

# PW BRIDGE



**December 2019**

**Moderator, Jill Keifer**

**Editor, Kandy Keith**

## PW Bridge

News for Presbyterian Women of the Eastern Virginia Presbytery in the  
Synod of the Mid Atlantic Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

## Moderator's Message

The ladies of PEVA PW enjoyed a wonderful Fall Meeting at Stonehouse PC in Toano. The worship service was conducted by Rev. Martha Mitchell of Simonsdale PC and Rev. Hannah Creager who is a pastor at retirement facility in Williamsburg. The program speaker was Nancy Long who had been a member of the PCUSA PW Board in Louisville. Churches involved in the planning were Stonehouse PC, Jamestown PC, Simonsdale PC, Franklin PC, Williamsburg PC, and Royster PC.

Please sign up to receive the weekly newsletter from the Presbytery that comes out on Thursday or Friday.

Raymond Rodriguez does an excellent job of publishing all events that are forwarded to him. Also, check out the Presbyterian Women's page for other articles of interest and forms.

Thank Offering and least Coin Offering are due to PWP Treasurer, Catherine Kelley (dckelley@aol.com).

The Quarterly Mission Pledge is due to Catherine by December 10. Next PWP CT Meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2020. If you are interested in attending, please let Jill know so she can give you the location and time at thekeifers@aol.com. Presbyterian Women of the Congregation (PWC) histories are due to Jill on January 31, 2020. Please send via email to thekeifers@aol.com or via mail to 1923 Paddock Road, Norfolk, VA 23518.

As always, as your PW officers change, please notify Jill so the directory can be updated. Again, by email to thekeifers@aol.com or via mail to 1923 Paddock Road, Norfolk, VA 23518.

"Mile of Pennies" for Massanetta Springs, was discussed last March and

June by the Synod Coordinating Team. According to the guidelines developed by the "Mile of Pennies" committee, each Presbytery was being challenged to raise a "mile of pennies" between September 1 and March 1, 2020. (A "mile of pennies" is 84,480 pennies, or \$844.80.) This project could be done by individuals or circles or Sunday School classes, or entire churches, etc. The possibilities are endless!

Massanetta Springs has always been so good to PW, and the conference center could certainly use our assistance in raising some funds to help maintain the facilities. This project was never intended to be cumbersome in any way to any church or PW group. This was just one way that churches throughout the entire Synod of the Mid-Atlantic could do something to help Massanetta. By serving as the organizers for this voluntary project, PW would become part of the solution.

Merry Christmas!  
Jill Keifer

### Coordinating Team (CT)

#### Moderator:

Jill Keifer, Royster PC,  
757 853-7465  
[thekeifers@aol.com](mailto:thekeifers@aol.com)

#### Vice Moderator:

Vivian Christie, Franklin  
PC, 757 562-2198 (h)  
757 635-8588 (cell)  
[hbchristie@charter.net](mailto:hbchristie@charter.net)

#### Secretary:

Vacant

#### Treasurer:

Catherine Kelley,  
Stonehouse PC,  
757 537-3732  
[dckelley@aol.com](mailto:dckelley@aol.com)

#### Directory Coordinator:

Lou Ventura, Franklin PC,  
757 373-2781 (cell)  
[www.franklinpresbyterianchurch.org](http://www.franklinpresbyterianchurch.org)

#### The PW Bridge

##### Coordinator:

Kandy Keith, Great Bridge  
PC, 757 681-1119  
[kandymk@verizon.net](mailto:kandymk@verizon.net)

##### Historian:

Vacant

##### Racial Ethnic Member:

Vacant

##### Search Team Moderator:

Vacant

##### Search Team Members:

Bettie Greene,  
Messiah PC,  
[kennerymk3@cox.net](mailto:kennerymk3@cox.net),  
757 686-4812

Evelyn Thomson,  
Simonsdale PC,  
[msevelyn@verizon.net](mailto:msevelyn@verizon.net)  
757 488-7289

##### Marketing:

Amanda Long, Bayside  
PC, 757 377-0414  
[amandalong328@gmail.com](mailto:amandalong328@gmail.com)

