

*Presbyterian Women
of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley*



News of the PW/PSV published quarterly, Fall 2019

FALL GATHERING

Presbyterian Women
in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley
will gather on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at
Worthington Presbyterian
773 High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085

Widening our Circle

Registration begins @ 9:30
Gathering begins @ 10:00



PW Coordinating Team

Charlsie Ramsey, Moderator
charlsieramsey715@gmail.com
740-322-3028 (cell)

Martha Pool
Vice Moderator for Studies and
Spiritual Development
mjpool53@gmail.com
740-407-1708

Beth Malchus-Stafa, Vice Moderator
for Mission Interpretation
beth.malchus@odh.ohio.gov
614/466-8960 (work)

Karen Hjelm, Vice Moderator
for Justice and Peace
khjelm43@gmail.com
614-893-6577

Lynne McLeish, Directory/Newsletter
ronly@windstream.net
740-763-4188 - home
740-334-457 - cell

Betty Kennedy, Secretary
bettykennedy58@gmail.com
740-285-4548

Nancy Shuster, Treasurer and Registrar
nandshu@aol.com
614-519-9755

Judy Oeder, Communicator
jgoeder@hotmail.com
614-561-9458

Joy Rector, Circulation
rectorjoyce@sbsglobal.net
614-276-1689

Search Committee

Judy Pflaumer, Chair
jpflaumer@windstream.net
740-587-3545
Judy Oeder
Nancy Shuster
Karen Hjelm

Resource Liaisons

Karen Hypes
khypes3@yahoo.com
740-364-0850, 614-937-6723, (cell)

Jane McKee
rojam189@live.com
(h) 740-763-2002

Feel free to contact any of these
women about PW.

The Peace of Christ to All:

I couldn't decide on one topic to write about so I choose two:

Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, Director of Public Witness spent 4 days in our Presbytery this past week. I was able to hear him at several events. His messages were inspiring and a reminder that we Presbyterians do have an Office of Public Witness which is the public policy information and advocacy office of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), maintaining a presence in Washington, D.C. and the United Nations. Its task is to advocate, and help the church to advocate the social witness perspectives and policies voted on and approved by the PC(USA) General Assembly. The Office of Public Witness is a Compassion, Peace, and Justice Ministry of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. The 2019 Domestic Priorities - Speaking Truth to Power in Love includes:

- ♥ *Restore voting rights and common-sense government reform.*
- ♥ *Improve jobs, reduce poverty.*
- ♥ *Support compassionate, comprehensive immigration reform.*
- ♥ *Address climate change, systemic racism, the failure of the war on drugs.*
- ♥ *Advocate health care for all.*

Find Office of Public Witness online: bit.ly/PCUSAOPW

The July/August 2019 issue of Horizons, "What Do You Believe?" has among others, a great article, "Who Needs PW?" written by Cheri Harper, PW's mission associate. She writes that PW is more than just another meeting, for instance having incredible bible studies. Included are a number of quotes from women on why women's groups are important to them.

Under her closing topic "Embodied Love":

"We need a place that helps us remember we belong to God and to one another. We need a place that reminds us of our gifts and helps us develop them for the good of all. We need a place that prioritizes community, and helps us walk in solidarity with those who are not as fortunate. All of this, and more, is what Presbyterian Women offer me (and you)."

***Walk well your journey in peace and in justice.
May you be wrapped in the shawl of God's loving.
May you be cherished. May you be blessed.***

Ruth Burgess, *A Book of Blessings*

Charlsie



MISSION IN-GATHERING FOR NNEMAP

The Presbyterian Women of Worthington support the Near Northside Emergency Material Assistance Program (NNEMAP). Its primary focus is to provide individuals and families in need of food with a 3-day supply of food up to two times each month. Also, it serves as an access point for ancillary services, including SNAP (food stamp) eligibility screening provided by the Mid-Ohio Food Bank; Benefit including Medicare and utility assistance eligibility; and various medical services.

The Worthington women are requesting donations of feminine hygiene products and toilet paper for the gathering. Checks can be made out to Worthington Presbyterian Church with NNEMAP in the notation line. Envelopes for cash will be available at the registration table. All funds will be forwarded to NNEMAP by the church's financial secretary.

