

CONNECTIONS

NEWSLETTER FOR
PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN



Spring 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR

Greetings and grace to all Moderators:

Thank you for your commitment to leadership of Presbyterian Women in your churches. Throughout the Presbytery, I have seen excellence driven by focus, energy and hard work. I commend the collaborative efforts and thriving programs that reflect your commitment to the PW purpose.

The Coordinating Team is commended for visionary leadership committed to proactive solutions so that Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Charlotte continues to thrive in an increasingly uncertain and complex atmosphere. The CT is dedicated to exploring various strategies to sustain relevance and viability of PW in the Presbytery of Charlotte. With careful thought, the Team has made changes that are designed to strengthen stability and inspire momentum toward a positive future.

There are *important changes* included in this newsletter:

- *revisions to by-laws,*
- *reorganized clusters*
- *new format for Spring Gathering*
- *Fall Gathering including Leadership Connection workshops*

As we approach the 32nd Annual Spring Gathering, please share the contents of this Newsletter and discuss the upcoming changes with the women at your churches. Go to www.presbyterianwomen.org for all things PW or www.presbyofcharlotte.org for links and local updates and stay in touch with your Cluster leader.

Thank you for all you do! I am looking forward to seeing you at the 32nd Annual Spring Gathering of PW/Presbytery of Charlotte.

CORITA

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit”
Romans 15:13

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

32nd ANNUAL SPRING GATHERING

8:30 am -9:20 am Registration and Continental Breakfast
Business Meeting Call to order 9:30 am
Break 10:45 am
Worship Service with Communion/Installation 11:00 a.m.

The Spring Gathering format has an extended time for registration and refreshments with a 15 minute break before worship.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

**32ND ANNUAL FALL SPIRITUAL GATHERING
including LEADERSHIP CONNECTION**

8:30 am- 9:30 am REGISTRATION and CONTINENTAL
 BREAKFAST

9:00 am-9:45 am **LEADERSHIP CONNECTION**
 (6) Workshops for Leadership positions in the local
 church/Presbytery/Synod
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10:00 a.m. **32ND Annual Fall Spiritual Gathering**
 CALL TO ORDER
 Offering
 Bible Study Overview
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10:45 a.m. (6) BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS
 **

 11:45 a.m.

The Fall Gathering format includes *Leadership Connection* workshops and an extended time for registration and refreshments with breaks at the discretion of attendees.**

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PRESBYTERY OF CHARLOTTE

32nd ANNUAL SPRING GATHERING

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019



“Our Holy Calling: To Transcend Boundaries with Hearts and Hands of Grace”

**Worship Leader: Rev. Jan Edmiston,
General Presbyter, Presbytery of Charlotte**

**Offering Recipient: “Poor Man’s Supper”
First Presbyterian Church, Norwood, NC Stanly County**

Host: Presbyterian Women of Bellefonte

**BELLEFONTE PC(USA)
8866 Rocky River Road
Harrisburg, NC 28075**

8:30 am - 9:20 am Registration and Continental Breakfast

Business Meeting Call to order 9:30 am

Break 10:45 am

Worship Service with Communion/Installation 11:00 am

Directions to BELLEFONTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
8866 Rocky River Road, Harrisburg, NC 28075

From Charlotte (south area)

I-77 N, Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 13A for I-85 N toward Greensboro, keep left, follow signs for I-85 N/Greensboro. Use the right lane to take exit 48 toward Matthews. Keep right at the fork, follow signs for S Interstate 485 Inner/Matthews. Take exit 36 for Rocky River Rd. Turn Left onto Rocky River Rd. Church is on the left.

From Charlotte (Beatties Ford area)

Head northwest on Beatties Ford Rd. Turn right onto Mt. Holly-Huntersville Rd. Turn right onto W. WT Harris Blvd. Turn left onto the ramp to I-485 Inner. Take exit 36 for Rocky River Rd. Turn left onto Rocky River Rd. In 2.5 mi., church is on the left.

From Monroe

Take US 601 N. Turn left on Lawyers Rd. Turn right onto I-485 Outer N ramp. Merge onto I-485 Outer. Take exit 39 for Harrisburg Rd. Turn right on Harrisburg Rd. Continue onto Robinson Church Rd. Turn right onto Rocky River Rd. Church is on the left.

From Huntersville

Head south on NC-115 S/S Old Statesville Rd. toward E Greenway St. Take I-485 N ramp. Merge onto I-485 Inner. Take exit 36 for Rocky Rd. Turn left onto Rocky River Rd. Church is on the left.

From Hamlet

Take I-74 W to I-485 N/Outer/Greensboro and merge onto I-485 Outer. Take exit 39 for Harrisburg Road. Turn right onto Harrisburg Rd. Continue to Robinson Church Rd. Turn right onto Rocky River Rd. Church is on the left.

