

PWHP e-CONNECTION

October 1, 2011

PWHP FALL GATHERING

Saturday, 10/8/11, 9AM-1PM

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS

WOMEN ON A MISSION

Mail your Fall Gathering registration with \$8 TODAY!

Registration form at end of this newsletter!

MODERATOR MUSINGS

Happy Fall! It's my favorite season. One of the beauties of fall is the annual Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women of Heartland Presbytery. My first job as a Presbyterian Woman beyond the walls of my local church was to help plan a Fall Gathering. I was lucky, because that year, Sheila Bodelson and the women of Shawnee Presbyterian had plenty of great ideas, energy, enthusiasm and abilities. Since then, I've been blessed to participate in Fall Gatherings each year at many churches, and each has been filled with wonderful women, spirit-strengthening ideas and exercises, delicious food, laughter and great blessing. You can expect to find all that and more at this year's Fall Gathering, "Women on a Mission," Saturday, October 8, 2011, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, 11100 College Blvd, Overland Park. If you haven't registered yet, be sure to send your registration, \$8 per person, to Janet Kelley TODAY! The registration form follows.

If you went to the Missouri Union Mission-N-A-Weekend on Oct. 1, please tell us about it and send Pam a picture!

"**River of Hope**" Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women Registration Booklets will be available at the Fall Gathering. It's July 18-22, (Wed-Sun), at the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center (housing and all events in the same building!) in Orlando, Florida. Check out the hotel website. Families are more than welcome! Online registration opens 12/1/11. Let us know (reply to this newsletter) if you or a woman from your church would like to be considered to be our Voting Representative, whose registration, housing and travel are paid. See the special section for helpful links for the Churchwide Gathering.

There will also be registration forms at the Fall Gathering for the **CWU 70th Birthday Celebration**, "A Legacy and a Light," Dec 1-3, 2011, at Bally's Hotel, Park Place and Boardwalk, Atlantic City, New Jersey. This also promises to be an excellent event. Semi-early registration deadline is 10/15/11; final deadline is 11/7/11. I'd be happy to send a registration form to you: gcunni1@earthlink.net.

See you at the Fall Gathering!

Blessings and joy,

Gail Cunningham, PWHP Co-Moderator

JOYS AND CONCERNS

It is with deep sadness we mourn the passing of one of our own, **Arlene Rockwood**. Arlene and her husband, Jim, faithfully served as PC(USA) missionaries in the Phillipines for more than 30 years. We have been blessed by Arlene's service on our PWHP CT as Mission Interpreter. Arlene's heart was filled with mission and she lovingly shared with us, here in the Heartland, as well as across the world. Prayers of thanksgiving for this wonderful Presbyterian woman as well as prayers for her family.

HELPFUL LINKS FOR CHURCHWIDE GATHERING

1. [CWG Registration Booklet](#)
2. [CWG Promo Packet](#)
3. [CWG Scholarship application](#)
4. [PWSMA Scholarship application](#)
5. [PWHP Scholarship application](#)
6. [Call to the Gathering video](#)
7. [Order your Gathering t-shirt](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct	8	9am-1pm	PWHP FALL GATHERING, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS
Dec	1-2		70 th Anniversary of CWU, Bally's Hotel, Atlantic City, NJ
April	14		PWHP SPRING GATHERING, Southminster Presbyterian, Prairie Village, KS
April	20-21		PWHP Mission-N-A-Weekend, KC Metro Area
July	18-22		PW Churchwide Gathering, Gaylord Palms Hotel, Orlando, FL

OCTOBER BOOK REVIEW by Judy Klamm

The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity by Philip Jenkins

Sometimes North America and Western Europe overlook the vibrant nations and communities in the Southern Hemisphere. Philip Jenkins in *The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity* examines the rapid growth of Christianity in Latin America, Africa, and Asia. The faith is very strong in these areas for all branches of Christianity with native values influencing it. This rapid growth means changes for the Church as well as potential conflicts with other religious traditions. This book is a reminder that Christianity is truly a worldwide religion with much to share in both the North and the South. This would be a helpful addition to understanding the Beautitudes Bible study.

