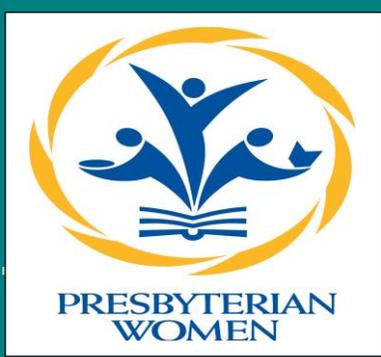




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NEW HOPE PRESBYTERY – PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN – SPRING NEWSLETTER



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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SPRING GATHERING
APRIL 16, 2016
FIRST PRESB.
RALEIGH

A Message from the Moderator...

Sharon Godard

Calling All Presbyterian Women!

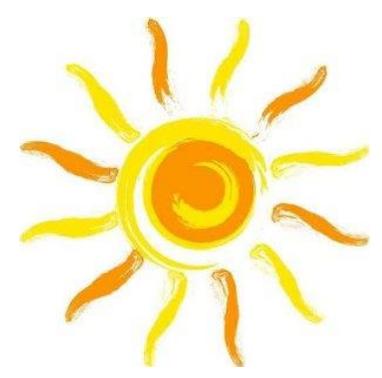
It is a new year, and hopefully, 2016 will be an exciting and spirit-filled year for us all. We live in challenging times, and we wonder what hurdles that we as Christian women may face. Even though we know that God is always with us, sometimes we forget. That is where your PW sisters can step in and support you through fellowship.

Those of us on the Coordinating Team for New Hope Presbytery have the same challenges and questions that you in your circles and churches are facing. What can we do to better support our church and presbytery? How do we get more women involved with Presbyterian Women? These are just a couple of questions that we have talked about at our meetings recently.

We need your help. Your area representatives will be talking to their moderators to get ideas and input about what we as a team and presbytery can do to bring more ladies into the wonderful group that is known as Presbyterian Women. Please share your thoughts with us. We also have some openings on the team for the upcoming year, so I

ask that you pray and search your hearts to see if this is the time to step forward and help us to serve. I know that you are busy and probably have a lot on your plate with your church and your home life, but please consider joining us. Please share your talents with us. God has blessed us all with different gifts, and I know that sometimes we do not know what we are capable of until we take a leap of faith. I stepped out on that ledge and jumped many years ago, and I have never regretted it! I have made friendships that will last a lifetime and experienced many things that have made my faith stronger.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and please let me know what I can do to help you. I also look forward to the possibility of visiting you at meetings and worshipping with you at your churches. God bless!



February Presbyterian Women Gathering

**Saturday, February 20 10:00
AM - 2:00 PM**
*Oneness in the Global Community &
Creation -
Mission at Home and Around the
World*

Missionaries Dan and Elizabeth Turk will lead the PW retreat/workshop speakers on February 20, 2016. The Turks are World Missionaries and members of West Raleigh Presbyterian Church (WRPC). Dan and Elizabeth Turk will talk about their special projects, and how they involve women, young people and families in the projects. Foods local to Madagascar and a catered lunch will be served. Everyone will also participate in a service project supporting the world mission.

Registration for the Saturday PW Gathering at WRPC

RSVP: Please see the following link to register and for more information:
<http://wrpc.org/pwfeb16>

**Registration including lunch
is \$15 cash at the door, PayPal or
check made out to WRPC
Presbyterian Women to 1425
Duplin Road, Raleigh, NC 27607
(see registration form).**

If you have any questions about your registration for this event contact Beth Harris at beth@seven-oaks.net or [919-561-3612](tel:919-561-3612).



In addition, Members of West Raleigh have the opportunity to support the Turks' work by

contributing items for 100 hygiene kits for seminary students in Madagascar.

For Hygiene Kits

- toothbrushes (three per kit)
- toothpaste
- Band-Aids
- quality ball point pens (black or blue ink)
- stickers for children
- bars of soap washcloths
- dental floss
- combs
- small tubes of antibiotic ointment (Neosporin or generic)
- bottles of prenatal vitamins.

There will be a labeled bin in the WRPC coatroom for the supplies. Cash donations also welcome. Make checks payable to WRPC PW and note Turk Mission Project in the memo line.

Contact Janet Pecci jpecci@att.net if you have questions or for pick up at your church.



Annual Spiritual Retreat

Date: **Friday, May 20, 2016**

Camp Albemarle

- Registration begins @ 1pm.
- Dinner on your own
- Fellowship @ 7:30PM

Date: **Saturday, May 21, 2016**

Time: 10AM
Registration

Date: **Sunday, May 22, 2016**

Time: 9:30m
**Closing with
Worship at the
COVE.**

May 20, 2016
**Area Rep's
Training at
Camp Albermarle,
12:00pm to 2:00pm**

"Remember those imprisoned
as if you are there
yourself..."

"Hebrews 13

**Prisoner advocate
to keynote
Spring Gathering in
Raleigh**

By Millicent Fauntleroy

Jennifer C. Jackson, executive director of the Interfaith Prison Ministry for Women, will bring a message of hope and service when she speaks at the Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering this spring.

Jackson, who is also an ordained pastor and life coach, will be the keynoter for the April 16 gathering at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Raleigh. IPMW is a nonprofit organization that serves women in prison through chaplaincy services and transitional education programs. Presbyterian women started the agency in 1977.

The Spring Gathering begins at 9:30 a.m. with a reception at First, Raleigh. The day's program begins officially at 10 a.m. with worship and then segues into the annual business meeting. Installation of new officers is also part of the planned events. See the registration form elsewhere in this newsletter.

