



# SUNRISE



Presbyterian Women



Presbyterian Woman Shenandoah <http://shenpres.org/presbyterian-women/>  
Connie Wood & Karen Stevens, CO Moderators

July 2022  
Pat&Rich Armstrong, Editor

## Moderator's Report

June 1, 2022

Connie and I have gotten off to a good start so far and we really enjoy working together. Spring Gathering 2022 was held April 9th and was officially a success! While it's over and "in the books", we continue to plan for the next Gathering and for participation in the Summer Synod. We met at Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center and had approximately 32 participants this year. Our Worship and Communion was led by Pastor Punker Robertson, with special music by Pastor James Yao from Moorefield Presbyterian Church. Ruth Williams was our pianist for the day. I have heard many positive comments from attendees that they really enjoyed the music, message, fellowship, and the lovely setting.

Food for Thought was the non-profit who benefited from the offering at Spring Gathering. A total of \$295.70 was collected for this organization.

We met Frances Craig of Covenant Presbyterian who expressed interest in learning more about the Coordinating Team and offered to help. Handmade school kit bags were generously made and donated by Louise Tardy and most all attendees took a handful to distribute to their circles and/or churches.

Our own Pam Snyder conducted the Installation of Officers and the Honorary Life Membership went to Vickana Norton. Lunch was served by the Dining Hall. Exhibits were provided by several local agencies.

The Shenandoah PW Coordinating Team held their Spring Meeting on May 7th at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Staunton, VA. Frances Craig, our newest CT member, graciously coordinated this meeting at the church. Lively discus-

sion was held throughout the meeting and we approved a service project of filling school bags for the upcoming school year. We agreed to fill 40 bags and we were assigned itemsto bring to our August meeting. Just in time for the new school year!

The following was approved by vote of CT at the May 2022 meeting. However, to "officially" change the leadership role title/responsibilities, it needs to be approved at the Spring 2023 PW Gathering. We agreed upon the need for a change in the name and function of the Worship and Resources leader in the Shenandoah PW CT. The Spiritual Nurture position will provide a safe place for PW to center yourself in God's love to say and sort through integrating spiritual values with activities and events in your life, by doing the following:

1. Lead opening and closing devotions for the PW Coordinating Team meetings, gatherings, or other occasions, as directed;
2. Encourage and promote fellowship among members of the Presbytery PW CT;
3. Share written or oral information to promote spiritual growth;
4. Acknowledge birthdays, illnesses, deaths, or other occasions with appropriate cards, phone calls, or other communications, while informing other members of the Presbytery CT of these occurrences.

Paula Osbourne volunteered to take this role and we are looking forward to her sharing and leadership!

Until next time we remain, In God's Service  
Connie Wood and Karen Stevens  
Co-Moderators, Shenandoah PW

## **News from THIRD PRWSBYTERIAN STAUNTON**

A work day was held on June 18th. The sign was refurbished and all bushes and outside were cleaned. A pizza lunch was enjoyed.

The ladies are making plans to serve lunch to the volunteers in July. This is a volunteer group that fixes walks, porches, roofs, paints, whatever is needed for those unable to do themselves.

submitted by  
Darlene Mason

### **Join the Celebration**

Help Massanetta Springs Celebrate A Century of Ministry - On July 27th, Massanetta Springs will celebrate 100 years of Presbyterian Ministry. John Bell from the Iona Community will be leading a workshop and preaching that day. Christine Roy Yoder will lead the morning Bible Study. Great food, fellowship, and much more is planned. You can come for the whole day (\$35 - includes lunch, dinner, and all activities, or \$25 for dinner and all activities) or simply join us for worship at 7:00 p.m. in Hudson Auditorium. For more information, visit our WEBSITE <https://massanettasprings.org>

## **MASSANUTTEN PC SHARES**

The youth hosted a yard sale and book sale in June to make money for their summer mission trip.

The book sale buys school supplies for those in need and also supports the food pantry.

The soup pot initiative is a mission project to assemble a soup pot and needed utensils to cook a large meal. These were assembled and will be donated to village to village to assist refugees.

Our youth attended the middle school conference at Massanetta Springs June 21-24.

Youth will make a mission trip to Craigsville, VA

in July to help with food pantry, deliver meals, simple building projects, cleaning, visiting and assist where ever possible.