OCTOBER MEDITATION – WONDER by Rev Glenda Watts, PWHP Co-Moderator

Scripture: Psalm 8; Psalm 19:1-4; Psalm 34:8; Psalm 100; Psalm 148

Autumn snuck up on me. I was surprised when I heard it was the first day of autumn. There's something nostalgic about the change of the season from summer to fall. Autumn is my favorite season. Maybe because my birthday is in October. But I love the changing of the leaves from green to yellow, bright orange, to red. I love the coolness of the air, the feel of the cool breeze on my face, the smell of the bonfire at the high school last week, the taste of the cider at the Louisburg Cider Mill, the pumpkins appearing on porches. It makes me think of homecomings and hayrides and Halloween. It fills me with a sense of wonder for the world we live in and the mystery of the One who created it and each one of us. The sense of wonder is a spiritual quality we can practice. It arises from our natural curiosity about the grand adventure of life. Wonder begins in the senses, comes alive in the imagination, and brings us to the adoration of the Divine. The first step is to slow down and pay attention. Rejoice in all your senses—smell, touch, taste, hear, and see. Reflect on this question: Where in everyday life do you experience wonder such as in the garden, listening to music or in time with family or community? Pay attention to moments of wonder this month.

MUSIC MATTERS by Marian Thomas

Have you ever wondered about the sources of the music we sing and hear in church? Jewish songs (*The Psalms*) and music created for centuries in the Catholic Church permeate our music traditions in Protestantism. Three of Kansas City's faith community leaders will share their ideas about the importance of the arts in expressing their respective faiths in a series of "dialogues:" Rabbi Alan Cohen, long-time leader in Kansas City's Jewish community and currently interim rabbi at Congregation Beth Shalom; Mr. Jude Huntz, Director of the Human Rights Office, Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph; and Rev. Scott Myers, long-time pastor of Westport Presbyterian Church. Their first "dialogue" will be on MUSIC at Westport Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 16 at 3:00 p.m. The second dialogue will consider VISUAL ART, and the third will focus on SPOKEN WORD. The schedule for those programs will be released later. You are cordially invited to attend the first of these programs of interfaith dialogue, to learn about music traditions in the three faiths, as well as current practices and trends. Westport Presbyterian Church is at 201 Westport Road in Kansas City, Missouri, across from the Westport Library and the Westport Post Office, and near Pryde's Westport.

We welcome input from you – joys & concerns, prayers needed, dynamite ideas, what your PW has been doing! Just reply to this email or send correspondence to Membership & Newsletter person, Pam Nitsche, 6315 Beverly Drive, Mission, KS 66202, (913) 831-2262, pnitsche@kc.rr.com. **Please contact me if you want to be removed from the email list or if someone in your church should be added.**

FALL GATHERING OF
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN HEARTLAND PRESBYTERY

*Women on a
Mission*



**Saturday, October 8, 2011
9AM - 1PM**

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
11100 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS 66210 — (913) 345-1256

Schedule of the Day

- 9:00 - 9:30 Registration & Fellowship, browse displays, Hands-On Mission Activity
- 9:30 - 10:30 Welcome & Worship including communion and offering
- 10:30 - 10:45 Business Meeting
- 10:50 - 11:30 Workshops, Session I (see reverse, choose 1)
- 11:40 - 12:20 Workshops, Session II (see reverse, choose 1)
- 12:30 - 1:00 Lunch

Registration Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Church/City/State _____

Yes, I need childcare

Number of children

Ages of children

Please bring a sack lunch for each child.

**Childcare will be cancelled if no childcare reservations have
been made by 9/30/11.**

****Cost: \$8.00****

Lunch, program materials and childcare provided.

Please make checks payable to:

PWHP

Return registration form and payment to:

Janet Kelley
8319 Sagamore Road
Leawood, KS 66206
(913) 341-5076

Questions? Contact Chelly King
913-661-0374
chelly41RN@everestkc.net

Please note
special needs or
dietary restrictions
on reverse of
Registration Form

Registration deadline is Monday, October 3, 2011