Mission Fair



Bring your wallet to joyfully and generously support the mission programs of some of our PW's. Tables will be displaying the wares and items for sale by your PW sisters. The proceeds for each church go to support their many mission projects.

Vice-Moderator of Study & Spiritual Development

At the 2019 Summer Gathering, one of the workshops involved walking and praying for the neighborhood. Participants had a map of the area around the church and walked the streets looking for things to pray for. The following is a guide that they used as they walked.

Prayer walking is exactly what the words imply: walking and praying. Prayer walking has been described as “praying on site with insight.” When you hear the sounds and see the sights of a particular place, you understand better how to pray for the people in that location.

Below are some examples of how you can pray as you walk, even if you don’t know the people you’re praying for. Look for signs of hope and signs of need, and how God calls you to be present to both.

If you see a bench in the front yard, pray for those who will sit upon it.

If you see bicycles, pray for the safety of their riders.

Pray that the members of a household may know Christ and may come to know trust and rely on his guidance for their lives.

Pray for health and safety.

Pray for the raising of children and grandchildren.

If you see signs of children in the house, pray for those children to grow up knowing God. Pray for the parents to have wisdom and patience in their job of parenting.

If you see signs of teenagers in the house, pray for safety as those kids begin to stretch their wings. Pray they will find a sure path and stay well-grounded as they grow and leave the house.

If you see a ‘for sale’ sign in the yard, pray for a smooth transition and move for the family and the new neighbors who will move in.

If you pass by a school, pray over the teachers, administrators, and children in that school.

If you pass a church:

Pray for the people who will be in each room, each chair.

Pray for God to speak into their hearts, to heal what’s broken and comfort what ails.

Pray that they would be changed in this place.

If you pass a business:

Pray over each office where people work.

Pray for God’s love and healing touch to reach each person.

Pray for wisdom and discernment for good decisions.

If you pass homes:

Pray over each room and the people who use it.

Pray over each bedroom, for the needs of that family member.

Pray over the kitchen and the meals that will be prepared there.

Book Discussion

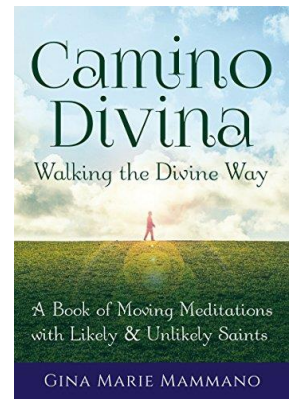
A feature to this gathering will be a book review *Camino Divina: Walking the Divine Way* by Gina Marie Mammano (Read the introduction and Chapter 1 and then use the suggested phrase from chapter one or one of the phrases from the Deeper Dive section to explore while walking.)

Are you interested in spiritual development? As a way to explore a variety of ways that have been developed, I thought it would be valuable to offer some books to read so that we could discuss their merits. This book appeared on the “Pages Worth Turning” in the *Horizons* magazine. Join me at the fall gathering to discuss this book! Happy reading!

Fall Gathering Book

***Camino Divina: Walking the Divine Way* by Gina Marie Mammano**

Inspired by the ancient spiritual practices of Lectio Divina and walking meditation, *Camino Divina* helps you explore whole new worlds inside yourself as well as re-view the natural world around you by combining mindful walking with inspiring phrases and spiritual exercises. It includes introductions to twelve spiritual luminaries and their work. Fall is a perfect time to walk and meditate! **Come discuss your experiences – you don’t even have to read the whole book to participate!**



At the summer gathering, Martha Pool, Vice Moderator of Study and Spiritual Development, asked Presbyterian Women to return to their churches and challenge all the women in their circle(s) to attend at least one gathering during the year. Many have not ever attended one. The planning teams for each gathering work very hard to create interesting and exciting programs.

So, the question to ask is

“Which gathering will you be attending this year?”

Nancy Shuster, Karen Hjelm, Judy Pflaumer, and Judy Oeder would like to speak with you if you have an interest in fulfilling either of the two vice-moderator positions that will be open next spring. Please give prayerful thought to your abilities and skills and offer your service to the PW/PSV.

