Moderator’s Message

Greetings and grace to you from the Father!

In these difficult days, I send you words of peace, faith, patience and love. Knowing that our Father in heaven reigns, we can have peace; remembering His mercy and protection down through the ages, we can have faith; trusting in divine wisdom, we are able to exercise patience and rejoicing in the resurrected Savior, we are filled with love!

Life during these days of pandemic is significantly different. I hope that everyone takes the necessary precautions: face coverings, handwashing, and the physical distancing required to limit exposure to the virus. As we shelter in place, don’t forget to exercise, keep a positive perspective and connect with family and friends. Let us keep one another uplifted in prayer: protection of all essential workers, wisdom for our leaders, comfort to those who are mourning, healing for the sick, patience for parents (and Grand-parents) who are home schooling and strength for our clergy and church leaders.

Although our activities have come to a halt, there is much to share in the PW newsletter which includes Spring Gathering reports and an invitation to join the 2020 Installation in a ZOOM meeting. Please share the information with the women in the pews. The newsletter is linked to the PW page www.presbyofcharlotte.org under Ministries. An email will be sent to Church Moderators as well. Contact your Cluster Leader or any member of the Coordinating Team if you have questions.

“People with their minds set on you, you keep completely whole, Steady on their feet, because they keep at it and don’t quit. Depend on God and keep at it because in the Lord God you have a sure thing.” ISAIAH 26:3-4 (The Message Bible Eugene Peterson)

Yours in Christ,

Corita
JOIN US FOR the 2020 INSTALLATION

of

CAROLE VENABLE, MODERATOR

and

EDNA CRUTE’, CLUSTER LEADER OF DEBORAH

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020       1:00 PM

Follow the service “Women of Vision” as printed in the March/April 2020 Horizons Magazine. Have these visuals on hand: sunglasses, bifocals, kaleidoscopes, microscopes, telescopes, glasses, magnifiers, tambourines and or bells, flowers of gold, purple and white!! (Join Charlotte PW Spring Gathering Installation by ZOOM. See instructions on the next page.)
Charlotte PW Spring Gathering Installation  
Saturday, May 16, 2020 1:00 p.m.  
Join Zoom Meeting  
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83794795280

In order to join by video (meaning, you can see others and they will see you) using your laptop, computer, tablet or iPad, please following these steps:

1. Enter in your web browser: www.zoom.us.
2. Select “Join a Meeting”.
3. In the box under “Join A Meeting”, type in the meeting ID: 83794795280 and click join.
4. If you have not used Zoom before, your computer will want to download the application, however, you can simply click “download here” and then click “Join from your browser”.
5. On the next screen; please enter your name. You will also need to click in the “I am not a robot” box; you may be asked to perform a small exercise to prove you are not spam. Then click “Join”.

At this point, you should now everyone who is on and waiting for the meeting to begin.

You also have the option of participating by audio only. Simply dial 1 646 558 8656; when prompted for the meeting ID, please enter: 837 9479 5280.

The link for this Zoom meeting will also be emailed out to all moderators who have provided an email address for records. Accessing that email will enable “one touch” ability whereby you simply tap on the link and join Zoom. Moderators are encouraged to forward that email on to all PW in their church who have email addresses.

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THANK YOU, PEGGY!

Thank you for your service and commitment to PW!

Thank you to Peggy Burton for serving as Special Givings Communicator, 2015-2020.
Thank you to Ms. E Grace Atkinson for her dedication and commitment through the years!

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

2019 Fall Gathering   Sharon PC    Sharon Cochell
2020 CT Meeting Jan    Covenant/Kannapolis    Lisa Haynie

Many thanks to churches who were ready to host the cancelled events

CT Meeting March Davidson College PC    Bonita Beeken
33rd Spring Gathering Marks Creek    Barbara McDuffie
CT Meeting May CN Jenkins    LaTrisha Johnson
# MODERATOR REPORTS

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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Pennies for Massanetta Donations Total $388

Mount Olive, CN Jenkins, South End, Covenant-Kannapolis

Katie Cannon Memorial Scholarship Fund Donations  Total $350
Heart for Monroe

The mission selected for support at the 33rd Annual Spring Gathering is HEART FOR MONROE in Union County.

