



SUNRISE

Presbyterian Women



Presbyterian Woman Shenandoah

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The Moderators View

My first meeting of the Shenandoah Presbytery was held on May 5, 2018, at Sunnyside Retirement Home. There were 9 members present. A good number considering it was the day of the Kentucky Derby. So in keeping with that, some of us wore hats. So cute!

We were asked by the Synod of the Mid Atlantic to donate 1 or 2 gift baskets for the silent auction at the Summer Gathering. This is their main fund raiser.

There will be 6 ladies going to the ChurchWide Gathering in August. We have approved \$300.00 scholarships for first time attendees

This is the thirtieth year of PW formation which is usually celebrated on March 8 each year. Ladies consider joining or forming a group at your church. The fellowship and Bible study are very rewarding.

Darlene Mason
Moderator, Shen. Pres.

PICTURE OF SPWCT LADIES AT MEETING IN MAY 2018. HATS ARE FOR KY. DERBY WHICH WAS HELD THE SAME DAY.

NEWS FROM PW AT MASSANUTTEN PRESBYTERIAN

MAY 20, 2018

Presbyterian Women 30th Birthday Party Luncheon

On Sunday, the Massanutten Presbyterian Women cordially invite all women to attend the PW 30th Birthday Party Luncheon following worship.

A light meal will be followed by a short program and business meeting. Transportation will be provided for anyone needing a ride. Come see what the PW has been doing this year!

Heifer International Update

Thanks to a wonderful response from Presbyterian Women and the whole congregation, 50 colonies of honeybees will soon be on their way to families through Heifer International. Your gifts make it possible for a family to earn a sustainable income in a poverty-stricken community.



NEWS FROM MT OLIVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 9, 2018 GREETINGS FROM MT OLIVE
CHURCH

Sorry it has been a while since I sent anything.
My husband has been sick and in the hospital but
he is doing some better.

The youth had a fried chicken dinner at church
and did real good with this. March 23 we had our
first tenderloin dinner for the year. We served
about 500 that night. May 11 will be our last one
until Fall. In March we served a funeral dinner for
the family of one of our members.

Easter Sunday was had a Sunrise Service with
breakfast afterwards. About 70 people attended.
Easter morning we had about 115 at Worship
and had an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

Hope each of you is doing well.

Sarah Lange PW Moderator

NEWS FROM SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAUNTON

2nd Presbyterian Church in Staunton honored 6
graduates of our Church families
2 were graduates from college and 4 from local
high schools. We also had a Parlor Party be-
tween Sunday School and Church where con-
gregants could snack on pastries, fruit, drinks
and enjoy good fellowship.
Blessings from Second

We have been enjoying different minister during
the Month of June as Pastor Evan has been on
family vacation and also study leave..
The Bell choir and Chancel choir are preparing to
honor two of our members that have retired. .
Jo Fields with 50 years in Education and Debbie
Sedr with 43 years in Government mostly in
Veterans Administration..
Shared by Darlene Mason

AWESOME SYNOD SUMMER GATHERING JUNE 8-10 AT MASSANETTA

"AND REMEMBER, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,
TO THE END OF THE AGE." NRSV
MATTHEW 28:20

What an awesome Gathering we had--such won-
derful worship, workshops, singing, fellowship
and making of good memories. The mission pro-
jects received large contributions--Children's
Hope Alliance and Lily Pad Haven. These minis-
tries are reaching out to abused Children of God.
Do go online and read about their work and there
still time to make contributions directly to these
ministries online. Hearing representatives from
these ministries speak to us brought tears to our
eyes as we heard of so many who are abused in
ways beyond our imaginations. Perhaps your
PW groups at church would want to make contri-
butions.

The processional on Friday was a grand event--
harpist Virginia Bethune, Liturgical Dancer
Kemper Snyder, welcome from Ex. Director,
Clayton Rascoe, Rev. Amy Sutherland, Horizons
Bible Study Author and Moderators from each
Presbytery (carrying flags) as well as the PW
Planning Team. Bible Study Sessions with Hori-
zons bible study author were most informative,
workshops were full of good thoughts and ideas
and music led by Ruth Williams and pianist, Pam
Snyder brought joy.

