

THE WINDMILL

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



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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

Hope

We all hope the pandemic ends soon. But what do we mean when we use the word "hope". In the Bible hope has a stronger meaning than we normally give it in our daily conversations. Biblical hope is a strong and confident expectation. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." I Peter 1:3

Our hope is in God for God alone is the source of real hope. God is even called "the God of Hope." "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13 "Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who hope in the Lord." Psalm 31:24

Sometimes we see injustice, fear, greed, hatred in every direction but with our hope fixed on God and what God has already done, we can rest assured that God's promises will come to pass and God will be victorious. "My soul, wait in silence for God only, for my hope is from God." Psalm 62: 5

God is our source of hope. Let us trust and walk forward confidently with God.

Blessings, Annabelle Wells 2/2021
Presbyterian Women
Central Nebraska Presbytery

Spring Gathering, 2021

The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team decided not to meet in person or on zoom this spring, 2021. However, plan to do an individual or group project to promote your local PW, the PCUSA, your church or something else. Here are some suggestions:

- 1) Buy necessary supplies for a hygiene kit, a school kit, or a cleaning bucket and organize it for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. (When finished deliver to First Presbyterian Church, Hastings for delivery to Lincoln where it will be stored until needed locally or delivered to Fern Cliff, in Arkansas.)
- 2) Read and discuss a book on a topic that you choose; it could be a Native American book or a Racial Equality book or a book for pleasure.
- 3) Visit by phone or in person a shut-in, a person you don't know well in your PW, church or neighborhood.
- 4) Sew, knit, or crochet a garment for a needy person, a sick and suffering person or someone else.
- 5) Pray for the needs of your neighborhood, town, church, nation and world.
- 6) Another option of your choosing.
I look forward to hearing how you and your PW group decide to serve God in your community. May God bless you on your journey. Annabelle Wells

WANTED

CO-ORDINATING TEAM OFFICERS NEEDED

Any Presbyterian women who want to help out, contact Bette Dimon or the moderator. We are in need of the following:

Vice-Moderator — This person is second in command. She helps the moderator plan meetings. She presides at CT meetings and Gatherings in the absence of the moderator. When the moderator's term is over the vice-moderator will become moderator.

READING — The person makes up a list of books that people have read and would like to share with PW members. This becomes the PW Reading list for the year. To prepare book reviews to share in the newsletter and with Gatherings.

SECRETARY — This person takes minutes during all of the gatherings and the CT meetings. The minutes are sent to the moderator and the Coordinating Team. She will also perform the duties of Corresponding Secretary as requested.

HUNGER AND PEACE and Justice— To prepare an interesting way to give to the Hunger Offering at Gatherings, to provide education regarding social issues especially related to women and children, and to provide information on peacemaking in relation to families and communities.

Search--to find women from various churches to serve on the Coordinating Team for Presbyterian Women in various capacities.

If you would like to join the PW Co-ordinating Team, please call Bette Dimon @308-293-3976 or email mrs.bettedimon@gmail.com

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CENTRAL NEBRASKA PRESBYTERY
2021-2022

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN CENTRAL NEBRASKA
2020 GENERAL FUND ANNUAL REPORT

BALANCE JANUARY 13, 2020		\$3,729.48
INCOME		
GENERAL FUND	\$1,510.00	
PRESBYTERY \$1092.75		
SYNOD \$417.25		
INTEREST	\$0.42	
TOTAL	\$1,510.42	\$5,239.90

DISBURSEMENTS		
SYNOD	\$417.25	
COORDINATING TEAM	\$133.10	
SYNOD GATHERING ATTENDEE	\$50.00	
PDA	\$209.79	
USAME	\$50.00	
GLOBAL EXCHANGE	\$100.00	
DOOR PRIZES	\$24.95	
TOTAL	\$985.09	\$4,254.81

COORDINATING TEAM	
COPIES	\$40.40
POSTAGE	\$92.70
TOTAL	\$133.10

BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2018		\$4,254.81
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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN CENTRAL NEBRASKA
2020 MISSION FUND ANNUAL REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE JANUARY 13, 2020		\$584.11
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INCOME

