

THE WINDMILL

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THE WINDMILL IS THE NEWSLETTER FOR
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF CENTRAL NEBRASKA PRESBYTERY



Donna Messerer, Editor

SAVE THE DATE

FALL GATHERING

September 22, 2018
First Presbyterian Church, Lexington, NE
Registration 9:00 a.m.

More information enclosed

Hear Ye, Hear Ye

The Search Committee is looking for you! If you would like an opportunity to serve Presbyterian Women in Central Nebraska Presbytery, the Search Committee is looking for you. Several positions are open:

Together in Service Coordinator recognizes how we can be in mission with what we give and how we can help with other projects.

Hunger, Peace, and Justice Coordinator is a position that coordinates resources related to hunger, peace, and justice. Horizon magazine is an excellent source of information.

Vice-moderator is a person who can influence the direction that Presbyterian Women is moving. The vice-moderator would assist the moderator in many ways. This person could move on to be the moderator and represent the women at Presbytery's Council and at the Synod PW CT as well as moderating Gatherings and Coordinating Team meetings.

If you feel the nudge of God's voice calling, please let a member of the search committee know of your interest.

The Presbyterian Women's Purpose

**Forgiven and freed
by God in Jesus Christ,
and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we commit ourselves
to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible Study
to support the mission of the church worldwide,
to work for justice and peace
and to build an inclusive, caring community of women
that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) and
witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.**

Moderator's Musings

I have been wondering about what is necessary for me to listen for God. In other words what should be my state of mind to hear God's voice. God is ready and willing and I want to fulfill my responsibility in order to be ready to listen for God.

A starting place would be to remember what God has already done for me and for the world. God has provided a means of salvation, Jesus Christ came and lived, died, rose again and lives today. Jesus lives within my life today. God has called me and set me apart to fulfill God's purpose. I have received God's grace many times and even more than I am aware. I have been able to respond to God's invitation and be God's child by God's provisions, invitation and God's continuing grace and forgiveness.

In addition I would look at what God has done around me and around the world. I would reflect on the beautiful creation around us. I would contemplate how God is working in my life. I would notice where God is at work in other's lives. In response I would praise God for all that God has done in creating the world, making this beautiful world for us to appreciate. I would acknowledge what God continues to do in my life, and in others around me, and pray for those that still need to respond to God and God's message.

I Corinthians 13: 7 "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." If we as readers of the Bible, act on the basis of love, we will adjust our behavior to build up all the members of the community. Then we will truly be listening for God, hearing and responding to God's voice in our lives.

God is at work and may we be listening for God.

Annabelle Wells, moderator
Central Nebraska Presbyterian Women
August, 2018

Thank you, Thank you!

Thank you to Ann Jones, North Platte,
who served as our secretary for the
Gatherings and Coordinating Team
meetings. Thanks, Ann.

Thank you to Bonnie Grams, Hastings,
who served as Hunger, Peace and Justice
Coordinator and also as our Historian.
Thanks, Bonnie.

Thank you to Darline Watson, Holdrege,
who served as Together in Service
Coordinator. Darline helped with some
"hands on" projects and gave us ideas on
new mission projects. Thanks, Darline.

We wish each of these faithful servants,
God's special blessings as they continue to serve
God in their lives. We will miss them.

Central Nebraska Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering

When: September 22, 2018 9:30-1:30

Where: First Presbyterian Church 801 North Lincoln Lexington, Ne

What is happening: Keynote speaker: Sue Ingels from Iowa, PW Global Mission Experience in 2017 to Indonesia, will speak about how her life was changed because of the experience.

Rev. Eddie Mariel will lead worship; Eddie is a new pastor in our presbytery. Come and welcome Eddie.

Report on Churchwide PW Gathering in Louisville, Kentucky. Hear the latest.

A fun activity

Fellowship with new and old friends.

Lunch

Registration: \$10.00
To: First Presbyterian Church
Att: Julie
P.O. Box 160 801 North Lincoln
Lexington, NE 68850
308 324 5507

Deadline: September 18

Registration

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Central Nebraska Presbytery
Fall Gathering, September 22, 2018
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801 North Lincoln
Lexington, Nebraska
9:30-1:30
Registration: 9:00 a.m.

