


Presbyterian Women Missouri Union Presbytery Summer 2021 Newsletter



Rejoice in Hope!

We've all been praying and hoping that the Pandemic would come to an end... well, there's still work to be done on that front, but for those who have been vaccinated, there's a sense of returning to our familiar "normal." And that's increasingly true among our Presbyterian Women across the presbytery. Circles are beginning to meet in person and plans are being made for a more engaged 2021-2022 PW Year!

Our new PW-MUP Co-Moderators, Shonda Gallaway and Mary Hoskins (*pictured below*), are eager to visit more of the women's groups among our churches and invite even more women to participate in this year's fantastic Bible Study and participate in other PW activities. They and other members of our Coordinating Team would LOVE to visit the women in YOUR church – whether you have an organized PW group or just are curious about starting one!

-Anne Schneider,
Newsletter Editor, PW-MUP

Report on the 5th Second Saturday Synod Sircle

Women across the Synod of Mid-America "zoomed in" to meet Joy Durrant, PW's national Vice-Moderator for Justice & Peace. Joy shared her experiences in attending the Commission on the Status of Women conference and told us about other PW activities promoting justice and peace in our country and world, such as the PW Eco-Justice Initiative and the Substance Use Disorder Initiative, both undertaken by PW's Justice & Peace Committee, and she shared resources on current programming. Watch again here:

https://1drv.ms/v/s!Ap3Ej8_4xyRIgRoJ8kkQZzciSNj1?e=5Ahjrw

The next Second Saturday Synod Sircle will be on September 11th at 10:00 am, so mark your calendars – more information about the program will be forthcoming.

SAVE THE DATE:

**Churchwide PW Plenary and Worship Service
Thursday, August 5th 3:00 pm-5:00pm (Central Time)**

In lieu of our traditional in-person Triennial Gathering, Presbyterian Women will hold a single Online Churchwide Gathering Event—two hours of worship and plenary that you can stream from your home, office or church! Inspiring speakers and preachers—including Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, president and executive director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency of the PC(USA)—will lead a time of rejoicing and renewal. **Watch for information on how to register & join (for free!) later this summer. For now, save the date!**





As things begin to open up again, it's great to see and be seen – is your women's group gathering in person? Send a picture your Presbyterian Women to share!

Pictured Clockwise from Left: Shonda Gallaway, Mary Sudbrook (Paris Presbyterian Church), and Mary Hoskins; The 2021-2022 PW-MUP Coordinating Team (Anne Schneider (Newsletter/Communications), Ruth Thompson (Treasurer), Marcia Lake (Mission Opportunities), Margaret Ferrell (Cluster Leader/Member at Large), Kay Metcalf (Search/Member at Large), and our Co-Moderators, Mary Hoskins and Shonda Gallaway; Circle #3 from First Presbyterian Church-Columbia; Presbyterian Women at Kirksville Presbyterian Church: Margaret Ferrell, Diane Baer and Jan Hartje.



**Remember, every
Presbyterian woman is
a Presbyterian Woman!**



Get Connected:

Would you like to receive more PW-related information from our Churchwide PW Office? Sign up for the PW mailing list by emailing Patricia Longfellow at:

patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org

or use the sign-up link provided at the PW Website:

<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/connect/>



Hello PW! We are your newly elected Co-Moderators and we would love to attend your PW gatherings, visit your circles, meet, and greet you as you get to know us! Invite us, please!

Everything we do as an organization and as a community is guided by our PW Purpose, and that includes ministry, resources, and relationships.

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.

Anyone who supports the Purpose in any way is participating in Presbyterian Women. So even if you are just learning about Presbyterian Women, there's a good chance you're already supporting Presbyterian Women—in spirit or in action!

Presbyterian Women are aligned under a shared Purpose, but the gifts of the Spirit allow us to live into the Purpose in our own, unique ways. Some individuals or groups find themselves particularly drawn to one or two points of the Purpose. Other groups or individuals consciously work toward fulfilling all points.

Remember, we are all Sisters in Christ. We look forward to serving our Lord, together with you. Yes, YOU!

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More PW News...



Make your own Origami Heart

Those who participated in our virtual women's retreat will recognize the origami heart pictured at left. Make your own by following the illustrated instructions posted on the PW Page at the Missouri Union Presbytery website. All you need is a 6" x 6" piece of paper! <https://www.mupresbytery.org/presbyterian-women> A creative way to let others know that they are near to your heart!

Horizons is the magazine (and Bible study) by and for Presbyterian Women. It's the resource for helping you explore where faith and life connect. Focusing on issues of faith—from the interplay between literature and theology to violence against women—*Horizons* gives you insights from women around the world and inspiration to live boldly.

Within the pages of *Horizons*, you will find mission stories, ideas for justice and peace work, information about Presbyterian Women and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), devotions, Bible study resources (to support the annual PW/*Horizons* Bible study) and a short Bible study on the issue's theme! *Horizons* is just for you because *Horizons* is about you and your sisters in faith, amazing Presbyterian Women!

