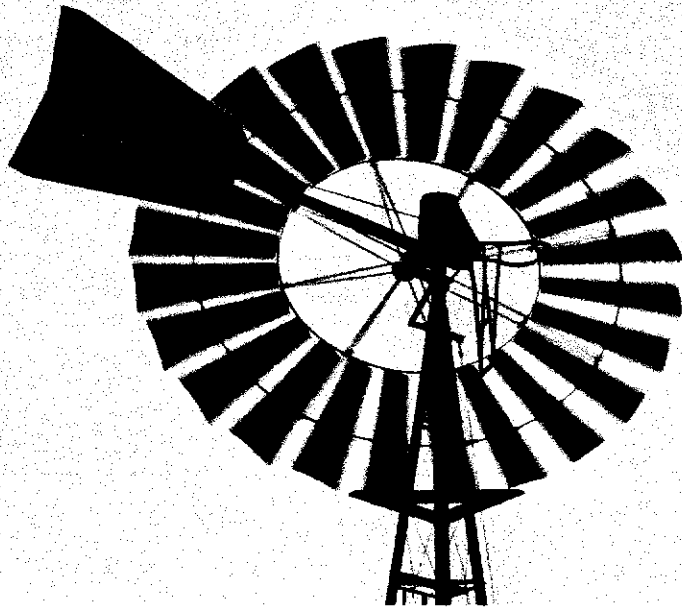


THE WINDMILL

APRIL, 2022

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



Donna Messerer, Editor

SAVE THE DATE

SPRING GATHERING

APRIL 23, 2022
WILL BE HELD IN HASTINGS, NE

More information enclosed

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.**

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN CENTRAL NEBRASKA
2021 GENERAL FUND ANNUAL REPORT

BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2021		\$4,254.81
INCOME		
GENERAL FUND	\$787.50	
PRESBYTERY	\$557.25	
SYNOD	\$230.25	
Error correction	\$0.25	
INTEREST	\$0.44	
TOTAL	\$787.94	\$5,042.75
DISBURSEMENTS		
SYNOD	\$226.25	
COORDINATING TEAM	\$124.94	
CHURCH WOMEN UNITED	\$100.00	
USAME	\$50.00	
GLOBAL EXCHANGE	\$100.00	
DOOR PRIZES	\$19.95	
FG EXPENSES	\$73.00	
TOTAL	\$694.14	\$4,348.61
COORDINATING TEAM		
COPIES	\$42.34	
POSTAGE	\$82.60	
TOTAL	\$124.94	
BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2021		\$4,348.61

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN CENTRAL NEBRASKA
2021 MISSION FUND ANNUAL REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2021		\$552.80
INCOME		
MISSION	\$4,429.00	
BIRTHDAY OFFERING	\$793.00	
THANK OFFERING	\$822.00	
LEAST COIN OFFERING	\$173.68	
HUNGER OFFERING	\$119.61	
BLANKETS + CHURCH WORLD SERVICE	\$736.41	
INTEREST	\$0.04	
GENERAL FUND	\$482.50	
TOTAL	\$7,556.24	\$8,109.04
DISBURSEMENTS		
MISSION	\$4,429.00	
BIRTHDAY OFFERING	\$793.00	
THANK OFFERING	\$822.00	
LEAST COIN OFFERING	\$173.68	
HUNGER OFFERING	\$119.91	
CHURCH WORLD SERVICE	\$736.41	
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	\$482.50	
TOTAL	\$7,556.50	\$552.54
BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2021	\$552.84	

**Central Nebraska
Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering
April 23, 2022
In Person**

Won't You Be My Neighbor!

Where: First Presbyterian Church
621 North Lincoln Ave
Hastings, NE 401-462-5147

When: Saturday, April 23, 2022
9:00 a.m. Registration
9:30 a.m. Opening Worship with Communion
Followed by Message

Cost: \$10.00 (May be paid at door)

Registration deadline: Deadline April 19, 2022
Church; 402 462-5147 sarah@fpchastings.org

Contact persons:

Nancy Grams, 402 462-4668, nancygram@hotmail.com

Mary Fisk, 402 460-7880, maryjanefisk@gmail.com

Wear a cardigan and sneakers!

