

The header features a vibrant image of the Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis) in shades of green, blue, and purple against a dark night sky filled with stars. Below the aurora, a silhouette of a mountain range is visible. The text is centered over this background.

NORTHERN LIGHTS NEWSLETTER

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE NORTHERN PLAINS – SPRING 2021

Moderator's Musings

Lana Schultz, PWP Moderator

As we move into a new year, we are grateful for the gift of a vaccine and the hope of vaccinations to come. In this time of waiting, the Coordinating Team chose to get together by Zoom for the **Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 24, at 10:00 a.m.** I will send a **Zoom invitation** to all officers and moderators to share. Anyone who might be inadvertently missed, please contact Lana Schultz by email (lanaj0@casselton.net) or phone (701-238-4538), and I will send the invitation to you.

The theme for the Gathering, **"Memory Lane,"** comes from a request from presbytery, "What is the story of our churches?" The presbytery is asking all members "to take a trip down Memory Lane through the halls of your church and share the stories of what you love most about your church and why those memories are so meaningful to you. The goal is to share these stories – not only with members of your own congregation, but on the presbytery's website as well. This will provide a much more meaningful history that will show the surrounding community and presbytery the many reasons why it is so important to be part of the church." More details of this request from presbytery are found later in this newsletter under "Memory Lane." This can be a project for your PW to start as soon as possible.

At this year's Spring Gathering we want to walk together down Memory Lane. Maybe reminisce on past Spring/Fall Gatherings, Synod Gatherings, and Churchwide Gatherings, sharing those memories that stand out and how/why they may have been useful/helpful in your faith life. Or share a favorite space or event in the church and what makes that memory so meaningful to you. Think of these memories as the stones and "Jesus has become the cornerstone." Acts 4:11.

In God's Grace,

Lana Schultz, PWP Moderator

Jesus replied, "Come and See!"
~ John 1:39

DEVOTION: Devotion from *These Days, "Turning"* by Paddy Eastwood (March 16, 2021).

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. Psalm 51:1

In this season of Lent, we are called to repent. "Repentance" means both a turning from and a turning to. When we repent, we turn away from sin and darkness, from self-serving attitudes and behavior, and turn toward the light, committing ourselves to a life lived in and with Jesus Christ, a life of purpose and service. Trusting in God's steadfast love, we can acknowledge the brokenness of our lives and of the society in which we live and recommit ourselves to Jesus Christ and the life to which he calls us. Merciful God, keep us oriented toward the light of Jesus Christ. "For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it." *The Hill We Climb*, by Amanda Gorman, National Youth Poet Laureate.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN: Eighteen FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN grants, each up to \$4,000, were gifted in 2020 to women's and children's programs in Northern Ghana, Zambia, Tanzania, USA, Philippines, Bangladesh, Japan, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, East Timor, France, Palestine, Serbia, Chile, Puerto Rico, Bosnia and Herzegovina. *Horizons Magazine*, November/December 2020 (pgs. 24-26).



[Fellowship of the Least Coin brochure](#)

CHURCHWIDE NEWS: As of the publication of this newsletter, it is still undecided as to whether the Churchwide Gathering 2021 will be held virtually or in person. In either case, plan to gather on **August 5-8, 2021**. This event, if held in person, will take place in St. Louis, Missouri. Look for registration information to come!! At our virtual Fall Gathering last year, we voted to approve covering the registration fee for up to 10 attendees to Churchwide. A copy of your registration form should be sent to our Treasurer, Sharon Johnson, for reimbursement.

Congratulations to **Kathleen Keefer**, Synod representative to Churchwide, on her nomination as Vice Moderator on Churchwide's Board of Directors. Kathleen is the moderator for Missouri River Valley Presbytery, our PW Synod newsletter editor, and serves as chair of Synod's Justice & Peace Committee.

SYNOD NEWS: Justice & Peace Committee has a **Book Club** which meets the **second Monday every other month**. The next Zoom Book Club chat is **February 8 at either 12:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.** We will be reviewing the book (also movie) "Just Mercy." Anyone can join in all or some of these Book Club events. If interested, please contact Kathleen Keefer at kathleenkeefer20@gmail.com.

Native American Concerns Committee is now in its 7th **Book Study**. Marilyn Stone facilitates this study, every other week, on the book "Beneath the Same Stars" by Phyllis Cole-Dai. Everyone is welcome to participate by Zoom at either 1:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 1, Feb. 15, March 1, and March 15. Contact Marilyn Stone mmstone52@att.net. In March, the book study at 6:30 p.m. will welcome a visit from the book's author.

Zoom video-conferencing presents an option for PW coordinating teams to meet, stay connected and be supportive to one another in our continuing days of social distancing. Our PW Synod renewed its Zoom services. The PW Synod Coordinating Team has agreed to offer use of its licensed Zoom account to PW coordinating teams, circles, committees for group meetings or bible study should your church not have its own Zoom account. Please contact Lana Schultz (lanaj0@casselton.net) if you wish to schedule a zoom meeting for your PW.



PRESBYTERY NEWS: Moderator, Lana Schultz, has received three PW Annual Reports to date. Please send her your annual report as soon as possible. A copy of the form is included in this newsletter. The moderator's address is on the PWCT roster also included in this newsletter.

PWP is grateful to the Fargo PW for extending an invitation for everyone to participate in the **Horizons' Bible Study by Zoom**. The Fargo PW Bible Study is offered **every third Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m.** If you would like to participate in the Bible Study, the open Zoom or cellphone invitation is below:

First Presbyterian Fargo is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. [Join Zoom Meeting](#) by clicking on link below:

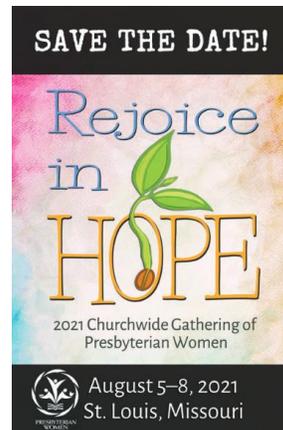
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82883628036>

Meeting ID: 828 8362 8036

Join by phone by dialing the phone number: **312-626-6799 US (Chicago)** and, when asked, dial the **Meeting ID: 828 8362 8036 #**. *Please note this is not a toll-free*

number and, unless your phone plan has unlimited minutes, you will be charged for the call.

