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HEARTLAND PRESBYTERY PW NEWSLETTER



M e s s a g e f r o m t h e M o d e r a t o r

Dear, Dear Presbyterian Women of Heartland Presbytery,

What exciting, delighting, hard-working, joy-filled, caring, daring, strong, faithful women you are! Thank you for all you are and all you do.

First, some good news-bad news: The Rev. Sandra Stogsdill's youth ministry at First Presbyterian Church, Lee's Summit, has been thriving and needing more of her time, as are her own children. So she has resigned as PWHP Co-Moderator. The all-good news: The Rev. Glenda Watts has agreed to serve as PWHP Co-Moderator. Among the many other stars in her crown, Glenda has long been active in PW, and also serves on the PWSMA-CT.

Last fall, we promised you that we'd be trying new ways of being PW. So here's the first new thing: For our PWHP Spring Gathering, we have teamed up with the presbytery's Peacemaking Committee, and we hope you will be as excited as we are about this. Either the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Bruce Reyes Chow, or Vice-Moderator Byron Wade will be the keynote speaker for the PWHP Spring Gathering and festival of Peacemaking on Saturday afternoon, April 24, at Village Church in Prairie Village. The PWHY business, worship and lunch will start off the afternoon, and the rest of the day will include the keynote, workshops galore (though you will only have time to go to two) a labyrinth, and dinner ... and when it's all over, there will still be plenty of daylight. Please make plenty of copies of the brochure for people in your church, and bring your friends and husbands, teens and kids to this one! Send reservations and money to Heartland Presbytery. Recipients of the PW offering will be the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Johnson County, the Together Center in downtown Kansas City, MO, and a mission project(s) to be determined by the Village PW.

Is there a women in your church who would be the perfect representative from our synod (Kansas and Missouri) to the Global Exchange to India in October, 2011? The central concerns will be human trafficking and environmental issues. The synod must submit it's participant-nominees by June 1, 2010 (this year!), and the application must include two references, so call me, Gail Cunningham, 913-649-3293, or email me at gcunni1@earthlink.net as soon as possible so I can send you an application. The cost is approximately \$5,000 per participant, and the participant is expected to raise her own funds with help from her synod and presbytery. It promises to truly be the experience of a lifetime.

Presbyterian Women love to hear good news! So let's share our stories of perseverance and success with one another — a sentence or more to let us know what your PW has done or plans to do, your joys and concerns. Mindy Fox in the Heartland Presbytery office has agreed to post our stories on the Heartland Presbytery website. For now, let's limit each item to about 250 words. For now, email your stories to me at gcunni1@earthlink.net and Glenda and I will review, get back to you, and send the story on to Mindy. Facebook? Email Gail if you want to go there.

The moderators of all six PW/Presbyteries in the Synod of Mid-America (PWSMA) have agreed to host a "Mission-in-a-Weekend" event at some time in 2010-2012. Be sure to attend the PWSMA Gathering on Friday, June 25, 2010, at Southminster Presbyterian Church to learn more, and perhaps experience a "mission-in-an-afternoon." Then, on Saturday morning-afternoon, June 25, plan to attend the annual *Horizons* Bible Study Workshop. Irene Rowe will again order study books for you at your request. (Look for Irene's letter and order form at the Spring Gathering.

Please include PW in Heartland Presbytery in your annual PW giving. If you don't designate, everything goes to the National PW office. We will use that money wisely. We will provide leadership scholarships, this newsletter, underwrite the spring and fall gatherings, and serve as a networking hub. Review the Treasurer's report at the Spring Gathering to see your PWHP Mission Giving dollars put to work.

The last think — Save the Date — October 9, 2010, for the PWHP Fall Gathering. It will be at Second Presbyterian Church again because (1) now you know how to get there, and (2) Janet Kelley loved being the registrar and getting acquainted with so many of you. To echo the theme of last summer's Churchwide Gathering: God Will Do Wonders Among Us!