On behalf of Presbyterian Women/Presbytery of Charlotte, the Coordinating Team grants an offering of $1,000.00 to HEART FOR MONROE in support of their outreach programs.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Heart for Monroe (H4M) is a nonprofit organization that exists to unite and mobilize churches, community organizations, ministries, businesses, and individuals to address homelessness, hunger, education, and relationships in our community.

Heart for Monroe was started after a local youth group took a mission trip to the Dominican Republic in the summer of 2014. When they returned, it was clear they knew more about the needs of the people in a foreign land than in their own community. Heart for Monroe was started in the fall of 2014. The idea was simple – we are stronger when we come together and serve as one.

Heart for Monroe has since grown into a network of more than 65+ churches and 35+ nonprofits and 5 large strategic community partners (Wingate University, Atrium Health, Union County Public Schools, City of Monroe, and Union County Chamber of Commerce) all working together with one heart and one mission. This outreach effort is open to all churches, community service groups, schools organizations, and anyone who wants to make a difference in our community. Through a series of service opportunities, events, and programs – we will change people’s lives and touch hearts. We challenge you to get involved.

Ginger Walle, Director
Heart for Monroe  204 N. Main Street  Monroe, N.C. 28112
www.heartformonroe.com

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CHILDREN’S HOPE ALLIANCE

HOPE. HEALTH. HEALING.

Children’s Hope Alliance is the combination of Barium Springs and Grandfather Home for Children joining forces to serve children and families throughout North Carolina. We work hard to provide hope, health, and healing for generations. Our comprehensive services and programs are designed to give hope to North Carolina’s children by providing a safe home, healing their hurt, and encouraging a healthy start.

Phone: 704.872.4157 / 1.800.320.4157

Post Office Box 1, Barium Springs, NC 28010
ANNUAL FALL SPIRITUAL GATHERING including
LEADERSHIP CONNECTION

September 12, 2020

8:00 am- 9:15 am   REGISTRATION and CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:15 am-10:15 am   LEADERSHIP CONNECTION
(6) Workshops for Leadership positions in the local church/Presbytery/Synod
**
Annual Fall Spiritual Gathering

10:30 a.m.   CALL TO ORDER
Opening
Bible Study Overview
Offering
**

11:45-12:45 pm   (6) BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS

1:00   Wrap up/Closing

The Fall Gathering format includes an extended time for registration and refreshments, one hour Leadership Connection workshops and one hour Bible Study sessions. (Location to be announced)

2020-21 Horizons Bible Study Lesson:

“Into the Light Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament”

Author P. Lynn Miller
Salem Presbytery Fall Gathering

Top picture: Moderator, Corita Floyd, Eugenia Gamble, Author of "Love Carved in Stone"; Catrelia Hunter, Past Moderator PW Churchwide/Synod of the Mid-Atlantic/Salem Presbytery

September 28, 2019
Moderator’s Report

Corita Y. Floyd

My journey as Moderator began in 2014 and as my 2nd term comes to its close, I reflect upon the many opportunities that have blessed my life. I am forever enriched by the diverse experiences of the last six years. I appreciate the support and encouragement I have received. I am thankful for the many occasions to enjoy the fellowship of the most awesome women of the Presbytery of Charlotte! Thank you for your hard work and continued commitment to Presbyterian Women. I rejoice in the glory of our Triune God for allowing me to be in His service. By God’s will, I was able to:

In 2019
Conduct CT meetings/Presbytery of Charlotte -May 2019-April 2020
Represent PW/Presbytery of Charlotte at Synod meetings -June-Oct
Respond to e-mails, phone calls and mail
Dedicate PW Leadership for Women’s Day @ South End- May
Attend Synod Summer Gathering @ Massanetta Springs, VA. – June
Speak for Women’s Day @ Smallwood – August
Attend 32nd Annual Fall Gathering PW/PC- Sept
Speak for Women’s Day @ Matthews-Murkland
Bring greetings for Moderator’s Tea @ Hopewell
Attend Women’s Day @ Mt. Olive – Oct
Attend CT Day
Consult with Spring Gathering Committee to select theme and plan

