



WHITEWATER VALLEY VIEWS

Winter 2011 Edition

MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR

Wow! A new year, the Holidays behind us and time to gear up for everything Presbyterian Women. But the Holidays do give us time to pause to enjoy family and life.

We had a marvelous Fall Gathering at Plainfield Hope. Those ladies did a fantastic job of hosting with yummy food and a beautiful place to hold our Gathering. Jen Larson-Benson of the Louisville office of PW presented a workshop about all the mission projects supported by Presbyterian Women. Rev. Cheryl Montgomery, pastor at Greenwood PC, presented a workshop on the current *Horizons*' Bible study, Revelations. And Diane Elliott, John Samples and I presented a workshop regarding the Presbytery-wide supported mission project, Westminster Neighborhood Ministries. Diane serves on the Board of Directors, John is the Interim Executive Director and I'm the Executive Assistant and Director of Volunteers. The theme for this Gathering was mission and we all learned a lot about volunteering at Westminster and all the projects of PW as well as where our mission dollars are being distributed.

Your Coordinating Team is preparing to rewrite the Bylaws for the PW Presbytery. The Bylaws are stated to be rewritten every three years and they were last done more than three years ago. As we were perusing through them at our last CT meeting, we did notice considerable redundancy and things that have changed to make things work that need to be changed in the Bylaws as well. We are going to try to get that accomplished in our February meeting and out to you as soon as possible in order to vote on the updated Bylaws at our Spring Gathering.

And speaking of our Spring Gathering- the Gathering will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Portland, Indiana. The theme will once again be mission with an emphasis on human trafficking.

Your Networker will be connecting with the Moderators of PWs across the Presbytery in the next few weeks. Please invite them to your meetings and other activities. They are here to serve you, to help you and be your liaison with the CT and PW resources. Watch for their letter of introduction!

Keep a song in your heart and we will soon be hearing the songs and sounds of spring before we know it!

This newsletter is published four times a year and sent by email or regular mail to any woman in the Presbytery who requests it. One copy is sent by regular mail to each church in the Presbytery. Please make enough copies for officers, circle leaders, PW Bible Study group leaders, and any other leaders who would like a copy or with whom a copy could be shared. To cut mailing costs, we would prefer to send the newsletter via email. To be added to this email list or to correct or update an email address, send an email to darrioux@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!

2011 MISSION PLEDGE OF PREBYTERIAN WOMEN

For 2011, Presbyterian Women are calling for individual pledges to mission over and above your local church or circle mission giving. Mission giving dollars have continued to decline since 2006 when mission giving dollars topped \$2.1 million which was lower than the largest giving year of 1999. But the goal is to reach that 2006 dollar mark. Won't you consider giving in individual pledge to commemorate a special birthday, a birth, a job found or other heart-filling joy?? Won't you express your gratitude over and beyond your "normal" generous expression in your local church PW or circle? Send your individual pledge dollars to: Presbyterian Women Remittance Processing, P. O. Box 643652, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15264-3652. Help us reach the goal so we can continue witnessing to the world through the Mission Pledge.

The largest beneficiary of the PW Mission Pledge is the denomination. From 1998 through 2007 PW contributed \$61,644,282 to the PC(USA)—*with no strings attached*. The PW Mission Pledge also is the basis for all PW mission support and makes possible what PW can do as an organization.

Thanks much for your generosity to support all the mission projects for PW throughout the world!

STILL SEEKING SARAH

Your Coordinating Team is still searching for a Secretary. The Moderator is currently doing those duties. The Moderator is also a Networker and having a Secretary take care of those duties would be a tremendous help. We are also searching for two people to be on the Search Team. The entire CT is doing those duties but without someone truly leading, that work is not being done as it should be. If you feel God calling you to a higher level of leadership in PW, please contact Nadine Hill at 317-644-1124 or email her at hillgrove@comcast.net. Thanks so much for your time, talents and gifts for the future of the Coordinating Team of PWP.