Blessings and Peace,
Gail Cunningham
HPPW Moderator

***Heartland Presbytery Coordinating Team
Open positions—WE need YOU!***

The Coordinating Team for Presbyterian Women in Heartland Presbytery is now recruiting for team members. Open positions include:

- Co-Moderator(s)-in-Training,
- Vice Moderator
- Communicators (replace cluster leaders)
- Horizon's Representative
- Racial/Ethnic Representative
- Search Committee
- Newsletter Editor
- Membership Secretary

Please call or email **Teresa Hayden**, 816-776-3123, thaden@myturbonet.com or **Chelly King**, 913-661-0374, chelly41rn@everestkc.net if you have any questions about the positions or have names for consideration.

Thank you for thinking of how **YOU** can help **PW!**

PW Treasurer Information

Operating Budget Fees—\$.50 for each woman in the congregation or 1/2 of the congregation membership should be sent to the Operating Budget Treasurer:

Doris Knight
14908 Glenwood

Overland Park, KS 66223
913-685-1047

Mission Giving—Quarterly pledge, Thank Offering, Birthday Offering, Least Coin, Hunger Fund, Honorary Life Memberships & Recognitions should be sent to the

Mission Giving Treasurer:

Janet Kelley

8319 Sagamore Road
Shawnee Mission, KS 66206
913-341-5076

Please make all checks payable to:

Presbyterian Women in Heartland Presbytery

PW Membership Updates

Until a new Membership Secretary is found, please submit any PW officer changes, as well as change of address, email, phone number, etc. to :

Janet Hibbert
3220 W 88th Street
Leawood, KS 66206-1645
913-648-4025
jh.hibbert@gmail.com

All churches, PW moderators and treasurers in Heartland Presbytery should be receiving the newsletter. Please help us accomplish this goal by providing current information to Janet Hibbert.

Thank you!

***PWSMA ANNUAL GATHERING and
2010 HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY WORKSHOP
June 25 and June 26, 2010***

The annual gathering of the Presbyterian Women of the Synod of Mid America (PWSMA) will begin at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, June 25, 2010 at Southminster Presbyterian Church, 6306 Roe Avenue, Prairie Village, KS 66208.

Then on Saturday, June 26, 2010, the annual *Horizons* Bible Study Workshop will take place at Village Presbyterian church, 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208. The workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. The cost for the workshop will be \$15.00, which includes lunch. The study for 2010-2011 is *Journeys Through Revelation, Apocalyptic Hope for Today* by Barbara Rossing, with suggestions for leaders by Louise Lawson Johnson. A registration form will be found on the Heartland Presbytery website, www.heartlandpby.org, then go to "Related Links" and choose Presbyterian Women/PCUSA.

Blocks of rooms have been reserved for these two events at special rates for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at two local hotels:

Drury Inn,

9009 W. Shawnee Mission Parkway, Merriam, KS
800-325-0720. Room charge \$69.95 plus tax,
double occupancy.

Quality Inn

6001 E. Frontage Road, Merriam KS
913-262-4448. Room charge \$69.99 plus tax,
double occupancy, \$5.00 for each extra person.

The Book Nook

By Judy Klamm

Looking for something good to read? Lent is a good time to renew spiritual practices and here are a couple of suggestions to get you started.

An Altar in the World by Barbara Brown Taylor shows the reader how to best find the sacred in small bits in the everyday life. *Geography of God* by Michael Lindvall looks at the spiritual life and how it explores the Christian faith. For something a little heavier, *Half the Sky* by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn examines the plight of women in third world countries, the challenges they face from family and society as well as some ways they and others are providing a brighter future to fully embrace half of the world's population.

Judy Klamm is the Recording Secretary for the HPPW Coordinating Team. She is also a reference librarian for Kansas City Public Library and has been an avid reader all her life. In this column, Judy will share her knowledge of books that will be of interest to Presbyterian Women.