MISSION	\$6,325.00
BIRTHDAY OFFERING	\$734.00
THANK OFFERING	\$1,564.00
LEAST COIN OFFERING	\$57.54
HUNGER OFFERING	\$255.60
HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	\$190.00
PW GIVING DAY	\$50.00
BLANKETS + CHURCH WORLD SERVICE	\$227.25
INTEREST	\$0.14
GENERAL FUND	\$405.00

TOTAL	\$9,808.53	\$10,392.64
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DISBURSEMENTS

MISSION	\$6,325.00
BIRTHDAY OFFERING	\$734.00
THANK OFFERING	\$1,564.00
LEAST COIN OFFERING	\$57.54
HUNGER OFFERING	\$255.60
HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	\$190.00
CHURCH WORLD SERVICE	\$227.25
PW GIVING DAY	\$50.00
GREAT WESTERN BANK - CHECKS	\$31.45
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	\$405.00

TOTAL	\$9,839.84	\$552.80
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BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2020	\$552.80	
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2021 BUDGET

	2020	Actual	2021
Coordinating Team	200	133.10	200
Spring Gathering	150	0	50
Fall Gathering	150	24.95	150
Churchwide Gathering	450	450	450
USAME, Global Mission Support	150	150	150
Church Women United	50	0	50
Total	1150	758.05	1050

Proposed Income

Pledges	800
Gatherings	100
General Fund Monies	150
Total	1050

*I have examined the
financial records of the
Central Nebraska Presbyterian
Women and found them to be
accurate and in excellent
shape. Linda Anthony has
done an excellent job.*

*Julie Ricketts
Retired Treasurer
First Presbyterian Church*

2020	MISSION	GEN FUND	BIRTHDAY	THANK	LEAST COIN	HUNGER	LIFE MEM	OTHER GIVING	TOTAL
Atkinson		\$250.00							\$250.00
Axtell	\$375.00	\$75.00	\$100.00						\$550.00
Beaver City	\$1,400.00	\$325.00		\$50.00	\$14.42	\$40.00			\$1,829.42
Benkleman									\$0.00
Cozad	\$1,000.00	\$150.00	\$65.00			\$121.00			\$1,336.00
Edgar									\$0.00
Ewing Bethany					\$19.67				\$19.67
Hastings First	\$1,500.00	\$225.00	\$454.00	\$595.00		\$20.76			\$2,794.76
Holdrege	\$500.00	\$75.00							\$575.00
Kearney									\$0.00
Lexington	\$1,100.00	\$180.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$6.02	\$31.84	\$190.00	\$227.25	\$1,805.11
Minden				\$343.00	\$11.56	\$42.00			\$396.56
North Platte									\$0.00
O'Neill									\$0.00
St. Paul	\$200.00	\$30.00	\$5.00	\$27.00	\$5.87				\$267.87
Valentine	\$100.00		\$25.00	\$25.00					\$150.00
Individual	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$50.00	\$100.00				\$50.00	\$500.00
TOTAL	\$6,325.00	\$1,510.00	\$734.00	\$1,175.00	\$57.54	\$255.60	\$190.00	\$277.25	\$10,474.39

As PWP Treasurer, I recently received a small, folded brochure promoting the Presbyterian Women's Annual Fund (Mission Pledge) in the mail. One was also delivered to our church. Please look for the mailing. I found it easy to read and informative! PW Churchwide Moderator, Jyungin Lee's message included encouragement to reach out further and widen our circle as Presbyterian Women contribute to a more just, equitable world. Reread our purpose as Presbyterian Women. There are many ways to fulfill that commitment that ties us together. We prepare food, deliver meals, provide transportation, donate to a food pantry, volunteer at our local shelters....the list goes on! In the spring, PW receives the Birthday Offering. This is an annual offering which has funded more than 200 mission projects. Please give as you are led by the Holy Spirit.

The November/December 2020 issue of Horizons included the Fellowship of the Least Coin Project Grants. A new Circle of Prayer Devotional Booklet is available for \$.50 each, item PWR20466. There is a minimum shipping amount of \$5.91. It is also available as a free download. Go to the website: www.presbyterianwomen.org/leastcoin. It is item PWR20465. It will be volume 25.

