



Eastminster Presbyterian Women

The Newsletter for Presbyterian Women of Eastminster Presbytery

Greetings from your Moderator...

Dear PW... I guess you should never say never, should you? Carmen Ferris has accepted the position of moderator with the stipulation that I stay on to help. I would have done that anyway but she is quite capable of doing this without me. I have enjoyed being moderator and only left because it was time. You cannot have the same moderator for years and years. If you don't change things every once in a while, you will not be a good leader. I hope many will be at the April gathering to hear Martha Pool lead us in our program. Maybe we can get new ideas and charge up our passion for PW, be more involved in the decisions on board and coming to meetings. I also hope many more can make it to Detroit this summer and see what that Presbytery is doing in mission. It is truly amazing. Looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting, get those reservations in early so we won't be wondering if anybody is coming!!!!

~ Goldie

Greetings from your Moderator-elect...



Those of you who attended the Fall Gathering last October at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church in Akron are aware that Goldie Burrier announced that she no longer would be able to continue as moderator of PW. Since our Eastminster

Presbytery PW Coordinating Team does not have a vice-moderator, we're left with a vacancy. Several of you suggested that I

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assume the position of moderator, and I have agreed to do so provided Goldie serves as vice-moderator. She has agreed, and so we are serving together until April 26, 2010, which is when the Spring Gathering is scheduled at Park Vista, at which time officers will be elected and installed.

In the meantime, on January 10, 2010, the Struthers Presbyterian Church congregation voted by a 97% majority to disaffiliate from the PC USA. While all the details of this action are being worked out, Anita Chambers, treasurer, and Elaine Karnes, mission interpretation coordinator, have agreed to continue as we find out what this vote means for us at PW. We hope to continue having our enthusiastic PW sisters from Struthers with us at our gatherings.

Transitions are not easy for any of us. Whether it's in our own personal life or in the life of our church, they are commonly referred to as desert times, alluding to the Israelites leaving a situation with which they were familiar for a place that was unknown. While we make our desert journey together, I encourage you to pray and be open to God's guidance. We are all called to serve our Lord; let's do so with joy in our hearts. The theme of the 2009 PW Churchwide Gathering - "God Will Do Wonders Among You" - reminds us of God's promise to us at this time in our journey together.

~ Carmen



Eastminster Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering

Monday, April 26, 2010 - 9:00am

Park Vista Retirement Community

1216 Fifth Avenue

Youngstown, OH 44504

330-746-2944



"Where is God leading?" Guest Speaker, Martha Pool

Come to the gathering to find out what plans God has for our Presbyterian Women and how we can work with God to bring about transformation in our Presbytery.

Martha Pool currently serves PW in the Synod of the Covenant as the Synod Rep to the Churchwide Coordinating Team and PW in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley as a search member. She has previously served as PW/PSV moderator and PW Enabler. In her church - Lancaster First Presbyterian Church - she serves as Treasurer of Loyalty Circle and facilitates the knitting circle, Knit Together. She also teaches an adult Sunday School, sings in the choir and rings hand bells.

Registrations must include payment - Get your registrations in early - See form on page 8

Directions to Park Vista:

From the NORTH: Take Rt. 11 south to the I-80 interchange. Pick up the new Rt. 711 expressway and continue south to the Gypsy Lane exit. Go east on Gypsy Lane about 1.5 miles to Fifth Avenue. Turn right (south) and go 1.25 miles to the fifth traffic light (Broadway St.) The entrance to Park Vista's parking area is on your right.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: Take Rt. 193 (Belmont Ave.) south to Gypsy Lane (this intersection is 1.5 miles south of I-80). Turn left (east) and go 3/4 mile to Fifth Ave. Turn right (south) and go 1.25 miles to the fifth traffic light (Broadway St.) The entrance to Park Vista's parking area is on your right.

From the SOUTH: Take Rt. 11 North. After crossing Mahoning Ave. stay in the right lane and curve right directly onto I-680. Exit at exit 4A (Caution—tight curve on exit ramp). Go east to the Belmont Ave exit. At the end of the ramp, continue straight ahead two blocks to Fifth Ave. Turn left and go a bit less than 1/2 mile to the entrance to the facility's parking area. This is a left turn at the traffic light at Broadway St.

From the WEST: Take I-76 east to the Ohio Turnpike interchange, and continue straight west on I-80. After crossing Rt. 46, bear right on I-680 to Exit 4A/Rt. 193. Take this exit and proceed as described in the previous paragraph.