A print subscription to *Horizons* includes five issues of the award-winning magazine plus the annual PW Bible study.

Subscribe on-line at:

<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/subscribe/>

(Save 12-16% with a 2 or 3-year subscription!)

How to support Presbyterian Women

We encourage the PW groups in our presbytery to use the remittance form on our PW-MUP page at the presbytery's website:

<https://www.mupresbytery.org/presbyterian-women> when forwarding offerings, mission pledge funds and other gifts to our PW-MUP Treasurer for processing so we can record your contributions. Individuals may also donate directly to PW at the national level here:

<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving-funding/give/>

**Gather a group
– a “circle” – and
study together!**



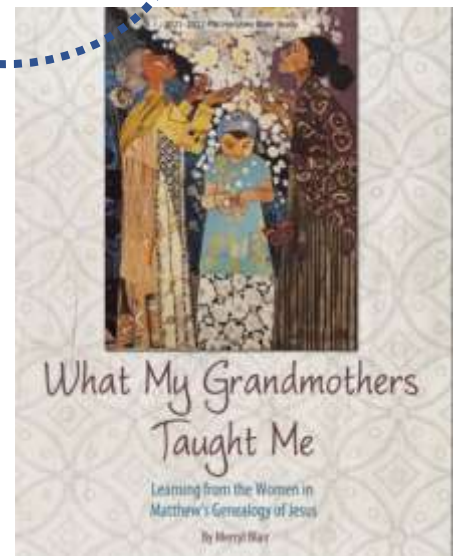
2021-2022 Bible Study:

Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary—Matthew names these women for a reason. How might Jesus have heard the stories of his grandmothers; how do we? What might the stories of these women have added to his sense of identity, as part of a particular family in a particular time and place?

Explore Matthew 1 and this theme with Presbyterian Women in 2021–2022 in our next *Horizons* Bible Study, **What My Grandmother's Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus.**

Bible study is the glue that holds Presbyterian Women together. It's our history—PW celebrates more than 100 years of publishing studies and using them together! PW/*Horizons* Bible studies are prepared quite literally by and for Presbyterian women. Our Churchwide Coordinating Team selects the theme and author, PW circles and groups field test and provide feedback on first drafts, and then we look forward to studying together.

PW/*Horizons* studies are written from within the Reformed tradition and strengthen the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). For more information about this year's study, including ordering information and a free 10-page guide for leaders, see <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study/matthews-genealogy/>.



MISSION OPPORTUNITY FOR MUP PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Festival of Sharing 2021

The Coordinating Team for MUP Presbyterian Women is encouraging the women of our Presbytery to participate in this year's Festival of Sharing.

The Festival of Sharing is an annual cooperative response by the citizens of Missouri to hunger, poverty, and injustice in Missouri and in the world. We can respond by making monetary donations to the Festival of Sharing or by assembling kits that will be distributed in Missouri or throughout the world by Church World Service (CWS).

The kits that have been most popular for MUP Presbyterian Women in the past are the Missouri Family Food Box, the Missouri Women's Prison Pack, the CWS School Kit, and the CWS Hygiene Kit.

You can obtain additional information about the Festival of Sharing and the kits by printing a copy of the 2021 Festival of Sharing booklet at www.festivalofsharing.org/media or by requesting a physical copy of the booklet at festival@socket.net or 573-474-3332.

Any donations and/or kits that you collect may be donated at any of the Sharefest locations that are listed in the booklet. The closest Sharefests for the women of MUP Presbytery are:

September 11th – Northeast Region Sharefest, Macon United Methodist Church, 208 Pearl St., Macon, MO 63552 – kit drop off time: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

September 25th – Central Region Sharefest, Tipton United Methodist Church, 204 US-50, Tipton, MO 65081 – kit drop off time: 9:30-11:30 a.m.



If you make monetary donations or deliver kits, you will need to complete a copy of the “Festival of Sharing -2021 Record of Giving” form that is located on the back page of the Festival booklet and turn it in at the Sharefest. Alternatively, you can mail the donation form to the Festival of Sharing Office (address is on the form).

We hope that you will consider participating in some way in this very important mission in Missouri. If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact Marcia Lake, Coordinator of Mission Opportunities, MUP Presbyterian Women, at 573-474-3494 or ‘marcialake@gmail.com’.

- *Marcia Lake*



One of the many resources Joy Durrant shared with attendees at the last Synod Circle was PW's newest devotional booklet, **Prayer & Beyond**. This pocket-size resource carries us through how Presbyterian Women respond to times of trouble: We Hear, Acknowledge, Grieve, Pray, Act, and Rebuild, all with Hope, for nothing is impossible with God.

You can order these booklets from the PW Online Store or download the template at the PW Churchwide website: <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/prayer-beyond/>

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 "undesigned" 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

The PW-MUP Assessment (Dues) is used by the PW in the Presbytery to cover programming 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 and 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 10th, June 10th, September 10th and December 10th.

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

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