In 2020
Lead workshop for Annual Prayer Breakfast @ Bellefonte- Feb
Attend Love Celebration @ Grier Heights
Attend Spring Gathering @ First United- March
Speak for Women’s Day @ First United

“I will thank the Lord with all my heart.” Psalm 9:1
Since my installation at Spring Gathering 2019, I have had opportunities for growth spiritually and in leadership with my fellow Sisters in Christ. This week I look forward to my first official Synod CT meeting. Charlotte Presbytery continues to enjoy rotating our CT meetings throughout the Clusters forming friendships and learning about the varied ways that PW work. This year, we had a successful Fall Gathering and Leadership Training on the same day rather than 2 separate events. In our evaluations, there were positive remarks and we plan to continue this format. I chaired the Oct. 2020 Spiritual Retreat for our CT. This was held at Queens University and Renda Brinson, Certified Church Educator PCUSA, presented a very uplifting program on strong women throughout the Bible. Our planning and preparing for our Spring Gathering at Marks Creek Presbyterian Church had to be cancelled due to the virus outbreak. At that time, I would have been installed as Moderator of Presbytery of Charlotte PW. Look for information to witness a virtual Installation on Saturday, May 16, 2020. Thank you to Tamera Sanders, Charlotte Presbytery representative on the Summer Gathering planning team serving as Assistant Resource member.

Carole M. Venable, Moderator-Elect (pictured with Renda Brinson, left)
## Presbyterian Women Presbytery of Charlotte

### Budget for January 1-December 31, 2021

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**TOTAL**                                      | $32,830.00| $31,405.00| $32,255.00

### FINANCE & TRUST COMMITTEE:

- Interim Treasurer- Sandra Grier (Chair)
- Moderator- Corita Floyd
- Edna Crute, Cluster Leader
- Claudia Wallace, Cluster Leader

(Auditing Committee Report, following page)
2019 Auditing Committee Report

The Auditing Committee has audited the 2019 PW financial ledgers and found them to be in order. All bank statements, checkbook records and paperwork to back up disbursements were filed properly and made available to the committee. We thank Sandra Grier, Interim Treasurer, for her input in finalizing the reports.

We commend her for diligent and careful record keeping for Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Charlotte. We appreciate her dedication and detailed involvement in the financial process.

Virginia Spears, Auditing Committee Chair,
Tamera Sanders, Genora Fant and Bobbie F. Harris, Assisting

Annual CT Retreat October 2019 Queens University Charlotte NC

Pictured front row, l-r: Corita Y. Floyd, Moderator & Donna Dobson, Cluster Leader of Eve
Back row, l-r: Carole Venable, Moderator-Elect (Installation, May 16, 2020); Tamera Sanders, Cluster Leader of Miriam; Delorese Hill, Spiritual Nurturer; Danielle Brassington, Cluster Leader of Esther; Virginia Spears, Cluster Leader of Abigail and Cordia Wallace, Cluster Leader of Lydia and Interim Cluster Leader of Dorcas
Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Charlotte held its 32nd Annual Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 6, 2019, at Bellefonte Presbyterian Church (USA), Harrisburg, NC. The Gathering was presided over by the Moderator, Corita Floyd. Rev. Jan Edmiston, General Presbyter, served as the Worship Leader. The theme for the Gathering was “Our Holy Calling: To Transcend Boundaries with Hearts and Hands of Grace”. Rev. Edmiston’s message was entitled “What Are We Afraid Of?” The offering recipient was “Poor Man’s Supper” as sponsored by First Presbyterian Church (USA), Norwood, NC, Stanly County.

On Saturday, September 14, 2019, Sharon Presbyterian Church (USA), Charlotte, NC, hosted the 32nd Annual Fall Gathering and Leadership Connection. The women focused on the 2019-2020 Horizons Bible Study, “Love Carved in Stone” A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments as written by Author, Eugenia Anne Gamble. Elder Delores Hill, of Covenant Presbyterian Church-Kann. and PW CT-Spiritual Nurturer, served as Bible Study Leader. Sandra Cochell, Moderator of Sharon PW, welcomed the Presbyterian Women. Dr. Rob Blumer, Senior Pastor, Sharon Presbyterian Church gave the opening remarks and prayer. Workshop Leaders for the Gathering were Bernice Grier, Jeannie Satterfield, Jennifer Shore, Corita Floyd, Robin Shealy and Carole Venable. The Coordinating Team members led workshops for their various offices and positions.

