

CONNECTIONS

NEWSLETTER FOR
PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN



SPRING 2022



MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR

He has told you O Mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8 NRSV

BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU ARE LISTENING !!

Every day we are bombarded with news of fighting here and abroad, injustices of all kinds with suffering of both adults and children. Are we listening to the pain that is present in those without housing, adequate food, clothing and education? Are we caring?

Are we showing mercy to GOD'S children who are different from us and do not have the benefits that we have? Are we sharing our faith with our children? and Those that we meet who need an expression of kindness?

Are we LISTENING and WALKING HUMBLY with our GOD?

Our Prayer:

Oh God of Hope, by our Faith we know that you are
The God who protected our mothers, grandmothers, and sisters.

Over the world many are suffering the pains of war,
fear and oppression. Lord we pray for these who are
suffering and ask that you open our eyes to ways of caring,

In the Holy Name of Jesus Christ we Pray, Amen

Listening and sharing from your Moderator, Carole Venable

35th ANNUAL SPRING GATHERING

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PRESBYTERY OF CHARLOTTE

Fellowship of 7 Counties

Anson, Cabarrus, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Richmond, Stanly, Union



SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022

Theme: “By Faith, We Have Hope”

BUSINESS MEETING

WORSHIP/INSTALLATION/COMMUNION

Worship Leader: REV. MEGAN ARGABRITE

Amity Presbyterian Church, Charlotte

Special Guest: SUSAN JACKSON-DOWD

Executive Director PWPCUSA

CABARRUS COOPERATIVE CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Offering Recipient: Cabarrus County

Zoom Sign-in: 9:30am

Offering Video 9:55am

Call to Order 10:00am

To Join the Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81394012328?pwd=dmdKenhaQUUxNGZLaIF4NGJlVQ2cvQT09>

Meeting ID: 813 9401 2328 Passcode: 530226 Dial in: 301-715-8592

35th ANNUAL SPRING GATHERING
Carole M. Venable, Moderator, Presiding

Saturday, April 2, 2022
THEME: "By Faith, We Have Hope"

Business Meeting by Zoom, Sign-in 9:30am Birthday Offering Video 9:55am

Call to Order 10:00am

BUSINESS MEETING

Call to Order.....Carole M. Venable
Lighting of the Christ Candle/Prayer.....Bobbie Harris, Missions/Issues
Welcome to All.....Carole M. Venable
Special Guest.....*Greetings from Louisville*.....Susan Jackson-Dowd
Executive Director PWPCUSA

INTRODUCTION OF COORDINATING TEAM

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| Virginia Spears-Cluster of Abigail | Corita Y. Floyd, Vice-Moderator |
| Edna Wigfall Cruté-Cluster of Deborah | Cluster of Lydia, Priscilla, Ruth (vacant) |
| Marie Sigler-Cluster of Dorcas | Tamera Sanders-Cluster of Miriam |
| Danielle Brassington-Cluster of Esther | Genora Fant, Secretary |
| Donna Dobson-Cluster of Eve | Bobbie F. Harris-Missions/Issues Coord. |

Recognition of Outgoing Coordinating Team Members.....Carole M. Venable
Finance Report 2022/2023 Budget.....Susan Brooks, Treasurer
By-Laws Committee.....Donna Dobson, Chair
Offering Recipient.....*Cabarrus Cooperative Christian Ministries*
Children's Hope Alliance, Honorary Life Memberships.....Sandra Grier, Special Givings
Extinguishing the Christ Candle.....Genora Fant
Adjournment.....*Prepare Elements for Communion*.....5-minute break



WORSHIP

INSTALLATION

COMMUNION

Lighting of the Christ Candle/Prayer.....Tamera Sanders
 Call to Worship.....Genora Fant
 Scripture Readings.....Edna Wigfall Cruté
 Old Testament Passage Psalms 71:5-6 New Testament Passage Hebrews 11:1, 30-31
 Introduction of Worship Leader.....Carole M. Venable
 Worship Message.....Rev. Megan Argabrite

INSTALLATION

Edna Wigfall Crute´ Moderator-Elect and Susan Brooks as Treasurer

In Memoriam.....Mary Faulkner, Historian
 Communion.....Rev. Argabrite
 Closing Remarks/Acknowledgement.....Carole M. Venable
 Extinguishing of Christ Candle.....Donna Dobson
 Benediction.....Rev. Argabrite

WELCOME !