SEARCH COMMITTEE: The Search Committee is looking to fill the positions of **secretary, search committee member** and **moderator**. With prayer and discernment, please contact Charlotte Enger, Donna Preston or Nancy Lium if you or someone you know might be interested in being part of the PW Presbytery Coordinating Team. Contact information for members of the Search Committee is on the Coordinating Team Roster included in this newsletter.



NOTE: It is yet **undecided** as to whether the Churchwide Gathering will be **virtual or in person**. If in person, the next **CHURCHWIDE GATHERING** of Presbyterian Women will be at the Grand Marriott Hotel and St. Louis Convention Center in St. Louis, Missouri.

Registration is \$450 and scholarships from PW of the Northern Plains will be available. **SAVE THE DATES August 5-8, 2021** and plan to attend **CHURCHWIDE 2021**. One Hundred twenty-five (125) grants at \$450 each for financial support have been approved. There will be an application form to fill out and reference letters are required. The Churchwide Board approved gift cards as a mission project for the 2021 Churchwide Gathering in St. Louis. The cards will support work in three areas: •PW disaster recovery efforts in Puerto Rico •USA Mission Experience to the Finger Lakes Region in New York •Women's health in the St. Louis area.

WEBINARS: Churchwide’s Inclusive Community Committee continues to work on webinars and hopes to coordinate up to four per year. The webinars will be recorded and available on the PW website. PW 101 is in the works. Other possibilities are PW website, PW resources and creative ways to use them, technology101/201, including ways to utilize technology at PW gatherings. Educational workshops will be available on the PW website. The first workshop in development is Telling Our PW Story, including an “Elevate PW” activity. Consideration is being given to a “tactical approach to leadership development.” Future topics may include running a meeting; worship resources in a meeting; mentoring/supporting potential leaders.



NEW PW RESOURCES: “Prayer and Beyond: Faithful Response in Times of Trouble” is a timely pocket-sized resource, serving as a reminder of God’s presence even in the most difficult times. Though we experience hardship and disasters, in God we find the courage and the strength to face the difficult times and to persevere. Order at www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop (PWR19205) or download at www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/prayer-beyond/

How Might Church Look Post-Pandemic

The pandemic has caused many changes in our daily lives. Some have been agreeable; others not so much. Our children will probably tell you that they miss traditional school where they meet in person and talk with friends. Some of us have easily gravitated to on-line shopping. Wearing masks most likely isn’t our favorite change, but we understand the reason and go along for safety’s sake. Working from home has its pros and cons, too. Wardrobe dollars are saved, but we miss the exchange of ideas and stories with our cohorts.

Traditional worship in a sanctuary has changed, too. Most churches closed their doors to in-person worship for an extended time, and many moved to online worship via Zoom, Facebook, or other streaming service. And in all honesty, it hasn’t been so bad; we attend while still in our pajamas, a cup of coffee close by! But still, we greatly miss seeing friends and socializing afterward.

What will the future hold? Will the online streaming cease, or will we move to some sort of hybrid situation? After all, it has become evident that some who attend the Midway Community Parish streaming services could never do so in person due to distance in other cities or states.

Read about what other worship communities are doing during the pandemic:

<https://tinyurl.com/WorshipInOurPjs>

Devotion

When Presbyterian Women meet, we often recite *Our Purpose* from memory. It is an important reminder of who we are, and it guides our actions. As we emerge from this pandemic, and while we yet have the stillness of winter to allow our minds time and quiet to ponder, let us deeply reflect on our stated 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.

Memory Lane

The presbytery's website has a section that provides the history of the churches in this area. It reports the typical details of who donated land, when that happened, and where the different physical buildings have been located throughout the years. It's a good summary – but it doesn't tell the whole story.

What is the story of this presbytery? Well – the presbytery does not exist without congregations, so maybe the better question is, "What is the story of our churches?" My guess would be that the historical records of the churches are probably very similar: dates, names, donations, locations – all the things that we typically report as we try to preserve historical records. But that doesn't tell the whole story either.

These types of histories don't account for the people. Without people, there is no church. Membership rolls document who was part of the church and when, but there's more to being a member of a church than simply having your name on a list.

I invite you to take a trip down Memory Lane through the halls of your church. I invite you to share the stories of what you love most about your church and why those memories are so meaningful to you. Take a few moments to walk through every room of your church building – either physically or even just in your mind. Open every door, step into every room, relive the cherished memories and write them down so that they can be part of the historical record of your church. Once the stories are gathered, they can be shared – not only with members of your own congregation, but on the presbytery's website as well. This will provide a much more meaningful history that will show the surrounding community the many reasons why it is so important to be part of the church.