**Presbyterian Women
in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley
Coordinating Team Job Descriptions**

TITLE: **Treasurer**



PURPOSE: To keep an accurate, up-to-date record of all monies received and disbursed for the Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PW/PSV).

ACCOUNTABILITY: To be accountable to the Coordinating Team (CT) of PW/PSV and the PW/PSV.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. To keep the financial records.
2. To make quarterly and annual reports to PW/PSV.
3. To prepare and present the annual budget (determined by the Finance Committee) in written form at the first gathering of the fiscal year, and move its adoption.
4. To remind the leaders in the congregations to send their gifts for forwarding to Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
5. To present the books for an annual audit as prescribed by the CT.
6. To maintain copies and send Honorary Membership application forms and money, as requested by PW in the Congregations (PWC), to PW/PCUSA.
7. To serve as chairperson of the Finance Committee and to be a member of the Executive Council of CT.

TIME COMMITMENT: Attend each of the four CT meetings and four Gathering of PW/PSV during the year. Time to carry out the above responsibilities.

LENGTH OF TERM: 3 years

RELATIONSHIPS: Relates to the CT and treasurers of PWC. All CT members shall be aware of the necessity for evaluation in program and function. It is hoped members of CT will prayerfully and lovingly support one another in the activity.

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley Coordinating Team Job Description

TITLE: **Vice-Moderator for Justice and Peace**



PURPOSE: To help Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PW/PSV) promote justice in the world and develop an understanding of peacemaking as an essential dimension of our witness to God's love made known to us in Christ, the peacemaker.

ACCOUNTABILITY: To be accountable to the Coordinating Team (CT) of PW/PSV.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. To know the materials and resources which are available through the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.
2. To maintain a file of all current resources and materials relating to Justice and Peace.
3. To interpret, through workshops or announcements at PW Gatherings, Justice and Peace concerns.
4. To submit an article for each of the four newsletters published each year, highlighting Justice and Peace resources or issues.
5. To work with ecumenical and secular groups which share concern for justice and peace, as appropriate.
6. To involve local PW's in the PW/PSV in opportunities to communicate with legislators concerning issues relating to Justice and Peace.
7. To share in the total program planning of the CT.
8. To serve on the Executive Council and the Finance Committee of the CT.
9. To serve as Moderator of the PW/PSV in the absence of the Moderator during one year of her term.
10. To serve as liaison to the PW/PSV Peacemaking Committee, as appropriate.

TIME COMMITMENT: Attend each of the four CT meetings and four Gatherings of PW/PSV during the year. Time for program planning and communication of material to PW in the Congregations. Time to carry out the above responsibilities.

LENGTH OF TERM: 3 years

RELATIONSHIPS: Relates to the Moderator and other Vice-Moderators for planning and coordinating, and to the CT. All CT members shall be aware of the necessity for evaluation in program and function. It is hoped members of CT will prayerfully and lovingly support one another in the activity.



*Worthington Presbyterian Church
773 High Street
Worthington, Ohio*

Registration Deadline: Friday, Oct. 18, 2019

Names of those coming from your church

Cost per person is \$10.00

PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

CHURCH _____

Use other side for additional names

Special dietary needs: ___Vegetarian___ Diabetic___ Low Sodium___ Allergies

Total # coming _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Please send registration to:

(Make check payable to PWPSV)

Judy Pflaumer, PO box 815, Pataskala, Ohio 43062

Phone: 740-587-3545

Email: jpflaumer@windstream.net



Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley

What a joy and surprise it was for me to be invited to your Spring Gathering to receive the Honorary Life Membership Award with letter from Presbyterian Women (U.S.A.) and a very special pin.

YOU made me feel very special; that you choose me and recognized me at your Spring Gathering at Hanover Presbyterian Church with this distinct award. I will always remember and treasure that day.

Thank you for the opportunity to worship and to enjoy a meal with you.

With Grace, Hope and Joy,

Dagmar Romage

*Presbyterian Women,
You're special!
(Yeah, that works just fine.)*

*With Gratitude,
Dagmar Romage*