Our Worship Leader: Reverend Megan Argabrite

Rev. Megan Argabrite is the pastor of Amity Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, where she has been serving in her first call for almost 3 years. She has a passion for transformational small church ministry and the creative arts as a vehicle for deeper experiences and expressions of faith.

Originally from High Point, NC, Megan came to Charlotte to study music at Queens University. Receiving a Bachelor of Music degree from Queens, and a Master of Divinity from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte in 2013, she began serving The Grove Presbyterian Church as Director of Worship Arts. In 2017, she became Director of Worship and Arts at Myers Park United Methodist Church before receiving her call to ordained pastoral ministry in 2019.

In her free time, Megan enjoys singing and playing guitar, pretending to be a good gardener, and training in the circus art of aerial silks. She and her husband, Eric, have two children, Davey, 8 and Louise, 10, and a dog, and a cat.

Our Offering Recipient: Cooperative Christian Ministry, Cabarrus County

Cooperative Christian Ministry’s mission remains to meet members of our community where they are, address their current crisis and empower restoration.

Cooperative Christian Ministry provides crisis assistance for emergency food, shelter and financial assistance in Cabarrus County. Hunger Fighting Programs include Food Pantries and Samaritan’s Table evening meal.

Crisis Assistance may provide aid to avoid utility cut-off, eviction or foreclosure, to avoid loss of heating or cooling, or to avoid the absence of life sustaining medications.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Installation of:



Edna Wigfall Cruté Moderator-Elect

Edna Wigfall Cruté is a member of C.N. Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian Church and immediate past Presbyterian Women Moderator. Mrs. Cruté has been a member of PW for many years – from New York, Texas and now North Carolina. Edna has attended the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Summer Gathering for several years and recently participated in the 2018 Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, KY. Mrs. Cruté has enjoyed working with the sisters of PW Coordinating Team and the PW in the Cluster of Deborah.

Susan Brooks, Treasurer



Susan Brooks is the incoming Treasurer for the Presbyterian Women of the Charlotte Presbytery. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Concord, NC where she serves on the Coordinating Team for the Presbyterian Women as the Missions Coordinator. Susan has just completed her third year as a Deacon for First Presbyterian and has also served served as Moderator. In 2014, Susan retired from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte as the Associate Vice Chancellor for Finance (14 years). She previously served as the Controller at the University of Vermont (14 years) and as the Controller at Wilberforce University in Ohio (16 years). She has an MBA in Accountancy.

APPRECIATION TO OUTGOING CLUSTER LEADERS

The CT extends expressions of sincere appreciation to Cordia Wallace and Rozetta Spears for their service over the years as Cluster Leaders. Their leadership, dedication and support contributed much to the success of the Coordinating Team. As we bid farewell to Cordia and Rozelle, we thank them and pray God's blessings for their continued work in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Many thanks for your support, service, and participation!

TAMARA WILLIAMS, Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Charlotte

LA LEZA YORN, Meeting Host/Technical Support

COORDINATING TEAM

CHURCH MODERATORS

Vice-Moderator's Report

*“We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.”
Hebrews 6:19*

Greetings and grace to you from the Father!

In my last year as Vice-Moderator, I was tasked to continue to lead the Team during our Moderator's medical leave. During that time, I tried to fulfill the responsibilities of Moderator while consulting with Carole and keeping in touch with her on her progress.

- **I communicated with the Team to send agendas, reports and zoom meeting credentials**
- **In April, I brought greetings to PW at South End PC at the annual Women's Day service held virtually**
- **In June, I attended the virtual Synod CT meeting and was installed as Racial-Equity Communicator**
- **In June, July and December, I sent updates to Church Moderators/Cluster of Ruth**
- **In August, I attended the 1st Virtual PW Churchwide Gathering as one of two Voting Representatives from Presbytery of Charlotte**
- **In August and December, I sent updates to Church Moderators, Cluster of Ruth and Lydia**
- **In January, I sent updates to Church Moderators, Cluster of Priscilla; met with the By-laws committee**

As the out-going Vice Moderator of the Co-ordinating Team, I welcome our Moderator, Carole back to duty! My service will continue as Search Committee Coordinator and you will be hearing from me. There are vacancies on the Coordinating Team: Cluster Leaders for Lydia, Priscilla and Ruth.

In closing, I am forever grateful for the support and encouragement from you, my Sisters in Christ. Be encouraged and continue to be grounded in the word of the Lord. By the commitments of our PW purpose, we are divinely positioned and spiritually gifted for service and leadership.