Pictured:

Christine Neale of Sharon Presbyterian Church as she led a beautiful rendition of the Gathering Hymn, “The Perfect 10”

(Delores Hill, CT Spiritual Nurturer is seated on right.)
2019 MEMORIALS

AMITY
Dollie Coat, Doris Price, Estelle Dinkins

COOK’S MEMORIAL
Mary Bradford

CATAWBA
Barbara McClain Gibbs, Carrie Frances McDuffie, Amelia Wilson

GRIER HEIGHTS
Virginia Knighton Wallace

HO GRAHAM
Vanzenia Boyd Davis

MATTHEWS-MURKLAND
Deborah Funderburk Little

HOPEWELL
Bonnie Woods Burgess, Barbara Frazier Kerr, Jo Ann Wilson, Suzanne Puckett Glenn, Corinne Wallace Kerns, Emma Neil Ogle

CN JENKINS
Lisa Curry Coad, Sarah A. Coleman, Janie Montgomery Kenton, Karen Miller Puryear

MEMORIAL
Celessie Avery Collins Caldwell, Thomasena Smith Caldwell, Julia Ann Boyce, Theresa Dutch Gaston, Mildred Chisholm Washington

MOUNT OLIVE
Mattie Jamison, Zenobia Thompson

NEW FRIENDSHIP
Johnsie A. Beaver, Ann Grier, Annie Grace Richardson, Danette Allison

PAW CREEK
Billie Rabon, Rachel Wingate

SOUTH END
Alice Geneva Leary

PLEASANT GROVE
Shelby Allran, Nancy Dietzel, Betty Starnes

STATESVILLE AVENUE
Lemira Barbee

ROCKY RIVER
Ree Edwards Abernethy, Peggy Louise Campbell, Margaret McCachren Miller, Elizabeth Davis Morrison, Elva Dean Hayes Moses
2019 Honorary Life Memberships

CN JENKINS
Veronica Cason, Edna Wigfall Crute’

DAVIDSON COLLEGE PC
Charlotte Griffith, Jean Jackson

HOPEWELL MALLARD CREEK PAWCREEK
Billie Dysart Martin Maria Menconi Dina Salvo

PLEASANT GROVE FIRST-CHARLOTTE
Thomas Lineberger Katherine Cook Kerr, Susan & Ross Loeser

FIRST-MONROE
Sarah Everett Hasty

HARRISBURG
George ‘Buddy’ Stratton

MOUNT OLIVE
Ellen Young

STATESVILLE AVENUE
Lovette Eugene Grier
Edna Wigfall Cruté

CLUSTER OF DEBORAH

The Cluster of Deborah includes the following Churches: Amity, Cook’s Memorial, Henderson-Grove, Morningstar, Philadelphia, St. Paul and Third Presbyterian Churches. Since voted in as the Cluster Leader of Deborah, I have reached out to the Moderators after fall gathering, Christmas Greetings. Further, I provided information when requested, and when information was received from Corita Younge Floyd, Moderator of the Presbytery Women of Charlotte.

Looking forward, I am excited to the possibility of participating in activities with the members of the Cluster of Deborah for the year 2020 and beyond.

Edna Wigfall Cruté

2005 Holly Villa Circle
Indian Trail, NC 28079
210-445-4680; ewigfallcrute@gmail.com

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ROZETTA SPEARS

CLUSTER of PRISCILLA

During 2019, I attended several PW programs, gatherings, Bible studies, Women's Day services, installed officers in their new positions, and enjoyed fellowshipping with the women in the Cluster. I maintained contact with the PW in the Cluster of Priscilla through emails, mailings, and telephone calls.

The projects and donations to Lily Pad Haven, Freedom School, Hospice, Room-In-The-Inn, and Loaves and Fishes are done with encouragement, compassion, and much love.