SYNOD GATHERING IN 2011

The dates for this Gathering of all women in the Synod of Lincoln Trails is set for June 10, 11 and 12 at Geneva Center in Rochester, Indiana. I am a member of this a team of gifted women to plan and bring together this Gathering. The theme is spiritual growth/formation –“Retreat to the Spirit”. We are lining up fantastic workshop leaders. Dr. Robin Chaddock will be our Gathering Facilitator, Marta Rodriguez, the CCT Moderator will be with us and Steve and Karen Archbold will grace us with their Praise Band!! There will be lots to do and plenty to learn as well as worship, singing, fun, a labyrinth to walk and meditate around and, of course, the yummy food from the Geneva Center kitchens. Also installation of the 2011-2014 Synod Coordinating Team and then ending the weekend with communion and blessings. Cost is \$155 for the entire weekend package which includes overnight accommodations with linens, five meals and all that is necessary for the Gathering itself. Put these dates on your calendar now and let's fill Geneva Center with PW!!

2010 THANK OFFERING

GRACE ABOUND: *“Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving to the glory of God”.* 2 Corinthians 4:15

2010 Thanks Offering information is now available. Order all materials form Presbyterian Distribution Service, 1-800-52402612. See the back cover of the July/August *Horizons*. Thirty-one projects were chosen from 84 proposals, 16 national and 15 international from the 2009 offering received which totaled \$870,058. Our Synod of Lincoln Trails received a \$30,000 grant for Family/Refugee Ministry in Niles, Illinois.

JUSTICE AND PEACE LINKS: SIGN UP TODAY!

The Justice and Peace Committee is preparing to re-launch *Justice and Peace Links*! Each issue of *Justice and Peace Links* will focus on an issue of concern to Presbyterian Women, and will include stories from those affected by and/or advocating for that issue. A scripture passage, study questions, and a new “Get to Medlin’ ” section, with concrete ideas for taking action, will make this a valuable resource for your circle. If you would like to receive email notifications when a new issue of *Justice and Peace Links* come out, please send an email to pw_pcues@pcusa.org with “*Justice and Peace Links*” in the subject line. And keep checking <http://gmac.pcusa.org/ministires/pw/justice/> for new issues!

THE BELHAR CONFESSION APPROVED FOR INCLUSION

The 219th General Assembly (2010) approved the inclusion of the Confession of Belhar in the *Book of Confessions* and that the amendment be sent to the presbyteries for their affirmation or negative votes by July 2011. Also, the office of Theology and Worship has been directed to create a fully inclusive language version of the Belhar Confession for the web similar to the inclusive language version of the Confession of 1967. The 216th General Assembly (2006) commended the Belhar Confession to the church for reflection, study and response as a means of deepening the commitment of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to dealing with racism and to a means of strengthening its unity. The 218th General Assembly (2008) began the process of amending the *Book of Confessions* by adding to it the Belhar Confession.

If you haven't been involved in any study or discussion groups of this Confession, it can be downloaded and the three pages easily printed from www.pcues.org/resource/belhar-confession/. The more lengthy study guide also can be downloaded from www.pcusa.org/resource/belhar-confession/-study-guide/ or they can both be located through <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/theologyandworship/confession>.

CELEBRATE THE GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY

On Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday, February 27, 2011, we celebrate the beautiful women in the household of God who regularly do beautiful things in love and faithfulness to Jesus Christ. There is a resource available to your congregation or women's groups that you may use on February 27 or on any date that you choose to celebrate beautiful women in faith. The Celebrate the Gifts of Women resource is available in the November/December 2010 issue of *Horizons* magazine, as a free download from <http://allwomen.pcusa.org> or for free from Presbyterian Distribution Service (PDS), 1-800-524-2612 or <http://store.pcusa.org>, item 27501-11-001. Begin now to plan your Gifts of Women Sunday in your congregation!