I will share a few examples here to give you an idea of what I'm referring to. Begin with the simple directive, **"Share a memory of your church and why it's important to you."** Here goes:

1. We'd been gathering donations for the spring rummage sale for a few months and very quickly ran out of storage space, so a lot of stuff ended up in the boiler room – which was completely against local fire codes. Since we knew that we were breaking some rules, we at least tried to only put the 'non-flammable' items in there, shoved as far out of the way as possible. I was working in there with a few other volunteers to sort and price an enormous collection of hand tools that had been donated several weeks before. Wrenches, screwdrivers, hack saws, hammers, chisels, and every other hand tool you could think of – and we'd been sorting them into five-gallon buckets and plastic milk crates for the past two days. Although there were only a handful of us going through these tools, it seemed like everyone had a story to go along with each tool that was touched. Memories of a first car, a teacher from a high school shop class, something built by great-grandpa or a long-lost uncle, a fight with a brother or sister and an escape to the tool shed to calm down afterwards – it didn't matter. Memories of all kinds were very freely shared over those few days in that dark musty boiler room. The memories of those people and those relationships over hand tools still remain, reminding me how important it is to take every opportunity to get to know people from generations other than my own. Being part of a church is the only place I have to make those connections with all generations on a regular basis.
2. I co-chaired the Christian Education Committee with my best friend Alicia for several years. We both had full-time jobs in other places, but she would come to the church every Monday after work to take care of the bookkeeping. I'd pick up some food for the two of us, head to the church, and after we ate we'd work on CE stuff for the next several hours. There was always sometime for us to

tackle: choosing Sunday school curriculum for the kids, making plans for the high school youth group, preparing songs for the kids' music program, choosing studies for the adult small groups, updating bulletin boards, and a myriad random projects that the two of us were often roped into.

After we finished the night's projects, we'd often sit in the dark sanctuary for awhile before going home. The building was brand new – and because of the expense, there were no stained glass windows in the sanctuary. The nine-foot round windows in the front and back of the sanctuary (where rosette windows would normally be) were clear glass, and the gigantic windows along the sides of the sanctuary started at roughly waist-height and stretched all the way up to the roofline two and a half stories up – all clear glass. During the day, the sunshine poured in – and through the big round windows on the front and back walls, we could see the tops of the trees waving in the wind with the bright blue sky in the background and slivers of white clouds floating by. At night, the views of the moon and the stars through those big round windows made us feel like we were sitting inside of a massive telescope staring out into space. The street lights that lined the sidewalks cast beautiful shadows that stretched all the way across the sanctuary, giving that sacred space an atmosphere most church members would never see. It was an incredible sight to behold – absolutely incredible – and we could actually *feel* the presence of God in that space. Those were holy moments, moments when the command to “Be still and know that I am God” (Ps 46:10) were very clearly demonstrated.

As you can see, the pieces don't have to be very long or overly detailed. **The goal is to gather a simple collection of memories that you have of your church that you would like to share with others. Hand-written or typed – or even spoken into a video camera or tape recorder, if you prefer. The presbytery's mailing address and email addresses are included below – just send your stories, include your first name and the church you are remembering, and we will take care of the rest.**

In my last congregation, there were a dozen or so church members who were over 100 years old. Stanford, a man I would often visit, always had stories to share. About once each week, his grandson would come over to his house, set up a video camera and say things like ‘tell me stories about when you were between 10 and 15 years old,’ and would adjust the age range each time. Or he'd ask something a bit more broadly, like, ‘tell me about spring planting with your dad’ or ‘what did your grandma bake when the harvest came in?’ He just wanted to preserve the stories of his family in any way that he could so that they could be passed down to future generations.

Churches don't do that often enough. Annual reports and session minutes do not tell the whole story. Membership rolls and cabinets full of baptism certificates and Sunday school registers only provide small pieces of history. We want to share our stories of friendship, faith, and what being part of a church really means to us with the generations that will follow. Please join me on this adventure and share your memories of a church experience, tradition, project, structure, space and why it's a cherished one with your church and the presbytery.

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United Nations Women Ad Campaign

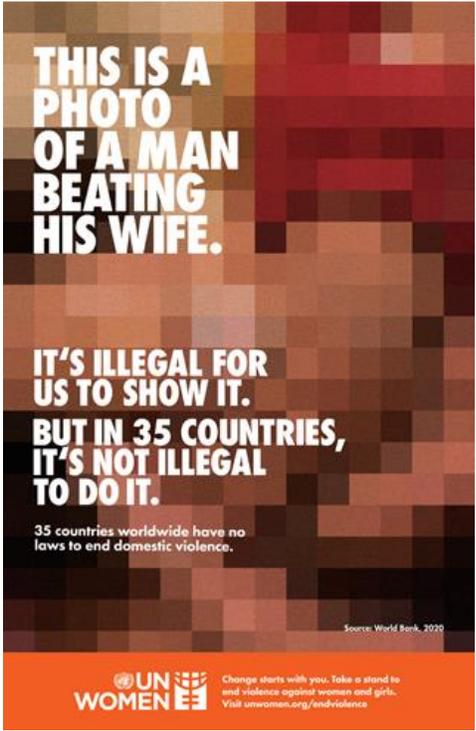
A spotlight on legal gaps to end violence against women

Laws and their effective implementation are a critical foundation in preventing violence against women and girls and responding to this grave human rights violation. These fliers were created by the United Nations to bring attention to this issue.

Source: <https://www.unwomen.org/en/digital-library/multimedia/2020/11/campaign-laws-endviolence>



The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) at the United Nations will continue this year. Last year, it was canceled at the last minute due to the pandemic. This year it will be virtual. PW has asked those who were supposed go last year, to attend virtually this year and most agreed. The dates of the CSW – 65 are March 15 through March 26. There will be training for the PW and PCUSA delegates on March 13th and training through Ecumenical Women on March 14th. I will again be attending, though not as a PW delegate but as a PCUSA or Board delegate (TBD). And again, I would love to present information to your groups about the CSW and what I has accomplished. During this time of Zoom meetings, it is especially easy to participate with you no matter how far away you are from Omaha!! I look forward to speaking with your circles, PWP Gatherings, etc. kathleenkefer20@gmail.com

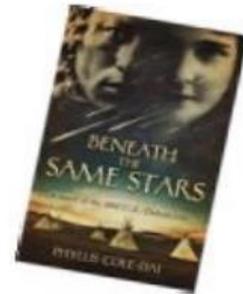


Register today to join a book study . . .