##### Cluster Leaders:

Group 1-Eastern Shore  
Pam Nielson, Naomi  
Makemie  
757 787-2654

Group 5-  
Portsmouth/Suffolk  
Donna Jensen,  
[ilvwdlf@cox.net](mailto:ilvwdlf@cox.net)  
757 508-8164

# Presbyterian Women's Mission Pledge (PW's Annual Fund)



## PW in the Congregation Pledge Form

January 1, 2019—December 31, 2019

As Presbyterian Women, we make the following pledge to support the mission of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery, Presbyterian Women in the Synod and Presbyterian Women at the churchwide level, as well as the mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

### Amount of Mission Pledge, PW's Annual Fund

Please indicate below the amount pledged to PW at each level.

- To support the mission of Presbyterian Women churchwide \_\_\_\_\_
  - To support the mission of Presbyterian Women in the Synod \_\_\_\_\_
  - To support the mission of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery \_\_\_\_\_
- Total Mission Pledge from PW in the Congregation** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### Deadlines

This Mission Pledge form should be completed and sent to the moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery (or whoever is responsible for the Mission Pledge) no later than **November 15, 2018**. Send all quarterly payments of this pledge to the **treasurer of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery by March 10, June 10, September 10, and December 10, 2019.**

#### Instructions

1. Enter the pledge amount for support of Presbyterian Women at the churchwide level (including support for the mission of the church worldwide).
2. Enter the amount of support for Presbyterian Women at each level, as requested by your PW in the Presbytery and PW in the Synod.
3. Keep a copy of this form for your records and send the original to the person indicated below.

Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery or designee \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## An Advent idea from our Presbytery



## News from our churches

### Calvin Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, VA

#### Annual Christmas Tea at Calvin Presbyterian Church



December 7 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

-The tickets are \$5.00 per person and there will be various raffles during the tea.

-Raffle tickets are \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00.

-Please RSVP by November 24 at 757-587-1591.

-Tickets may be purchased on the day of the event. The dress code is casual and all ladies are invited.

-Calvin Presbyterian Church  
2901 E. Little Creek Rd., Norfolk, VA

## **Great Bridge Presbyterian Church, Chesapeake, VA**

We have had a lot of changes this year with new pastors and the inevitable changes that take place with a change in leadership. The PW has been diligently going about our business with the Advent Wreath workshop this past Saturday with 16 in attendance. Each Circle will also support a local family or our homeless guests this season. The Sock and Mitten tree will go up this weekend for all those warm items that children in Title 1 schools need to keep warm. We have also prepared over 600 Aid's Meals for the Access Aid's Center in Norfolk since July. We had a spectacular "Downton Abby" tea on Sunday afternoon where we learned much about drinking tea. We had about 40 ladies in attendance. Billye Brown Youmans, our Music Director, is preparing for our Lessons and Carols on December 15<sup>th</sup>. All are invited.

December 15, 2019 @ 9:30 pm – 12:00 pm



### **Festival of Lessons & Carols, 9:30 am & 11 am**

"Joy to the World" by John Leavitt

Celebrating the 300th anniversary of the beloved carol. Featuring the Chancel Choir, Junior Choir, Alleluia Ringers and members of the Virginia Symphony Orchestr

## **Royster Presbyterian Church, Norfolk VA**

The women have organized the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program again this year. The deadline for gifts is December 1st. They are also involved with the Hanging of the Greens service to take place on Sunday, December 1st. The Worship Team and women of the church are planning a "Longest Night Service" to be held on Saturday, December 21 at 7pm.

## St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Suffolk, VA

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church PW had an active and productive summer and fall. The PW teamed up with the Preschool and Youth Group to hold a successful yard sale in June. Many individuals provided time, treasures, and monies to support this worthwhile funding event. The money generated was divided between the organizations to support individual mission goals.

We enjoyed two summer social events including a wonderful potluck dinner at Bible Study leader, Lisa Cross' house which is always a treat. We also had a great turnout to Gianna's Restaurant in Suffolk for fellowship and fun in August. Our kickoff to the Bible study year was September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Rev. Liza Hendricks, General Presbyter for the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia led an insightful and meaningful study from the Horizon's bible study for Lesson 1 of "Love Carved in Stone". It was a wonderful way to begin our series which now combines the evening and morning circles. We now meet in the morning once monthly.