Sunday's worship with communion was so inspir-
ing and the Memorial Service for all women in
Synod brought reflection and memories of these
witnesses who have passed on.

Plans are already beginning for 2019 Synod
Summer Gathering to be held at Massanetta
Springs June 6-9, 2019. Hope you will be there.
Mark calendars and start saving a little each day.
You will be blessed.

Shared by Pat Armstrong

Bunker Hill Presbyterian Shares

Bunker Hill is going to be participating, with other Presbyterian churches in the eastern panhandle mission community, in a neighborhood picnic and vesper service June 24 and will hold vacation bible school the first week of July "splash canyon" is the theme this year and it's always followed by a picnic on the last evening. We look forward to all the fun the kids are going to have! Our annual scholarship yard sale was held Memorial Day weekend and the beautiful day helped raise over \$3000 to help raise our acct. To award scholarship checks to our college students. We will be awarding this year's checks in July.

Shared By Vickana Norton

MASSNUTTEN PRIME TIMERS

THE PRIME TIMERS FROM MASSANUTTEN PRESBYTERIAN MEET FOR LUNCH AT SUNNYSIDE ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH. THIS IS A WONDERFUL TIME OF FELLOWSHIP AND GOOD FOOD. INCLUDED ARE 3 PICTURES OF JUNE LUNCH GATHERING.

SHARED BY PAT ARMSTRONG



The Reading of God's Holy Word Cooks Creek Presbyterian Church

On Friday, June 22, 2018, the congregation of Cooks Creek Presbyterian Church embarked on a unique journey, an opportunity of sorts...an opportunity to draw closer to God...an opportunity to read continuously the entire Bible, cover to cover without stopping. God placed this opportunity on the heart of one of our congregants, and the idea was well received by the entire congregation. So, the planning sessions immediately began...sign up sheets were placed, pleas were made prior to several worship services, and phone calls, texts and emails began to flow.

The idea was to begin at Genesis 1:1, at 4:00 a.m. (the 4 o'clock hour) on Friday, June 22nd, and read for 30-minute sessions, non-stop, until the entire Bible had been read aloud from the pulpit of Cooks Creek Presbyterian Church. The same Bible would be used throughout the entire reading....the same Bible (RSV) that has been on the pulpit at Cooks Creek Church for the past 51 years. Each session would be read by one congregant, and at the end of that session, the next congregant would step in to begin the next 30-minute session, taking off where the other had finished. The reading would be lead off by two of our youth members, Tori Moats, taking the first 30-minute session, and Jordan Bridges, taking the next 30-minute session, in the dark, early morning hours, in a dimly lit and empty sanctuary, while God's Holy Word echoed against the walls.

And thus, it began...

The reading would require (85) individual readers filling in (129) separate reading slots that involved

either 30-minute sessions or 60-minute sessions depending on the reader's preference and time slot. Of the (129) sessions, (44) were multiple readings...meaning a reader had come back at a later time to complete a second, third or even fourth reading session. The reading continued non-stop, night and day, until the final verse of Revelation was read at 4:45 a.m. (the 4 o'clock hour), on Monday, June 25, 2018, exactly (72) hours later...or exactly (3) days! And who, by random chance, happened to be the readers to complete the final verses? The same two who

began it...Tori Moats and Jordan Bridges...a perfect story, perfectly timed, and told by a perfect Author!

There is power in God's Holy Word. And in just (9) minutes a day, you too can read the entire Bible...in a single year. Experience the power of our Creator today...."In the beginning...."

God Bless
SHARED BY BRENT SHOWALTER

Shenandoah Presbytery PW Coordinating Team Meeting - May 5, 2018

The Shenandoah Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team met in the Sunnyside Room at Sunnyside Retirement Community, Harrisonburg, VA on May 5, 2018 at 10 AM. The following ten CT members were present: Darlene Mason, Connie Wood, Pam Snyder, Ruth Williams, Betsy Reid, Mimi Moring, Jane Karicofe, Mary Ann Brown, Karen Stevens, and Joan Van Brunt. Those absent were: Vickana Norton, Mary Campbell, Mary Lou Cox, Pat Armstrong, Beverly Thompson, Donna Parker, Harriet Kopp, Paula Osborne and Punker Robertson.

