



PathWays

The quarterly newsletter of Presbyterian Women
in the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta



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To my Sisters in Christ,

Lent has arrived. Where is your heart? What is God calling you to during this somber and reflective time? For some, the dark and cold weeks until spring arrives never seem to end. For believers, this is a time to ponder Christ’s great sacrifice that changed the world and brought us hope. My prayer for you is for time to rest and reflect on God’s great love for us and creation.

Presbyterian Women in Greater Atlanta Presbytery will be asked to authorize the new PWP (Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery) Council to revise and restructure our PWP, so that we can function more efficiently and faithfully to serve our PW organizations in our 42 local congregations. Some of our local organizations have 25-40-65 active women. Others have 6-10-18 active women. Mostly, we continue to persevere in our service to our Lord even when there may not be enough helping hands to get the job done easily. At the presbytery level, we are looking for women to join the PWP Coordinating Team to better serve you and to fulfill the PW Purpose.

Please play close attention to the proposal (page 3 of PathWays) that is being offered by the Study Group as a method to restructure our PWP for the future. We will need you to join us at the Annual Meeting (March 17th) to vote on the proposal that will give the new PWP Council permission to review, restructure, and rewrite the bylaws during 2024. By March of 2025, we will all be able to learn and vote on the changes that will guide us into the future of our service to Presbyterian Women.

COVID has changed our world; including women’s involvement with PW; but God’s steadfast love has not changed. We are still called to love and serve one another. *“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”* **1 Peter 4:10**. This call to service requires a restructured Presbyterian Women.

We covet your prayers for guidance and blessing.

Pepe Bowman, PWP Moderator

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Please read and share this
information with all
Presbyterian Women

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Annual Gathering of PW in the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta

Sunday, March 17, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

Hillside Presbyterian Church, 1879 Columbia Dr. Decatur, GA



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Guest Speaker: Rev. Irene Wong, AMIS Executive Director.

Join Presbyterian Women from around the Presbytery for an important discussion and vote on the future of PW within our Presbytery

See *PathWays* page 3 for the Restructuring Proposal to be voted on at the meeting.

The following budget is presented by the Finance Committee with the endorsement of the Presbytery PW Coordinating Team (CT). It will be voted on at the Annual Gathering.

PW PRESBYTERY OF GREATER ATLANTA

2024 Proposed Budget

INCOME	2024 BUDGET
Presbytery-Synod Support	\$3,300.00
Reserve Transfer from Savings	500.00
Reserves for Special Events	500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,300.00
EXPENSES	
Mission Support	
<i>Global Exchange & USA Mission Experience (USAME)</i>	\$100.00
Synod Support	\$1,400.00
Mission Haven	\$200.00
PW Annual Fund (National)	\$325.00
Program Support	
Annual Gathering	\$300.00
<i>Churchwide/Synod Gatherings/ Delegate Reserve</i>	\$500.00
Retreats	\$0.00
<i>Scholarships</i>	\$500.00
Special Events* (application processed thru reserves)	\$500.00
Training Workshops	\$100.00
Administrative Expenses	
Bank Fees	\$0.00
Coordinating Team (CT) Meetings	\$100.00
Moderator Expenses	\$50.00
PathWays	\$0.00
Postage	\$70.00
Supplies/Printing	\$50.00
Team Mileage	\$30.00
Unbudgeted Expense	\$75.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,300.00
NET	\$0.00

Funds in italic are Designated Funds

The following slate of leaders will be nominated at the March Annual Gathering. It is presented by the Search Committee, endorsed by the Presbytery PW Coordinating Team. Additional nominees may be presented at the gathering or proposed from the floor with consent from the nominee and prior notice to the PW Moderator (Pepe Westerfield, pw.greateratlanta@gmail.com). In the weeks leading up to the gathering, the CT will continue to seek nominees to fill the open positions on the proposed Council. If you know of someone who has the heart and skills to serve and would like to place her name in nomination, please contact Debra Durden (dfdurden@gmail.com).

Open positions are Moderator-Elect, Vice Moderator, Search Moderator, 4 Search Committee members, District Leaders 1, 9, 11, and 12, Leader Development, 2—5 Council members, and Racial-Equity Liaison.