From Kannapolis

Take I-85 S to exit 48 for I-485 Inner S/Matthews. Take exit 36 for Rocky River Rd. Turn left onto Rocky River Rd. The church is on the left.

THANK YOU MODERATORS!

REPORTS

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|--------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| South End | Abigail | Bobbie Harris |
| Amity | Deborah | Donna Dobson |
| Covenant-Concord | Dorcas | Patsy Kluttz |
| Bellefonte | Dorcas | Judy Goins |
| 1 st Presbyterian Concord | Dorcas | Margaret Campbell |
| Kirkwood | Dorcas | Peggy Burton |
| Rocky River | Dorcas | Priscilla Guiliani |
| Newell | Dorcas | Marlene Thompson |
| Ben-Salem | Eve | Gail Freeman |
| H.O. Graham | Eve | Shirley Floyd |
| Matthews | Eve | Diana Hammack |
| Poplar Tent | Lydia | Dawn Smith |
| Gilwood | Lydia | Diane Carriker |
| Hopewell | Miriam | Nancy Thompson |
| Mt. Olive | Priscilla | Ellen Young |
| CN Jenkins | Priscilla | Edna Crute |
| Grier Heights | Priscilla | Genora Fant |
| Black's Memorial | Sarah | Pamela Sowell |

HOSTS

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|----------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| October | CT Meeting/Retreat | CN Jenkins, LaTrisha Johnson |
| November | Committee Meeting | Black's Memorial, Pamela Sowell |
| January | CT Meeting | Bellefonte, Judy Goins |
| March | CT Meeting | Cluster Leader/Sarah, Mary McAfee |

*Thank you for the leadership in your churches and
your service to the Presbytery of Charlotte.*

The following leadership positions on the
Coordinating Team/Presbytery of Charlotte are open:

CLUSTER LEADERS, DEBORAH & DORCAS & TREASURER

The Synod Summer Gathering Planning Team position to be filled by
Presbytery of Charlotte

2020 Assistant Resources -2021 Resources Coordinator

CONTACT YOUR *CLUSTER LEADER*
FOR THE DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND APPLICATION

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CLUSTER RESTRUCTURE

ABIGAIL

Avondale

Christ

First-United

Memorial

New Hampton

South End

Statesville Ave.

DEBORAH

Amity

Cook's Memorial

Henderson Grove

Morningstar

Philadelphia

St. Paul

Third

DORCAS

Bellefonte

First-Concord

Covenant-Concord

Harrisburg

Mallard Creek

Newell

Rocky River

SARAH

Bethany

First-Monroe

First-Pageland

First-Waxhaw

Turner

Black's Memorial

Indian Trail

ESTHER

Norwood

Star

Matthews-Murkland

Providence

Stephenson

First-Charlotte

EVE

Ben Salem

HO Graham

Matthews

Selwyn

Woodland

First-Hamlet

Myers Park

LYDIA

Bethpage United

Covenant-Kann.

Gilwood

Kirkwood

Poplar Tent

First-Rockingham

MIRIAM

Catawba

Davidson

Davidson College

Hopewell

Meadowlake

Mark's Creek

New Friendship

PRISCILLA

CN Jenkins

Grier Heights

Mt. Olive

Pleasant Grove

Smallwood

Williams Memorial

RUTH

Central Steele Creek

McClintock

Paw Creek

Steele Creek at Pleasant Hill

Quail Hollow

Sharon

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE
PRESBYTERY OF CHARLOTTE**

Disaster Response Team

2019 Birthday Offering Recipient

\$100,000.00

HORIZONS MAGAZINE January/February 2019



SAVE THE DATES

JUNE 6-9, 2019

Early bird registration \$370-May 1, 2019

Full registration \$415

See your cluster leader for documents

Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Summer Gathering

Massanetta Springs, VA.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

32nd Annual Fall Spiritual Gathering including Leadership Connection

2019 PWCT BY-LAWS REVISIONS

Bylaws Submitted and Approved on 01-19-19

Bobbie Harris-Chair Rozetta Spears Cordia Wallace

***CHANGE the Bylaws**

ARTICLE VI

Gatherings/Meetings

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The Annual Leadership Connection Event will be held in conjunction with the Annual Fall Gathering. These events will be held on the second Saturday in September.

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No later than March of each year, the CT will vote to participate in a Retreat/Spiritual Enrichment event in the month of October. The Moderator or her designee (with input and assistance) will present a proposal to the CT for this Team event.

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ARTICLE XII

Coordinating Team Committee Structure

Refer to Program Committees:

3. Leadership Connection Event: Will be facilitated by Vice-Moderator or Moderator-Elect (Chair), and all PW Cluster Leaders

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b. Annual Fall Gathering/Leadership Connections: Responsibilities include selection of and securing speakers, with the approval of the CT; preparing agenda and program. This committee will work with the host church to set-up equipment, registration, and refreshments for all clusters of PWP.