Name _____

Address _____

Town and zip code _____

e-mail _____

dietary restrictions _____

Cost: \$10.00 includes lunch

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Lexington, Nebraska

Listening for God

"Speak Lord, for your servant is listening." I Samuel 3:9b

9:00 Registration

9:30 Welcome

Annabelle Wells

Greetings

Linda Anthony

Lighting the Christ Candle/opening prayer

9:45-10:15 Worship

The Rev. Eddie Mariel

10:15-11:00

Sue Ingels

Churchwide Gathering

Linda Anthony/Sue Medsker-Nedderman

Roll Call of Churches

Installation of New Officers

Drawing for Horizon Magazine

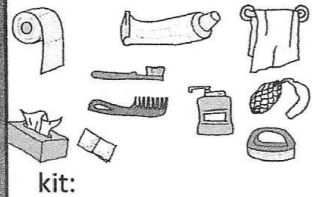
Introduction of Coordinating Team and Reports

A Fun Activity

Hunger Challenge

Closing Prayer

Annabelle Wells



Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery are putting together hygiene kits for one of the fun activities at our meeting in Lexington on September 22.

If you would like to donate, these are the supplies that are in the kit:

- Hand Towel 15" x 28" or 16' x 32"
- (no fingertip, bath, dish towels or micro-fiber)
- Wash Cloth
- Wide Tooth Comb
- Finger Nail or Toe Clippers
- Bath size soap in wrapper
- Toothbrush in package
- Standard Size Band-Aids (10 in each kit)

It was suggested to bring all the items for as many kits as you wish to provide...from 1 to? The Lexington church will provide the plastic bags for the completed kits. We will assemble them that day as one of our fun activities.

Thanks for your help,
Linda Anthony
308-325-5172



It is the time of year to collect our Thank Offering. The July/August issue of Horizons has the information and a dedication service for the Thank Offering. On page 27 is a wonderful article following up on recipients of the offering. Perhaps there is a need in your community. I encourage you to fill out the grant application. Remember – gifts, no matter how small, when added together can do great things! Please prayerfully consider your gift to the Thank Offering.

Linda Anthony
Treasurer, PWCNP

PW reading list book reviews:

The Bones of Paradise, Jonis Agee,

The award-winning author of *The River Wife* returns with a multigenerational family saga set in the unforgiving Nebraska Sand Hills in the years following the massacre at Wounded Knee—an ambitious tale of history, vengeance, race, guilt, betrayal, family, and belonging, filled with a vivid cast of characters shaped by violence, love, and a desperate loyalty to the land.

Ten years after the Seventh Cavalry massacred more than two hundred Lakota men, women, and children at Wounded Knee, J.B. Bennett, a white rancher, and Star, a young Native American woman, are murdered in a remote meadow on J.B.'s land. The deaths bring together the scattered members of the Bennett family: J.B.'s cunning and hard father, Drum; his estranged wife, Dulcinea; and his teenage sons, Cullen and Hayward. As the mystery of these twin deaths unfolds, the history of the dysfunctional Bennetts and their damning secrets is revealed, exposing the conflicted heart of a nation caught between past and future.

At the center of *The Bones of Paradise* are two remarkable women. Dulcinea, returned after bitter years of self-exile, yearns for redemption and the courage to mend her broken family and reclaim the land that is rightfully hers. Rose, scarred by the terrible slaughters that have decimated and dislocated her people, struggles to accept the death of her sister, Star, and refuses to rest until she is avenged.

The Swan Gondola, by Timothy Schaffert

On the eve of the World's Fair, Ferret Skeritt, ventriloquist by trade, con man by birth, is unsure how the fair's events will change him or his city. Omaha still has the marks of a filthy Wild West town, even as it attempts to achieve the grandeur and respectability of nearby Chicago. But when he crosses paths with the beautiful and enigmatic Cecily, his purpose shifts, and the fair becomes the backdrop to their love affair.

One of a traveling troupe of actors that has descended on the city, Cecily works in the Midway's Chamber of Horrors, where she loses her head hourly on a guillotine, playing Marie Antoinette. And after closing, she rushes off, clinging protectively to a mysterious carpetbag, never giving Ferret a second glance. But a moonlit ride on the swan gondola, a boat on the lagoon of the New White City, transforms everything when the fair's magic begins to take its effect.

Both books were up for the 2018 One Book One Nebraska book of the year. Both are interesting reads set in Nebraska.