We all have become more creative in our attempts to meet together and donate to our organizations. Thank you for all your monetary gifts and your faithfulness to Presbyterian Women.

In Christ's Love,

Linda Anthony

The Birthday Offering

The Birthday Offering is one of Presbyterian Women's two offerings. Received in the spring each year, it gives women a tangible way to celebrate the blessings in their lives. The Birthday Offering funds up to five projects each year, in amounts of \$75,000 to \$150,000 each. The recipients are selected before the offering is received, so grant amounts depend on the gifts received.

Send your Birthday Offering to Linda Anthony, our PW treasurer for Central Nebraska. Her address is 43970 Road 758, Lexington, Ne 68850

2021 Birthday Offering Recipients

Garden Gate Ranch, Inc.

Education Center Renovation, Des Moines, Iowa

Garden Gate Ranch is a Christian organization that provides safe housing and restorative and transitional services for sexually-exploited women and their children. In the spring of 2020, Garden Gate Ranch opened a newly reconditioned home that was expected to reach full capacity within a few months. Garden Gate Ranch inhabits a large area and plans are in place to fully utilize this area to support women and their children. The Birthday Offering will assist Garden Gate Ranch in their mission by providing a separate education center for programming, therapeutic services and vocational rehabilitation.

Memorial Drive Ministries, Inc.

Gymnasium Capital Improvements, Stone Mountain, Georgia

Located in the most diverse square mile in North America, Memorial Drive Ministries, Inc., a partnership between the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta and six other churches, provides a welcoming environment for the vibrant ministries that call the Memorial Drive campus home. The Birthday Offering grant will provide a desperately needed roof to replace one that leaks onto the gymnasium floor where sewing, karate, dance, frisbee, badminton, basketball and other after-school activities take place. This costly but necessary fix will ensure that Memorial Drive Ministries can continue to provide a place of welcome to diverse worshipping communities and innovative community services.

Nkhoma Mission Hospital

Women's Health Center/OBGYN Theatre, Nkhoma, Malawi

The Nkhoma Mission Hospital in Nkhoma, Malawi (located in southeastern Africa) offers affordable, accessible healthcare services for all, inspired by the love of Jesus Christ. The Birthday Offering grant will provide funds to build an obstetrics and gynecology-specific operating room next to the existing prenatal and maternity wards. This new theater will help decrease delays and reduce maternal deaths caused by having to move patients a significant distance across the hospital's grounds. This theater expansion will aid in the hospital's goals of becoming more self-sustainable by expanding the surgical services that are offered and living into its vision of being a leader in quality, Christian healthcare and training in Malawi.

Dear Presbyterian Women of the Synod of Lakes & Prairies,

A year ago, we couldn't have imagined a global pandemic that would disrupt all of life and increase hunger, homelessness, and unemployment. Staff at the Presbyterian Hunger Program have been working hard to respond to COVID-19 and its impacts on hunger as well as adjusting to remote work, learning technologies, and new processes to help us stay relevant, effective, and faithful in this work.

We are so grateful for your support in this ongoing difficult time. Because of the increase of hunger-related impacts of COVID-19, your generosity is crucial to our ability to respond.

Because of you, churches and organizations are able to distribute more food to people who are hungry and also to do education and advocacy to help ensure future food security for vulnerable communities. Because of you, global partners living in places of war, violence, poverty, famine, drought or flooding have better access to safety, health, and basic needs.

We believe that God is with us, that Christ surrounds us, and that the Spirit guides us, particularly as we navigate the most challenging times. We then feel called to ourselves be present with communities who are suffering. We try by our actions, partnerships, and ministry to be God's love in places of pain. Your contribution to PHP also demonstrates presence, solidarity, and hope—to us who work at the national church and to communities themselves who are struggling. Thank you.

