



# SUNRISE



Presbyterian Women

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## Moderator's Letter

The Fall season is upon us. I hope you are enjoying this beautiful weather and the beauty of the Shenandoah Valley. What a blessing to live in such a remarkable place! It's also a time when we change our clocks back one hour on November 6<sup>th</sup>. For a brief time we will enjoy getting up when the sun outside is a little higher in the sky!

For those of you who are a moderator of your local church, you are invited to attend the Shenandoah Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team meeting on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at the Olivet Church in Staunton, VA. This is a time when you are given the opportunity to share with other moderators what your group has been doing during the year. The meeting will begin at 10:00 am and end with a lunch provided by the ladies of Olivet. I hope to see many of you there.

Thanksgiving will soon be here. May it be a time for family and friends to gather together and give thanks for the abundance of gifts that God has given to each of us. A Happy Thanksgiving to all!

God's blessings to each of you.  
Elaine Quick, Moderator

## Call to 2018 Churchwide Gathering now on YouTube

Save the date for the 2018 Churchwide Gathering: August 2-5, 2018 in Louisville, Kentucky! While marking your calendars and sharing the news, check out the uplifting, spirited and spirit-full call to the Gathering on PW's YouTube channel! Visit

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com), enter Presbyterian Women in the search box, then click on Presbyterian Women (the first option in the list of options). The call to the Gathering (or "2018 Churchwide Gathering of PW trailer") is easily found there. And don't miss out on our regular emails informing you of the latest in Churchwide Gathering news. Contact Patricia Longfellow at [patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org](mailto:patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org) to be sure you are on our email list. Caution: If you opt out of any of our emailed news, you will receive none of our emailed news. So consider your unsubscribes carefully. Don't lose touch!

## FUND RAISER AT SECOND PRESBYTERIAN IN STAUNTON

Blessings to you from Second Pres. in Staunton, Va In Sept. members of the choir and bell group had a fund raiser in order to buy chimes. With the money we raised and donations from other members we were able to purchase the chimes. We will be debuting them in Nov.

SHARED BY DARLENE MASON

## NEWS FROM OLIVET PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Greetings from Olivet Presbyterian Church in Staunton, VA. The Women of Olivet are busily coordinating several events this Fall Season. We were blessed to be able to purchase new chairs for the Social Hall - they are very nice and comfortable. We are looking forward to hosting our first Chili Cook-Off for the congregation. We have several entries already for the 10/30/16

event, including several secret recipes! Competition will be tough since prizes are on the line! The Women are supplying cornbread, desserts, and beverages. This will be a fundraiser, but mostly we are hoping it will be a fun event for everyone.

We are also looking forward to hosting the Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team for their meeting on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12noon. We are preparing soups, sandwiches, desserts, and pastries to help warm hearts and prepare minds for this active and informative meeting. Moderators and/or designees from all regions of the Shenandoah Presbytery are invited to attend. Olivet is located at 1019 Richmond Road, Staunton, VA, across the road from Wal-Mart. We are hoping for a good turnout.

Our three Circles are busy with their individual projects for the upcoming holiday giving. Our church continues to support SACRA (Staunton Augusta Church Relief Association) each month with donations and outreach to shut-ins and college students away from home. Circles also provide support to angel trees, Western State Hospital, Wilson Workforce Center, Valley Young Lives, and many needy individuals. This year each Circle has been challenged to think beyond their usual local giving and adopt a national or international project to sponsor. Circle 4 has chosen an ongoing project to support and communicate with a needy child overseas. Other Circles are considering projects to feed the hungry. This has initiated great conversation among our Circle ladies. We are also looking into hosting The Compassion Experience at our church. Once a date is set, invitations will go out to local churches to participate. The following is some basic information about Compassion International:

*My name is Lorie Lee and I work on Compassion International's church engagement team. The Compassion Experience allows guests to be immersed in the devastating reality and effects of extreme child poverty around the world ... and to see the blessing of hope as these children are sponsored through Compassion's world-class child development program. The mobile experience is a walk-through multi-sensory exhibit that*

*gets set up in parking lots – like bringing a missions trip experience to your congregation so everyone can participate –at no cost! So this is a free experience for churches, we only ask for space for the Experience, some volunteers for set up/tear down, and on Sunday the church hosting talks a bit about Compassion to tie what is going on in their parking lot and the church.*

*In some instances, we ask for churches to partner with other churches to bring this experience to their community.*

*This link will give you a glimpse of what the event entails. <http://vimeo.com/66934214>*

*Thank you for your interest! Let me know if you would like to set up a call to discuss.*

*Lorie Lee  
Church Engagement Manager  
Compassion International*

Many blessings to you all and may you be fortunate enough to have friends, family, and food around your Thanksgiving table this year!

Karen R. Stevens  
Moderator, Olivet Women  
PW Coordinating Team -Leadership Coordinator for E2

## MEET CONNIE WOOD

1. My name is Connie Daugherty Wood, born at Rockingham Memorial Hospital, Harrisonburg, VA and have lived in the Mathias, West Virginia area except for when attending College at James Madison University.
2. I am from a family of 5 siblings(4 sisters and 1 brother). I am married to John Allen Wood and have 2 daughters; Angela Tavares (husband Roger) and Kelly Moran (husband Mitch). We have twin grandsons; Brent and Curtis Moran who are now 15 years old.
3. I especially enjoy sitting on my front porch in the early mornings with a cup of coffee, or

sometimes in the evening after dark in the summer and early fall listening to crickets and watching fireflies.