Presbyterian Women Spotlight

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Akron
submitted by Laurel Labbe

PW has been changing and growing at Westminster, Akron the last few years. About 5 years ago I started the Mary Circle here for women with young children (plus a few grandmothers). We have been faithfully meeting and participating in the Horizons Bible study each year. We have been growing in numbers each year (our first meeting was

3 ladies and by our last meeting last spring we had 14 members). This fall one of our members who had been out on maternity leave was going back to work and needed an evening circle, so we split to accommodate more women. The Martha Circle had their first meeting in September, 2009. Meanwhile, our other circles have been continuing to meet. We have three other groups participating in the Bible Study.



Laurel Labbe (Westminster, Akron), her mother Martha Manning (Synod of the Trinity in PA) and Denise Howell (Westminster, Akron) in Louisville.

This summer another member of my circle and I attended the church wide gathering in Louisville. I have attended the national gatherings since 1997 with my mother. This was my friend's first gathering. I wish I had known others from our Presbytery were going – it would have been so great to connect. We offered a program about the Gathering on Oct. 17th at our church. We served a brunch and then the program.

We are currently supporting one of our members who has gone to Kenya to be a medical missionary with her husband and two small children. Last Spring we put together a cookbook to sell and have been passing along the proceeds to

support their mission. We still have cookbooks we would be happy to sell – they are \$12.00 and make great gifts! We have also been knitting baby hats to send to her to pass along to her patients (she is an O.B.). I have a pattern if anyone would want to join us in this effort. Most of my circle members don't know how to knit and or spend their time chasing kids around so we haven't collected as many as we would like. We are hosting Christine Fuller who attended the PW Global Exchange last summer on March 14th. We are hosting a luncheon and then she will speak about her experience in the Czech Republic.

North Springfield Presbyterian Church
submitted by Pastor Janet Lowery

PW is one of the most active groups at our church. In the Fall we conduct business, send cards to shut-ins, have a mission project, invite guest speakers, and go on trips. For example last Fall we invited Charlotte Marky, a Hungarian immigrant and author, to talk about her experiences. We delivered paper supplies to Abah House in Akron which is a ministry for women released from jail. We studied information about domestic violence from *Horizons* magazine and heard a staff person from the battered women's shelter. We received the Thank Offering during a Sunday worship service and invited the whole congregation to contribute. We attended the Fall Gathering at our sister church Oak Hill. And we worked on hospice projects (nail kits and comfy pillows) after enjoying a lovely Christmas salad-dessert luncheon. There are 12-14 of us. In 2010 we are tackling the *Joshua* Bible study.

*We want to hear from you! To have your PW happenings included in future newsletters, please send information and/or photos to Kerry Price at kerryprice@faithfulness.com or mail to 132 N. Beverly Ave., Austintown, OH 44515. We are also still looking for updated moderator information for newsletter delivery. A big **THANK YOU** to all who have sent your moderator changes since the last newsletter.*



PWP Operating Income Report January 1—December 30, 2010 <i>Submitted by Anita Chambers, Treasurer</i>	
Balance January 1	\$7,620.76
Receipts	
Contributions	\$679.50
Synod Scholarship Funds	545.00
Fall Gathering	385.00
Interest	47.08
Total Receipts	\$1,656.58
Disbursements	
Synod Dues	312.41
Churchwide Gathering Expenses	1,360.80
Fall Newsletter	144.00
Fall Gathering	385.00
Bank Charges	23.64
Supplies, postage	72.66
Transfer to Mission Fund	2.50
Total Disbursements	(\$2,301.01)
Balance December 31	\$6,976.33

PWP Mission Report January 1—December 30, 2010 <i>Submitted by Anita Chambers, Treasurer</i>	
<u>Income</u>	
Mission	\$ 20,827.21
Thank Offering	8,174.07
Birthday Offering	2,451.56
Honorary Life Membership	95.00
Least Coin	785.73
Two Cents for Hunger	683.05
Designated Missions*	921.70
	\$33,938.32
<u>Expenditures</u>	
80% National Mission	\$16,661.77
10% Synod Mission	2,082.72
10% Presbytery Mission	2,082.72
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<u>*Designated Missions:</u>	
Mars Children's Home	\$106.70
Mosquito Net Project	30.00
Palm Project	200.00
Churchwide Services	270.00
Protestant Family Services	100.00
Haven of Rest	215.00
	\$921.70

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 newsletter is only being mailed to churches
 and their PW moderators. The moderators
 should then share the newsletter with all of
 the PW in their congregation. A full COLOR
 copy of the newsletter is available on the
 web at www.faithfulness.com/pw. If you'd
 like to receive a personal electronic copy
 via your email, please send a note to
 kerryprice@faithfulness.com.