“And if the storms don't cease and if the winds keep on blowing in my life....My soul has been anchored in the Lord”

Yours in Christ,

Corita

THE CLUSTER LEADER...

The CLUSTER LEADER is the bridge connecting the Presbytery Leadership to the PW in the Presbytery. The Cluster Leader communicates directly with the Church Moderators who, in turn, share information with PW in the pews.

The CLUSTER LEADER has an important role in Presbyterian Women. When clusters are formed in presbyteries, it is done to manage the size and workload of the area. The PWP Moderator will be the key contact for the presbytery, but the Cluster Leader will have a key role in carrying the information to a deeper meaning.

Key responsibilities of CLUSTER LEADER:

- **Serve as liaison for all PW matters from the presbytery to assigned congregations.**
- **Assist with installations of leaders in the congregations as requested.**
- **Keep an accurate list of addresses with contact names per church in cluster.**
- **Secure a location for events when asked. Assist as needed.**
- **Work with all leaders in planning trainings to cover ALL positions.**
- **Collect samples of devotions and installations as a resource for congregations.**
- **Work toward becoming a retreat specialist or resource leader for your cluster.**
- **Focus on the nurture of individual congregations. Communicate regularly.**
- **Serve at the direction of the PW Presbytery Coordinating Team.**

There are three openings for Cluster Leaders/Coordinating Team/PW Presbytery of Charlotte:

Cluster of Lydia

Cluster of Priscilla

Cluster of Ruth

Contacts:

Church Moderator

CT Search Committee Coordinator, Corita Younge Floyd

Any member of CT/PW Presbytery of Charlotte

**ARTICLE IX
SPECIAL GIVING PATTERNS**

SECTION I.-no change

SECTION 2. PW in the Presbytery of Charlotte contributes to the offerings lifted at the Annual Spring Gathering and the Annual Fall Spiritual Gathering:

- A. The Annual Spring Gathering offering is designated to a mission project in the presbytery. The projects are selected by the Cluster Leaders and submitted to the CT for approval. (See the Rotation for Mission Offerings p.9)**
- B. The Annual Fall Gathering offering is designated to support the PW/PC scholarships. (See the Scholarship descriptions p. 10.)**

The present SECTION 2-changes to SECTION 3/no changes in language.

The present SECTION 3- changes to SECTION 4/no changes in language.

CORRECTIONS TO THE 2021-2022 DIRECTORY

Page 32. ARTICLE XVI –Honorarium of the CT Treasurer and Secretary

Section 2. The Secretary of the CT of PW on the Presbytery of Charlotte may receive an Honorarium not to exceed \$200 each year for services rendered. The CT will review this each year and determine the continuance of the honorarium.

Page 31. ARTICLE XV-CLUSTERS

The churches of the Presbytery of Charlotte shall be divided into clusters that may consist of approximately (10) churches. The PW Cluster Leaders will review cluster memberships each year to ensure that all churches are represented by a PW Cluster Leader.

The Clusters will be listed in the Directory of the PW in the Presbytery of Charlotte that will be available by September of each year.

The By-Laws Committee met on February 9, 2022, at 10:30am.

The Committee suggested that the additions to the By-Laws be sent to each CT member before the February 19 meeting so each member may review the suggestions concerning the Gathering Offerings under ARTICLE IX/SPECIAL GIVING PATTERNS/SECTION 2.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Donna Dobson, Corita Floyd, Danielle Brassington