WESTMINSTER NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES

As the Coordinating Team continues to promote this ministry as it is a mission of the entire Presbytery of Whitewater Valley, we just want you to know that there are representatives of Westminster available to do a presentation for your church or your local PW group. Just call Nadine at 1-317-632-9785 and she will help you get a presentation together.

Westminster has a fund raiser going! The Summer Program children with the help of Young Audiences designed stained glass windows for a certain room in the ministry facility called “The Sneakers Room”. Rev. Felipe Martinez, Assistant Executive Presbyter and member of the Board of Directors at Westminster, and Miki Bean, a member of the Board of Directors, combined their skills to

develop note cards of these beautiful stained glass windows. They are for sale in the Westminster office for eight cards for \$10. That is one card for each stained glass window! Call Nadine for ordering information at 1-317-632-9785.

CONDOLENCES

As we reflect and pray for the Tucson supermarket families we remember the gift of life. Six people lost their lives, including Phyllis Schneck, a member of Northminster Presbyterian Church, Tucson. We mourn the loss of lives and decry the violence that caused it. Leaders of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) expressed anguish over the shootings and horror over “this kind of assault on public discourse.”

Another condolence to the family of Judy Sorrell, Moderator of the First Presbyterian Church in New Castle PW Coordinating Team. Although she had been ill for some time, Judy's death on New Year's Day was a shock to many who knew her. Judy will be succeeded as Moderator of PW at First Presbyterian Church in New Castle by Vice-Moderator Patti Anderson.

UPDATE ON PW WORLD-WIDE PROJECTS

At the Fall Gathering Judy Lovejoy told us about her 2008 PW Global Exchange Trip to Central and Eastern Europe and some of the projects that have come about because of contacts made during that visit.

Judy planned to have baskets made by the Roma women in Ukraine available for sale at the Gathering. Unfortunately they did not arrive in time, but they are now here. There are also a number of trivets. The baskets are oval. The trivets come in round and rectangular shapes. Cost is \$10 to \$25 depending on the size and design of the basket or trivet.



We hope to have baskets available at the Spring Gathering. Judy is currently working with the Roma women to design small Easter baskets and decorated wooden eggs which should be available by then.

To contact Judy Lovejoy: Phone: 317-881-0182, Email: jlovejoy@iupui.edu.

The other project which PW is supporting is a joint effort of the Synods of the Sun and Living Waters to provide solar powered water purification systems in several villages in the Carpathian Basin-Ukraine that currently have NO access to safe drinking water. Kathy and Joe Angi, working in Ukraine, and Mary Beth and David Lysobey from Arkansas, Synod of the Sun, are heading up this project. Mary Beth was also a member of the 2008 Global Exchange. They expect to construct the first project in March. Anyone wishing to support this project may do so by sending a check to Presbyterian Women Remittance Processing, P.O. Box 643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652. Please write the following on your check: Project Number: PW000005 Ukraine Water.

WHO'S NEW ON THE TEAM?

DeWilican Wells Middleton is a 3 generation Presbyterian currently a member of Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana. She is also Elder and Commissioner of WWVP. DeWilican is the proud mother of Alyssa Middleton, a college junior at Jackson State University, who was featured in the Presbyterian's Today Magazine, "Spotlight on Youth", May 2010 edition. De will be serving as the Vice-Moderator for Leadership/Networker Coordinator and Area 4 Networker 1.

Hello to all Presbyterian Women of Whitewater Valley! My name is **Lynn Jewell** and I am Co-Moderator of Program and Mission, and Area 3 Networker. My husband, Bob, and I have two daughters. Alyssa is 22, graduated from DePauw University in the spring of 2010 and two weeks later she moved to Paducah, Kentucky, to accept a job as an evening news producer. Rachel is 20, a sophomore at DePauw University and currently pursuing a double major in music and religious studies. We live in rural Morgan County and our mini-farm is home to horses, pygmy goats, chickens, cats and two beagles. I love to garden in the summer: vegetables and flowers! I am self employed as a medical transcriptionist and work from home. Greenwood Presbyterian Church has been our church home for the last 24 years, where I have had opportunities to serve as Sunday School teacher, a Circle leader for PW Love Circle, and currently I am a deacon. I am very excited about serving on the PWPCT and I am looking forward to learning about all of your ideas, goals and project ideas for the future.