Rev. Dr. Kirwin Stewart, Jr. of First Presbyterian Church of
Holdrege will give the message on

Won't You Be my Neighbor and
Being a Neighbor in Nebraska.

MISSION PROJECT AT THE SPRING GATHERING

Follow the page talking about the Spring Gathering to know who to register with and the time.

After lunch our Mission work will be putting casseroles together to take back to each church and share with anyone in need. Each church needs to bring a cooler or insulated bag to take the casseroles home. The cooler or bag will need to be large enough to hold four small foil pans.

This is a suggestion from Pastor Greg which goes along with the Mr. Rogers theme of love thy neighbor.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S READING LIST FOR 2022

CHILDREN'S

LET MY PEOPLE GO – by Patricia and Fredrick McKissack The Passover story is enlivened in this creative rendition of the Ten Plagues.. Everyone can take part as Moses implores Pharoah to "Let My People Go!"

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!

the stranger in the lifeboat – by Mitch Albom What would happen if we called on God for help and God actually appeared? In this book of hope and faith, a group of shipwrecked passengers pull a strange man from the sea. He claims to be "the Lord" and he says he can only save them if they believe in him.

MADONNA SWAN: A Lakota Woman's Story – By Mark St. Pierre The author skillfully weaves together his interviews with Madonna Swan-Abdulla to capture the indomitable spirit of a Lakota woman as she celebrates the joys and endures the sufferings of her remarkable life on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation in South Dakota.

PRAIRIE FORGE – By James Kimble In the wake of Pearl Harbor, President Roosevelt called for the largest arms buildup in our nation's history. A shortage of steel, however, quickly slowed the program's momentum, and arms production fell dangerously behind schedule. The country needed scrap metal. Henry Doorly, publisher of the *Omaha World-Herald*, had the solution. *Prairie Forge* tells the story of the great Nebraska scrap drive of 1942—a campaign that swept the nation and yielded *five million tons* of scrap metal, literally salvaging the war effort itself.

HER FORGOTTEN AMISH PAST – By Debby Giusti She can't remember who she's running from. Is she safe with the Amish? Someone wants Becca Troyer dead, but who or why is a mystery to her. Seeking refuge at the home of Amish farmer Zeke Hochstetler is her only hope to stay one step ahead of the killer. With every clue she finds about her past leading to more confusion, Becca and Zeke must untangle the truth before her pursuer discovers where she's been hiding.

THE DAY APPROACHING – By Amir Tsarfati In the Bible, Jesus spoke about the signs that would make it clear His return is near. What are those signs? And are they evident today? As a Jewish native Israeli who is a Christian, Amir Tsarfati has a distinct perspective that weaves biblical history, current events, and Bible prophecy together to shine light on the mysteries about the end times. From his vantage point in the Middle East and through careful Bible study, Amir points to evidence that informs us the return of the Lord is imminent. (this book is found on [www:harvesthousepublishers.com](http://www.harvesthousepublishers.com))

THE HOUSE AT THE END OF THE MOOR – By Michelle Griep Opera star Maggie Lee escapes her opulent lifestyle when threatened by a powerful politician who aims to ruin her life. She runs off to the wilds of the moors to live in anonymity. All that changes the day she discovers a half-dead man near her house. Escaped convict Oliver Ward is on the run to prove his innocence, until he gets hurt and is taken in by Maggie. He discovers some jewels in her possession—the very same jewels that got him convicted. Together they hatch a plan to return the jewels, clearing Oliver's name and hopefully maintaining Maggie's anonymity.