Beneath the Same Stars:

A novel of the 1862 U.S. – Dakota War

by Phyllis Cole-Dai



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 nor to use Zoom, yet registration is required.

Remaining dates: February 1, February 15, March 1, March 15

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

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

Author, Phyllis Cole Dai will join us on March 15 at 6:30 PM



Synopsis: *August 18, 1862.* On the Sioux reservation in southwestern Minnesota, Indians desperate for food and freedom rise up against whites in the region. Sarah Wakefield, the wife of a physician, is taken captive with her two babies. Their fate falls into the hands of the warrior Časke, with whom she has slim acquaintance. As war rages, little does she know how entwined their lives will become.

Beneath the Same Stars is the gripping story of two people, caught between worlds, who are willing to do almost anything to defend those they care about—including each other. But the drama is bigger than themselves. Tragic forces have been set in motion....



Register by contacting Marilyn Stone at mmstone52@att.net

Provide the following information:

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| - Email address | - Name |
| - Presbytery | - Phone # |
| | - Afternoon or evening study preference |

Don't be concerned about the outward beauty of fancy hairstyles, expensive jewelry, or beautiful clothes. You should clothe yourselves instead with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God.

- 1 Peter 3:3-4

Radical Hospitality

Thinking about Our Younger Cohorts

The Midway Community Parish recently participated in a book study of *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* by Robert Schnase. It was a great opportunity to read, reflect, and discuss how our churches might embrace the basic tenants the author proposes. This made me think about our organization, Presbyterian Women. Our community has had an influx of younger families, thanks partly to a great community school, reliable childcare, and affordable housing. This presents a wonderful opportunity for PW: How can we demonstrate radical hospitality to our younger women? How do we present PW as a vital, stimulating, pertinent organization, worthy of their valuable time?

The author defines *radical* as “drastically different from ordinary practice, outside the normal.” Re-read that definition, and reflect how our local PW groups might respond.

I suspect that many of our PW groups in the Presbytery of the Northern Plains do not have many members

under the age of 50. Women have so many roles to play: employee, business owner, farmer, cook, mother, social organizer, bookkeeper, play group organizer, chauffeur...the list goes on! We are busy people!

Here are a few things I am pondering:

- Is there an intention plan in place to invite others?
- Are we adaptable to the needs, skills, and talents of others?
- Is PW being represented as an organization of “meaning, grace, hope, friendship, and service?”
- Do we willfully see women who others might not see?
- How is PW presented as providing purpose and hope?

I am certain that you, too, have some ideas along these lines. Let us use this as a point of discussion as we move into 2021. Let’s create a buzz of excitement! Let’s invite others, as Jesus did, to “Come and see” (John 1:39).

Your thoughts and comments: cboldish@gmail.com

Coffee Hour

Presbytery of the Northern Plains

Join us Monday mornings at 9:00 for fellowship and good conversation. Get a cup of coffee or your favorite morning drink and hop on zoom for a good time!

Join Zoom Meeting

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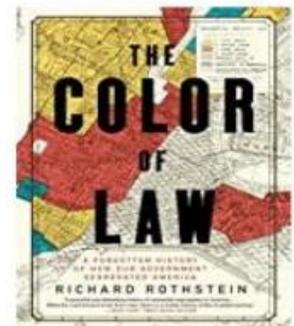
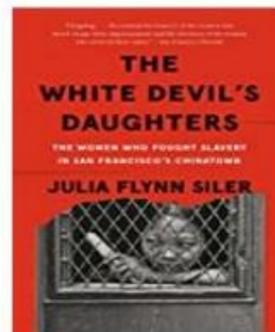
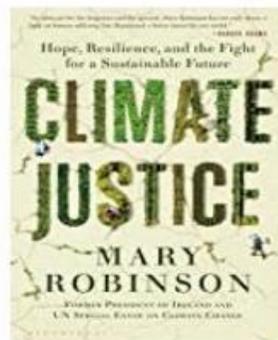
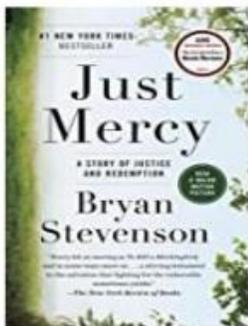
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THE SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRIES PRESENTS...

PW JUSTICE AND PEACE BOOK STUDY GROUP (aka BOOK CLUB)

- Read a new book every two months
- Receive study guides or questions for each book to inform your reading
- Meet via Zoom for a two-hour discussion

Books remaining for the 2020-2021 season:



The books are all recommended by Presbyterian Women. The book Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson will be discussed on February 8th, 2021. There will be two times to join the Zoom, 12:30 – 2:30 pm and 6:30 – 8:30 pm (Central Time). You must be registered to receive the study questions and to join the call due to Zoom protocol. Contact Kathleen Keefer at: kathleenkeef20@gmail.com

You do not need to commit to participate in the next 4 book discussions as you will register for each one separately.

The "CLUB" is open to all regardless of gender.

Possible Books for 2021-2022: Decolonizing Wealth: Indigenous Wisdom to Heal Divides and Restore Balance by Edgar Villanueva (suggested by Co-Moderators of PC(USA)); Caste by Isabel Wilkerson; Trust Women: A Progressive Christian Argument for Reproductive Justice by Rebecca Todd Peters; Hillbilly Elegy by J. D. Vance; White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo and Poverty in America by John Iceland. Some of these are from the PW list, others are not! If you know of a book we should read, please let me know!!

God Meets Us Where We Are

The following is shared by Donna Monteith.

Copied from “Chucks and Pearls” Group.
THIS HIT ME HARD.

Have you ever noticed how in the scriptures men are always going up into the mountains to commune with the Lord?

Yet in the scriptures we hardly ever hear of women going to the mountains.

But we know why — right?

Because the women were too busy keeping life going; they couldn't abandon babies,

meals,

homes,

fires,

gardens,

and a thousand responsibilities to make the climb into the mountains!