Treasurer -- Debbie Bray
 Secretary – Kaye Mrozinski
 District 7 Leader – Pat Randolph (to complete Debbie Bray’s unexpired term)
 Karen Turney - Council
 Callie Flanigan - Council
 Faye Fikes—Council

Below is the link to the Information Packet for the Gathering.

[2024 Annual Gathering Packet.pdf](#)

Annual Gathering Offering recipients



Atlanta Ministry with International Students

An offering will be taken at the Annual Gathering or you may mail your contribution to:

PW – Greater Atlanta
 c/o Kaye Mrozinski
 295 Whitney Way
 Fayetteville, GA 30214

Restructuring the PWP CT

Rationale:

A. In the last 5 years the PWP/CT¹ has experienced continual loss of members willing to take leadership positions:

2018 to 2021 -	2 Open positions in each of those years
2022 -	6 Open positions
2023 -	16 Open positions

B. We approach the March 2024 annual meeting with 13 open positions:

Moderator-Elect, Vice-Moderator, Secretary, Search Moderator, Leader Development, four Search Committee members, and District Leaders for 1, 9, 11, and 12. Additional leaders will be needed for Historian, Justice & Peace, Missions, Racial Equity Liaison, Resource Coordinator, and more as these terms end in March.

C. PW groups in the congregations remain active despite some decline since 2018:

Number of churches in our presbytery with active PW	
2018 - 58	2021- 53
2019 - 58	2022 - 44
2020 - 53	2023—42

Proposal: The following actions be taken for the PW year 2024-2025 regarding the function of our PWP/CT:

1. Requirement to adhere to the bylaws be suspended **by vote of the PW membership at March 17, 2024 Annual meeting per Article VIII Amendments Section 4**
2. Formation of a five or seven member, racially diverse volunteer council of PW members who will meet in 2024 to plan a restructuring of PWP/CT, including rewrite of bylaws to be presented at Annual meeting 2025. The council will elect its own chair/moderator and secretary. Treasurer and Newsletter editor will be advisory members as needed.
3. Financial business will continue in 2024 under the direction of Treasurer Debbie Bray.
4. Newsletter Editor Beth Posey-Leonhard will continue to receive reports from District Leaders and Appointed Liaisons (Mission Haven, AMIS, etc.) who are in place as of March 17, 2024. *PathWays* schedule will not change.
5. New business to come before PWP/CT will be directed to the new council chair/moderator.
6. Current district leaders will remain in their positions for 2024. Part of the council's work will be to redefine the districts to reduce district leader positions.

It is important to have a functioning PWP/CT to assist local church PW groups and to communicate with our PWS/CT² and the CCT³.

Respectfully submitted,

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Callie Flanigan

Jo Nelson

Beth Posey-Leonhard

Karen Turney

Kelly Weirich, consultant

¹ PWP/CT = Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery/Coordinating Team

² PWS/CT = Presbyterian Women in the Synod/Coordinating Team

³ CCT = Churchwide Coordinating Team

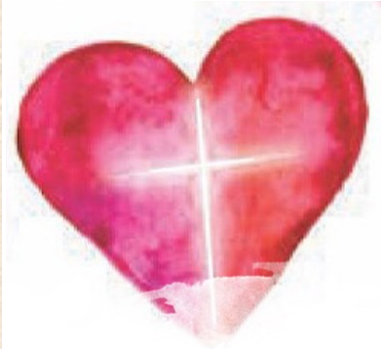
PW Churchwide

Meet me in
ST. LOUIS

"Do everything in love"

2024 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women
August 8-11, 2024 • St. Louis, Missouri

presbyterianwomen.org/gathering



2024
Book Discussion
Group

JUSTICE and PEACE

- DISCUSS THE BOOKS WITH OTHERS VIA ZOOM
• The J&P Book Discussion Group is open to all!
- DISCUSSION GROUP MEETS EVERY OTHER MONTH
• Read and discuss any or all books that appeal to you. Registration will be needed to join the discussion on Zoom.
- RECEIVE STUDY GUIDES TO INFORM YOUR READING
• Questions for discussion or reflection will be sent with your registration confirmation.



To register, scan the QR code with your smart phone or go to presbyterianwomen.org/justice.