This Spiritual Gathering is to focus on the PW purpose of “nurturing our faith through prayer and Bible study”. Suggested themes are those that encourage women in their daily personal devotionals and that support evangelism and caring interaction with others. (Take out the following sentence.) **This gathering will strive to foster family life, emphasizing the special needs of singles, teenagers, and the elderly.**

Publicity will be provided through the Connections Newsletter, Presbytery of Charlotte (www.presbyofcharlotte.org) PW Page, and Cluster Leaders.

c. Eliminate – Leadership Connection Event Committee

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-The host church for any Annual Spring or Fall Gathering/Leadership Connection Event will be given a list of responsibilities as host church. Reference Section 2 of Manual of Operations

News from Statesville Avenue Presbyterian Women

With joy and thanksgiving, Presbyterian Women at Statesville Avenue Presbyterian Church held its annual World Day of Prayer worship service Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 11:00 AM. Partnering with us, as in the past were PW, led by their Moderators, from South End, Grier Heights, CN Jenkins, First United, and Memorial Presbyterian Churches. Several others participated as well. This year the program was written by women in Slovenia, one of the smallest countries in Europe and a young committee in the WDP movement. The theme: "COME---Everything is Ready." SAPC PW also held its quarterly breakfast meeting at 9:00 AM. Enjoying this delicious buffet breakfast were men and youth as well the visiting guests.

The Mission emphasis was to celebrate the Fellowship of the Least Coin. Our visiting sisters participated as we honored our commitment "to support the mission of the Church worldwide" sharing from the theme, STAND UP FOR HUMAN DIGNITY. The situation in the world today calls us to "Stand – UP" for human dignity. We heard heart felt stories from women who are doing everything possible with God's help to uphold, promote, and protect human dignity. SAVE THE DATE: March 6, 2020. World Day of Prayer Submitted by E. Grace Atkinson

News from Amity Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Women and Hostess Groups at Amity hosted a retirement Reception for our Pastor Rev. Betsy Williamson, on December 16, 2018, from 3:00pm -5:00pm. Pastor Betsy has retired after 8 ½ years of leading and guiding Amity. The reception was very elegant with a Christmas theme and delicious treats. Amity PW continues to be very involved in a variety of mission projects. Food preparation and serving at the Uptown Shelter is done 4 times a year. Twice a year school supplies are collected for Winterfield Elementary School.

In September, Project Harmony, a partnership with the Charlotte Symphony and Winterfield School was initiated. Approximately 20 students arrive by school bus and participate in a program playing instruments and receiving musical instruction. Volunteers monitor students with the Site Coordinator and donate snacks for the students when they arrive. Students are at Amity from 3:15pm until 6:00pm. Music teachers from the Charlotte Mecklenburg schools are involved with the musical programs. An end of the year concert has been planned. Submitted by Donna Dobson.

News from Ben Salem Presbyterian Church

The Ben Salem Presbyterian Church has had a very busy year. We have opened our doors and welcomed St. Paul Presbyterian Church PW. For the past year we have studied, shared preparation and served breakfast. As a group, we have continued to support the ladies who come to our church on Thursday nights to attend the NA meetings as they try to transition back into their various communities. We assist by providing clothes, food when available, spiritual moral support. Members of the PW provide and serve snacks to the children who come to the meetings with their parents. Although they meet in our church, we are not allowed to pray for them unless we do it after their meeting. For Christmas, we sponsored twelve families with children and provided toys for them.

At Halloween, we had a Trunk or Treat on the church property. Several church members opened their decorated car trunks and passed out candy. The children and their families were invited into the fellowship hall for a hotdog dinner. On the 4th Saturday in June, we host our Annual Prayer Breakfast. Several churches are invited to come and pray with us. Last year we had a session on, "The Fruit of the Spirit where several PW members led the breakout sessions. Submitted by Gail Freeman / Moderator

News from Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church

We are a small church, but our Presbyterian Women are a group of diligent and dedicated ladies. In addition to supporting Charlotte Presbytery designated mission causes, we also support Crossnore School and Home for Children which several of our members attended. We also prepare and serve meals quarterly to the Harris Hospice Unit at Novant Presbyterian Hospital. Our fund-raisers of pecan sales in the fall, bake sales at our annual craft bazaar in October, and the church bar-b-que in the spring, are always a success through lots of love and hard work.

We participate in our church's joint sponsorship with another church for backpack buddies for Oakdale Elementary School and purchased a washer dryer for a needy neighborhood school. Submitted by Marilyn Lineberger, Moderator

News from Hopewell Presbyterian Church

Greetings from Hopewell!