I was talking to a friend the other day, saying that as modern woman I feel like I'm never “free” enough from my responsibilities, never in a quiet enough space I want with God.

Her response floored me,

“That is why God comes to women.

Men have to climb the mountain to meet God, but God comes to women where ever they are.”

I have been pondering on her words for weeks and have searched my scriptures to see that what she said is true.

God does in deed come to women where they are, when they are doing their ordinary, everyday work.

He meets them at the wells where they draw water for their families, in their homes, in their kitchens, in their gardens.

He comes to them as they sit beside sickbeds, as they give birth, care for the elderly, and perform necessary mourning and burial rites.

Even at the empty tomb, Mary was the first to witness Christ's resurrection, She was there because she was doing the womanly chore of properly preparing Christ's body for burial. In these seemingly mundane and ordinary tasks, these women of the scriptures found themselves face to face with divinity.

So if — like me — you ever start to bemoan the fact that you don't have as much time to spend in the mountains with God as you would like. Remember, God comes to women. He knows where we are and the burdens we carry. He sees us, and if we open our eyes and our hearts we will see Him, even in the most ordinary places and in the most ordinary things. He lives. And he's using a time such as this to speak to women around the world.

Original : Heather F.

From Kathy Gr Jan 2021

The Sower

The Sower is changing to a different email provider. Please enter this new address into your contacts so that the next edition doesn't go to your Spam Folder. The new address is: thesower.slap@gmail.com

Kathleen Keefer, Editor

The Sower

PW in Synod of the Lakes and Prairies

The Hill We Climb

Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman recited her poem, [The Hill We Climb](#), during President Biden's Inauguration. Her recitation inspires hope. At a time in our nation's history amid political turmoil and a world-wide pandemic, her words are a much-needed balm. Here is an excerpt:

*We will rise from the lake-rimmed cities of
the midwestern states.*

We will rise from the sun-baked south.

We will rebuild, reconcile, and recover.

To see, hear, and read the poem in its entirety, click here: [The Hill We Climb](#).



Resources for Inspired Living

COVID-19 Resources for Congregations and Members: <https://www.pcusa.org/covid19/>

Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations by Robert Schnase: <https://tinyurl.com/y4enbgaa>

Matthew 25 in PC(USA): Actively Engaged in the World: <https://tinyurl.com/y4446vhe>

Prayer and Beyond: Faithful Response in Times of Trouble: www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/prayer-beyond/

Presbyterian Giving Catalog: <https://presbyteriangifts.pcusa.org/gifts/?appeal=SG-5E20>

Presbytery of the Northern Plains: <https://www.northernplainspresbytery.com/>

Presbyterian Women: <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/>



Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For
the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9



Editor's Note

Carrie Boldish

In response to a request for updates from our PW moderators, many seemed to struggle to know what to say. Surely we had hoped to be “opening up” from the pandemic by this time, but it is simply not the case – yet. We are waiting for vaccinations and for greatly declining numbers of cases. That is ok. It is better to be safe and comfortable with our decisions. We can use this time to catch up on things that we’ve put off. It is my hope and prayer that by Fall 2021, we will all have much positive and uplifting news to share. Still, it is such a joy to read about all that IS happening! The work of the Lord never ceases to amaze.

Help Improve This Newsletter

I am a bit new to PW, and as such, I am quite unsure what to include in this newsletter. I do not want to repeat information that you might see in other publications, such as *Presbyterians Today*, or emails from other Presbyterian agencies. Lana pointed me to *The Sower* as a possible source. I would be thrilled to look at your comments and suggestions for this publication. What types of articles do you enjoy? What Presbyterian literature or web sites do you regularly read? I look forward to reading your comments: cboldish@gmail.com

Arvilla

Linda Warnke

Our board will meet in February to assess the situation with regard to COVID-19. Until then, all activities have been postponed. God bless everyone, and stay safe.

When she speaks, her words are wise, and she gives instructions with kindness.

– Proverbs 31:26

Bdecan

Rosie Helland

The Bdecan Church has been very busy in that past few months with all the need for food since the pandemic. We have served on average about 60-70 families a month and put out about 4-5 thousand pounds of food per month. The Great Plains Food Bank has been very generous with food through USDA by helping out with no charge for many items we order. All we pay is the shipping charges. This has been a great help with the budget for us. We have done some moving around and rearranging of the food pantry which makes it more convenient to fill boxes and easier to stock shelves in our building. Fargo church was very generous to donate another freezer to us so we could order more meat and give out more variety of frozen foods. We have changed our hours at the pantry to 12-7 on the 3rd Thurs. of the month and with more hours we distance ourselves and no one has to wait in line. It has worked out very well.

The members of the church have been very helpful to keep the clothing pantry clean and orderly so people have an easier time to go in and look for clothing. The generosity of churches and others in the community have kept it well stocked with items. This has been a big help to everyone with so many jobs lost here on the reservation.

We have also been very fortunate with being able to hold worship services and Sunday School in the church and pot luck afterwards. We had 6 members who contracted the Corona Virus in the community this fall, but all have recovered with no ill effects. During this time, we were shut down and everyone came into compliance with quarantining.

We had a Halloween Party for the kids, a Christmas Party for the Ladies, and a Christmas movie “The Star” for the community. We social distanced and wore masks and all had a good time. No COVID-19 reported after these events.

The kids went to FaHoCha camp this summer, and 2 of our kids came back positive with COVID-19 despite the

fact that all had been tested. But, we came through that with no ill effects. They had a great time, and their favorite part was that they had been cooped up and not able to do anything because of the virus. So just getting to go and have fun with friends from last year they met at camp and swimming and games made it all worth while. They had camp fires at night and lots of singing and play acting. They are ready to go again next summer.