4. Hobbies or special interests include: reading, (especially inspirational or Biblical-based selections), playing the piano as well as teaching students how to play, singing and listening to music, cooking and baking when I have adequate time, ingredients and motivation, and swimming aerobic exercises. I also try to keep up with several friends in the community and we try new places to dine for each others' birthday or just to have fellowship. I am a member of Ivanhoe Presbyterian Church, the Mathias CEOS Club, and the HARSE (Retirement Association for School Employees).

5. I find the Coordinating Team a very genuine and uplifting group of ladies. It is wonderful to be among ladies who care about serving Christ and others instead of spending time gossiping, or showing a shallow way of thinking. I don't always find this to be the case with some groups of people I am among. I learn from them all and feel blessed to be a part of them.

Connie Wood, Leadership Coordinator for Mission Community C

## NEWS FROM MASSANUTTEN PRESBYTERIAN

### MPC Art Retreat - A Huge Success!

Over 50 people participated in the art workshops this past weekend led by Pastor+Artist Lisle Gwynn Garrity.

All ages came together Friday night to create several oil pastel murals on black fabric. In the Sanctuary you will notice the two mixed-media painted banners created Saturday. These were created to celebrate 150 years of Ministry at MPC. Lastly, during Sunday morning worship, Lisle invited the children to sit beside her easel as she began to create. We were all fascinated to watch her paint and bring the scriptures to life

during the worship service.

Her finished painting is displayed at church. To view more of the work created at MPC this weekend, check out MPC on Facebook. We are grateful for her visit to help us to explore and express our faith through visual art.

View more examples of Lisle's work at: lislegwynngarrity.com

### WED. DINNERS AT MASSANUTTEN PRESBYTERIAN

Dinner at begins at 5:30 pm at MPC.

#### **Menu: pork, potatoes, vegetable and assorted desserts.**

The after-dinner activity will include a celebration of our life together today and through the years: Generations of Generosity. Children will have the option to participate in an activity in the Gathering Area as well.

In its first major mission project of 2016-17, the Massanutten Presbyterian Church collected enough items, with the generous support of the entire congregation, to put together 50 Hygiene Kits for Church World Service. Cash donations continue to be collected to pay for shipping for the Hygiene Kits. The MPC PW thanks Nancy Davis and Patti Hobbie, Mission Ministry Co-chairs, for organizing this successful project.

Shared by Jean Gearing Moderator

## QUESTIONS TO USE IN SUNRISE MEET MARY ANN JUGG BROWN

1. YOUR NAME AND WHERE YOU WERE BORN AND PLACES YOU HAVE LIVED.

My name is Mary Ann Judd Brown. I was born in a farm house near Mt. Clinton, VA about one mile west of Cooks Creek Presbyterian Church. The farm is still being used and has been kept in the Judd generation for years.

2. SHARE IN A FEW SENTENCES ABOUT YOUR FAMILY.

I have moved only 3 times and still within radius of 5 miles from the church. The first to Dale En-

terprise, VA, and then 3 miles from Harrisonburg, VA to a housing development which was my Grandfather Showalter's farm, who grew hay and corn mostly. Now grows Houses and trees. My father was a building contractor and also raised chickens, mainly along with other farm animals. Mother was a stay at home mother to raise only me. No brothers or sisters to "fight" with! My husband (Wallace) and I have been married 55 years with a son and daughter. Our son lost his life in a tractor accident 8 years ago, leaving his wife and 2 sets of twins. 2 boys and a girl and boy that they adopted. The daughter and her husband have 2 grown boys. All grandchildren are of age with 1 married and another next spring.

**3. WHERE IS YOUR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?**

I was born, raised, and remain a loyal Cooks Creek Presbyterian Church member.

**4. I ESPECIALLY ENJOY.....**

I have always enjoyed being with friends and volunteered nearly 60 years at Sunnyside Presbyterian Home.

**5. ANY HOBBIES OR SPECIAL INTERESTS?**

Along with family and friends, we enjoy camping, traveling in all 50 states, seeing most of the National Parks, also bus tours and back country roads, just sightseeing.

**6. WHAT DO YOU FIND SPECIAL AND UPLIFTING ABOUT PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN?**

I have enjoyed the Christian fellowship and working with the women in our church and Shenandoah Presbyterian Women, holding numerous offices on both levels.

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## YUMMY FOOD AND GREAT FELLOWSHIP AT BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN

The women at Beulah Presbyterian Church, Mill Gap, VA, hosted a very successful Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction, Saturday, October 22nd. For over sixty years, the annual Ingathering in September raised funds for missions and outreach. Taking a year off to discern the future of the Ingathering, the women chose the Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction for this year. It was a time of great food, fellowship, and fun for all who attended. Photo below.

SHARED BY MARY LOU COX



## **SAVE THE DATE (MARK YOUR CALENDARS)**

- NOVEMBER 5, 2016 CT MEETING WITH CHURCH/MODERATORS & LUNCH  
AT OLIVET PRESBYTERIAN
- FEBRUARY 4, 2017 CT MEETING AT SUNNYSIDE RETIREMENT
- APRIL 8, 2017 PW SPRING GATHERING (LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED)
- MAY 6, 2017 CT MEETING AT SUNNYSIDE
- JUNE 15-18, 2017 MID-ATLANTIC SYNOD SUMMER GATHERING AT  
MASSANETTA SPRINGS
- AUGUST 5, 2017 CT MEETING AT SUNNYSIDE
- SEPTEMBER 9, 2017 THE BIG EVENT AT MASSANETTA SPRINGS
- PWCT MEETINGS BEGIN AT 10 AM AT SUNNYSIDE IN HARRISONBURG, VA. UNLESS  
OTHERWISE STATED.
- THE SPRING GATHERING REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 AM.  
THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9:45 AM.