

## PWHP CONNECTION

August 1, 2010

Check out our PWHP link on the Heartland Presbytery website, <http://heartlandpby.org/RelatedLinks/PW/catpage.htm>. Please reply with corrections. Bless you!

August is already here! Make your plans NOW for September and October!

You can still order *Horizons* study books in time for your September circle meetings! ***Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today*** from PDS (Presbyterian Distribution Service) 1-800-524-2612 or <http://horizons.pcusa.org/bible.htm>. (Have your credit card and/or church ID numbers handy.)

Three weekends in October:

**October 9, the SECOND SATURDAY**, is first in my heart: the Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Heartland Presbytery. Though you can't register just yet, we'd appreciate your help beginning right away:

- **Plan to come!** AND bring a carload of your friends.
- Buy, beg, or otherwise find **Easy-to-Read Books** (new or gently used) to give to the girls at the Sarghoda school who are learning English (as a second language). Watch for sales -- even garage sales!
- **Save a button!** The hands-on workshop will be making a scarf for each girl in the school, each with a different button so that the girls will be able to tell them apart.
- Assemble and bring **Church World Service kits** to be taken later to the Festival of Sharing (see below).
- Is your PW or church working on **handcrafted or fair trade products** that you'd like to sell in the Witherspoon Store during the workshop times and lunch? We'll accept mission projects from the first five or six PW's that ask, though we'll try to minimize overlapping products. We'll have 8' tables.

**October 1-3, the FIRST WEEKEND of October**, will be the first Mission-N-A-Weekend, sponsored by PW in the Synod of Mid-America. They're looking for 70 people equipped with willing hearts, moderately coordinated hands, and (most helpful of all) some construction abilities to help rehab two buildings at the Regional Girls' Shelter in Springfield, MO that weekend. Food will be provided, some tools and equipment, and shelter at local churches (or there are nearby campgrounds and motels). The original registration deadline was July 3, but **just for us, they've extended the deadline to August 15**. Gail Cunningham (913-649-3293) is planning to go, and would love to take a car full, or ride along. Click on the link for more information and the registration form, <http://www.johncalvinpresby.org/?action=1917494533&sectionID=2636>.

**The THIRD SATURDAY, October 16**, is the Festival of Sharing. That's the day when people of faith from many different denominations and from all over the state, gather at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia. Groups and families bring money that has been raised and "kits" that have been assembled during the year. Volunteers help to sack rice, beans and potatoes for distribution to Missouri agencies. In the afternoon state agencies bring their trucks and trailers to receive the kits, rice, beans and potatoes to distribute to their clients. Kits, assembled for Church World Service, are loaded on a semi truck to continue their journey to other parts of the world. Consider assembling Hygiene Kits or Health Kits. Here's what to include and how to prepare them: [http://www.churchworldservice.org/site/PageServer?pagename=kits\\_main](http://www.churchworldservice.org/site/PageServer?pagename=kits_main)

Our next PWHP CT meeting is Saturday, 8/21/10, at 9:00 AM at Grace Covenant, Overland Park, KS. Coordinating Team members, please let me know if you are unable to attend or if you have something to place on the agenda.

Blessings,

*Gail Cunningham*, PWHP Co-Moderator

**Joys & Concerns** – folks to keep in your prayers

**Residents of the Regional Girls' Shelter** in Springfield, MO, where the first PWSMA Mission-N-A-Weekend will take place. **Veeda Javaid**, the Presbyterian Education Board of Pakistan, and all the Sarghoda Girls' School students.

**August Meditation** by Rev Glenda Watts, Co-Moderator PWHP:  
*Sisters in Spirit* (women who have made a difference in my spiritual journey)

**Scripture:** Psalm 63:1-8; Jeremiah 29:11; Isaiah 40:31; 1 Corinthians 13:13

**Reflection:**

The life of Teresa of Avila exemplifies the balanced life of the mystical and the mundane. Active in the world, she reformed the Carmelite Order while spending time with God in prayer. A vision of a beautiful globe of crystal, in the shape of a castle with seven rooms gave her the metaphor for her book on prayer and the mystical journey, *The Interior Castle*.

“The castle has many dwelling places: some up above, others down below, others to the side; and in the center and middle are the dwellings places where the very sweet exchanges of love between God and the soul take place. The door of entry to this castle is prayer and reflection.”

In the Fourth Mansion two fountains represent two kinds of prayer--one filled by man-made conduits from a great distance. This prayer is the result of our endeavors. “The other has been constructed at the very source of water and fills without making any noise.” The source is God and “we experience the greatest peace, calm, and sweetness in the inmost depths of our being.”

Reflect on these words of St. Teresa: “I discover secrets within us which often fill me with astonishment: how many more must there be unknown to me! O my Lord and my God! How stupendous is Thy grandeur! . . .how great are Thy mysteries that we are acquainted with and can learn even by the study of such of Thy works as we see!”

**August Book Review** by Judy Klamm: *Rapture Exposed*

The book of Revelation has often been viewed as mysterious and difficult to understand. Barbara Rossing, in *Rapture Exposed*, attempts to explain this final book of the Bible in a manner that Christians can comprehend. What it is not, is an account described by the Left Behind novels. Rather it is a look at the ideal kingdom planned by God for his people. The book should be viewed through the lens of the Roman Empire and its oppression of Christians at the time of its writing. A better parallel for Revelation is the Exodus story with Jesus the sacrificial lamb. A new Jerusalem comes from its pages showing Christians a new life for all. Take time to read this work about Revelation to better understand its place in the Bible and what it says for our lives.

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Check out the daily meditations at [www.d365.org](http://www.d365.org). Youthful Presbyterians had a hand in its development.

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