“The Many Faces of Mission”

2010 Presbyterian Women Gathering
Synod of the Covenant
June 25 - 27, 2010



Dearborn First Presbyterian Church
600 N. Brady Road
Dearborn, MI 48124
313-274-1313



Keynote Speaker: Ruth Farrell

Ruth Farrell has been the Coordinator for the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) since September 2008. She has seen the faces of mission in Peru, the Congo, North America, Louisville, Washington D.C. and wherever her travels take her. Join her and sisters from around the Synod as we hear stories and accept the challenge to explore the faces of mission we meet on a daily basis.

Eastminster PW will have some representation at this Synod event. If you'd like to attend or need more information on this Gathering, visit www.pwsoc.org/gathering

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"Congo Mission Stamp Snippers"
by Louise Joachim

You can do mission without leaving home!!! We send our stamps to Mrs. Peggy Reinhold, a retired missionary in Virginia. She and her husband spent 25 years in the Congo. She processes the stamps and mails to dealers, who in turn sell to collectors.

All canceled, or un-canceled US commemorative stamps (any size) are acceptable. Regular circulation US stamps are of no value (Liberty Bell, Christmas) unless they are a high denomination like 57¢, 80¢, \$1.00, etc.

Please cut 1/4" around the stamp. Do not soak or peel off. If even 1 perforation is missing, the stamp is of no value. New stamps out now are Hawaii, Chinese New Year and Winter Olympics. Coming later are Katherine Hepburn, Mother Teresa, Winslow Homer and Scouting.

Please bring the stamps to the Spring Gathering, or give to your pastor to bring to a Presbytery Meeting where they can be turned over to Rev. David Joachim from Westminster Presbyterian Church of Boardman.

Thank you so much for your participation. In 2009, over \$8,000 was sent to the Congo through the stamp collection mission.



Opportunity for Mission
Haiti Relief

PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) says the most urgently needed supplies that can be efficiently sent to Haiti are hygiene and baby kits, which are distributed with the cooperation of Church World Service. Instructions on how to make these kits can be found on the PDA website. As of early February, over 35,000 hygiene and baby kits had been distributed in Haiti.

www.pcusa.org/pda

Healthy Women Health Family's
Mother's Day Project

This project is an opportunity to help PC (USA) church partners in Africa provide preventative health services and medical care to women and children while we honor women in our own families on Mother's Day. Your gifts will support a variety of health programs in Africa including malaria prevention and treatment, obstetrical care, fistula surgery, cervical cancer screening and family health education for women, and immunizations, health screenings, nutritional rehabilitation and primary care for children.

To learn more about this project & how you can help, visit www.pcusa.org/health/international



People are often unreasonable and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you.

Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough.

Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and Him. It was never between you and them anyway.

-Mother Teresa

Stretchin' with Gretchen

Come to the Gathering. This time, give your body a lift as well as your spirit! Experience Stretchin' with Gretchen. That's Gretchen Murphy, a licensed physical therapist as well as a PW from Struthers Presbyterian Church. She has credentials - maybe you've noticed her PT license number if you've followed her down the street - it's also her auto license number. She has her degree testifying to her training from Pittsburgh in addition to loads of experience. In her retirement, she volunteers at the Blackburn Home in Poland, leading residents in her "Stretchin' with Gretchen" exercises to help them keep in shape.

Gretchen will demonstrate a geriatric maintenance program you can follow at home or about anywhere else too. It's a good thing to do. It's the right thing to do. Take care of the body God gave you. Keep fit and well in the process.



Future Dates to Remember

Synod Gathering - June 25-27, 2010
Detroit Presbyterian Church
Dearborn, Michigan

Fall Gathering - October 25, 2010
Location To Be Announced
at Spring Gathering

Would your church be interested in hosting a gathering?
Please call Margie Laria at 330-923-9795

Three Prayer Concerns

- ◆ **Pray for the people of Israel and Palestine** as they seek a just peace rooted in human dignity.
- ◆ **Pray for women around the world** as they prepare to advocate for their human rights at the UN Commission on the Status of Women in New York in March.
- ◆ **Pray for the people of the Philippines** as they prepare for May's presidential election.

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**Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering 2010
Park Vista Retirement Community
Registration Form**



Please fill out a registration form for each person attending.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Church: _____ City _____

Send a separate registration form for each person attending to:

Margie Laria, 1426 Tewksbury Circle, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221 PH: 330-923-9795

Please enclose a check (\$5.00 for each person) – payable to Presbyterian Women

Registrations must include payment. Due to slow arriving registrations, last Spring's gathering had to be cancelled. Don't let that happen again this year. Please try to get your registrations in early. An accurate count is needed for those preparing lunch.