Reading Selections

(6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Eastern Time)

<p>JANUARY 8</p> <p>THE IMMORTAL LIFE OF HENRIETTA LACKS REBECCA SKLOOT</p>	<p>JULY 8</p> <p>A PLACE CALLED HOME A Memoir DAVID AMBROZ</p>
<p>MARCH 11</p> <p>Our Missing Hearts Celeste Ng</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 9</p> <p>POVERTY, BY AMERICA MATTHEW DESMOND</p>
<p>MAY 13</p> <p>transforming The Bible & the Lives of Transgender Christians Austen Hartke</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 11</p> <p>SEARCHING FOR SAVANNA THE MURDER OF ONE NATIVE AMERICAN WOMAN AND THE VIOLENCE AGAINST THE MANY MONA GABLE</p>

Selections are recommended by the Justice & Peace Committee of PW's Board of Directors.

PW NewsBytes

PW NewsBytes—formerly the *PW Quarterly Mailing*—brims with “news you can use” from PW Churchwide! Just like the name suggests, *PW NewsBytes* is fully digital, which is good stewardship (of both finances and trees) and makes for easy sharing and a more connected PW community.

Enjoy (and share) PW NewsBytes!

District 1

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Alpharetta
Ebenezer Brazilian
Mount Vernon
Northminster
Northwest
Peachtree
Roswell
Saint Luke's

Roswell:

- PRC Worship Council and Presbyterian Women their our annual Women's Advent Service with approximately 300 in attendance. Morgan Burge, Director of Membership, delivered the sermon. PW participated in the service and hosted a reception following the service.
- PW were sad to say goodbye to Lyndsay Slocum, their Executive Pastor, at the end of December. She has been a wonderful support to Presbyterian Women and all the women of RPC.

Peachtree:

"Love Him, Love them" is a paraphrase of James 1:27 that is a fitting motto for Presbyterian Women. PW is studying the Gospel of John about Jesus' love for his heavenly Father, his disciples, as well as total strangers.

- In December Peachtree PW members started the year by giving very generously to their sock collection for the benefit of MUST Ministries in Marietta, GA. The Church & Community Circle counted and bagged approximately 800 pairs of new socks that members donated for men, women, and children and they delivered the first batch of donations. The goal is 1,000 pairs, so they will continue the collection through the February PW meeting. Imagine the smiles on the faces of the people served by MUST Ministries when they feel the warmth of new socks on cold winter days. Three 30-gallon bags of plastic grocery bags were collected and delivered to the Community Action Center Food Pantry.



- In January, PW held a Game Day to raise money for Lion Pride Summer Camp and after school programs for the children of Lake Forest Elementary School.
- In February, PW will volunteer and collect canned foods for Solidarity Food Bank, and write encouragement cards to everyone on the Peachtree Church staff.

Peachtree (con't):

The Knit Wits had a wonderful year in 2023, creating hundreds of items for the needy. The following is a list of places that received their hand-made creations of warmth and love:

- ◇ Covenant House: 30 Adult Hats
- ◇ Pregnant and Parenting at CHGA: 6 baby blankets, 6 pairs booties
- ◇ Salvation Army Booth Towers: 58 hats and scarves
- ◇ Salvation Army Red Shield Lodge: 55 hats, 5 scrunches
- ◇ Nicholas House: 31 hats, 11 scarves, 2 pairs baby mittens, 4 pairs adult mittens, 2 sets of baby blanket, hat and booties
- ◇ New Baby Ministry at Peachtree: 34 pairs baby booties
- ◇ First Care Women's Clinic: 30 newborn baby hats
- ◇ Wellspring Living: 21 hats • MUST Ministries: 42 hats
- ◇ Total items: 341

District

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Buford
Fairview
Hamilton Mill
Johns Creek
Lawrenceville
Norcross
Oglethorpe
Pleasant Hill
Shallowford

"The PW of Buford, Fairview, Johns Creek, Lawrenceville, Norcross, Oglethorpe, Pleasant Hill, and Shallowford Presbyterian Churches welcome you to worship with us, join us in our Circles, or other small group activities, join with believers across the globe for World Day of Prayer, and Celebrate the Gifts of Women. Join with us as we journey through Lent, come together on Palm Sunday and shout Hosanna, and look forward to the Blessed Hope born in the Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day! See individual church's website for the calendar of events. "

Buford:

Activities and donations in the months of November and December included:

- Thanksgiving boxes, Angel tree gifts, and collection of canned goods for the Gwinnett co-op.
- Donations of clothing for Clean Start Closet and new socks for women & underwear for men.
- PW led a special advent service for women.