The meeting was called to order and members welcomed by Moderator Darlene Mason. In the absence of Mary Lou Cox, Worship and Resources, Pam Snyder lit the Christ Candle and led devotions. She asked us to think about things we have feared then she read portions of Psalm 139 and played a recording of the hymn "*I Will Come to You*" which will be used at the Churchwide Gathering this August. She then offered prayer. After the PW Pledge was recited together, the minutes of the February CT meeting and the 2018 Spring Gathering were approved as distributed. Secretary Joan Van Brunt thanked Betsy Reid for taking the Spring Gathering minutes in her absence.

Treasurer Karen Stevens distributed copies of her report and reported a current balance of \$10,871.95. In meeting with our former treasurer, Gladys Wonderley, she learned that the bank requires two signatures on the signature card on file. *Mimi Moring made a motion which was seconded by Connie Wood that Moderator Darlene Mason be the second signature. The motion was carried.*

Reports

Vice Moderator Connie Wood thanked those who helped with the Spring Gathering and also those who attended. She summarized some of the events commenting that people seemed to like the displays being in the meeting room rather than in a separate room. She asked for anyone's ideas or concerns to incorporate into the Big Event on September 15th. It was noted that this is a date change from that printed in the directory calendar. Members of the Coordinating Team expressed thanks to Connie and the committee for their good work.

Justice & Peace Pam Snyder reported that the Presbyterian Home of the Highlands will be celebrating its 100th anniversary next year. Be watchful of special events to come. She distributed a copy of PW's Justice and Peace Calendar for May and June. She attended the March meeting of the 62nd UN Commission on the Status of Women as a PCUSA delegate. Gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls was a priority theme. There is a UN campaign to raise aware-

ness and prevent violence against women and girls. It involves wearing orange on the 25th of every month. To that end she distributed orange ribbons and urged us to spread the word. Thanks were expressed to Pam for accepting this job.

Search Committee Moderator Mimi Moring reported that there has been no progress to fill the three open offices.

Leadership Coordinator Moderator Ruth Williams has not received anything lately to send along to Leadership Coordinators.

Central Valley Leadership Coordinator Mary Ann Brown reported that she has passed on information to her churches.

Highland Augusta (E1) Leadership Coordinator Jane Karicofe expressed gratitude for the calls and cards sent to her on the death of her husband. It meant so much to her. She reports that Beverly Thompson, her Co-Coordinator, is quite ill. Jane does not have internet available where she lives so she is trying to stay in touch.

Highland Augusta (E2&3) Karen Stevens, although no longer serving as leadership coordinator, reported that she continues to send out information to churches. No one came to the Spring Gathering. In trying to communicate with the churches only half respond.

Maury River Leadership Coordinator Betsy Reid has contacted each of the 20 churches since last fall and has learned that 8 no longer have a PW group, one contact person has died and one church was no longer in PCUSA. But she reported that 10 are still active, struggling with attendance and participation but still meeting.

Moderator's Report

Darlene expressed her gratitude to serve as Moderator and said that she looks forward to the next two years.

OLD BUSINESS

In reference to the upcoming Churchwide Gathering, Darlene asked if any applications had been received for the first time attendees \$300 scholarship which was set up at our last meeting. They have not. It was noted that Paula Osborne and Mary Campbell would be eligible to receive one.

NEW BUSINESS

The Synod Summer Gathering planning committee has requested that each presbytery donate gift baskets to be auctioned off again this year. *It was decided to collect local products and put together one basket. The motion was seconded and carried. Another motion was made by Karen, seconded by Pam and carried to make a second basket if enough items were collected.* Several CT members volunteered to purchase different items. Karen will collect and assemble everyone's items which are to be dropped off at her place of work (Target).

Darlene requested that we change our August CT meeting date due to conflict with the Churchwide Gathering. *Karen moved, Pam seconded and it was carried that the meeting be changed to August 11th.*

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with prayer and a blessing for lunch by Darlene.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Van Brunt, Secretary