



Spiritweaving

One Day Women's Retreat

What's Next For Me, God?

It would be nice to know what God has planned for us in the next phase of our lives. Whether we are young seekers, married and caring for children and elderly parents, or grandmothers looking for ways to fill our time, we are all longing to know what direction to take at the various crossroads we encounter. A one-day women's retreat on September 14 from 9:30-3:00 at First Presbyterian Church in Nampa offers coffee and muffins as we gather, a catered lunch, and lively fellowship as we consider the theme, "What's Next for Me, God?" Shana Woodbury, Family Ministries Director for Covenant Presbyterian in Boise, and Carol Bounds will lead the retreat and add some fun discussions as well as deeper conversations about discerning God's will in our changing lives. Registration is \$15. Use the form below and deliver or mail to Nampa First Pres. Babysitting will be provided.

REGISTER BY SEPT. 8 FOR THE WOMEN'S ONE-DAY RETREAT

What's Next For Me, God?

Leaders:

Shana Woodbury, Carol Bounds

SATURDAY, Sept, 14, 2019

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

First United Presbyterian Church,

400 Lake Lowell Ave., Nampa 83651

NAME: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

PLEASE CHECK BELOW TO LET US KNOW ABOUT YOUR BABYSITTING NEEDS:

_____ I WILL NEED BABYSITTING FROM 9:15 A.M.

UNTIL 3: 15 P.M.

_____ I WILL NEED BABYSITTING ONLY FROM _____

UNTIL _____ ON SEPTEMBER 14.

_____ I WILL NOT NEED BABYSITTING.

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

_____ MY \$15.00 REGISTRATION FEE IS ATTACHED (make checks to First United Presbyterian Church)

_____ I APPRECIATE RECEIVING A SCHOLARSHIP FOR MY REGISTRATION FEE.

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:

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Fall Gathering September 28, 2019

Church of the Redeemer ladies are hostesses for the Fall Gathering. Mary Lemm Davis is our speaker. She recently attended the UN as a PW (USA) representative. She was there just after the Easter bombings in Sri Lanka, where she had previously visited for PW. She will be speaking about her experiences at the UN.

There will be a brunch served beginning at 9 followed by the business meeting beginning at 9:30. Lunch will be a \$5.00 donation.



Church of the Redeemer
718 State Street, Weiser, Idaho 83672

Southminster PW

Southminster PW in Boise is looking forward to a great summer with our annual backpack project in late July-early August. With the help of our wonderful congregation we fill approximately 500 new backpacks with needed supplies for area school children. Phyllis Sanderson has headed this project with Barbara

Cole for many years and this year Barbara is taking a break and Lindy Reagan is helping.

Sara Nevill, our vice moderator AND VIP, recently had our program planning meeting for the coming year. Our programs will include everything from a tour of the Basque Museum, an update on Camp Sawtooth,

Saving the Planet, a British High Tea, learning about Neighbor Works in Boise, and a number more.

October 18 and 19 are dates for our Holiday Bazaar. Lindy Reagan is busy organizing this.

Commission on the Status of Women at the UN

In March 2019 more than 9,000 individuals registered for the 63rd session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). The CSW is the principal global inter-governmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women. Representatives of UN Member States, UN entities, and other organizations gather in New York for two weeks each year to discuss women's rights and gender equality.

For the first time ever, Presbyterian Women had its own delegation at the United Nations CSW! Of course, Presbyterian women has been a presence at CSW for more than a decade. But about eight years ago, a small group of Presbyterian Women started working toward applying for non-governmental (NGO) status for PW. . . in July 2018, PW received NGO special consultative status at the UN. Accredited by the UN's Economic and Social Council, PW, as a recognized NGO can now submit its own statements prior to sessions and invite as many as 20 individuals to be a part of its CSW delegation.

For the first time in history, the UN's senior management team is gender balanced, because the Secretary General, Antonio Guterres made it a priority. Noting the worldwide trend of regression in gender equality, he encourages us all "to push back against the pushback."