## **NEWS FROM BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

At Beulah, there is a palpable sense of God's love among us as we gather to worship and study, both in person and virtually, on Sundays.

Some of our members have also provided plated or boxed meals during this time of restricted gathering, including those who are shut in for any reason. It is a blessing to be part of Beulah Presbyterian Church in Mill Gap, VA.!

SHARED BY MARY LOU COX

## **NEWS FROM BUNKER HILL PRESBYTERIAN**

We are busy being the church! Bunker Hill is still plugging along trying to get the Sunday School program going again after 2 1/2 years without classes or meeting. It will be a challenge to have the children back. Parents and kids alike both moved onto doing other Sunday activities during church time and now that we are back into worship inside (still online though too) we only have half of our regular attendance and hardly any young people. We are also tasked with filling our pulpit and the Worship Committee is doing a great job getting people lined up but we will soon be needing to make a decision in that regard to a new Pastor and what that looks like going forward for us. These are things to certainly prayerfully consider as a Church Family. The Scholarship Fund Committee recently had an auction and yard sale and even though it rained, the fund was successful in raising monies for next year's budget. We always have what we need, Praise the Lord!

SHARED BY VICKANA NORTON

**Quit griping about your church;  
If it was perfect, you couldn't belong.**

## COLLIERSTOWN'S CAMP JOY WELCOMES SUMMER

Summer got off to an exciting start at the Collierstown Presbyterian Church as its doors opened to "Camp Joy", a summer camp for children and youth that focused on Jesus, Others, and You. Campers spent three days a week, Tuesday through Thursday, from 8:15 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. during the month of June engaged in Bible study, music, crafts, and recreation. Each week of camp focused on the fruits of the Spirit. Under the leadership of Kelly Harris, CPC Music Director, campers enjoyed singing while they worked and spreading joy at church, in the car, and at home. The entire camp, staff members, and parent volunteers traveled by bus to Brethren Woods Camp and Retreat Center in Keezetown, VA on June 29. They enjoyed an unforgettable day of team building and recreational activities designed to bring the Camp Joy lessons to a close. On Thursday, June 30, Camp Joy welcomed families of campers, friends of the church, and the congregation to a closing program. Campers sang songs and took part in activities conveying the camp experience. Each camper was recognized and presented with a certificate of completion by teachers Annabelle Smith and Martha McCormick.



The Presbyterian Women and the Collierstown Church family are now focusing on the PW's annual "School Bag" campaign set to begin officially on July 10. Each year PW member Louise Tardy makes canvas tote bags and provides lists of supplies to be purchased and placed in each bag. The filled bags will be returned to the church by August 21 to be distributed by Church World Service to needy students in the United States and around the world. The church community has also been invited to participate in this effort along with the Collierstown United Methodist Church that has partnered with CPC in the past.



## GERRARDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN

After a successful Bible School, Gerrardstown has begun two new programs at the church hall. Yoga is offered Monday and Thursday evenings. On Wednesday a Bible Study entitled "Broken Crayons Still Color" meets. Studying a scripture lesson begins the evening that ends with an arts and craft opportunity to decorate that scripture area in a Bible the participant brings. Both have offered fellowship for church members and members of our community.

Submitted by,  
Harriet Kopp

Plans for the return of the Collierstown Annual Church Dinner continue to move forward. This year's event will be held on November 5, 2022. Since 1925 the Annual Church Dinner has been a wonderful way to extend hospitality to the community and surrounding area while giving the church family an opportunity to work and fellowship together. A bazaar containing baked goods, homemade soups, crafts, fresh vegetables, and seasonal decorations for sale will be held on the church grounds on Dinner Day. Proceeds from the day are used to fund PW mission projects locally and abroad.

The Collierstown congregation has continued to study and discuss God's Word with an in person ten-week adult Sunday School Class spending the spring quarter studying the "Feasts of the Lord". The class taught by Reese McCormick is available on YouTube and aired on Facebook Live from the church's Facebook page. PW members have assisted with a forty-minute Children's Church program weekly during the morning worship service. The two Presbyterian Women Circles are preparing to begin the 2022-23 Bible study year. Both will meet in person at the church and will focus on studies of the Sabbath. The Night Circle will be studying "Sabbath: The Gift of Rest" by Lynne M. Baab and the C & F Circle will use "Celebrating Sabbath" by Carol M. Bechtel. The Night Circle meets the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. for a light supper followed by the Bible study at 7:00 p.m. The Night Circle will air its monthly Bible study on Facebook Live from the church's Facebook page. The C & F Circle gathers at 1:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday for the Bible Study followed by a hospitality time.