2010 USA Mission Experience
September 9-16, 2010

A group of 20 to 30 Presbyterian women will travel to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota in 2010 for the second USA Mission Experience, connecting issues raised during past Global Exchanges with similar issues in South Dakota. They will meet our Native American sisters to learn about their day-to-day life, challenges they face and concerns they have. Participants to the USA Mission Experience will: meet Native American women and learn about the issues that concern them – land development, food, farming, church leadership, health and social issues; visit reservations, schools, churches, tribal colleges and historical sites; hear the voices of our sisters and respond, building mutually supportive relationships. Learn more about the 2010 USA Mission Experience trip at the PCUSA website: <http://www.pcusa.org/pw/missionmatters/experience10.htm>.

HPPW Mission Donations

At the February meeting of the Heartland Presbytery PW Coordinating Team, it was decided by unanimous vote to give special one-time donations to the following missions:

- \$500 to the PW Global Exchange Scholarship Fund
- \$500 to the USA Mission Experience Scholarship fund
- \$500 to Presbyterian Children's Services
- \$250 to Church Women United in Kansas
- \$250 to Church Women United in Missouri
- \$1000 to Harvester's Community Food Network

These donations were made possible by the careful use of HPPW funds over the years resulting in a surplus. It was decided that this money should be put to use in our communities and to support PW mission programs, especially in these times of great need.

Gatherings for Presbyterian Women in Heartland Presbytery

Saturday, April 24, 2010 is the date for the Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women *and* the 4th Annual Festival of Peacemaking. The registration form for this gathering is included in this newsletter. Please note that the deadline for registration is **April 15, 2010**. This form can also be found on the Heartland Presbytery website at www.heartlandpby.org. Choose "Upcoming Events" from the menu on the left of the home page, then "2010 Spring Gathering of PW and 4th Annual Festival of Peacemaking" from the list of upcoming events. Along with the registration form are detailed descriptions of the workshops that will be available at the gathering.

For future planning, **Saturday, October 9, 2010** is the planned date for the Fall Gathering at Second Presbyterian Church in Kansas City. Look for more details in the August newsletter!

2009 Mission Giving
Presbyterian Women in Heartland Presbytery

	<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
MISSION					
PCUSA	\$3,259.25	\$4,494.75	\$4,512.83	\$3,957.50	\$16,224.33
SYNOD	205.25	706.25	793.83	175.00	1,880.33
PRESBY	777.00	2,876.25	2,061.34	1,115.00	6,829.59
THANK	5,392.32	341.45	25.00	4,322.96	10,081.73
BIRTHDAY	257.40	1,957.29	3,145.72	58.85	5,419.26
HONORARY LIFE	190.00	0.00	95.00	475.00	760.00
LEAST COIN	369.70	299.93	214.36	351.83	1,235.82
HUNGER	160.26	72.70	127.16	63.33	423.45
OTHER**	<u>0.00</u>	<u>209.12</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>18.00</u>	<u>227.12</u>
TOTAL	\$10,611.18	\$10,957.74	\$10,975.24	\$10,537.47	\$43,081.63

**Blessings Without Boundaries

Janet Kelley, Mission Giving Treasurer

Please note: When submitting quarterly Mission Pledge checks, the form PW Treasurers use gives them the ability to allocate the monies to PCUSA, Synod of Mid America, and Heartland Presbytery in any amounts or percentages. If no indication is made, the entire amount is sent to PCUSA with no contribution to the Synod of Mid-America or to Heartland Presbytery.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2010

Saturday, April 24, 2010	PW Spring Gathering/Festival of Peacemaking Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, KS
Saturday, May 1, 2010	HPPWCT Meeting, Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS 9:00 A.M.
Friday, June 25, 2010	Annual Gathering of PWSMA Southminster Presbyterian Church 12:30 P.M.
Saturday, June 26, 2010	Horizons Bible Study Workshop Village Presbyterian Church 9:00 A.M.
Saturday, August 7, 2010	HPPWCT Meeting, Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS 9:00 A.M.
Saturday, October 9, 2010	Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Heartland Presbytery Second Presbyterian Church
Saturday, November 6, 2010	HPPWCT Meeting, Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS 9:00 A.M.



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