District 2 (continued)

Fairview:

PW participated in several Mission projects that benefit the local community and beyond, with events to benefit the Salvation Army’s homeless ministry, and other ministries dear to the church’s heart. Other PW activities included Second Sunday Suppers, Monday Morning Bible Study, and Women’s Book Club.

Lawrenceville:

Through gifts of time and resources, Lawrenceville PW partnered with the Lawrenceville Co-Op, Hope Clinic, and Family Promise in providing food, healthcare and housing to the people in the community.

Shallowford :

- In December, PW led two "Entering Advent" services for the Shallowford Community (morning and evening). The worship theme was "Unexpected Love," where they celebrated Luke’s story of Mary and Martha welcoming Jesus into their home.
- In January, PW led an adult outing to the Carter Center which drew 25 people of all ages, for learning and fellowship over lunch.
- In February, PW will participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive for the Shallowford Food Pantry and collect donations for Valentine care packages for college students.
- Other service ministries continue monthly. Notes to members serving in the military, care and concern notes, and birthday cards. The newborn recognition ministry celebrates the birth of children, grandchildren and great- grandchildren of the congregation and continues with a cradle cross displayed during the service and presentation of a first Bible.

**District
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Naciones
Crossroads
Eastminster
Good Shepherd
Monroe, First
St. Andrews
Westminster
Zo (NWC)

Eastminster:

- In December, PW had a workshop to make their yearly Christmas ornaments. This year they made mangers cut from tin with Baby Jesus' head resting on straw and a star above, all glued to a background of four stained mini Jenga blocks.
- In January, PW honored Mary S. Clarke with the PW Honorary Life Membership Pin and special certificate. She is a lifetime Presbyterian who grew up at First Presbyterian of Atlanta, a fifth generation.
- PW participated in honoring their pastor of fourteen years, Rev Caleb Clarke, with special events as he retires. On his last Sunday, January 28th there was a special service with former members attending. A catered luncheon followed with entertainment.
- A new PW weekly Bible Study is beginning starting with the book of James.



**Memorial Drive
Ministries**

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A place of Sanctuary, Strength, and Service in the greater Clarkston community. MDM, Inc. is a church-based non-profit that fosters diverse worshipping communities, innovative social services, and transformative relationships. We are an official partner of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. MDM nurtures a safe, collaborative, and welcoming environment for the vibrant ministries that call the Memorial Drive campus home.

In serving the community we help with various drives. We collect diapers, household goods for new immigrants, furniture for apartments, school supplies, and several other articles. This is a link to the Amazon Wish List we have established to make it easy for our friends to donate items.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1KZ6V7DYWQ4SP?ref_=wl_share

The New Americans Celebration is the annual day of education, outreach, and advocacy at the Gold Dome (Georgia Capital) for refugees, immigrants, and allied communities in Georgia. It was Tuesday February 13. Please find more information at <https://www.eventeny.com/events/new-american-celebration-9157/> You can also find more information on the Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/888271886416838/?ref=newsfeed> .

District

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Clairmont
Columbia
Decatur
Emory
Hillside
North Decatur
Oakhurst
Trinity – Decatur

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Clairmont:

- November 2023 – Clairmont Presbyterian women collected the Thank Offering and donations to Toco Hills Community Alliance. The collection continued during the month of December.
- December 2023 – PW gathered for a cookie swap. A word game was played using the phrase “Merry Christmas”. Everyone had a wonderful time and they found out they have a very competitive group.



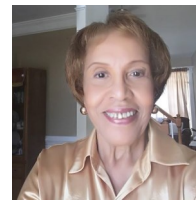
- December 2023 – Each year Clairmont participates in the Angel Tree for Stirred Up Ministries. Their church members along with PW selected a child to buy Christmas presents for so they would have something under their tree on Christmas Day.
- January 2024 – PW provided a reception after the service for a family who lost their father unexpectedly. It was a gathering where they were surrounded by family and friends with much love.
- Clairmont Presbyterian will be going through quite a challenge this year as they begin renovations in the Spring. They are blessed with several women who are offering their homes for circle gatherings and for PW meetings so they can continue to gather in community.