WHEN GOD WINKS AT YOU – By Squire Rushnell *When God Winks at You* is packed with true stories demonstrating that God does communicate with us, making incredible things happen in our lives every single day. As you read the riveting accounts of everyday and famous people—including Tim Conway, Rudolph Giuliani, Billy Graham, and Don Knotts—you will begin to recognize the *godwinks* in your own life, both past and present. Through these tangible signposts from God, we receive personalized messages that reassure us, stop us from worrying, chart our path in life, and help us keep the faith.

THE FOUR WINDS – By Kristin Hannah From the number-one bestselling author of *The Nightingale* and *The Great Alone* comes a powerful American epic about love and heroism and hope, set during the Great Depression, a time when the country was in crisis and at war with itself, when millions were out of work and even the land seemed to have turned against them.

UNLOCKED – By Karen Kingsbury Despite his quiet ways and quirky behaviors, Holden Harris is very happy and socially engaged—on the inside, in a private world all his own. But Holden is an eighteen-year-old with autism. Every day he is bullied at school by kids who only see that he is very different. Ella Reynolds is part of the in-crowd. A cheerleader and star of the high school drama production, her life seems perfect. When she catches Holden listening to her rehearse for the school play, she is drawn to him . . . the way he is drawn to the music. Then Ella makes a dramatic discovery—she and Holden were best friends as children. Frustrated by the way Holden is bullied and horrified at the indifference of her peers, Ella decides to take a stand against the most privileged and popular kids at school. Including her boyfriend, Jake. Ella believes miracles can happen in the most unlikely places and that just maybe an entire community might celebrate from the sidelines. But will Holden's praying mother, Ella, and a cast of theater kids be enough to unlock the prison that contains Holden? This time friendship, faith, and the power of a song must be strong enough to open the doors to the miracle Holden needs.

A MOTHER'S KNOT – By Gail R. Coleman This is a true story told by the author about her son's life changing accident that left him a quadriplegic. It tells of the struggle to survive, the acceptance through rehabilitation, and the transformation to a new life.

THE TOMB, THE THIEF, THE WELL – By Stephanie Landsem (These are three different books by this author. They are part the Living Waters series.)

The Well - In the rich tradition of Francine Rivers's Lineage of Grace series, comes a beautiful retelling of the biblical story of the woman at the well—bringing to life this poignant young woman struggling to survive love and heartbreak.

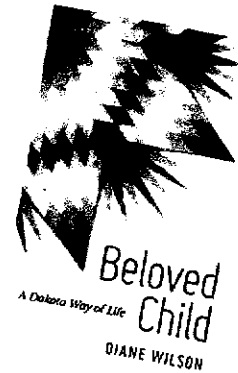
The Tomb -In this captivating retelling of a classic biblical story, Jesus shocks the town of Bethany with Lazarus's resurrection from the dead, leading Martha—a seemingly perfect woman trapped by the secrets of her past—to hope and a new life.

The Thief - A Roman centurion longing for peace and a Jewish woman hiding a deadly secret witness a miracle that transforms their lives and leads them to the foot of the cross.

Register today to join a book study . . .

Beloved Child: A Dakota Way of Life

by Diane Wilson



This book study is sponsored by Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Lakes and Prairies and led by members of the PWS Native American Concerns Committee.

**It is open to interested women and men across the synod,
via Zoom videoconferencing (using computer or phone)
There is no charge to participate, yet registration is required.**

Dates: May 16 and 23, June 6

Daytime study begins at 1:30-2:30 PM (CST)

Evening study begins at 6:30-7:30 PM (CST)

Synopsis: "Far greater even than the loss of land, or the relentless coercion to surrender cultural traditions, the deaths of over six hundred children by the spring of 1864 were an unbearable tragedy. Nearly one hundred and fifty years after the U.S.–Dakota War of 1862, Dakota people are still struggling with the effects of this unimaginable loss."