In gratitude,

Rebecca Barnes, Coordinator, Presbyterian Hunger Program

www.pcusa.org/hunger

Hot off the Press--- Churchwide Gathering, scheduled for August, 2021, in St. Louis has been cancelled because of the covid virus. The next Churchwide Gathering will be in 2024. But stay tuned, there will be a national program and worship service.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S READING LIST FOR 2021

CHILDREN'S

RUNAWAY BUNNY BY Margaret Wise Brown This book is a good example of words that provide reassurance of God's constant presence. "If you become a bird and fly away from me, I will be a tree that you come home to." Our God is the ultimate Mother Bunny. (This is taken from our 2020-2021 Bible Study)

ADULT BOOKS

Following is a list of books that Presbyterian Women have recommended. I have not separated them into study books and fiction. Also, some are current publications and some are not as current but have still been enjoyed by the person submitting the book. Pick your book, read, and enjoy!

ALASKA TWILIGHT BY COLLEEN COBLE For some people, Alaska is a breathtaking wilderness adventure, full of light and beauty. For Haley, it is a dangerous world of dark dreams and tortured memories. *Alaska Twilight* is the story of a young woman's emergence from the shadows of past sorrow into the light of forgiveness and grace. (Note: This book is from Women of Faith series which is written by different authors.)

THE UNDOING OF SAINT SILVANUS BY BETH MOORE Only God knows why Jillian Slater agreed to return to New Orleans on the news that her father had finally drunk himself to death. She hadn't seen her – or her Grandmother, the ice queen – in almost 20 years. When Jillian received word that her expenses would be paid if she'd fly in for the burial, a free trip to New Orleans was too intriguing to resist. (Note: This author is the well-known author of Bible Studies.)

ONE OF OURS BY WILLA CATHER A new edition of Willa Cather's classic 1922 great American novel of World War One, for which she won the Pulitzer Prize.

THE BIRCHBARK HOUSE BY LOUISE ERDRICH This is a story of a young Ojibwa girl, Omakayas, living on an island in Lake Superior around 1847. The author is reversing the narrative perspective used in most children's stories about nineteenth century Native Americans. Instead of looking out at 'them' as dangers or curiosities, Erdrich, drawing on her family's history, wants to tell about 'us', from the inside.

WALK IN THE WOODS BY BILL BRYSON The Appalachian Trail stretches from Georgia to Maine and covers some of the most breathtaking terrain in America. Bill Bryson is an entertaining guide and introduces us to the history and ecology of the trail and to some of the other hardy folks he meets along the way.

THE SPLENDID AND THE VILE BY ERIK LARSON This is a story of political brinkmanship, but it's also an intimate domestic drama, set against the backdrop of Churchill's prime-ministerial country home.

THE DEARLY BELOVED BY CARA WALL This moving portrait of love and friendship set against a backdrop of social change traces two married couples whose lives become entangled when the husbands become copastors at a famed New York city congregation in the 1960s

PEARLS OF WISDOM BY BARBARA BUSH First Lady Barbara Bush was famous for handing out advice. From friends and family to heads of state and Supreme Court justices, and certainly to her staff, her advice ranged from what to wear, what to say or not say, and how to live your life.

BECOMING BY MICHELLE OBAMA In her memoir, a work of deep reflection and mesmerizing storytelling, Michelle Obama invites readers into her world, chronicling the experiences that have shaped her – from childhood on the South Side of Chicago to her years as an executive balancing the demands of motherhood and work, to her time spent at the world's most famous address.

WHITE BIRCH, RED HAWTHORN BY NORA MURPHY "This is conquered land." the Dakota woman's words, spoken at a community meeting in St. Paul, struck Nora Murphy forcefully. Her own Irish great-great grandparents, fleeing the potato famine, had laid claim to 160 acres in a virgin maple grove in Minnesota. In twelve essays, each dedicated to a tree significant to Minnesota, Murphy tells the story of the grove that, long before the Irish arrived, was home to three Native tribes: the Dakota, Ojibwe, and Ho-Chunk.

TWENTY WISHES BY DEBBIE MACOMBER Come back to Blossom Street! This is a hopeful story of enduring friendship and starting over. (Note: This is book 5 in the Blossom Street series.)

THE CAT THAT GOD SENT BY JIM KRAUS This is a whimsical and thoroughly delightful story that will make you smile. But don't be deceived, there are some great truths clinging to the cat hair inside this novel. (Note: This author also wrote The Dog That Talked to God.)

