



Transylvania Presbyterian Women June 2008



Greetings from Transylvania Presbytery PW Moderator, Linda Crawford

Greetings, PW Sisters!

It is both an honor and a challenge to be writing this note to you as the new Moderator of Presbyterian Women in Transylvania Presbytery. Though I was with the presbytery “officially” for four years and know many of you, I am aware that over a year has gone by since I have communicated across the region, so I must reacquaint or even start over with names and faces of people and their churches. I am delighted to be starting on a new leg of my “journey” and will anticipate being in touch with you over these next two years, with much of that being in person when possible.

A few of you know that, though I am not ordained clergy, I have spent many years in the Presbyterian Church USA at the congregational level, the presbytery level, as well as with the office of the General Assembly. I have known about the work of PW since childhood when I recall my mother going to her Circle meetings and the “Women’s Association” meetings at my home church in Salem, Ohio, where I grew up. I remember hearing about the mission projects they were working on, and how many things seemed to spin off PW in my own church. Having become a “G.A. Junkie” over many years of working both in Louisville and presbyteries and attending many General Assemblies, I have heard over and over again how vital the Presbyterian Women are to this denomination that continues to struggle with various issues year after year. But the heart of PW stays firm, especially in the area of mission.

Over these next two years, I would welcome the opportunity to come and visit your churches, learning about what you have been doing and what dreams and possibilities might lie ahead in which we could work together. I will be using “spiritual the journey” as a metaphor for our lives during this time. At present I am seeking Certification in Spiritual Formation from Columbia Seminary. We are on this journey together, as sisters in Christ, where we are being called to work jointly to live out the Good News given to us. Being new in this role of Moderator, I will welcome suggestions and help as I go along; please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to walking on this journey with you!

Blessings,
Linda

PWP Spring Gathering Report

A big “thank you” to Presbyterian Women at Lancaster Presbyterian Church for hosting our Spring Gathering in such a warm and welcoming way. One hundred five of us gathered from across Transylvania Presbytery for worship and fellowship (and good food). The offering of \$492.00 will be divided equally between the Transylvania PW Scholarship Fund and Living Waters for the World Project. Lancaster PW had named *Living Waters for the World* as their mission project.continued

PWP Spring Gathering Report, continued

PW Honorary Life Memberships were given to Betty Jean Donaldson, immediate past PWP Moderator and to Ronnie Grigsby, Commissioned Lay Pastor, at Vicco and Hull Memorial, as a token of appreciation for their dedication and service to Transylvania Presbyterian Women.

Betty Jean is a member of the Nicholasville Presbyterian Church and had served on PW Coordinating Team in positions of Moderator, Enabler Coordinator, Leader for Cluster G (Rachel, District 6, covering Anderson, Jessamine, Scott and Woodford counties in Transylvania Presbytery). She will remain on coordinating team for one year as past moderator.

Ronnie has been a strong supporter of Presbyterian Women for many years. He is a life long Presbyterian and resident of Hazard, Ky. He became a certified Commissioned Lay Pastor in 1994, after which he has led worship and preached at 11 of the 12 churches in District 5. From 1994 to the spring of 2002, he was part-time CLP in District 5 and a full-time insurance agent. Since May 1, 2002, to the present, he has been full-time CLP serving at Hull Memorial and Vicco. On the presbytery level, he served on the recent Search Committee for General Presbyter; served on Church Development and Re-Development Committee, Judicial Committee, and is a past Moderator of Transylvania Presbytery. He will be a delegate representing all our churches in our presbytery at the 218th General Assembly. Ronnie stated "I have great admiration for the many churches in our presbytery that have PW circles. The women are visionaries and missionaries, students of the Bible and worshippers of the Risen Christ. I am deeply honored to be an Honorary Life Member of the Presbyterian Women!"

RECIPE

Pecan & Olive Cream Cheese Spread

8 oz cream cheese
1/2 C pecans, chopped
1/2 C olives, chopped
2 TBL olive oil
Red pepper to taste.

Lancaster Presbyterian Women shared this recipe with us on April 12, 2008. It was used on sandwiches served as part of their delicious meal we so enjoyed!

Keeping in the Know:

If you would like to receive current information from the various committees, churches, and up-coming events in Transylvania Presbytery (not just Presbyterian Women), please contact Sharel Templeton at e-mail address: stempleton@transyby.org. Please include your name, mailing address and telephone number. In the near future, we expect to have your PW directory accessible from the webpage of Transylvania Presbytery! If you have already been registered by Sharel, you will already be in data base able to access PW information immediately when PW information becomes available. Oh, for the wonders of computer technology????!!!!

Coordinating Team for Transylvania Presbyterian Women roster is included in this newsletter. Please save and use this information until you receive your new directory at Burnamwood on September 20th.



Church Corner

Harlan Presbyterian has shared creatively with Christ Episcopal Church these past three years. Our congregations are smaller now, so we have joined together for Advent services and Lenten services at the Sunday evening service. We alternate at the different churches and the choirs combine for the music. This year we have included the congregation of the Harlan Methodist Church. We have lay scripture readers, hymns, special organ and piano music, and the combined choirs for an anthem.

On Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, we planned and shared a pancake dinner with Mardi Gras decorations.

After Easter, the Methodist minister was so impressed with our combined evening services that he met with the other ministers and suggested that the combined congregations meet together on Fifth Sundays in alternate churches.

It has been a joy to be together in worship and in fellowship.

Marilyn Unthank
Harlan Presbyterian Church

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The Mary Shepherd Circle members of **Pisgah Presbyterian** Church found their desire to make contributions to local church projects and mission activities always outpaced their ability to raise funds. Several years ago, the group was introduced to an easy fundraising process offered by Kroger. When members of your Circle and other church members use specially designated Kroger's Gift Cards, 4 percent of your purchases are returned to the Circle.