Good news here is that Louie and Hilda have become grandparents again to a little girl. She is very precious and we are looking forward to her baptism yet this winter. We also had 2 other baptisms this fall. We are so happy to report that we have 5 men attending worship on a regular basis now, which is an increase of 3. We are hoping to be able to start a men's breakfast once a month on Saturday mornings once the virus is under control. Maybe by next Fall.

We also hope to be able to get a Bible study group together in the Fall. It has been a very busy time for Bob and I since we came here in June and look forward to the virus being over so we can resume all of our regular activities here at Bdecan. We are especially looking forward to having mission teams being able to come again.

Colgate

Melanie Mewes

The Colgate Presbyterian Women are so very grateful to receive the grant that was bestowed on behalf of our efforts in support of the Wings as Eagles Ministry at the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. With our God's gracious help, we are pleased to share that every penny was put to very good use in making our efforts a success.



Our journey starts in 2004....and it started with a prayer. Marilyn Henderson, the Mission Coordinator

for Baldwin Presbyterian Church in Pillsbury, N.D., came across an article that was published in a Samaritan's Purse newsletter. In it, it explained because of the overwhelming support of the Christmas Shoebox drive, they were able to give the excess gifts to the Wings as Eagles Ministry on the Pine Ridge Reservation. After reading the article, Marilyn felt a very special pull in her heart, and she felt she needed to investigate further. As a former teacher on a Native American Reservation, she knew the needs could be great, and she had been praying that the Lord would lead her to a reservation where she could be of help. She called Samaritan's Purse from the number provided in the newsletter. A very helpful person gave her the number for the Wings as Eagles Ministry. When she called the number, Pastor Lori McAfee answered the call, and a friendship began. Lori is the Founder, President, and CEO of Wings as Eagles Ministry. This was just what Marilyn was praying for: a way to provide relief and comfort to the Lakota children and their loved ones. God led Marilyn to Lori, and now things began to roll!

Marilyn started out collecting gifts as her own personal mission project. Very soon after, Baldwin Presbyterian was on board. And a short time later, the Page Area Mission Society of Page, N.D., which Marilyn is a member, joined in. This very active group raised funds throughout the years to pay for the shipping of the gifts and to purchase gifts as well.

It is a great time to mention that a good portion of the gifts are donated by individuals. The Mission Society did quite well for a number of years, but then changes need to be made. Up until this time, they packaged the gifts in the basement of the United Methodist Church in Page, N.D. We are very sad to report that the church closed its doors, and a new packaging place needed to be found. The group was also searching for a cheaper way to send the gifts, as shipping was quite expensive. This led Marilyn to contact Anita Erickson, of TSR Parts in Colgate, N.D., to see if they could find a better shipping alternative. With their parts business, they have become experts in this. Anita and her daughter-in-law, Heather, arranged to help with the shipping. They also brought it to the attention of the elders of the

Presbyterian Church of Colgate that there was a need to find a new place to package these gifts. The elders were pleased to offer the church for their use. As each year went by, the CPW has gotten more involved with the Page Area Mission Society in raising funds and providing gifts. A great group of ladies from the Pillsbury and Colgate churches meet once a week and sew gifts to send. They made over 150 quilts, as well as pajama pants, mittens, crochet hats and scarves, and many other items. The best part about our "Happy Stitchers" is hearing how much fun they have when they are together. One can hear the laughter outside the building! Baldwin Presbyterian has made and filled many grooming bags. Our friends from Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Page sent quilts as well. Some of the members of the congregation have sent gifts each year, which is greatly appreciated. When it comes to packaging the presents over the years, all help is welcome! Sisters and good friends come to help! It is a labor of love! Our goal is to see that each gift, according to their age, receives a personal care item, an article of clothing, and a toy for children. For adults, we will send a book, food, or something useful.

God is within her,
she will not fall.

– Psalms 46:5

The last couple of years, this group has sent around 1,000 gifts to Wings as Eagles. This year, our numbers might be down, as they weren't packaged the usual way because of COVID-19. Our fundraising efforts were greatly affected by COVID-19, and that's why your generous gift was so important and very timely! We have no way to properly thank you for your generous support...so would you join us in giving all praise and thanksgiving to our Gracious God, for His Goodness, His Grace and blessings! And as in all good things....it starts with a prayer!

Fargo First Presbyterian

Nancy Lium

The Fargo PW has been holding our monthly board meeting by ZOOM since September. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 11 AM. We are grateful to the church for setting this ZOOM up for us on the church calendar. On the third Tuesday of each month at 2 PM we have been doing our Bible Study, by ZOOM from our study guide "Into the Light". This also on the church website and led by Reverend Mary Holtey. All are welcome to join us.

Our Town Hall series of two lectures from 2020 will be held in 2022. The tickets from 2020 will be honored. The dates are to be determined.

Our 2021 pledge letters have been sent out to all women of our congregation. We met our 2020 goals and are hopeful we will be able to do the same this year.

Our church will remain online for worship for the time being. Our website allows all to join in. We also have Sunday school for all ages at 9:15 each Sunday via ZOOM. At 11:30 AM on Sundays there is also ZOOM fellowship, there have been about 20 people signing on for this and it is fun to see their faces. We are eager to see one another again and have in person worship.

In December our PW gifted Grace Gardens, a new apartment building with 30 units, a project of the YWCA, with all the things one resident of this building will need when they move into a furnished apartment. We were given a tour and the building is surely a blessing to those residing there.

Until we meet again, God's Blessings, to all.

Gilby

Vicki Bunker

The Gilby PW hasn't met since March, and it doesn't look like we will begin again very soon. However, a couple of us have been attending the Zoom Horizons Bible Study led by Pastor Mary Holtey of Fargo First

Presbyterian Church. There is also a Psalms Bible study via Zoom led by the Presbytery of the Northern Plains Executive Presbyter. Others have enjoyed a study of *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* led by our pastor, Jamie Norstog. So one could say that we are employing “intentional faith development” until such time comes when we can meet again.