I commend them for their tireless efforts of providing comfort to those in need in their communities. I really appreciate the Cluster Of Priscilla PW for your faithful service and hard work that you do. I’m sure the coming year will be equally rewarding.

Blessings and Peace to all of the PW in the Cluster of Priscilla!

Rozetta Spears  royzred1@att.net
The women in the Cluster of Dorcas are to be commended for the various work they do in the field of mission both locally and abroad.

As cluster leader I strive to keep the Moderators informed by sharing materials, through telephone calls, email, snail mail and visits. When possible, I attend various meeting and programs held within the local churches. It was very refreshing seeing ladies from this cluster at the Gatherings and Training. I have enjoyed working with the Presbyterian Woman in the Cluster of Dorcas.

Faith is not believing that God can,
It is knowing He will.

Cordia D. Wallace

The Cluster of Lydia, with five active churches, continue to provide help and comfort to those in need with contribution of money, food, clothing and other needed articles both locally and abroad. Some churches have school supplies available for needed children within the community, and later in the year for schools within their community who are in need of supplies.

These ladies reach out to assist shelters for the homeless, Crisis Assistance, as well as Hospice House of Cabarrus County. These ladies strive to serve Christ and follow the PW Purpose.

As cluster leader I strive to keep the ladies informed by sharing materials from the Coordinating Team meeting and updates from the Moderator, Presbyterian Women Presbytery of Charlotte. When possible, visits are made to these churches for various meetings, Bible Studies and or programs.

Peace and Blessings, Cordia D. Wallace
Let the Glory of the Lord rise among us, let it rise, let it rise!

Our membership continues to serve, worship and study together increasing members of God’s Kingdom. We believe with our work world conditions will improve.

Our Bible study is a monthly activity occurrence. We enjoy the Horizon lessons they are both enjoyable and informative. Food is served and ideas are exchanged showcasing the talent within our membership. Our projects are varied, some members collect food and feed the hungry at the community shelter, some replenish the food pantry. Still others bake cookies to give to teachers and school children (when schools were in session).

Money is given to disaster areas. We support Christmas child programs, and local families at holidays, prepare baskets for families at Thanksgiving and Easter. Paper products are sent to local crisis centers in our area.

Our belief is that prayer is needed to heal our land. We therefore pray 2nd Chronicles 7:14. There must be a turning, humbling, praying, and seeking the face of God our creator. We are expecting a change in our community and world.

Join us in our Quest. God is with us.

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MT. OLIVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

(Pictured l to r) Erin Jamison, Myocia Montgomery, Ann Coleman, Sandra Grier and Ellen Young-Outgoing Moderator; Women’s Day Breakfast Installation conducted by Ellen.
MCCLINTOCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Women’s Organization of McClintock Presbyterian Church is a dynamic Women’s Group of bold Presbyterian Warriors for Christ. God is real in our lives. Because our purpose is solidly defined by the PW of the Presbyterian Church, USA, we serve and work by this purpose to give assistance, enhance the lives of others, and implement services and goodwill.

We are phenomenal women who serve a God who gives second chances. Our glorious and knowledgeable Bible Studies are the focal point of our gatherings. The 2018-2019 lessons, ‘God’s Promises, by Amy Poling Sutherlun, strengthened and unified our organization in God’s Word. The lessons were intentional and engaging.

Bible study is one entity of our activities. We reach out to others by adopting families at Thanksgiving and Christmas, who may need assistance. We assisted with Rooms in the Inn, serving the homeless, but have replaced this service with helping our Deacon Board gather and distribute food at Second Harvest. Beautiful dresses are made from pillowcases for the women and children of Haiti. This year we gave 123 dresses.

We give and support our Parent Body, the PW of the Presbytery of Charlotte and continue to be very supportive. We are praying for a greater 2020 year.

Moderators: Bettye Canada     Deacon Neely Christian

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HAMLET, NC

The theme for this year’s gathering was definitely divinely inspired: “Our Holy Calling: To Persevere in the Way of Peace with Heartfelt Obedience.” None of us could have predicted how poignant these words would be for us during this unprecedented time. It simply and succinctly answers the question many of us ask during this time of social distancing. While we cannot help but be aware of present circumstances, we must not lose sight of the calling God has placed on our lives. We are called to persevere in spite of things appearing to fall apart. We are called to obey God’s command to love all of God’s people and God’s creation. We are called to “rejoice, again I say rejoice”, for God’s word incarnate in Christ remains steadfast and unmovable even in the valley of shadows.