Greetings PWs! My name is **Darrieux Peterson**. Originally from Chicago, I moved to Indianapolis after Graduating from Kellogg at Northwestern in 1999. Since marrying in 2002, I have been a proud member of Immanuel Presbyterian Church – Indianapolis, Indiana where my Father-in-Law, LaMar Peterson, is a founding member. I am raising four presbyterian girls who will need an active organization of Presbyterian Women to grow into. I will be editing and producing "Waterwater Valley Views", the PWP newsletter. Looking Forward to Moving Forward.

STAY CONNECTED

By Lynn Jewell, PWPCT Co-Moderator of Program and Mission

Are you looking for ways to gather information about what is going on with mission in the Presbyterian Church? Mission Crossroads is published by the General Assembly Mission Council (Presbyterian Church U.S.A.) and contains information about the church's mission around the world. You can be added to their mailing list by calling Presbyterian Distribution Service at (800) 728-7228, ext. 5172. It is very interesting reading and you can find new projects and people to add to your personal prayer list. More information is available at www.pcusa.org/missioncrossroads.

Interested in another option via your computer? "God's Mission Matters" is a podcast available on the 15th of every month. Past topics have included "Bridge the Gap! Improving Communications Between Here and There", "Perceive the Power", and "Just Be There". You can listen to the current podcast on the 15th of the month and previous ones are available on I-Tunes. Information on how to connect is available at the previous web site address.

Looking for another way to stay connected to the Presbyterian Women? Do you have a Facebook account? You can become a fan of Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA) and updates are added to your account periodically. This is a great way to stay current with what is happening with Presbyterian Women throughout the United States and also to show others your support of our wonderful organization.

FROM THE PW's KITCHEN

In the spirit of PW bonding, we would like to introduce this new section "From the PW's Kitchen." We will be featuring heartfelt recipe's from the women of PWPCT and anyone else who will send us a recipe. We'll keep these recipes and when we get enough, maybe we'll publish a recipe-book!!

Kicking off this issue is favorite recipe from the kitchen of Nadine Hill:

TURKEY BLACK BEAN CHILI

1 med. onion, chopped	14 oz. chicken broth (or 14 oz. water mixed with 1 tsp. chicken soup base)
1 garlic clove, diced (or ¼ tsp. minced garlic)	2 16 oz. cans black beans, 1 drained
1 lb. ground turkey	1 16 oz. can kidney beans
4 T. chili powder	2 14.5 oz. cans diced tomatoes
1 tsp. ground cumin	1 16 oz. bag frozen corn or the kernels from four large ears of corn
½ tsp. freshly ground pepper	
1/3 tsp. salt (optional)	

Put the onion, garlic and turkey in a large stock pot. Heat over medium-high heat, stirring often, until the turkey is cooked through. Add the spices and cook, stirring, about 5 minutes. Add the chicken broth and stir well to get the browned bits up from the pan. Add the beans, tomatoes, and frozen corn or corn kernel. If using fresh corn, it can be raw or leftover cooked. Cook for 10-16 minutes. Serve with tortilla chips, cheddar cheese, and/or sour cream. For the vegetarian version, you can substitute the turkey with tofu or meatless crumbles and use all of the bean liquid instead of the chicken broth.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

Whitewater Valley Presbytery – www.whitewatervalley.org – check out the PW page!!!!

Presbyterian Church USA – www.pcusa.org – check all the information about PW!!!

Save the dates!

PWPCT SPRING GATHERING

APRIL 16, 2011.

Commit to bringing a friend...

First Presbyterian Church

402 North Ship Ave.

Portland, Indiana 47371

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