THE REAL HEAVEN BY CHIP INGRAM This book sets aside the hype and myths and digs into the Scriptures to discover what God actually wants us to know about the hereafter. He shows why our understanding of heaven matters now, in this life. Because what we believe about heaven actually affects us today in ways we may not have imagined.

ALWAYS A GUEST BY BARBARA BROWN TAYLOR As a preacher the author traveled the country as a guest preacher, sharing her gift of observation and her hope of seeking common ground. This book readers will find a collection of the author's gentle wit as she explores faith in all its beauty and complexity.

CWS EMERGENCY CLEANUP BUCKETS

Bette Dimon received the following information from her brother, Edward Schnabel. Edward is in charge of the kits at Good Shepard Presbyterian Church in Lincoln. I thought the information was interesting so am sharing it with all of you.

The Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church serves as a depot for anyone wishing to make kits.

This depot is one of only a few that is open to receive completed and / or supplies year-round. Most other drop-off sites are only open one or two days a year.

Good Shepherd is the only site west of the Missouri River, out side of a church in LA that is only open for a short period during the year. In fact, Good Shepherd is one of four sites west of the Mississippi River. Only the Presbyterian Disaster Center, Ferncliff, AR, is open year-round in this area.

The kits that Good Shepherd receives are taken to Ferncliff, thus they stay in this general area of the country and not taken to the CWS site in Maryland.

Funds donated to Good Shepherd are used to buy supplies to make kits or used to help cover the cost to deliver completed kits to Ferncliff, AR.

Donations can be sent to:

Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church
8300 East Pointe Road
Lincoln, NE 68506

Please be sure to mark your donation for disaster relief.

My note: The list of supplies to make a complete bucket is enclosed in this Windmill. Donations are used to complete the buckets.

CWS Emergency Cleanup Buckets

Supplies needed:

- ☐ One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid (If bucket has been used, clean well but do not use if it has held chemicals of any kind.)
- ☐ Four scouring pads
- ☐ Seven sponges, including one large
- ☐ One scrub brush
- ☐ Eighteen reusable cleaning towels (e.g. Handi Wipes or Easy Wipes)
- ☐ One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- ☐ One 16-28 oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- ☐ One 12-16 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottles)
- ☐ One package of 48-50 clothespins
- ☐ Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- ☐ Five dust masks
- ☐ Two pairs heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (latex-free, non-surgical)
- ☐ One pair work gloves, cotton with leather palm or all leather
- ☐ 24-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll and removed from carton
- ☐ One 6-9 oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent

All cleaning items must be new---- all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Snap the lid on tight and seal with packing tape.

Value: \$75

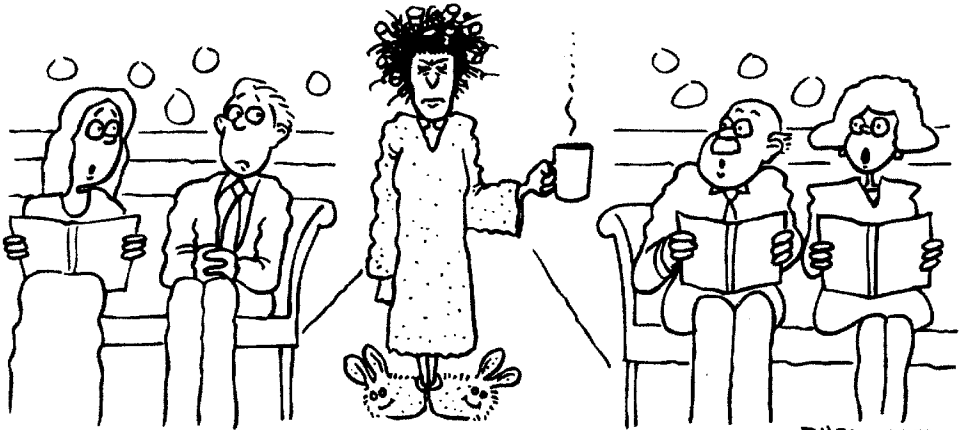
Processing fee: \$3 per Kit

*Do not enclose money inside the kits or in the shipping boxes.

Find shipping and donation instructions at cwskits.org.



HUMOR PAGE



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.

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