As we move into July we are savoring the joy of being in our sanctuary for worship, singing together, enjoying Lemonade on the Lawn each week, and having children in and outside our building laughing, learning, and sharing together. We are anticipating worshipping together at nearby Lake Robertson on August 28 and enjoying our Annual Church Picnic. We have celebrated weddings, graduations, and are anticipating the arrival of new babies. We have come together to support each other as we have celebrated lives well lived and now in heaven. We have been comforted by God's love and faithfulness each day as individuals and together as a church fami-

ly. We know "the joy of the Lord is our strength." Nehemiah 8:10

*Submitted by: Debbie McCormick,  
PW Communications Coordinator*

#### LOUISE TARDY MAKING SCHOOL BAGS IN SEWING ROOM AT KENDALL IN LEXINGTON



**God Himself doesn't  
propose to judge a man  
until He is dead.**

**So why should you?**

# PW SUMMER GATHERING

Dear SSG Registrants & Attendees,

I hope that this email finds you well and enjoying some sabbath time this summer. I took to heart the theme of this year's Gathering and Bible Study and enjoyed some downtime after the Gathering--enjoying time in my garden and reading a couple of good books.

Included in this email is the link to our newly created YouTube channel which has videos of the highlights of this year's Synod Summer Gathering - Keynote with Jimmie Hawkins, Cindy Corell's presentation on Haiti, Carol Bechtel's introduction to our new Bible Study (2 videos), Celebrating Massanetta's 100 anniversary, our beautiful Remembrance Service, the 33rd annual business meeting, installation of PW leaders, and our communion worship service. Wow! We really did pack a lot into those 7 hours!

Here is the link: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPV-I0M1yiy\\_BYHKVS9cduQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPV-I0M1yiy_BYHKVS9cduQ)

Take care, everyone!

Nancy Long  
PWS Moderator

## Shenandoah Presbytery Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team May 7, 2022 meeting

Frances Craig, host & visitor	Karen Stevens	Pam Snyder	Vickana Norton
Connie Wood <i>abs.</i>	Ruth Williams	Harriet Kopp	Paula Osborne
Punker Robertson <i>abs.</i>	Donna Parker <i>abs.</i>	Pat Armstrong <i>asb.</i>	Joyce Anderson <i>asb.</i>

The Presbyterian Women of the Shenandoah Presbytery in the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic (PWSP) met on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at 10am. We were graciously hosted by Covenant Presbyterian Church, Staunton, VA; sincere thanks to Frances Craig for the hospitality and arranging us to have our meeting at Covenant. Thank you to Karen Stevens for providing lunch and refreshments for those in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by co-moderator Karen Stevens. Karen lit the Christ candle and Pam Snyder shared the devotional from a past issue of 'These Days', titled "By the Tail" Exodus 4:4 and opened us with a word of prayer.

The PW pledge was recited in unison.

**Vickana Norton, Secretary** report – As always, we want to make sure the information for your churches is as up to date as possible. Many of the emails in the current directory are not valid. There was a lot of bounce back when I tried emailing the Spring Gathering registration form out. Please try to check with churches for their up to date emails as you can. Anyone who may want a copy of the PW handbook 2016 (latest edition) please let me know and it can be emailed or printed out and mailed. MCC's are encouraged to share a copy with their churches.

February meeting and Spring Gathering minutes were approved as previously distributed.