Once your organization is registered, this is how it works:

- One time, buy a special Kroger's Gift Card from your Circle for \$5.00 (The cost will be applied to your first grocery purchase).
- When you shop at Kroger, show your Gift Card at the front desk and pay to have added to the card the amount you expect your groceries to cost. Alternatively, you could put a larger amount on the card less frequently.
- When checking out, use your Gift Card to pay for your groceries. If your bill is more, you make up the difference. If it is less, the credit remains on your card for the next time.
- Four percent of the amount of your Gift Card purchases go to your organization! Reuse your card every time you shop – just prepay for the groceries (recharge the card) each time you come in, or prepay less often for several anticipated grocery stops. All purchases are credited: pharmacy, gasoline, etc.

We have found it easy and convenient to use the Gift Card. Your Circle profits from your regular grocery shopping! To begin the process, you will need a coordinator who will contact Kroger Gift Services at 1-800-576-4377.

Watch for us in future newsletters! We will share information about the ways we are using our funds.

Sue Fosson
Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Versailles

Stamp Out Hunger

The used postage stamps you collected last year resulted in \$182 being added to Hunger Fund Program! For your convenience, we will now have container available at quarterly Presbytery meetings in case you forget to bring stamps to gatherings! You can bring or send the stamps to these meetings. Also, they can be left at the presbytery office in Lexington. Since the cost of postage is so great and the stamps are not sent to auction until November, we would like to suggest you not mail stamps.

2008 -2009 Horizons Bible Study

Jubilee! Luke's Gospel for the Poor

In the new Horizons Bible Study, author Dale Lindsay Morgan highlights Jesus' message of jubilee. She writes about the many ways that Christ's jubilee message turned the world upside down, exalting the poor and involving outsiders – bringing the love of God to all.

The 2008 -2009 Bible study has already been sent to those who subscribe to Horizons magazine and is now available to order from Presbyterian Distribution Service (PDS) at 800-254-2612 at cost of \$6.00 plus shipping and handling. Additional Bible study resources will be included in five consecutive issues of Horizons beginning with the July/August 2008 issue.

Also available for \$5.00 each through PDS are the following supplementary materials:

Eyewitness News: Transcripts of Live Interviews with Those Who Saw Jesus

On the Road: A Storytelling Journey with Luke

Out of the Abundance of the Heart: A Jubilee Journal

Materials may also be ordered online at www.pcusa.org/horizons.

Barbara Snyder, Horizons/Resources Coordinator

Together in Service

Mission Report Update

Many thanks to the 27 churches I have heard from. There are many wonderful projects and ideas for all our churches. A copy of the report will be in the 2008 – 2009 PWP Transylvania Directory to be available at Fall Gathering in Burnamwood (see “Dates to Remember” in this issue).

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Mission Project Possibility

Mothers, Malaria, and Mosquito Nets -- a mission update featured on page 35 in the March/April 2008 of *Horizons*. Quote below:

Covering beds with insecticide-treated mosquito nets can significantly reduce mother and infant deaths from malaria in Africa. At present more than 24 million pregnancies a year on that continent are threatened by malaria which causes miscarriages and premature deliveries. Many women survive a bout of malaria during pregnancy, only to see their baby become ill and die from the same disease. Something as simple as a mosquito net can significantly reduce these tragic statistics.

If you are interested in learning more about this very real need, contact International Health Ministries Office: 888-728-7728, ext.5573, or e-mail Gail.Bingham@pcusa.org.

More information and instructions for sending donations to PC(USA) are available.

To share with you

–Donald A. Weems, beloved minister of Trinity Presbyterian Church, University City, Missouri for many years, led members of this Presbyterian Church into their understanding of the meaning of faith in their lives. . .and in the life of this world we all share. Perhaps you, too, will find it speaks to you.

We believe in God, in Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit...and in you and me.

We believe in praising God for life abundant.

We believe in responding to God's grace and love and justice for all people.

We believe in the poetry within each of us.

We believe in dreams and visions.

We believe in the Kingdom of God within us.

We believe in love.

Future Dates to Remember:

July 26, 2008

Insights into Horizons Bible Study 2008 – 2009

“Insiders / Outsiders:

A Study of the Gospel of Luke”

Rev. Janice Catron, Leader

Second Presbyterian Church

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m

3701 Old Brownsboro Road, Louisville, KY 40207

Registration fee (including lunch) \$25.00 by July 12

Checks payable to PW Mid-Kentucky Presbytery. send to Carol Lee Severs,
1208 Potomac Place, Louisville, KY 40214

Bring Bible and Horizons Bible Study Book

(Study Books will be available for purchase on site, \$6.00.)

September 20, 2008 PWP Fall Gathering

Burnamwood Camp and Conference Center

Keynote Speaker: Paul Prather

Former Herald-Leader’s religion writer

Pastor of Bethesda Church in Montgomery County

Occasional contributor to

Faith and Values section of Lexington Herald-Leader

April 18, 2008

PWP Spring Gathering

First Presbyterian Church, Lexington Kentucky

Keynote Speaker: Bonnie Blair,

Synod Representative, Churchwide Coordinating Team

More information as it becomes available

July 11 – 15, 2009

Churchwide Gatherings

Louisville, Kentucky

More information later

July 2012

Orlando, Florida

More information later

2008-2009 PW Directory Information

We are missing some information from several churches. If you are one of the “several”, won’t you please send list of women holding offices in your local PW – ***information was due by June 1st***. However, we are still working on this project and would appreciate your immediate attention. Send to Juanita Callahan, P. O. Box 106, Jackson, KY 41339 or e-mail juanitakc@bellsouth.net or fax to 606-666-9270. Please help to make new directory an accurate one! Thanks.