The PW approved funding for the Christmas Mission to local mission; Suffolk Christian Fellowship Center. This organization serves the hunger and personal needs of individuals and families in downtown Suffolk. Director, Lorna Slaughter, presented a PowerPoint presentation of goals of the organization and answered many questions asked by PW at our last circle meeting. The international Mission funds will go to a project in support of Ruth Brown, Missionary who works with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana. They are planning their first Women's Conference in 60 plus years. The monetary support will help the estimated 120 women from 22 churches to pay for traveling cost and stipends for trainers, teachers, and meals for 3 Days. The mission of the conference is Bible study, information on promotion of family health, and training for income generation. The PW hopes to solicit donations from the congregation in November and December to be equally divided between these two very important missions.

Our group continues to provide snacks to the Suffolk Morgan Memorial Library in downtown Suffolk. Snacks are provided for youth who are attending various programs or using the library Services after school. Between 25 to 30 individuals are served 5 days a week which has been positively received by the youth as well as library staff. The PW received a generous grant from PEVA to initiate the program in January 2019. We also received monetary support from the congregation to continue the program until the library secures funds from the government to continue as a sustainable program.

St. Andrew will be part of the CAPS program; Coalition against Poverty in Suffolk in January to provide guests a weeks stay. Our PW will make dinner, lunch, and breakfast as well offer other services as needed

Martha Shephard SAPC PW Moderator



## **Simonsdale Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth VA**

The Simonsdale PW morning and evening Circles are studying Eugenia Gamble's Love Carved in Stone, A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments. In addition to monthly study in the meetings, the members are actively involved, throughout the year, in various activities, such as providing a nursery during church services. During the summer, several PW ladies served as chaperones and drivers for the Youth group retreats. On August 25, PW provided a thank you cake party for Linda Smith, one of our own PW who served as interim pastor while Pastor Mitchell was on sabbatical during the summer. On August 28, CONNECT began, which involves Circle members teaching, cooking, and assisting in every aspect of the project for our youth. On October 5, several PW attended the fall gathering at Stone House Presbyterian Church in Toano, from 8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. On October 12, a fundraising yard sale was held, thanks to the active involvement of the PW. Throughout the year, members PW provide food and serve made the homeless at Oasis, an inner city food kitchen for the homeless, and during the colder months, a concentrated effort to serve the homeless is provided in other churches. The annual Trunk or Treat was sponsored by the Youth and heavily supported by the PW with organizing, advertising, chaperoning and providing candy for the neighborhood children. This month (November), the PW is purchasing nonperishable food for the church food pantry and beginning to collect food and frozen turkeys for the annual Christmas baskets for neighborhood families who are experiencing hardship. PW will also assist the teens in shopping/purchasing toys to stuff children's stockings to be distributed near Christmas, along with the food baskets. Several members of the PW have recently had medical problems, so the PW has been providing meals for them on a rotating basis. On November 17, after church services, the PW will be providing covered dishes for our church family's Thanksgiving meal. All in all, the ladies have been a ray of sunshine for those in need, and for the church congregation. They work tirelessly to provide to those most in need.

### **The PEVA PW Directory**

The PEVA PW Directory has gone electronic. Copies will be emailed to members as requested.  
Questions: Call or email Lou Ventura.

### **ARE YOU CONNECTED?**

You may think you have connections, but if you are not on the PEVA News and Events email list, you are missing important information. Raymond sends out a weekly newsletter via e-mail along with prayers and concerns for Presbytery. Contact at: rrodrigues@pcusa-peva.org today and request to be put on his email list.

### **The BRIDGE Newsletter Deadline**

Articles for the summer edition of The Bridge are due on May 30, 2020.  
Share news of your special or different spring/summer events with all of our churches.  
Pictures are welcome. We all gain by sharing ideas and projects.  
Send your articles to Kandy Keith: kandymk@verizon.net

Those PW Moderators/members who receive The Bridge should make copies to share or send this newsletter electronically to your members.