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN PRESBYTERY OF CHARLOTTE

2021 Budget to Actual, 2022 Budget, and 2023 Proposed Budget Draft

| | 2021 | 2021 Actual | | 2022 | | 2023 Proposed | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Budget | Revenue | Expenditure | Budget | | Revenue | Expenditure |
| PW EXPENSES | | | | | PW EXPENSES | | |
| Worldw ide Mission | 9,000 | 2,592.45 | 1,111.50 | 9,000 | Worldw ide Mission | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Synod Support | 1,450 | 373.20 | 194.00 | 1,450 | Synod Support | 500 | 500 |
| Birthday Offering | | 2,665.00 | 928.00 | | Birthday Offering | 2,750 | 2,750 |
| Thank Offering | | 2,445.00 | 1,965.00 | | Thank Offering | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| Least Coin | | 1,338.67 | 726.84 | | Least Coin | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Honorary Life Memberships | | 1,425.00 | 1,425.00 | | Honorary Life Memberships | 1,520 | 1,520 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | 10,450 | 10,839.32 | 6,350.34 | 10,450 | Total | 11,770 | 11,770 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Presbytery Support | | 2,131.60 | | | PRESBYTERY SUPPORT | 2,500 | |
| Interest | | 2.11 | | | Interest | 2 | |
| | | | | | | | |
| MISSIONS | | | | | MISSIONS | | |
| Spring Gathering | | 325.00 | | | Spring Gathering - TBD | | 1,000 |
| Fall Gathering/Leadership Connection | | 513.50 | | | Fall Gathering - Scholarship TBD | | 1,000 |
| Cluster Scholarships (1 per Cluster) | 1,000 | | | 1,000 | College Scholarships | | 800 |
| College Scholarships | 800 | | | 800 | sub-total | | 2,800 |
| Emergency Relief/Human Services | 5,000 | | | 5,000 | | | |
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| | | | | | GATHERING EXPENSES | | |
| GATHERING EXPENSES | | | | | Spring Gathering | | 1,400 |
| Spring Gathering | 1,400 | | 150.00 | 1,400 | Fall Gathering/Leadership Connection | | 2,250 |
| Fall Gathering/Leadership Connection | 2,250 | | 100.00 | 2,250 | Spiritual Enrichment | | 0 |
| Spiritual Enrichment | | | | | Churchw ide Gathering Quest | | 0 |
| Churchw ide Gathering Quest | | | 600.00 | | CT Annual Retreat | | 0 |
| CT Annual Retreat | | | | | sub-total | | 3,650 |
| | | | | | | | |
| ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES | | | | | ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES | | |
| Stationary & Supplies | 375 | | | 375 | Postage | | 1,000 |
| Postage | | | 727.72 | | Supplies | | 100 |
| Supplies | | | 70.26 | | Copies | | 100 |
| Copies | | | 34.07 | | Shipping | | 50 |
| Shipping | | | 24.97 | | Mileage | | 3,500 |
| Mileage | | | | | Directories | | 250 |
| Bonding Insurance | 200 | | | 200 | Connections New sletter | | 1,250 |
| Directories | | | 234.45 | | Memorials & Benevolences | | 500 |
| Connections New sletter | 1,250 | | | 1,250 | Honorarium Secretary | | 200 |
| Memorials & Benevolences | | | 185.00 | | Honorarium Assistant Treasurer | | 0 |
| Discretionary Funds | 700 | | | 700 | PWCT Honorary Life Memberships | | 380 |
| Honorarium Secretary | 150 | | 150.00 | 200 | Leadership Training | | 0 |
| Honorarium Treasurer | 200 | | | 200 | Churchw ide Bus/Transportation | | 0 |
| Assistant Treasurer Honorarium | | | | 100 | PWP Moderator | | |
| PWCT Honorary Life Memberships | 380 | | | 380 | Vice Moderator/Moderator Elect | | |
| Leadership Training | | | | | PWP Cluster Leaders (10) | | previously |
| Churchw ide Bus/Transportation | 2,000 | | | | Spiritual Nurture Coordinator | | budgeted amounts |
| PWP Moderator | 900 | | | 900 | Racial Ethnic Coordinator | | all moved to |
| Vice Moderator/Moderator Elect | 500 | | | 500 | Mission Issue Coordinator | | mileage |
| PWP Cluster Leaders (10) | 2,000 | | | 2,000 | Special Giving Coordinator | | |
| Spiritual Nurture Coordinator | 200 | | | 200 | Search Committee Moderator | | |
| Racial Ethnic Coordinator | 150 | | | 150 | sub-total | | 7,330 |
| Mission Issue Coordinator | 100 | | | 100 | | | |
| Special Giving Coordinator | 200 | | | 200 | | | |
| Search Committee Moderator | 200 | | | 200 | | | |
| Recording Secretary Expenses | 400 | | | 400 | | | |
| Treasurer Expenses | 300 | | | 300 | | | |
| Historian Expense | 200 | | | 200 | | | |
| PWCT Scholarships (Gatherings) | 1,000 | | | 1,000 | | | |
| Mission - Feed My Lambs | | | 1,000.00 | | | | |
| Spiritual Enrichment | | | 100.00 | | | | |
| 15¢ a Meal | | 9.00 | | | | | |
| Interest | | 2.11 | | | | | |
| subtotal | | 2,983.32 | 3,376.47 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total | 42,955.00 | | | 40,905.00 | Total | 2,502 | 14,590 |

2021 Auditing Committee Report

The Auditing Committee has audited the 2021 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 Susan Brooks, our Treasurer, for her input in finalizing the reports for the 2022 Spring Gathering program.

