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About Us

Presbyterian Women is a church-wide organization open to all women. It provides many opportunities for individual spiritual growth through prayer, Bible study, outreach, and fellowship. Presbyterian Women support the mission of the church both at home and abroad through education, global awareness, financial gifts, and service.

Each year a Coordinating Team is elected and composed of a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, other officers, committee chairs, and circle leaders. The Team meets monthly and is responsible to the Session.

Circles meet monthly for regular meetings on the second Tuesday, October through April, and welcome new members at any point during the year. All books studied by circles are approved by the Christian Education Committee.

Throughout the PW year there are special events for all women of Fourth. In September, a kick-off luncheon is held with a guest speaker; an Advent service takes place on the second Tuesday of December; and the Annual Women's Retreat is held each year in January. The annual Birthday Luncheon is held on the second Tuesday in May.

PW Giving

As Presbyterian Women, we are thankful that through God's grace, we are able to make generous contributions to many worthwhile causes. Following the guidelines for Presbyterian Women in Foothills Presbytery, the Finance Committee prepares a budget for presentation to the Session. Operating expenses for PW are covered by an allotment from the overall church budget as well as donations to our Love Offering. All other funds that women contribute through the PW organization are used for local benevolences or special offerings.

The Birthday Offering: The Birthday Offering is collected in the spring of each year to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. In 1922 when it began, each woman gave one penny for each year of life as a "birthday gift." The offering funds up to five projects that are not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support, such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence, and women's concerns.

Thank Offering: In 1888, Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, urged each woman to give one dollar over and above her usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society of the UPCNA as a "thank offering to her Lord." Women gave sacrificially and were credited with saving the worldwide missionary movement of the church at the time.

Decisions regarding how and where the money should be used have changed over the years, but a "Thank Offering to her Lord" has continued to be an important part of giving by the PW. It is encouraged that throughout the year, as we have cause to be thankful, we contribute to our own special Thank Offering and take the offering to the November meeting for dedication. This money is divided among the PC(USA) medical missions.

The Love Offering: The Love Offering is a fund used to support any operating expenses not covered by our allotment from the church budget. This money may help with our special events or any unexpected expenditures throughout the year.

Local Benevolences: In the past, the PW Coordinating Team has selected local non-profits to receive funds collected from Presbyterian Women. In 2019 the recipients were Jasmine Road and the Homeless Period Project.

Bible Study is available through our circles which meet the second Tuesday of each month from October to April. The day circle meets at noon and is led by Vonnie Vance. The night circle meets at six o'clock. The circle leader is Donna Wallace and the study is led by Beth Templeton.

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