Our world will be different on the other side of this pandemic. Hopefully, it will be better. Hopefully, our heartfelt obedience will open our eyes to the most vulnerable and move us to actually do more to remove the widening gap. During this challenging time, may we be comforted and encouraged by the prophet Isaiah: “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” (41:10)

May we recognize, enjoy, and share God’s continued blessings even in the midst of the storm.     Elder Belinda Rice, CLP
MATTHEWS-MURKLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WOMEN’S DAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

(Pictured, l-r) Danielle Brassington-Cluster Leader of Esther; Dr. Parthenia Richardson, Elder Catherine Bell and Corita Y. Floyd, PW Moderator

GRIER HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

(Pictured l-r) Frances W. Jackson, Mary Russ-Project Leader; Jacqueline Sanders, Gerry Wallace, Evette Beckett-Tuggle and Genora Fant, PW Moderator, preparing to deliver baskets to homebound members.
What a wonderful year!

Our ladies wholeheartedly participated in our programs and Mission Project for the year, “The Sand Box Care Program”. We presented two filled, large Love Baskets and Love Totes. All items went to help families with extended stay in the hospitals. Our Women’s Day event in October, with the theme: ‘Love Carved in Stone, For Such a Time as This” featured Rev. Sharon Rischer, author of the book: For Such a Time As This.

Rev. Rischer shared the movie, “Emanuel”, a documentary on the Charleston Church killings and answered questions about her book. Awesome time!

We enjoy sharing Bible study time and breakfast with the ladies at Ben Salem Presbyterian Church. These study times and PW Gatherings continue to be a great part of our ladies’ experiences. We look forward to our 2020 year as PW Women!

Moderator: Alfreto Alexander, Co-Moderator: Kim Peay
Hopewell Presbyterian Women had a busy Fall 2019! September 29, we hosted a tea where 98 attended and over $2000 was raised for Angels and Sparrows Soup Kitchen. In October, Hopewell hosted the Presbytery meeting. The PW provided a breakfast for the attendees and in general tried to show hospitality! The Happy Knitters had some busy needles making 175 prayer shawls for the Levine Dickson Hospice House. We now have a new improved way to communicate with an online newsletter for all circles and women of Hopewell. It is connected with our church website. Check it out! Our “Thank” offering was $384. We are looking forward to what God has in store for us as a congregation! Submitted by Suzanne Davis and Sherry Reid, Hopewell PW Moderator
Pictured l-r: Belle Anita Dunn; Barbara Carr- PW Moderator; Lovette E. Grier-Honorary Life Membership Recipient; Guest Speaker Rev. Danette Osbourne-Smart (center); E. Grace Atkinson-Horizons Rep; Virginia Spears-Abigail Cluster Leader (back row); and Stephanie Walker Williams. Rev. Osbourne-Smart’s sermon title was “Walking in the Commandments. The Women’s Day Program was followed by a reception in the fellowship hall of the church.
NEW FRIENDSHIP

Pictured above is New Friendship’s World Day of Prayer Celebration. Other PW activities and mission efforts include volunteering at their soup kitchen, sharing toiletries with the homeless, and hosting their annual Father’s Day breakfast. Barbara Alexander, PW Moderator—right foreground (Photo-courtesy of Ivory Wallace)

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COVENANT-KANNAPOILS

Covenant Presbyterian Women is a tangible sign of God’s grace. We started our year planning our work and working our plan. We attended and participated in the Annual Fall Gathering where our own Ms. Delorese Hill was the Bible Study Leader. Other activities included: Thank Offering Service with donations, serving our Annual Mildred Cannon Thanksgiving dinner to the community, sponsoring the Annual Light-a Candle Project in “In Honor of” and “In Memory Of”, participating with our sister church, Bethpage United in their Annual Christmas Program; and hosting the World Day of Prayer with surrounding churches. Anita Blakeney and Delorese Hill were voted to be our representatives to Synod Summer Gathering. Submitted by Lisa Haynie
2021 CHURCHWIDE GATHERING OF PW