She is to be commended for diligent and careful record keeping this year for Presbyterian Women Presbytery of Charlotte. We appreciate her dedication and detailed involvement in in the financial process.

Virginia Spears-Chair, Tamera Sanders, Genora Fant

CLUSTER OF PRISCILLA

At the beginning of 2020, I was communicating to the Moderators in the Cluster of Priscilla, by providing support services, resources, and information of upcoming events. Although, we started out as planned, we are all aware this past year has been challenging for many of us. This pandemic has placed all of us in turmoil.

We have been challenged, by not being able to fellowship as we are used to doing, trying to learn the ins and outs of Zoom calls and meetings, and trying to gain a sense of normalcy against what has gone beyond our norm. Being away from family, especially during the holidays, during a health/family crisis, and not being able to attend services was hard. We can all relate, because these are the conditions in which we all have had to abide by, in order to maintain our health and safety.

Our cluster was limited in our accomplishments this year. The pandemic invaded our typical way of doing things, through no fault of anyone.

So, today instead of focusing on what was not accomplished this year, I want to recognize each and everyone still holding strong to your faith, as we land gracefully on the other side of this crisis. As we look across the horizon, we will be in position to plan the year ahead accordingly. We will continue to stay in prayer for the health and safety of all our PW members and their families.

With God's grace and mercy, I look forward to carrying on our mission that reflects who we are as Presbyterian Women in worship and service.

God Bless

Rozetta Spears

rozettaspears@gmail.com

2021 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS



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|------------------------------|---|
| <i>Townley Moon</i> | <i>Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church</i> |
| <i>Mitzi Welborn</i> | <i>C.N. Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian Church</i> |
| <i>Gwendolyn Hinton</i> | <i>C.N. Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian Church</i> |
| <i>Anita D. Blakeney</i> | <i>Covenant Presbyterian Church</i> |
| <i>Cary Young</i> | <i>Sharon Presbyterian Church</i> |
| <i>Jane Spruill Ives</i> | <i>First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte</i> |
| <i>Julia Graham McLean</i> | <i>First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte</i> |
| <i>Dianne Veenstra</i> | <i>First Presbyterian Church, Monroe</i> |
| <i>Bill Ladd</i> | <i>First Presbyterian Church, Monroe</i> |
| <i>Geraldine Mitchell</i> | <i>H.O. Graham Metropolitan Presbyterian Church</i> |
| <i>Karen Fesperman</i> | <i>Davidson College Presbyterian Church</i> |
| <i>Susan Manning</i> | <i>Davidson College Presbyterian Church</i> |
| <i>Tina Piephoff</i> | <i>Davidson College Presbyterian Church</i> |
| <i>Jan Tevepaugh</i> | <i>Davidson College Presbyterian Church</i> |
| <i>Margie Pearl Barnette</i> | <i>Hopewell Presbyterian Church</i> |

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE
SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC
WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER!**

Dear Presbyterian Women Synod Sisters,

Over the past two years, the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted so much of our life together—circle meetings, Fall and Spring Gatherings, and our Synod Summer Gathering. During these 2 and now going onto 3 years of overwhelming loss, grief, and uncertainty, we have missed seeing each other in person and the ability to connect with one other regularly. As someone who feeds off the energy of being in fellowship with PW sisters, I have especially missed these regular opportunities to meet in person.

In light of these continuing difficult realities, I need to share a hard decision that was made by your PW Synod Coordinating Team. Because of the uncertainty surrounding COVID and not knowing if in June we will be in the throes of another surge, the CT voted to hold our Summer Gathering virtually instead of gathering at Massanetta. This is not a reflection on Massanetta, who have a wonderful track record of keeping their conference attendees and campers safe.

While the pandemic pushed us to this decision, the Planning Team is rising to the challenge to provide a condensed version of our Gathering online. No, it won't be the same as being together at Massanetta, but in the midst of continued uncertainty, it is a wonderful option. Virtual conferences provide participants with superb speakers and workshops at a much lower cost and you can do it all in the comfort of your own home or church! Going virtual widens the accessibility net, inviting in people who have issues with mobility, resources, or time. For many women, taking time off or finding childcare makes attending a 4-day conference difficult or impossible. Let's use this as an opportunity to widen our circle and introduce women to Presbyterian Women—meeting them where they are.