We have 4 active circles, 2 that meet on a Tuesday, 1 that meets on a Wednesday and 1 that meets in the evening. We hope that with different days and different times of day that more women will find a time that best fits their schedule.

The Moderators' Tea this past fall was attended by 134 women. 42 women were involved in the planning and preparing. La Escuelita San Marcos was the recipient of \$2300 that was raised by donations.

One of our goals for this program year is to improve overall attendance in our circles. We have made personal initiations and begun a greeting card ministry to those in the church that could use a lift. We are open to new ideas! Thank you! Submitted by Suzanne Davis



Moderator, Nancy Thompson (wearing red) presides at Moderator's Tea, September 2018.

The gentlemen in white, men of Hopewell, were 'gracious hosts'! (Photo-courtesy of Genora Fant)

News from CN Jenkins Presbyterian Church

CN Jenkins Presbyterian Women hosted a Throw-Back Fun Day. The members chose decades from the 1970s, 1980s, 1990s and 2000s. There were music, historical data, a skit, artifacts, clothing, food for each era and a soul train line. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

Submitted by: Edna Wigfall Cruté, Moderator

News from Memorial Presbyterian Church

Thank you to the PW of Memorial Presbyterian Church and First United-Charlotte for hosting the 2018 Fall Gathering at Memorial! Liz Troyer, the Associate Pastor of Matthews Presbyterian Church was the Bible Study Leader. The theme for the gathering was "God's Promise-I Am with You". Michelle Maxwell serves as Moderator of First United PW.

The PW of Memorial had a successful fundraiser project with the sale of pecans. All funds were donated to support the church. Outreach efforts were supported by the women as they sponsored a wellness project for hygiene items for girls at the Northwest School of the Arts and West Charlotte High School.

Janet Springs, PW Moderator.

News from Grier Heights

The PW of Grier Heights have been busy supporting various ministries in the community including recognition for area teachers and meal preparation and bible study for persons in senior living centers.

Our Annual Women's Day will be celebrated on April 28, 2019, during the 10:30AM worship. Rev. Gloria Bolden will be the guest speaker and a special women's choir will emphasize the gifts of women. As the celebration continues, the women will host a reception following the morning worship. The mission effort in association with Women's Day will be the collection of food items for Loaves and Fishes. Everyone is invited. Genora Fant, Moderator

News from Mt. Olive PW

Each March, the women of Mt. Olive participate in an event called Rooms in The Inn. During this event the women along with the men's organization feed about 16 men from the local men's shelter. A home-cooked meal is prepared for the gentlemen. Also, if the men have clothes that need to be washed, the women do that, as well. During dinner, the women engage with the participants in meaningful conversation to offer hope and encouragement. When the men depart on the next morning, they receive a wonderful hot breakfast and a bagged lunch.

In August, the women of Mt. Olive ventured outside the campus and found comfort at Bonclarken Retreat Center in Flat Rock, NC for an outstanding retreat. The theme for the retreat was entitled "A Daughter of the King." The focus was on: exalting the King, emphasizing the word as found in Luke, embracing victories, eliminating negative perceptions and encouraging ourselves.

Submitted by
Myocia Montgomery, Historian

Submitted by

News from Black's Memorial

The Black's Memorial ladies are working on various projects in the faith/unchurched communities. This included feeding the hungry through food pantries/shelters and providing needed clothing. A backpack ministry, monthly senior luncheons keep them busy. Our Horizons Bible Study is a wonderful reminder of God's promises for us. It is so good to be reminded of God's love and mercy for his people. God is so very faithful. We should be also. Submitted by Mary McAfee

News from Bellefonte Presbyterian Church

On Saturday, February 23, 2019, the members of Bellefonte Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, NC, held their 2nd Annual Community Prayer Breakfast. It was a community call to action! The discussion and prayer focus group topics included: youth engagement, community resources and outreach, bullying, and the current 'Me Too' harassment movement. Brothers and sisters in Christ were called for the morning of fellowship and prayer.

The PW at Bellefonte are busy and excited for the opportunity to host the Annual Spring Gathering on April 6, 2019. Hope to see you soon! Judy Goins is the PW Moderator. Cordia Wallace-Interim Cluster Leader

News from Harrisburg Presbyterian Church

The PW and other members including the youth and men were on hand to assist and serve as Harrisburg Presbyterian Church hosted the PW Presbytery of Charlotte Annual Leadership Connection on Saturday, August 25, 2018. Marie Sigler, Harrisburg PW Moderator, welcomed PW from 11 area churches for officer workshops. Objectives were: Encourage and facilitate leadership development, Define roles and responsibilities of CT members and Foster competent, compassionate and effective leadership in the local church and Presbytery.



Photo courtesy of Genora Fant

Our sincere regrets for any information omitted from this issue. Genora Fant-Secretary