Hillside:

- PW’s Annual Christmas Gathering was a potluck brunch and Bible Study. Several members from Trinity Presbyterian Church accepted their invitation to participate.
- Many of their members continue to serve weekly in the Hillside Food Pantry supporting food distribution and assisting clients with obtaining birth certificates and GA/Voter ID cards.
- In their January meeting they decided to support the homeless street survival bag project initiated by Hillside’s Social Mission and Outreach Ministry.
- Local Mission continues to be Hagar House where PW serves dinner twice a year.
- Goals for 2024
 - Increase number of women participating in PW business meeting and Bible Study.
 - Continue to expand their services to the community.
 - Expand efforts to work for justice and peace by collaborating with other Presbyterian organizations.

District

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Church of the
Resurrection
Conyers
Covington, First
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Gum Creek
Smyrna

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District

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Fellowship
Hemphill Memorial
Jackson
Kelley
McDonough
Timberidge

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District

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Jonesboro, First
Morrow
New Life
Peachtree City
Philadelphia
Stockbridge

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Fayette:

- In December, PW sponsored the Santa Claus Express collection for Presbyterian Homes of Georgia, the Presbyterian Village Retirement Community in Austell, GA. They collected a SUV full of stuffed animals, puzzles and personal care items.
- PW as key in the success of the church's Angel tree collection and delivery.
- Their 3 circles each gathered for Christmas fellowship and study.

New Life:

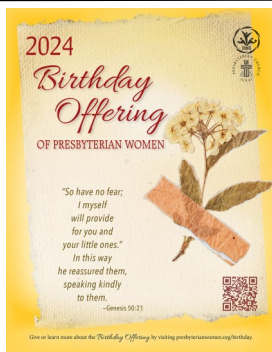
- New Life Presbyterian Women (NLPW) finished the year with a bang. Their last bible study in December was in the Sacred Encounters Bible Study Guide "Mary and Martha Encounter Jesus". Members of NLPW acted out the story of Jesus, Martha, and Mary's encounter with Jesus. The skit challenged them to look at the event from a different perspective. "Are you a Mary or Martha in the story?" After the skit, NLPW fellowshiped and enjoyed a delicious Christmas meal.
- NLPW is preparing for the annual Women's Day Sunday Worship Program in April. Their guest speaker will be Minister Donnella B. Cranford. Donnella's passion is to reach people beyond her local community which came to fruition when she established the Women After God's Own Heart (WAGOH) Ministry, Inc.
- NLPW continues to conduct bible study and business meetings the first Saturday of every month.

Peachtree City:

- New Day and PBJ Circles are studying the Horizons Bible study, Sacred Encounters. Their young mom's circle is meeting in homes and enjoy fellowship throughout the year.
- In November, New Day Circle sponsored a Christmas Card activity for the congregation. Members addressed their Christmas card with only members' first and last names. They sorted and passed them out to the congregation in December. All members received cards.
- In December, New Day Circle collected feminine products at their meeting and donated them to Fayette Samaritans.
- A breakout group of women read and discussed the book, Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult.
- In February, New Day Circle sponsored a drive for Promise Place, a battered women's shelter in Fayetteville. They collected numerous personal items, laundry detergent, hoodies, socks for children of all ages, bath towels and wash cloths.

Philadelphia:

- PW collected towels and wash cloths for Securus House women's shelter in October.
- In the Christmas season, their women collected a car full of toys and gifts for the children at Securus House and additional supplies for the shelter. These totaled over 3000 items.
- PW honored their Choir following the wonderful annual Christmas Lessons and Carols presentation, with a big cookie reception. There were cookies of every flavor and description, plus delicious punch. Yum!
- During January and February, they are collecting canned food and non-perishable food for our annual "Souper Bowl of Caring".



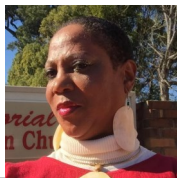
[2024 Birthday Offering – Presbyterian Women](#)

Check out the resources available to help promote the 2024 PW Birthday Offering in your PW groups. The two recipients of the Birthday Grants are: Advocates for Community Choice dba Bethel Hills, Villa 5 Apartments and Recreation Area in Marthasville, Missouri and Shawnee Presbyterian Church, Café Gingko in Louisville, Kentucky.