(You) might consider applying to attend: applications will be available on PW's website in the fall. With our consultative status, PW has 20 UN grounds passes available, and (they're) looking forward to using all of them!

All of the above was taken from Joy Durrant's Horizon article about the commission from the May/June 2019 issue pages 26 - 29.

Mary Davis who spoke about her experiences in Indonesia at the Fall 2018 Gathering at Southminster was a delegate to this spring's commission in March. She will be sharing her involvements at the UN with us at the Fall Gathering in Weiser.



CSW delegates Mary Davis on the left and Magdalene Lewis pose with Nicqi Ashwood, program executive for Just Community of women and Men, World council of Churches during Ecumenical Women's orientation at the UN.



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What PW Does

Builds Community,
Develops Leaders
and

Works toward Racial Equity



What is Presbyterian Women Justice and Peace?

Kathy Mattson, J&P for PWP of Boise

As Presbyterian Women, we are called to share God's love with the world, by being God's hands in the world. We answer God's call to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8). Please note that we cannot have Peace until we have Justice----

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation, Presbytery and Synod groups respond to local or regional justice and peace needs. The PW Justice and Peace officers are called to aid in the distribution of the information about these needs. The work can be action, advocacy or awareness-building or a mixture depending on the gifts of our groups. In addition to local and regional emphases, Presbyterian Women Churchwide suggests addressing the injustices of: Mass incarceration, Poverty, Racism, Human trafficking, Violence,

and promoting: Quality education, informed advocacy through The United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), and Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD)

Beginning with the 2018-2021 triennium, PW groups may also focus their justice work around substance use disorder (SUD), using suggested actions or prayers or around eco-justice, using a flier of awareness-raising points and suggested actions.

The Justice and Peace Calendar (available as a 2019 calendar) outlines dates and areas of emphasis to guide your advocacy throughout the year.

The newly revived Justice & Peace Links is another way to stay informed on key issues. Sign up for the Justice & Peace Links newsletter by contacting Yvonne Hileman at presbyterianwomen.org.

Also, logos that embody PW's commitment to ending violence against women and caring for creation are available to support your group's witness. Download a JPEG of the ending violence or creation care logos to create your own apparel, or download a PDF of the ending violence logo to print onto CD labels.

Together in Action Days

While Presbyterian Women works for justice and peace on many issues in many ways, Together in Action days are opportunities for Presbyterian Women across the country to address two specific justice issues in their local contexts. Learn more about: Together in Action against human trafficking (January) and Together in Action for children's education (May)

Presbyterian Women supports the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s work in the areas of advocacy and social justice, education hunger and poverty, immigration, gender and racial justice and environmental ministries.

In PWP/Boise, I will transfer any information I receive to your PW Congregation if you will send the name, address, and email of your Justice and Peace officer. Otherwise, for your own research and information, and to ask more detailed questions or to learn more about Work For Justice and Peace, contact Yvonne Hileman at presbyterianwomen.org



October is

Up Coming Dates

July

31st- "PW Gives" Day is a day to celebrate and support all that Presbyterian Women makes possible. July 31 was selected to commemorate the July 1988 formation of today's Presbyterian Women, from the merger of its two predecessor organizations. Thirty-one years (and innumerable ministries supported) later, Presbyterian Women continues to answer the world's needs and build loving community.

August

31st- Weiser, Church of the Redeemer
CT meeting
10:00 AM, Soup luncheon, soup will be provided as well as coffee and hot water.
You bring something to share as well.

September

14th- One Day Retreat at First United
Presbyterian Church, Nampa
9:30-3:00

28th- Fall Gathering- Church of the Redeemer, Weiser
9:00 am

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From Your Newsletter Editor

Hello everyone, I thought it would be nice if you could put a face to the editor of the newsletter. My name is Joya Hill. I am married and have one daughter. Some of you might know my Mom, Joey Mills.

I have been teaching 2nd grade for 37 years. I have been in the same grade and school district here in Weiser for all of my career.

My husband Gary and I live in town by the Golf Course and enjoy it very much. We have one daughter who lives in Moscow Idaho and works for a Nonprofit Performing Arts Center. She is very busy at the Kenworthy and loves it. My husband will retire this November. He works at Snake River Correctional Institute in Ontario, Oregon.

