option of taking a tour of Warm Springs Ranch – to see the new Clydesdale foals! This popular tour will be sold out, so we have an *early* reservation deadline of February 14<sup>th</sup>.

We are still working on our program details, but reservations for the Warm Springs Ranch Tour must be made and paid for by mid-February, so we want everyone to get the gathering date on their calendars and be ready to make reservations right after the Christmas Holiday. More about the Gathering and how to join the tour is [inside this newsletter](#). The information will be sent again in late December and posted on the PW page on our presbytery website.

## Reminder: Festival of Sharing Quilt Show & Auction

Join other Presbyterian Women (and lots of other folks) at the *Festival of Sharing Quilt Show & Auction on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>* at the Knights of Columbus in Columbia, Missouri. Enjoy seeing the quilts and other displays along with lunch and consider bidding on your favorite quilts.

All proceeds from the auction support Church World Service's Blankets-Plus Fund, helping communities in need around the world. Flyers are [attached to this newsletter](#) to share with the women in your church and all your other friends!

## What are you Thankful For?

That's what Eliza Clokey asked back in 1888 when she began our 131-year old tradition of an annual Thank Offering! Funds from this offering are used for grants to innovative and much-needed projects around the world, with about 40% of the funds going to health-care related projects. Your PW group can donate to the Thank Offering using the attached Remittance Form; our presbytery's PW Coordinating Team sends collected funds on to Louisville, and next year PW's Committee on Special Offerings will evaluate and select the projects to be funded with this year's offering. See [inside](#) for more information about PW's Thank Offering.

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*Below:* The August 17<sup>th</sup> Horizons Bible Study hosted by Village Presbyterian and PW-Synod of Mid-America. Rev. Eugenia Gamble, author of this year's study, *Loved Carved in Stone*, is circled!





## Meet Me in St. Louis!

The 2021 Churchwide Gathering will be in St. Louis, so start making plans to attend this extraordinary event – it will never be closer!

Registration costs have been set at \$450. The event will be at the St. Louis Convention Center and the selected hotel vendor is the Marriott Grand, just across the street. Start planning and saving for this wonderfully enriching experience: After all, how often do you get together with 1,500 Presbyterian Women?!? Get this memorable event calendared!

## CSW 2020

Last Year Presbyterian Women attained status with the United Nations' Economic & Social Council. Now, alongside the PC(USA), PW is part of the Ecumenical Women at the United Nations, an international coalition of church denominations and ecumenical organizations committed inclusion of marginalized peoples.

On the international stage, PW advocates that no one should be excluded on the basis of race, ethnicity, sex, age, religion or cultural practice, and that diversity should be celebrated as God's gift to the world.

Each March PW sends a delegation to the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) conference at the United Nations, working with ecumenical partners and advocating for the rights of all, and especially for gender equality. Applications to join the annual delegation are due November 1<sup>st</sup>. For more details, see the website and application form at <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/commission-on-the-status-of-women-application/>



## PW's Mission Partners

PW partners with many organizations on mission efforts. Your local PW may be interested in supporting their individual projects, especially if you are looking for a way to have an impact outside of your immediate community! Lots of information is available at their websites. If you work on a project, let us know so we can celebrate your efforts, and maybe help inspire others!

Little Dresses for Africa (<http://www.littledressesforafrica.org>) is known for its 'pillow case' dress patterns, but also sews pants for little boys and sani-pads for young women, along with collecting funds for fresh water wells and other projects focused on the areas it serves in Africa.

Knitting4Peace (<https://www.knitting4peace.org/>) is a grassroots organization whose members knit, crochet and weave while also praying for each other, for the recipients of the items and for hope, healing and peace. Participants make small crocheted "dolls", various blankets and other items to be sent around the world, including within the U.S.

Days for Girls (<https://www.daysforgirls.org/>) uses volunteers to sew "DfG" kits for menstrual health and provides them, along with training to girls around the world (including training for men!). Their regional will be in Hamilton, MO in early November.