Shenandoah Presbytery  
2/12/22 through 5/9/22

FUND	Balance as of 2/12/2022	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance as of 5/9/2022
Operating Fund	\$6967.39	\$650.70	\$2142.23	\$5475.86
Thank Offering	-0-	\$67.00	\$67.00	-0-
Mission Pledge/Synod	-0-	\$250.00	\$250.00      -0-	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$6967.39</b>	<b>\$967.70</b>	<b>\$2459.23</b>	<b>\$5475.86</b>

<b>Operating Fund</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Disburse</b>
3/21/22 3 <sup>rd</sup> & Final deposit Massanetta Springs for Spring Gathering 2022		\$1089.88
4/9/2022 Harriet Kopp – reimbursement for printing Postage		\$73.39
4/9/2022 Pam Snyder – reimbursement for flowers for Darlene Mason		\$83.26
4/29/2022 Food for Thought donation from Spring Gathering 2022 offering		\$295.70
4/29/2022 Spring Gathering 2022 offering collected	\$295.70	
Spring Gathering 2022 registrations collected	\$355.00	
5/9/2022 Presbyterian Disaster Aid – donation for Ukraine		\$300.00
Presbyterian Church (USA) – donation for Fondama		\$200.00
Massanetta Springs – donation for 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday		\$100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$650.70</b>	<b>\$2142.23</b>

<b>Least Coin</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Disburse</b>
No activity		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>Birthday</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Disburse</b>
No activity		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>Thank Offering</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Disburse</b>
5/9/2022 Zetta	\$67.00	\$67.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$67.00</b>	<b>\$67.00</b>
<b>Mission Pledge - Churchwide</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Disburse</b>
3/7/2022 Covenant	\$250.00	\$250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
<b>Mission Pledge - Synod</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Disburse</b>
5/9/2022 Ivanhoe	\$50.00	\$50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Honorary Life Membership</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Disburse</b>
No Activity		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>Sunnyside Links</b>		
No Activity		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>Living Waters/Misc./Other</b>		
No activity		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>Blankets</b>		
No Activity		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>

**Harriet Kopp – Historian report** The 2021 Shenandoah Presbytery report was provided by Harriet via email for our review and use. This report was submitted to the Synod Historian in March as per required. Some churches respond to the questionnaire that they do not have a PW. Even with this and the amount of feedback, it is still a worthwhile endeavor to send out the questionnaires.

## **Horizons Representative Report – Pam Snyder**

The January/February 2022 *Horizons*, “Laugh & Sing” is available by an annual subscription and it is also available on the website at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/horizons](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/horizons). This edition encourages us to laugh and sing in spite of 2 years of a pandemic. It also encourages us to take a moment to acknowledge what we lack and then draw on our varied gifts to fill that gap. Contributors to this edition included ways that song and humor can enrich our lives, our worship and even our understanding of God. Included are:

*Singing Prayers:* The legacy of Jane Parker Huber, who was active at many levels of the church and in PW. She composed hundreds of hymns that congregations across the country are still singing in worship. Equally inspiring is the way she encouraged singing as prayer in her family.

A scripture study on Psalm 34: Write Songs of Hope, Joy, Wonder and Peace, by Rev. Aisha Brooks Johnson. This article “unpacks” the scripture theme for you.

*Remembering and Connecting*– the Bible Study Resources for use in studying Lessons seven and eight of the 2021-2022 PW Bible study, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew’s Genealogy of Jesus*.

*Mission Crafters* is a look at how the PW of Central Presbyterian Church in Waco, TX continue to build an ethic of service and connect with their new neighbors in Woodway, Hewitt, West Waco and Lorena by starting Mission Crafters. It all started by knitting and crocheting prayer shawls for people in area nursing homes and hospitals and grew from that.

*2022 Birthday Offering Review and Recipients:* PW celebrates a century of giving and receiving through the generous support of the Birthday Offering. Also read about this year’s grant recipients and use the Dedication Service in your congregations.

I have received concerns regarding the late distribution of *Horizons*. Susan Jackson-Dowd has confirmed that the staff is working diligently to get the Summer edition out soon and that the magazines should be on time in the future. PW *Horizons* continues to offer a special magazine subscription rate of \$19.95. A subscription includes 5 issues of *Horizons* magazine plus the PW/ Bible study. You also have full access to all digitally.