Among the Dakota, the Beloved Child ceremony marked the special, tender affection that parents felt toward a child whose life had been threatened. In this moving book, author Diane Wilson explores the work of several modern Dakota people who are continuing to raise beloved children: Gabrielle Tateyuskaskan, an artist and poet; Clifford Canku, a spiritual leader and language teacher; Alameda Rocha, a boarding school survivor; Harley and Sue Eagle, Canadian activists; and Delores Brunelle, an Ojibwe counselor. Each of these humble but powerful people teaches children to believe in the "genius and brilliance" of Dakota culture as a way of surviving historical trauma.

Crucial to true healing, Wilson has learned, is a willingness to begin with yourself. Each of these people works to transform the effects of genocide, restoring a way of life that regards our beloved children as wakan, sacred.

Register by contacting Marilyn Stone at mmstone52@att.net

Provide the following information:

- Email address
- Presbytery

- Name
- Phone #
- Afternoon or evening study preference

PW SYNOD GATHERING

June 16-19, 2022

Hilton Garden Inn

1132 Larsen Park Road

Sioux City, Iowa 51106

The theme for the Synod Gathering in June will be **PW: Better Together**. The Registration Packet is available on the Synod Website or from the PW Presbytery Moderator. The Gathering Committee has selected 2 Mission Opportunities for \$10 gift cards and identified 2 recipients for the Gathering Offering. There will be 16 workshops to choose from! And a first time: Gathering Choir led by Music Leader Rev. Kristi Holler and musician Pat Penn! The Hands-on-Mission project is cutting and sewing Presbytery Disaster Assistance Gift of the Heart School Bags.

There is a **pre-gathering mission event** on Thursday, June 16th. A guided tour of the Dr. Susan LaFlesche Picotte Hospital in Walthill, NE. will be held. Visits will also be made to the John G. Neihardt Center, the Bancroft Cemetery, Faith Presbyterian Church, and Dr. Susan's home in Walthill. Lunch will be at the Honoring-the-Clans Sculpture Garden.

Registrations for both of these events is due before May 15th. Registration forms will be available at Spring Gathering.

Greetings,

Attached is information about the next PWS Native American Book Study book, "**Beloved Child: A Dakota Way of Life**" by **Diane Wilson**. This study will occur on **May 16, May 23 and June 6th**, with sessions at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM (Central). This book is recommended reading prior to Rev. Dr. Clifford Canku's workshop at the PW Synod Gathering which will be held on June 16-19 in Sioux City, IA. Please share this information with others. You will need to register with me (name, presbytery, cell #, and identify 1:30 or 6:30 PM Central session).

Lenten blessings,
Marilyn Stone

BIRTHDAY OFFERING INFORMATION

It is time for our annual Birthday Offering! Information will be coming to your church or PW soon. The two recipients for 2022 are listed below. Please consider participating in this special offering. Mission—it is what we are about!

Thank you, Linda Anthony CNPW Treasurer

McCleary House Transitional Housing, Farmington, Maine

The Birthday Offering Grant will help renovate McCleary House for people experiencing homelessness. Poverty has been increasing in Maine, with a growing number of vulnerable people losing their homes due to job loss, eviction, sickness, or economic hardship—all complicated in the last years by the pandemic. This transitional home will provide a warm and healthy place to live for 3-4 families or 6-8 individuals over the course of the year, as most guests stay just a few months. The renovated house will provide a safe space for individuals to begin the psycho-social, educational, and vocational work needed to move forward with their lives.

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand, Lares, Puerto Rico

Following Hurricane Maria in 2017 and the January 2020 earthquakes in Puerto Rico, the Presbyterian Church in Lares has become the go-to location in the community for food, purified water and personal items. With much of the population elderly and infirmed, they rely on the church for help with necessities. Because the church's kitchen is small, dated and not code compliant, upgrades are needed to continue providing this ministry. With funding from the Birthday Offering, all appliances, wiring, lighting, and plumbing will be replaced, and the facility will be made ADA accessible. Solar panels and a heavy-duty generator will be installed to provide uninterrupted electrical service and water availability.