GILBY IN THE NEWS: Whether you read the Grand Forks Herald in paper, online, or via Facebook shares, you most likely noticed that Gilby made news. Our little community has recently seen an influx of young families, and this means attendance at Midway Monarchs Child Care and Midway School will also see an increase in attendance. It also bodes well for our community in the way of a larger pool of people interested in working to revitalize our town. Some of the new folks have already volunteered on the Fire Department and the Park Board. New ideas, increased energy, and a wealth of new friendships are presented. Though we will miss the folks who have departed, we are very fortunate that families found value in moving into a small town with a growing sense of community. Read the article here: <https://tinyurl.com/GilbyisGrowing>

LANGDON

Lynn McGauvran

Just like most everyone else in 2020, the Langdon PW group had a non-typical year. We did not schedule meetings in January or February but were able to get together in March for a regular gathering, as well as hosting the World Day of Prayer service for our community early in the month. COVID-19 precautions led to canceling our April and May meetings, but we met again in June, July, September and October, enjoying Bible study and fellowship, but, sadly, without lunch and coffee! The Bible study book “Taste and See” was completed, and we began watching the Mr. Rogers

movie “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood,” with companion study/discussion.

It was decided to cancel our main fundraising event, the summer salad luncheon, usually held in June. Instead, we asked that all ladies of the congregation donate an amount equal to the cost of a salad they would have prepared and brought to serve.

Area churches take turns hosting a birthday party at Maple Manor, our local care home, and September is our month. Of course, this was a casualty of COVID too, but hopefully we can bring our songs, skits, and cakes to share with the residents in September 2021!

We did celebrate the Birthday Offering dedication in June (typically in May), and the Thank Offering dedication in October. In addition, we were able to continue financially supporting our church’s Radio Fund (our Sunday service is broadcast on local radio), our local food pantry, a local cancer support group, a school supply drive in Bismarck, and the Youth for Christ organization in Fargo. We also make annual donations to the Fellowship of the Least Coin and American Leprosy Missions.

Our Christmas party gathering was another COVID-19 cancellation, but I know my waistline was probably better off without all the delicious appetizers and treats usually shared and enjoyed there!

To try and unite our group and congregation in a shared mission over the winter, a BINGO game was created with each square on the card listing an item needed for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance hygiene and school kits, as well as non-perishable foods and hygiene items for our local food pantry. Regular BINGO is acceptable; blackout is encouraged! It is hoped that everyone will have fun participating and donating to some worthy causes. Prizes will be awarded in April in a random drawing from all returned cards.

We’ve recently begun in-person worship again, along with coffee fellowship before the service. It is so good to be together, and we pray it can continue!



PW Mission Grant Helps Sustain and GROW a Sunday School Program

Rita Freeberg

“Kids don’t care what you know until they know that you care.” How could we show our Sunday school students, and their families, that we care, and how could we share God’s word, when we couldn’t safely meet in person?

As COVID-19 increased in our community, more and more Sunday school families reported being quarantined or having positive test results in their family. At the Gilby Church, we had already postponed the start of in-person Sunday School THREE times when we decided to postpone until further notice. In early October, **in an effort to stay connected to our students and families, lessons and crafts were gathered and delivered to the homes of each family**, and the project was called Sunday School Delivered Bags.



On October 26, the Presbytery hosted a Zoom meeting of interested Faith-Formation individuals, and within the exchange of ideas and brainstorming, I mentioned the bag of Sunday school materials, and then mentioned the drawback -- our church-budgeted funds weren’t going to be able to cover the expenses of more bags. Someone suggested applying for the PW Mission Grant, up to \$2000 to support the mission of the church.

The PW Mission grant has enabled the Gilby Church Sunday School to provide Christian Faith Formation materials, fun educational activities, crafts, some music, little gifts, and nutritional snacks, to keep Sunday School students, their families, and our Sunday school teachers connected and growing in God’s Grace. The grant is also funding monthly notes going home from each of the four Sunday school classroom teachers to their students.

Not only have the Sunday School Delivered Bags **sustained** our Faith-Formation program, but we have **increased** the registered students from 33 to 40, and the number of Sunday School families (even with one family having moved away) has increased from 22 to 24.

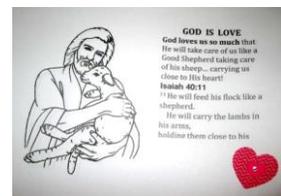


The Sunday School Delivered bags are supplemented with announcements, examples, and videos on our **Sunday School at the Gilby Church** Facebook page.

Gilby Church Sunday-School-Delivered Mission Project Supported with a PW Mission Grant



November lessons emphasized gratitude;
Christmas bags -- the Nativity Story; and
January/February bags -- the theme "God is Love."



Lessons, gratitude journals, little books, and coloring pages are among the learning materials and activities included in the bags.



Students LOVE crafts -- the following are just a few of the MANY crafts included in the bags: Gratitude Fall Blessings Bowl, Painting Rocks, Christmas Cross Ornament, and God Is Love craft



Some of our teachers and Youth Helpers putting together items to go home in the Sunday School Delivered bags

Gift of the Heart Kits

HYGIENE KIT PRODUCTS (Value \$15)

- 1 — hand towel (approximately 16" x 28", no fingertip or bath towels)
- 1 — washcloth
- 1 — wide-tooth comb (remove from package)
- 1 — nail clipper (remove from package)
- 1 — bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- 1 — toothbrush (in original packaging)
- 10 --Band-Aids® or other adhesive bandage strips

Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. If you wish, seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure. <http://pda.pcusa.org/page/kits/>. Do not include any religious symbols or notes.