We love to go camping when we can. I am also involved with helping at the Fiddle Contest here in Weiser. I get to work with the contestants when they register. I have also helped tabulating the judges scores, but I prefer to be out in the front visiting with the contestants. My daughter Jamie, also helps me.

In August or the end of July you can find me at the County Fair. I help with interviews with the kids and then entering the open class items.



Kirkpatrick Memorial Community Church

I am Moderator of the women's association of Kirkpatrick Memorial Community Church (KMCC) in Parma. We have an active but diminishing group of ladies. Currently our one major fund raising project is providing lunch weekly for the Lions Club. We provide scholarships for Camp Sawtooth every summer for several of our youth, and for teens to attend Trienium. (sp). We often contribute to major expenses, such as a new dishwasher, air conditioning for the Community House, and other needs as they arise.

spring, fall, and Christmas. We would love to have more of the younger women join us.

Carol Collins

Kirkpatrick Memorial Community Church
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We meet three times a year,

From Priscilla Oja to the Presbytery

Summer is not always a time of lazy days. Much background and planning work is going on at individual's kitchen tables and desks where women write articles for newsletters that Presbyterian Women use to communicate with each other. These documents are from Presbyterian Women at Churchwide, the Synod, and Presbytery. The communication from Churchwide is called Quarterly News for Presbyterian Women Leaders and is delivered via snail mail to those included in the mailing list. It provides related information about activities on a broad scope in our church and alerts regarding upcoming opportunities for women in study and service. The Moderator of PW Churchwide is Jyungin (Jenny) Lee.

The communication from Synod of the Pacific is called The Pilgrimage and also is a quarterly publication. It is more specific to our corner of the world with information and events that are led by women within the Synod. Reports of various committees and again opportunities for service are shared in this newsletter. This is circulated by email to the Coordinating Team (CT), moderators, and those interested in the Synod. The Moderator of our PW Synod is Jacquelyn Benjamin.

And finally the close to home newsletter for the Boise Presbytery is called Spiritweaving edited by Joya Hill. It is published twice a year or more often if the need arises. It is also circulated via email to the Presbytery CT, local church PW moderators and anyone interested. It also provides background on the members active in our Presbytery plus dates for upcoming events. All of them are available for online reading as well.

Each publication provides a Justice and Peace calendar, encouragement for leadership, and explanations of where our financial contributions are applied. There are also more in depth articles in the bimonthly magazine, *Horizons*. With the September/October issue the Bible study for circle groups is previewed with support for the leaders. This year's study *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*, by Eugenia A. Gamble offers a different way to look at and to live while being loved by God.

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Look there for information on
Horizons Magazine

The Presbyterian Women Logo

In July 1988, voting delegates to the organizing meeting of Presbyterian Women adopted the organization's original logo, designed by Sarah Abbot of the Synod of the Covenant. Updated in 1999, the logo continues to serve Presbyterian Women as it illustrates PW's Purpose.

A Logo with Purpose

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, Forgiven and freed by grace through faith, the central figure stands in praise.

and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves: Rooted in faith, the trio of women emerges. The outline of the central figure forms a cross. We are Presbyterian women engrafted in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is no longer we who live, but Christ who lives in us.

to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, The right figure holds a book to guide her reading, studying, praying or meditating.

to support the mission of the church worldwide, The left figure reaches out to care for others as she shares, nurtures and heals. The circle represents the church worldwide where women offer their gifts and talents in the midst of the global community.

to work for justice and peace, The uplifted arms of the central figure reach out to embrace a just peace. The relationship between the three figures depicts lives of wholeness rather than turmoil.

and to build an inclusive, caring, community of women The three women have no distinct features. They represent all women. The shapes surrounding them express energy, strength and openness.

that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Our name, Presbyterian Women, ties us to our denomination. The Bible resembles the Bible depicted in the PC(USA) Seal.

and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom. Guided by the Purpose, Presbyterian Women witnesses to the reality of God's present realm.