## Where Is Last Year's Thank Offering Going?

Last Fall Presbyterian Women collected their annual 2018 Thank Offering, marking 130 years of generosity! Those funds are being distributed for projects across the country and around the world in response to many grant applications. Last February Presbyterian Women's Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women reviewed 75 applications, and chose 18 for funding.

All of these grants were made possible by the generous gifts of Presbyterian Women in our Presbytery and elsewhere! **The 2019 Thank Offering is now being collected.** Funds may be remitted this Fall through our PW-MUP (See the PW-MUP Remittance Form.)

**Synod of Alaska-Northwest:** Green Lantern Lunch Program (Supporting a *summer lunch program for food insecure children*) \$30,000

**Synod of the Covenant:** Firelands Presbyterian Church's "*Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep*" Program (Provides beds, bedding and other items for local children) \$20,000

**Synod of Lakes and Prairies:** Iowa Welcomes *Immigrant Neighbors in Need* (Church-led commission assists area immigrant families losing family members due to deportation) \$20,000

**Synod of Lincoln Trails:** Fit-2-Serve's *Community Bridges: Access for All Program* (provide an accessible bathroom, lift, and an ADA-compliant front entrance) \$25,000

**Synod of Living Waters:** Center for Women and Gender Studies (Sponsorship of the *Katie Geneva Cannon Legacy Memorial Conference*) \$16,200

**Synod of Mid-America:** Room at the Inn (Replace outdated equipment for homeless shelter program) \$24,250

**Heartland Presbytery:** Walking Together (Provide basic supplies for immigrant and refugee families, especially from Syria, as they adapt to their new community) \$25,000

**Synod of Mid-Atlantic:** Loving Food Resources (Renovation of food pantry facility serving Appalachian clientele, including construction of new loading dock) \$31,500

**Synod of the Pacific:** Kenilworth Community Preschool (Provide new durable outdoor blocks for large muscle development and educational use) \$8,125

**Synod of Rocky Mountains:** Missoula Food Bank and Community Center Children's Food Program (Provide enough food and supplies to allow enrollment of all children on a waitlist and at 4 additional schools) \$20,000

**Synod of South Atlantic:** Cancer Association of Anderson (Support for senior exercise and healthy living programs) \$8,750

**Synod of Southern California and Hawaii:** Agape Fish Fund (Support for diabetes management programs for food-insecure Vietnamese families) \$10,000

**Cameroon:** Set up modern blood banks, provide a two-day training workshops, and purchase a standby generator for obstetrics units in rural health facilities. \$21,600

**Democratic Republic of Congo:** Fund a drill-hole well for a health clinic provided by the Congo Presbyterian Church and the Congo Mennonite Church. \$20,000

**Dominican Republic:** Fund improvements to a camp that hosts workshops, retreats and camps. \$21,500

**Ghana:** Build a maternity ward in a local medical clinic. \$40,000

**Madagascar:** Support for an anti-human trafficking program providing preventative information. \$9,887

**Zambia:** Funding for nurses to travel and provide quarterly health education in rural areas and within CCAP congregations. \$40,000

### **The Purpose of Presbyterian Women**

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- to support the mission of the church worldwide,
- to work for justice and peace, and
- to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

# Announcing the 2020 Women's Spring Gathering Missouri Union Presbytery

Come to Boonville on April 30th for an encouraging and informative women's Gathering and, if you choose, a fun fieldtrip afterwards! You'll meet Presbyterian women from other churches in our presbytery, learn about local and national mission efforts of our churches and the Presbyterian Church, gain deeper understanding of injustices and challenges within our communities and beyond, and leave with new ideas of how we may share Christ's love in tangible ways in our own congregations, communities and around the world.

Plus, we'll visit with our Synod representative on this year's U.S.A. Mission Experience study trip to the Finger Lakes Region of New York. Our special guest, Rhoda Frasier, will share lots of information about women's rights and civil rights and much more based on her tour of a region where these issues were raised first hand.