*Pam Snyder, Horizons Representative*

## **Celebration Giving Representative Report – Pam Snyder**

### **PW Thank Offering!**

The Thank Offering is generally collected in November. The Thank Offering provides much-needed financial assistance to 20 to 30 worthwhile programs each year. The recipients are always a mix of domestic and international projects, but all meet crucial needs. At least 40% percent of this offering funds health ministry, often helping the most marginalized members of God’s community. The remaining percentage supports new or expanded projects and small capital improvement projects. Learn about the [projects funded this year](#) at [presbyterianwomen.org](http://presbyterianwomen.org) under the Giving and Grants tab. Your gift to the Thank Offering helps fund real solutions in the areas of health, education, economic development and the needs of women and children. Presbyterian Women in the Congregation groups should forward Thank Offering gifts to the PW in the Presbytery Treasurer. Your PW in the Presbytery Treasurer for Shenandoah Presbytery is Karen Stevens and she can be reached at [stevenskr2005@yahoo.com](mailto:stevenskr2005@yahoo.com) or 540-430-1626. Your Thank Offering gifts should be mailed to: **Karen Stevens, 251 Rosser Avenue, Waynesboro, VA 22980.**

### **Annual Fund Giving!**

PW provides an excellent promotional resource for our 2022 Annual Fund (Mission Pledge.)

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.” John 15:5. This resource shows all the ministries that the Annual Fund makes possible and encourages gifts to the Annual Fund through your circle, congregation, presbytery and synod. This item, PWR21011, can be ordered, at no cost, from [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org). Learn more about the many ministries seeded and lives changed by Presbyterian Women, including the Bible study, our PW presence at the UN Commission on the Status of Women, programs such as the Churchwide Gathering, and even support of the women in the congregations and PW circles. Presbyterian Women - working together with Purpose! Gifts to the Annual Fund/Mission Pledge may also be submitted to Karen Stevens, Presbytery PW Treasurer.

### **Justice and Peace report – Ruth Williams**

We have another emphasis on violence against women and children and I want to make you aware of a location in Harrisonburg where help is available. No, we are not all living in Harrisonburg but it's good to know help is available in a central location for all of us.

The United Nations designated November 25 - December 10 each year to be recognized as 16 days of Activism against Gender-based Violence. That 16th day is International Human Rights Day on December 10. This came about in 1999 when the United Nations General Assembly chose this date to honor 3 sisters who were assassinated by henchmen of the Dominican Republic November 25, 1960, for their involvement in opposing the brutal Dominican dictator at that time.

In 2021 Presbyterian Women, Inc's, National Board committed to a triennium of exploring and promoting ways Presbyterian groups and individual PW can help break the cycle of violence against women and children.

There is a web site with suggestions and emphasis for the 16 Days of Activism at [ecumenicalwomenun.org/blog](http://ecumenicalwomenun.org/blog). I encourage you to visit that site.

It's also important to teach the next generation to break the cycle of violence. This starts at home and in faith-based communities where children learn from experiencing love for each other where people are treated with kindness and love for each other.

I have a brochure for you from the Harrisonburg group which you will find on Franklin Street in the city.

**Together in service report – as submitted by Punker Robertson** I can report that our Produce stand is helping more people each week (Fridays 10:00 am to noon) with the costs of living going up! We serve close to 30 families weekly and new ones come each week. We are also going to be serving take-out meals through RARA's "Community Table" and W&L's Outreach Food service. They wanted to start serving meals at the north end of Rockbridge County so they will join in with the ongoing efforts



to feed our neighbors. It is encouraging when we learn about all of the outreach things that churches are doing, especially for the Ukraine refugees.

Being "the Church" is helping whoever needs help in our world, as Jesus taught us to do.

**Sunrise Editor – Pat Armstrong** REPORT FOR May 2022 CT MEETING

THANKS TO THOSE WHO SENT IN REPORTS. HOPE IS THAT MORE WILL SHARE WHAT THEIR WOMAN ARE DOING IN THEIR CHURCHES AND COMMUNITIES FOR THE NEXT SUNRISE WHICH WILL GO OUT IN JULY.

BLESSINGS AND JOY TO ALL,

PAT ARMSTRONG (SUNRISE EDITOR)

### **Interim Search Committee – no report**

**Pam Snyder - Leadership Coordinator** Report for the Mission Community Coordinators

As a reminder, the role of the "Mission Community Coordinators" is to serve as the link between Presbyterian Women in the congregations and the PW Coordinating Team. My role as *Leadership Coordinator* is to stay connected with the Mission Community Coordinators and help strengthen the PW leaders' network within Shenandoah Presbytery. The following information is available for the Mission Community Coordinators, and other members of the Presbytery Coordinating Team, to share with respective congregations. Our goal is to keep all Presbyterian Women connected.