School Kit (Value \$15)

- 1--pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- 1--30-cm ruler (12")
- 1--hand-held pencil sharpener
- 6--new pencils with erasers
- 1--large eraser
- 1--box of 24 crayons
- 3--70-count spiral notebooks or tape-bounded pads of 8" x 10.5" ruled paper or pads with 200-210 sheets of ruled paper. Do not include filler paper.
- 1--cloth bag, 12" x 14" to 14" x 17" finished size cotton cloth bag with cloth handles. (Please do not use reusable shopping bags or backpacks). Do not include any religious symbols or notes. Place all items in cloth bag. Pattern attached and online at http://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/pda/pdfs/goh-schoolkitbagpattern.pdf

Packing and Sending "Gift of the Heart" Kits

- Completed Kits should be packed in boxes with only one type of Kit in each box. But, if you have a small number of different kinds of Kits, they can be combined in one box.
- Clearly mark the outside of the box with the contents.
- Complete mailing form below and place it inside the top of your box before sealing it.
- Secure the boxes with packing tape.

Please complete the form below and include inside your boxes of kits:

Congregation/Group: Presbyterian Women of Northern Plains Presbytery

Contact Person:

Date:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Email:

Phone:

Number/Type of Kits:

Hygiene kits:

School kits:

Many PWs in the Congregation (PWC) have different forms of leadership, a moderator, a facilitator, a different convener for each meeting or bible study. Please give us the information for the Leadership of your PW group.

Please send completed form to:
 PWP Moderator: Lana Schultz
 Address: PO Box 891, Casselton, ND 58012
 Email: lanaj0@casselton.net
 Forms are due: **January 31, 2021**
[Keep a copy for your records](#)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE CONGREGATION ANNUAL REPORT FORM

Please complete the form with members of your circles/coordinating team.

Moderator/Facilitator/Convener:	Term ends:		
Mailing address:	City:	Zip:	
Best Phone:	Email address:		
Co-Moderator/Vice Moderator (circle one)			
Name:	Term ends:		
Mailing address:	City:	Zip:	
Best Phone:	Email:		
Treasurer:	Term ends:		
Mailing address:	City:		
Best Phone:	Email address:		
Secretary/Clerk:	Term ends:		
Mailing address:	City:		
Best Phone:	Email address:		
If there is no one in your PWC who has an email address, can we use your church email address? Yes No			
Church email:			
Number of women in your congregation:			
Do you have an active, formally organized PWC? Yes No	Number of women who attend PWC meetings:		
How many times did your PWC Directors/Coordinating team meet last year?	Number of active circles/groups		
How many women in the congregation fit into each of the following age ranges:	Number attending:		
	30 & below:	31-40:	41-50: 51-60:
	61-70:	70 & above:	
DO YOU:			
Use/Recite the PW Purpose: Yes No	At every meeting/event?: Yes No		
Use Horizon study books: Yes No	If no, list other study books used:		
Use the Mission Yearbook of Prayer & Study?: Yes No			

PRESBYTERY OF THE NORTHERN PLAINS

Please list the **LOCAL MISSION PROJECTS** your PWC has been involved with during the past year. These may include: food pantries, homeless shelters, schools, prison ministries, non-profits providing services to those in need, Bdecan Ministry, Northlands Rescue, Chogoria, Youth Connection or projects adopted by the PW in the Presbytery (PWP):

Has your **PW** participated in any of the following **PW Mission Projects/Fundraising** efforts: (Please circle all that apply and add any others)

Honorary Life Membership	Birthday Offering	Mission Pledge	Thank Offering
Global Exchange	USA Mission Experience		
Puente Community Resource Center, San Francisco, CA	Ciliwung Community Center, Jakarta, Indonesia		
Bay Area Anti-Trafficking Coalition, Pescadores, CA	Suwung School and Clinic, Bali Indonesia		

Has your **PW** participated in any of the following **PC (USA) Mission Projects/Fundraising** efforts: (Please circle all that apply and add any others)

Hunger Program	One Great Hour of Sharing	PC(USA) Missionaries	Presbyterian Peacemaking Programs
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance			
Gift of the Heart Kits	How many:		
School kits,	How many:		
Clean-up buckets	How many:		
Monetary Donations	\$		

Has your **PW** participated in **Ecumenical Mission Projects**: (Please circle all that apply and add any others)

Fellowship of the Least Coin	Habitat for Humanity	Africa: Little Dresses	How many:
Bread for the World	Reusable Sanitary Products	Little Britches	How Many:
World Community Day	Church World Service	T-shirt diapers	How Many:
Church Women United	Orange Day	Heifer Project International	Centsibility
Thursday – Black Day	World Day of Prayer	May Friendship Day	
Number of women who attended the Churchwide Gathering:	Has anyone ever participated in the Global Exchange: Yes No		
Number of women who attended the last Synod Gathering:	Has anyone ever participated in the US Mission Experience: Yes No		

Has your **PWC** had programs focusing on any of the following **Justice and Peace** issues during the past year: (Please circle all that apply and add any others)

Human Trafficking	Food Justice	Water Issues	Worker’s Rights
Prison Reform	Children’s Advocacy	Immigration	Race relations
Children’s Literacy			

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PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN PLAINS

Please list any other PWC sponsored [events](#), [service activities](#) or [fundraisers](#) you have participated in during the past year: (These would include: salad luncheons, sewing days, book clubs, church clean up days, etc)

To help us get to know you better we would like to know more personal stories about your women’s groups. Please choose one of the following options and share:

1. Tell us about one favorite mission project. Why do you support this project? What makes it special? What relationships have grown out of it? How those served experience the love of Christ through this project? Photos always welcome and greatly appreciated!

This annual report form takes the place of 3 reports submitted in the past-- your annual report, your officers’ list and the Together in Service report. You now only need to submit this 1 annual report form to your PWP Moderator. It will allow the PWP to give accurate information to Churchwide.

The completed form is due on: **January 31, 2021.**

2. Describe one good thing that has happened with your PW group in the past year.

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