I ask that when you announce this change and invite women to join us in June, that you do so enthusiastically, highlighting the opportunities, not the disappointments-- recognizing that God is with us whether we are at Massanetta or sitting in front of our computer screens.

Please note, we are in the process of overhauling our website to be a site not just about our Summer Gatherings, but one that informs and highlights activities of PW in the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic. Stay tuned for that launch date. Until we are ready to unveil the new website, please follow us on Facebook to see what's happening with the Gathering, around the Synod, and PW Churchwide.

Take care, everyone. I look forward to *Celebrating Sabbath* with you in June. May God keep you safe and well.

Nancy Long Moderator, PWS



PLUG

into the SUMMER GATHERING



Friday, June 10 at 7pm | Saturday, June 11 beginning at 8am



Worship & Music



Plenaries



Bible Study



Fellowship



Workshops

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Summer Gathering June 10 & 11, 2022

Celebrating Sabbath

We may have gone to a virtual venue, but we still have a wonderful line-up of presenters and activities:

Friday Keynote — Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, Director of PCUSA Office of Public Witness

Horizons Bible Study Author — Rev. Dr. Carol Bechtel

PW Churchwide Moderator — Rev. Kathy Reeves

PCUSA Mission Co-Partner in Haiti — Cindy Corell

PW Executive Director — Susan Jackson Dowd

and so much more!

Enjoy the Gathering from the comfort of your own home or have a watch party at your church!

Schedule, registration information and more Gathering highlights to come...stay tuned!

Follow us on Facebook (PWSSG) for breaking Gathering news.

News from FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-CHARLOTTE

Greeting and Blessings!

Due to COVID19 Pandemic restrictions, our last two years have been quite different. In 2020-2021 we did not meet at all, thus, we held our Bible Study “Into the Light” Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament, independently. Following Mandates/Protocol, we were able to have our Installation of New Officers in June 2021 by Rev. Dr. Alice Ridgill, Associate General Presbyter/Presbytery of Charlotte.

Prayerfully 2021-2022, we began our Bible Study virtually via Zoom. Our PW also signed into the virtual 34th Annual Fall Spiritual Gathering, September 2021.

We continue to serve our Mission projects. Unable to attend White Oaks Manor for Bingo, we donated monies we used for whatever needs they may have, plus, Daily Bread books for devotions. We continue our partnership with First Ward Creative Arts Academy donating three microwaves for the Teacher’s Lounge and 45+ pairs of sneakers for students. Other monetary donations: Heal Charlotte, Non-Profit for displaced Tent City residents; 50 Purses filled with toiletries to Center of Hope-Women’s Shelter. To God Be the Glory!

Submitted by Moderator Helen Hairston and Vice-Moderator Sherri Freeman



Pictured left photo:

Celestine Young, Principal; Gail Walker

Helen Hairston; Kimberly Roberts, Asst. Principal

Pictured right photo:

Helen Hairston and Celestine Young

News from H.O. GRAHAM METROPOLITAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

On September 25, 2021, the Presbyterian Women of H.O. Graham Metropolitan Presbyterian Church celebrated their Women's Day. It was a joyous occasion as the women in their beautiful white attire gathered for worship and fellowship.

Following Jesus in love and faith, each woman was asked to contribute \$25 to support the Women's Day Rally. The theme for the program was based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. *'Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no records of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. NIV*

The Presbyterian Women also sponsored the 'Warm the Feet Ministry' which is a new outreach program for the donation of socks for the less fortunate.



Submitted by PW Moderator, Geraldine Springs

News from GRIER HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The PW of Grier Heights gathered in February 2022, to fill and decorate LOVE baskets for sick and shut-in members. The baskets included fruit, tea, mugs, cookies, games and other treats. The women also offered donations of purses filled with toiletries for women in transitional living facilities.



Pictured left to right:

Camilla Polk Clark, Lillie Polk, Regina Gill, Mary Russ, Genora Fant, Inez Alexander, Gerry Wallace and Tammy Polk Hinton. Contributors not pictured: Jennifer Singleton Miller, Angela Singleton McHam & Johnelle Ritter.



Mary Russ, Lillie Polk and Inez Alexander prepare purses as gifts for women in transitional living.

Submitted by Genora Fant, PW Moderator

Virtual Tea & Book Talk with Author Evette Beckett-Tuggle

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM



Bring your favorite teacup
and your presence.

ZOOM INFO:
Meeting ID: 833 1907 5173
Passcode: 933617

Learn more about the author and order the book at
www.evettebeckettuggle.com