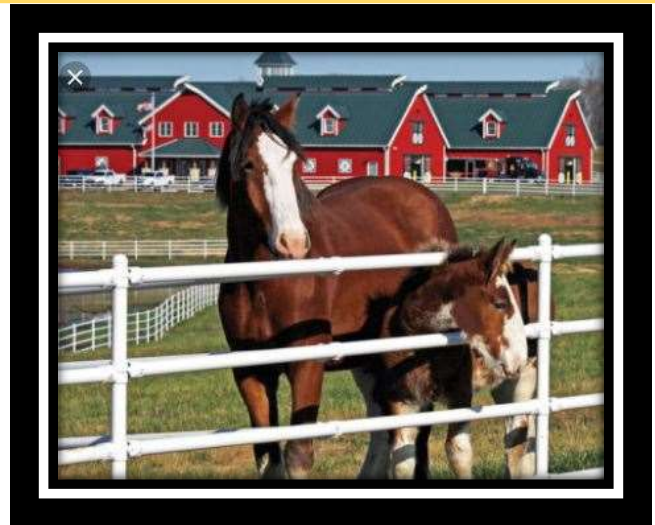
## **To Register:**

**GATHERING:** You may register for the Gathering (only) by just getting your name and your church to PW-MUP Moderator Anne Schneider! You may pay the \$10 Gathering fee up-front (with your tour fee) *or* at-the-door, but we need to have your name on our list to ensure the lunch count and have enough supplies on hand. We ask for all reservations for the Gathering by April 20<sup>th</sup>. The Gathering Fee is \$10. Note there will also be an offering collected during worship.

**WARM SPRINGS RANCH TOUR:** If you'd like to join the Warm Springs Ranch tour, you'll need to pay the \$16.50 tour fee **before** February 14<sup>th</sup> so we can include you in our group tour. Please deliver your check to Ruth Thompson, our PW-MUP Treasurer before that date!

You *may* include the \$10 Gathering fee in your check if you'd like, or you may pay that fee later at the door. All checks should be made payable to PW-MUP (or "Presbyterian Women-Missouri Union Presbytery" if you like to write it all out!).

Ruth Thompson's address for checks:  
3400 W. Hwy 124, Harrisburg, MO 65256



## See the Baby Clydesdales at Warm Spring Ranch!

Join a guided walking tour of the Ranch during the middle of foaling season! We're holding 50 tour slots, but you **MUST** make the deadline to get a ticket! The 1 ½ hour tour will begin at 2:00 pm – we'll drive over to the Ranch at the end of our Gathering.

Tour Cost is \$16.50 (includes the Ranch's service fee) and needs to be paid by February 14<sup>th</sup>. These Spring Foaling Tours are very popular and will be sold out, so please mind the Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> deadline!

Warm Springs Ranch is the home of the world-famous Anheuser Busch Clydesdales. (There is, therefore, an optional beer tasting available at the end of the tour; there is also a gift shop.) If you'd like to read more about the tour, see <https://www.warmspringsranch.com/tours.html>


Anne Schneider's contact for reservations for the Gathering: [akrsch@aol.com](mailto:akrsch@aol.com) or 573-418-1853. Please provide the name & church of all registrants! Contact Anne with any questions!



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**2019 Festival of Sharing  
Quilt Show & Auction**

Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>  
Knights of Columbus, Columbia, MO