Participants are asked to bring toiletries for the incarcerated women at the Raleigh Unit of the North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women. Monetary

donations also are welcome. Together in Service coordinator Corrie Cadwallader will receive your gifts on April 16. By early March, your area PW representative will have details on just which toiletries are needed. IPMW reports that on any given day, more than 2,500 women are incarcerated in North Carolina.



WHAT: Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering
WHEN: Saturday, April 16, 2016
TIME: 10 a.m. to noon.
Preceded by a reception that begins at 9:30 a.m. and followed by lunch beginning just after noon.
WHERE: First Raleigh Presbyterian Church, 112 S. Salisbury St., Raleigh 27601
HOSTS: Presbyterian Women in the Congregation at First, Raleigh. Susan Hammer, moderator

WORKING THEME:
"Freeing the Captives:"
REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
April 8

TOGETHER IN SERVICE
MISSION PROJECT: Toiletries for incarcerated women or monetary donations for IPMW
FOR MORE INFORMATION, contact Regina Wade <rflemingwade@gmail.com>, Millicent Fauntleroy <millicentf@bellsouth.net>, Carole Koi jandckoi@gmail.com, Joan Brown <brownj@durhamtech.edu> or your area representative.

**Former PW
moderator takes seat
on IPMW board**

Longtime Presbyterian Women figure Frances Turner joined the board of the Interfaith Prison Ministry for Women in January.

Turner, a former moderator and now PWP Justice and Peace coordinator, will represent Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of New Hope, on the board. Her appointment restores PWP's involvement with the organization Presbyterian women (before the formation of Presbyterian Women in 1988) founded 35 years ago.

Since 1977, IPMW has provided chaplaincy services, first at the North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women, and since 1989, at the NCCIW's minimum-security Raleigh Unit (formerly Raleigh Correctional Center for Women).

PWP has been involved from the very beginning, but its connection had been lost in recent years. Together in Service Coordinator- Corrie Cadwallader was instrumental in helping PWP to regain voice and vote with IPMW.

Commemoration of First Presbyterian Church's 200th Anniversary

On Thursday, January 21 at the State Capitol, more than 300 members of Raleigh's First Presbyterian Church celebrated the church's 1816 founding. The church is the third oldest in Raleigh and the city's first Presbyterian church. The brief Ceremony featured highlights of church history and reflections by Pastor Ed McLeod on the church's mission, one that remains centered in its downtown location and reaches out to points across the globe.

Reflecting Presbyterians' Scottish heritage, the service was followed by a bagpiper-led recessional across the street to the church, where members enjoyed a highland-themed gala.

The events commemorated the day when Reverend William McPheeters, then pastor to the city, gathered together a group of 40 Presbyterians—including William Peace, founder

of the namesake university--and established the church.

The group met in the old State House where the State Capitol now stands. The fledgling church purchased a lot across the street and opened its doors on February 7, 1818.

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When, in 1831, the old State House burned to the ground, the state Supreme Court, then quartered in the State House,

was forced to meet elsewhere and chose the church's session house. A few years later, the sanctuary was used for the state's Constitutional Convention of 1835.

In 1900, a new, larger church replaced the old one at the same downtown site. The church bell and the original bricks were salvaged for use in the new building.

In 2012, renovation of the sanctuary featured a restoration of the 1900 sanctuary's three enormous arches that had been walled off in a 1955 renovation. Originally, the arches opened into a fellowship hall that was later chopped up into smaller rooms. Now the arches' new hinged doors lead to the newly re-opened space—a large, much used common area for members' informal gatherings.

Resource: Article in December-January *Walter* magazine, "A Capital Landmark's Bicentennial" <http://www.waltermagazine.com/spotlight-a-capital-landmarks-bicentennial/>



Church World Service Blankets

We are promoting the Blankets Offering for Mother's Day and all the resources needed are free with the exception of the sample blankets, which cost \$10 plus shipping and handling. To find all resources available and a new shipping report from last year's shipments, please visit www.cwsglobal.org/blankets

For February, we also have available brand new resources for that may be printed /viewed from our website – www.cwsglobal.org/blanket-the-world

Thank you and all the New Hope Presbyterian Ladies for your many years of support, and allowing Church World Service to be the vessel for your mission of helping those living in extreme poverty to have a better tomorrow! Peace

Looking Ahead...

MARCH 2015

"Celebrate the Gifts of Women"

- Mission Pledge Payments:** Send to Sharon Fairchild
- 1 PWC Moderator's Report (See forms):** Mail to Sharon Godard, PWP Moderator and to your Area PW Representative.
- 1 Deadline: PWP Scholarship Application Submission:** Mail to Yolanda Ford
- 1 Mail - Together In Service Report (See Forms) Send** to Corrie Cadwallader
- 12-13 PWSCT Meeting,** Massanetta Springs Conference Center, Va.
- 21 PWP Coordinating Team Meeting -** 10:00AM - 2:00PM, First Church, Rocky Mt, NC
- 30 PWP PROMPTER -** (PWP Newsletter) emailed out.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR TWO EVENTS IN JUNE:
1. Annual Summer Gathering of the PW Synod of Mid-Atlantic**

APRIL 2016

- 16 PWP Annual Spring Gathering -** Raleigh First, Raleigh, NC
9:30 Registration 10:00am – 12:00pm Program

MAY 2016

- PW Birthday Offering -** Plan and receive PW Birthday Program offering:
Send to: Sharon Fairchild, Treasurer
- 6 National Day of Prayer**
- 20-22 PWP Spiritual Retreat,** Camp Albemarle
- 20 Area Rep's Training at Camp Albermarle,** 12:00pm to 2:00pm

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