Encourage PW congregational moderators to share what they have been doing. Everyone is looking for a way to provide mission and ministry in their congregations and communities. There are also excellent ideas being shared in the editions of *Horizons*!

Encourage Moderators to submit information for our Presbytery *Sunrise* newsletter.

PW Synod Summer Gathering which will now be held virtually on June 10, 11 2022. While nothing has been "officially" publicized, we are planning on providing our keynote address by Jimmie Hawkins, mission speaker Cindy Corell (PCUSA Missionary to Haiti from Shenandoah Presbytery),

along with a mission support opportunity on Friday evening; and the Bible study with author, Carol Bechtel, business meeting, Massanetta 100<sup>th</sup>, and worship on Saturday. **Registration went out 5/25.**

**\*\*This is the information that supports the Mission Offering presented at the Synod PW Sumer Gathering in June. I'm hoping we can encourage all, including our PW CT, to support.**

This is FONDAMA (Haitian acronym for Hands Together Foundation of Haiti) is a Joining Hands network that has served since 2009. It is a network of farmer organizations across the country working predominately in identifying root causes of Haiti's poverty and carrying our advocacy campaigns to alleviate those causes.

To help fund Yard Gardens in Haiti, please use this link to give online: [presbyterianmission.org/donate/h000014/](https://presbyterianmission.org/donate/h000014/). When giving online, write "FONDAMA gardens" in the box that states: "Comments/Instructions/Name of local congregation." If you prefer to send in a check, please write "FONDAMA gardens" in the memo line and mail it to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
P.O. Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

**Churchwide PW Gathering:** August 8-11, 2024 in St. Louis! Start planning to attend now. I'm serving as Chair of the Program Committee for this event, which includes securing workshop leaders and speakers. Please share your ideas with me!

Things I have completed since our last meeting:

Served as a PW Delegate and member of the PW/PCUSA planning team for the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) at the United Nations, which was held virtually this year. The CSW priority theme, Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programs. This 2-week event provided hundreds of parallel events and side events from around the world. I am available to share this experience, and the related theme concerns, with congregations.

Completed the support letter to the representative of Lexington Presbyterian Church for their Birthday Offering Grant application. The project is CCAP/Z, the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, Zambia Synod. *(copy attached)*

Conducted the Installation of Officers at the April 2022 PW Presbytery Spring Gathering.

Please continue to pray for Presbyterian Women in our congregations, Presbytery, Synod and nationally as we help meet the many needs in our communities and around the world!

**PW Newsbytes: Don't forget this valuable resource!**

This resource is available to all PW. It was formerly called the PW Quarterly Mailing and contains "news you can use" from PW Churchwide. This fully digital newsletter is available for printing for those you prefer paper vs. online reading. Share this resource with your congregation PW leaders! \* I am available to assist anyone who is interested in looking for new and creative ways to participate in the current Bible Study or to effectively serve in community and fellowship as PW. There are many unique ways to continue to do the work of Presbyterian Women in spite of the size of your group or congregation!

**Note that my email address is now [pamsnyder1063@gmail.com](mailto:pamsnyder1063@gmail.com).**

[psnyder@comsonics.com](mailto:psnyder@comsonics.com) is no longer working.

Blessings and peace to all,  
Pam Snyder, Leadership Coordinator

**Mission Community Coordinator report Paula Osborne –**  
**Eastern Panhandle and Potomac Highlands**  
**Eastern Panhandle**

**Berkeley Springs Presbyterian Church**  
Next Saturday is the PW's last day to meet for the 2021-2022 Session.  
They are active with the Birthday offering this month

**Bunker Hill**

Bob and I had the opportunity of attending Bunker Hill on Easter Sunday. The preschool program made chocolate peanut butter Easter eggs for two mission programs, their local Backpack program and One Great Hour of Sharing. They also started their Sunday School program last Sunday.

**Charles Town**

The Youth group are meeting Sunday afternoons, the Chronicles of Narnia. Charles Town Presbyterian is hosting the local walk, World Vision's Global 6k for Water on Saturday, May 21, at 9:00 a.m.