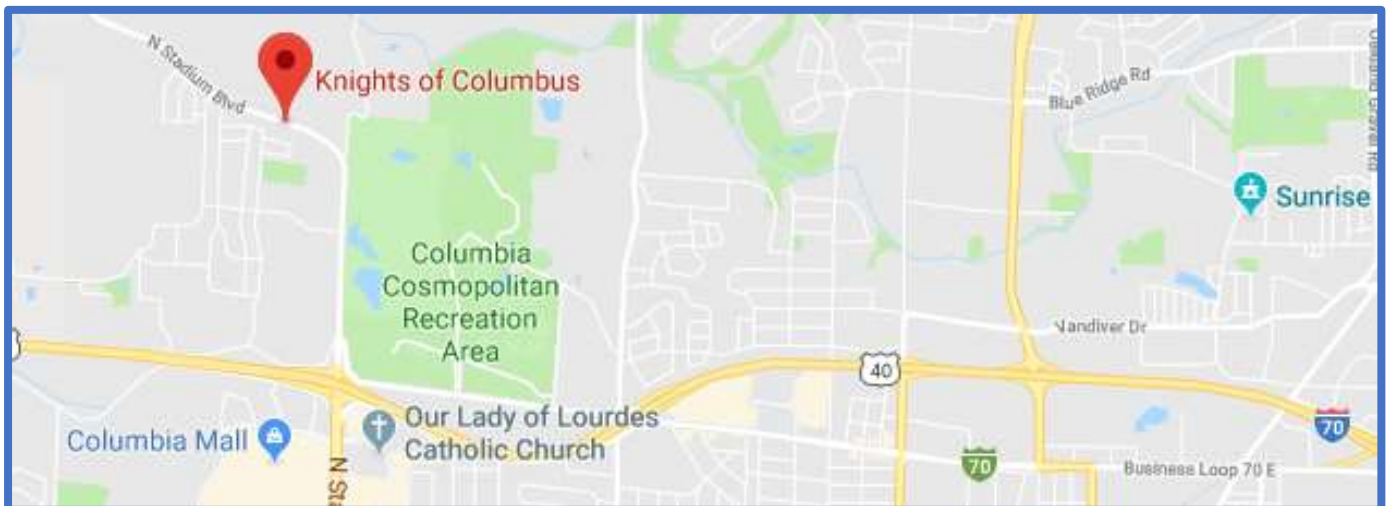
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Craft and Fair Trade booths also available.  
Free Will Donation Lunch 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Live Quilt Auction begins at 12:30 p.m.



Support the **Church World Service Blankets Plus Fund** with your bids on 100+ beautiful handmade quilts made by talented quilters all over Missouri (or just enjoy looking at them)! Church World Service is a faith-based charity serving people in need around the world, long supported by our Presbyterian Church and many other denominations. Bring your friends and your checkbook and let's help raise funds for Church World Service – and enjoy lovely quilts and other artwork along with lunch and time with friends. Everyone is welcome - we'll see you there!

- Presbyterian Women of Missouri Union Presbytery

Directions: The Knights of Columbus hall is at 2525 North Stadium Drive in Columbia, about ¾'s of a mile *north* of I-70 (on the left after passing the L.A. Nichols Golf Course, just past the Eagles Lodge)





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# Presbyterian Women in the Congregation Remittance Form

(Use this Form when forwarding any PW offerings and other donations to the PW-MUP Treasurer)



Please make check(s) payable to Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Missouri Union  
(or to "PW-MUP")

Enclosed is Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Please check if

New Treasurer

New Address

Please indicate any of the below funds your payment covers and the amount. If you are giving to any PC(USA) designated fund or other special funds, please describe and provide the fund's assigned number. If any portion is "undesignated" you may also include it in "other".

PW-MUP Assessment (Dues) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Least Coin Fellowship \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PW World Mission Pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Honorary Life Membership\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday Offering \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Presbyterian Hunger Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank Offering \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other \*\*\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please include the names of any women being honored with an Honorary Life Membership. \*\*Please provide directions for any designated gifts!

The PW-MUP Assessment (Dues) is used by the PW in the Presbytery to cover programing expenses for bi-annual gatherings and other activities/communications and to support involvement in mission activities and provide grants for travel expenses for the Churchwide Gathering and similar opportunities. PW-MUP also offers an annual scholarship for theological education from these funds. PW-MUP also forwards \$0.17 for each woman in the presbytery to the PW in the Synod. The Assessment is calculated as \$1 for a congregation's membership, divided by 2 (\$1.00 x Membership/2). All other designated funds are remitted by PW-MUP to the respective offerings and purposes.

The Assessment should be paid each year in January. Pledges made to the PW Mission Fund should be paid quarterly by remitting payment to the PW in the Presbytery Treasurer by March 10<sup>th</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup>, September 10<sup>th</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Please mail to the PW-MUP Treasurer at the below address. Please call or email with any questions.

Name: Ruth Thompson

Email: rathompson7@socket.net

Address: 3400 W. Hwy 124, Harrisburg, MO 65256

Telephone: (573) 499-1423