



Presbyterian Women Missouri Union Presbytery Summer 2022 Newsletter



A Message from Our Co-Moderators for PW-MUP:

Over the past year, we have been privileged to visit Churches, Pastors, Circles, Bible Study groups and PW Members. What has been most exciting for us is meeting all the wonderful women who are a part of PW! (Presbyterian Women)

We draw inspiration that in each case, God has blessed these women of faith with a love of their church and the fellowship of the other women in the Church.

In MUP (our Presbytery), we've visited groups of women who have long histories together; groups of women who are strongly committed to mission projects and giving; groups of women who have a love of the Word of God and have been using the Horizon Bible Study for years, and those who have used other Studies to draw them closer to God; groups who are structured into "Circles", and groups who are simply drawn together by being in the same Church; and women who are less able to participate, but still feel a part of Presbyterian Women.

What is most encouraging, is that the bond of sisters in Christ has strengthened over the last two difficult years.

Our "togetherness" provides us comfort, support and deeper faith in the One who is present with us in each step we take.

We look forward to more visits. Please, Invite us to your Church and Circle. We'd love to come!

Joy and Peace,

Shonda Galloway & Mary Hoskins

MISSION REMINDER:

For an easy late-summer mission effort, select a "kit" for your PW group or others in your church to make for the Festival of Sharing! All kit-making directions and other opportunities to support Church World Service and local Missouri mission efforts are in the on-line Festival of Sharing booklet.

See <https://www.festivalofsharing.org/>

UPCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Thursday, September 8th

PW-MUP Fall Gathering at First Presbyterian Church Mexico, MO.

Saturday, September 10th

A "Second Saturday Synod Circle" is being planned via ZOOM at 10:00 am.

Saturday, September 10th

Festival of Sharing Sharefest for the NorthEast Region at Macon United Methodist Church

Saturday, September 17th

Annual Horizons Bible Study hosted by Village Presbyterian Church, Mission, KS for the PW groups in our Synod of Mid-America.

Saturday, October 8th

Festival of Sharing Sharefest for the Central Region at Tipton United Methodist Church



Co-Moderators Mary and Shonda visited with Presbyterian Women at the Farber Presbyterian Church!

Congratulations to Mary Sudbrock of Paris Presbyterian Church's PW on being awarded a PW Life Membership! Honoring our PW members with Life Memberships is a recognition of their service to both PW and the Church and provides funds for PW's Leadership Development Grants. To learn more about how your PW can honor your own members, see

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



ABOVE: Co-Moderators Mary and Shonda visited with members of the FPC-Jefferson City PW for a Circle meeting and salad luncheon in May.



LEFT In May, Anne Schneider, PW of FPC-Jefferson City, reconnected with Rev. Jeff Martin, who previously served at FPC-Boonville, and visited with members of the Guild for Cupar Old Church in Cupar, Scotland. She and her husband Ray were presented with a scarf and tie made in the official tartan of the Church of Scotland Guild and shared stories with church members about PW and Guild mission work. (The Guild is the equivalent of our PW for the Church of Scotland.)

BELOW: The PW of FPC-Columbia lead worship on May 1st as its Celebrating the Gifts of Women Sunday, with the assistance of Associate Pastor Jon Reinink and Anne Schneider of the PW of FPC-Jefferson City. Anne was recently approved by the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry to provide Pulpit Supply and prepared the sermon. The entire service was created around this year's PW Bible Study, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*. The PW of FPC-Jefferson City lent the blue stoles they use in their own annual Celebrating the Gifts of Women Sunday.



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 with a 2 or 3-year subscription!)

Remember, every Presbyterian woman is a Presbyterian Woman!

Save the Date!

**PW-MUP Fall Gathering
FPC-Mexico
Thursday, September 8, 2022**



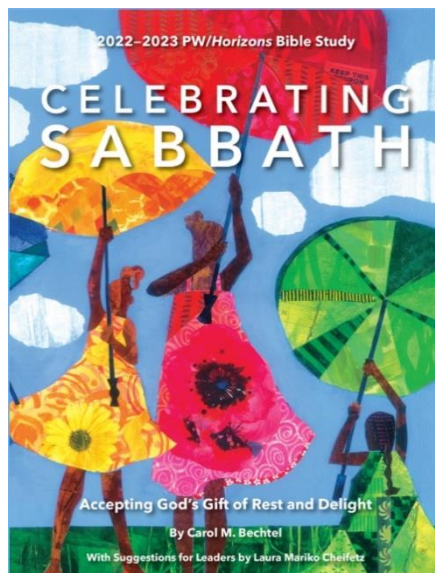
2022-2023 Bible Study:

Back in May 2019, Presbyterian Women's Bible Study Committee selected Carol M. Bechtel's proposal to write a study about Sabbath, or more particularly, God's gift of Sabbath to God's creation. Now we get to see the fruit of her labor as we join in this year's Bible study, *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*. Sabbath, suggests Carol, is not a dreary formality, but instead, a whole day set aside each and every week for rest, community, and faith.

But how do we honor Sabbath in a 24/7 world? The author confesses, "As an Old Testament scholar at a seminary, I had plenty of opportunities to study the Sabbath, but I never tried to embrace it as a way of marking time in my life. I hope to share with you some of what I learned by doing both." (Some may remember Carol Bechtel also authored a very good PW Bible study we had about a decade ago, *Above and Beyond: Hearing God's Call in Jonah and Ruth*.)

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.

PW/*Horizons* Bible studies are written from within the Reformed tradition and strengthen the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). For more information about this year's study and links to resources, see <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/current-bible-study/> Save on shipping costs by ordering books for all the women in your group! Remember, if you have a subscription to PW's *Horizons Magazine*, you receive a copy of the Bible Study each Spring for the following year!





CONGRATULATIONS to Shonda Galloway, one of PW-MUP's Co-Moderators, who will be serving as the Representative of the Synod of Mid-America on our Churchwide Coordinating Team, also known as PW's National Board of Directors! She is replacing Anne Schneider, whose term expires on June 30th. Thanks to all the Presbyterian Women in Missouri Union Presbytery who offer their time and talents to our Synod and National leadership.



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/>

Nationally, PW will be promoting a "PW Gives Day" on July 31st, as it has for many years, to support its Annual Fund. The Annual Fund covers salaries for our very talented staff in Louisville and supports the development work on virtually every program and activity PW offers, like Horizons Magazine, the annual Horizons Bible Study, the Churchwide Gathering, administering the annual special offerings, planning mission trips and other projects.

Our PW Purpose

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.

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 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 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.

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