**Shepherdstown**

PW met, Thursday, May 5, 2022 and finished their book, Braiding Sweetgrass, by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

They will meet in June for a picnic at a local park and resume PW in August. A collection for the Birthday Offering was taken up.

**Potomac Highlands****Piedmont**

Cindy Sheenmesser meets every month with a devotion for the PW. They are contributing to the Birthday offering this month.

**Slainessville**

Denise Rouse, 304 822-0742, meets monthly with the PW for a devotion. She is interested in the Horizon's magazine and perhaps using the Bible Study in August. Every Saturday, starting in June, the church has a yard sale that the community looks forward to. The Amish come from Lancaster to participate and offer their vegetables and baked goods. The church also uses missioncry.com to send old Bibles and curriculum to. Mission Cry which is in Fowlerville, MI sends the curriculum all over the world.

\*You are also invited to join Paula coming up at the end of July where she will be providing group Spiritual Direction using the book, "Love, A Guide for Prayer", by Jacqueline Syrup Bergan and Sister Marie Schwan. This will be July 31-August 28 Sundays 3:00-4:00 p.m. The invite link is provided below.

Thank you,

Paula Osborne

Certified Spiritual Director

West Virginia Institute for Spirituality

Available for Group or Individual Spiritual Direction

304 676-9347

WVIS.org

<https://www.eventbrite.com/checkout-external?eid=347102311357&ref=eios>

**Mountain Valley & Central Valley - Donna Parker** no report

**Highland Augusta E1 & E2** – Joyce Anderson no report

**Highland Augusta E3** – Pam Snyder – sent email on the Spring Gathering

**Maury River F1 & F2** – Karen Stevens – sent email on the Spring Gathering

**Co-Moderator Report** – Karen Stevens & Connie Wood Karen reported on the Spring Gathering and plans to participate in the upcoming Synod virtual business meeting.

**Old BUSINESS:**

There are quite a few vacant positions on the CT. Please keep in mind those that might enjoy the opportunity to serve and share their gifts on the Presbytery level of PW. The following positions are open: Treasurer, Moderator of Search Committee, Member of Search Committee representative in the north, Member of Search Committee representative in the south, Mission Community Coordinator Highland August E3, Mission Community Coordinator Maury River F1 & F2, Moderator Elect, Vice-Moderator, Celebrations & Horizons Representative.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

\*Spiritual Nurture Committee will replace Worship Resources.

The following was approved by vote of CT at the May 2022 meeting. However, to “officially” change the leadership role title/responsibilities, it needs to be approved at the Spring 2023 PW Gathering. This will need to be part of the program that day.

Spiritual Nurture provides a safe place for PW to center yourself in God’s love to say and sort through integrating spiritual values with activities and events in your life, by doing the following:

- lead opening and closing devotions for the PW Coordinating Team meetings, gatherings, or other occasions, as directed;
- encourage and promote fellowship among members of the Presbytery PW CT;
- share written or oral information to promote spiritual growth;
- acknowledge birthdays, illnesses, deaths, or other occasions with appropriate cards, phone calls, or other communications, while informing other members of the Presbytery CT of these occurrences.

We look forward to having Paula in this position and the new things it will bring to the CT!

\*It was unanimously voted to send \$300 to PDA earmarked for Ukraine.

\*It was unanimously voted to send \$100 and a birthday card to Massanetta for their 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration. See their website for more details on the happenings in July.

\*It was unanimously voted to support the FONDAMA with a \$200 donation. This is the offering during the Synod Gathering. Cindy Corell will speak more about her work in Haiti at the Gathering. FONDAMA (Haitian acronym for Hands Together Foundation of Haiti) is a Joining Hands network that has served since 2009. It is a network of farmer organizations across the country working predominately in identifying root causes of Haiti’s poverty and carrying our advocacy campaigns to alleviate those causes. Pam’s report has information as well.

\*We will assemble CWS (Church World Service) School Kits at the August meeting. 23 is the goal and item assignments are as follows:

Karen – paper, Francis- pencils, Harriet – crayons, Ruth – rulers, Paula – larger erasers, Pam – sharpeners, Vickana – scissors and pencil erasers.

Card sent to each: Donna Parker and Joyce Anderson

Meeting was adjourned at 12:58 and Paula closed the meeting with prayer.  
Submitted *Vickana Norton – Secretary*