The next Churchwide Gathering of PW will take place August 5-8, 2021, in St. Louis, Missouri. “Rejoice in Hope” is the theme, based on Romans 12:12-13. Are you subscribing to the PW e-newsletters, including the monthly “21 for 21” Gathering email series? If not, contact Patricia Longfellow at patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org. Once you subscribe to the PW e-newsletters, your inbox will receive a notification about the Gathering each month. The Gathering Quest launched on November 21, 2019 – 21 months prior to the 2021 Churchwide Gathering. That email suggested a savings strategy of setting aside $2 a day for 21 months so that you can make your way to St. Louis. If you’ve been saving your seed money for the Gathering, then as of last month, you should have $180.00 in your savings fund! If you haven’t started saving, it’s not too late! Start today by putting a few dollars away! See you in 2021 at the Churchwide Gathering.

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the ABC's of coping
BY U.S. AIR FORCE CHAPLAIN STEVEN DABBs

attitude
REMEMBER TO COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS - CIRCUMSTANCES COULD BE WORSE!

believe
HAVE FAITH THAT THINGS WILL GET BETTER.

connect
SAFELY INTERACT WITH OTHERS - EVEN IF THAT REQUIRES YOU TO DO SO ELECTRONICALLY.

"D" as in "vitamin D"
GET SOME SUNLIGHT, EVEN ON A CLOUDY DAY - OPEN BLINDS, SIT ON PORCH, ETC.

exercise
IF GYM IS UNAVAILABLE, STAY ACTIVE - CALISTHENICS, PUSH-UPS, SIT-UPS, RUN IN PLACE.

fun
FIND HEALTHY & CREATIVE WAYS TO ENJOY DOWN-TIME - BOARD GAMES, MOVIES, ETC.

goodness
NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF THIS CHARACTER TRAIT - INVEST IN WHAT BETTERS YOUR LIFE & THOSE AROUND YOU.

hope
ENVISION WHAT YOU DESIRE THE FUTURE TO BE, THEN STRIVE TO HELP US GET THERE.

invest
SUBSIDIZE YOUR RELATIONSHIPS - BRIDGE EMOTIONAL DISTANCES CAUSED BY BUSY-NESS.

joy
SMILE AND LAUGH - HAPPINESS DEPENDS ON YOUR PERSPECTIVE.

kindness
ALWAYS TREAT OTHERS HOW YOU WANT TO BE TREATED.

love
CHERISH THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE.

maximize
USE THE EXTRA TIME TO CATCH UP ON HOBBIES.

nap
TAKE A MID-DAY SIESTA - IT CAN BENEFIT THE CHILDREN TO DO SO TOO (HINT).

optimism
IF YOU HAVE BREATH, YOU STILL HAVE HOPE!

patience
BUILD TOLERANCE FOR EXTRA INTERACTIONS - ESPECIALLY IN CONFINED LIVING SPACES.

quiet time
RESERVE A DAILY MOMENT TO REFLECT - IT CAN BENEFIT THE CHILDREN TOO (HINT).

reality
WE MUST COME TO GRIPS WITH ACTUAL CIRCUMSTANCES SO WE CAN PLAN WISELY.

spouse-time
WITH KIDS HOME FROM SCHOOL (PARENTS), RESERVE QUALITY TIME FOR YOUR SPOUSE.

"toilet paper"
ACTUALLY, THIS IS A JOKE. SEE "J - JOY" FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE.

unity
STRIVE FOR PEACE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN - LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO GET THROUGH THIS.

vision
KEEP THE BIG PICTURE IN MIND AS WE STRIVE TO GET THROUGH THIS WORLD-WIDE CRISIS.

worship
THIS ACTIVITY IS NOT LIMITED TO TIME OR SPACE.

"xerox"
SEND GREAT IDEAS, HELPFUL POSTS, WHOLESOME JOKES & AFFIRMATIONS TO OTHERS.

"you" time
CREATE SPACE EACH DAY FOR SELF-CARE.

zeal
PRACTICE ENTHUSIASM - IT'S CONTAGIOUS!