Download free resources at:

https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/download_categories/faith-mission-resources/

District 8



Dallas-Dodd
Ebenezer, Ho-
gansville
Friendship
Greenville
LaGrange, First
Loyd
Manchester—
Warm Springs
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Good News Garden
Grace Korean
Hanbit
Korean Central
Korean Community
New Presbyterian
Church of Georgia

District 11

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District 9

Austell
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Carrollton
Church of the
Master
Radcliffe
Rice Memorial
Tallapoosa
Westhills

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New Worshipping
Communities

District 12

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District 10



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We have welcomed in the New Year which means that it is time for our churches to complete the 2023 Historical Report for Presbyterian Women. If your PW has elected a historian or if your moderator and coordinating team will complete the form, please know that it is important to do so and to return it to me by mail or email **ASAP**. They were due January 31, 2024.

According to our national office, *Presbyterian Women historians preserve the record and write the story of how its members and organizations serve God, the church and the world. In doing so, the PW historian brings praise and thanksgiving to God and builds up the church by making it more appreciative of the trials and triumphs of its women.*

It's not a complicated form - just 2 pages. The forms can be found on the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta website <https://www.atlpcusa.org/pgapw>

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2024 PathWays Publication Schedule

Issue	Deadline for Articles	Publication Date
Summer	June 1	June 15
Fall	August 15	September 1

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Church Women United

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85 women from CWU Atlanta, Inc. and Cobb Units observed "World Community Day" December 9 at Shaw Temple AME Zion Church, Smyrna, GA. Speakers were Melanie Kagan, CEO Family Resource Center, Dr. Fleda Mask Jackson, Researcher and Leader "Save 100 Babies", Myron Fountaine, The Prison Doctor/ Mentor to At-Risk Children, Tamiko Leverette, CEO/Founder, Facts to Thrive, Tim Robinson, "Man in the Mirror", and Minister Donna Meredith, "Christians in Action", Greater Deliverance Baptist Church.



Save the Date! Sunday, February 18, 2024, 1:30pm "Community Day and Day of Remembrance" at 196 Savannah Street, Atlanta, GA. A viewing and discussion of quilts from "Lives Taken, Lives Remembered!" An exhibit that documents lynchings that took place in Atlanta, GA.

Come See Columbia Day - April 18, 2024

For almost two hundred years, Columbia Seminary has nurtured pastors and leaders for the Presbyterian Church and beyond. Come experience your seminary for a day!

This is a perfect outing for your PW Circle or your church's older adult ministry group, especially those who have never visited the campus .

Come enjoy an inspiring worship service led by this year's Friendship Circle scholarship recipients, attend a workshop led by Seminary professors, enjoy a delicious lunch and take a tour of Mission Haven, a ministry of the Presbyterian Women, which adjoins Columbia's campus.

If you need brochures to share with your circles, please contact Kelly at kellysings@gmail.com.



AMIS

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We had a great time sharing Christmas traditions in December with 45 international students and scholars from 19 different nations and 4 local universities, many spending their first Christmas in Atlanta and the US, along with 15 volunteers at Central Presbyterian Church. All enjoyed the lunch, ornament making, cookie-decorating, trivia and paddle-board games, and a tour of the historic church. One of the students wrote:

"I extend my gratitude for hosting such an extraordinary event. Having attended both last year and this year, I am continually amazed by the warmth of this place and the generosity of these incredible people. Thank you for creating such a wonderful experience!"

For international students in town during the winter break, we enjoyed a Year End party with a white elephant gift exchange which was filled with lots of laughter and smiles.

With the Spring semester now underway, we have new international students signing up for our Amigo Friendship Program! This program forges friendship between local Atlantans and international students as a way of creating spaces for hospitality, kindness, and belonging. This friendship can take many different forms: from grabbing coffee together near the student's campus to inviting them to join you for social or family gatherings or holidays. To learn more about the program, [visit our webpage here](#).

Upcoming in February - MLK Historic Park tour.





Mission Haven

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If you know someone in the Atlanta area, please share this with him/her.

Do you have a heart for mission?

How can you support our mission co-workers?

Help us maintain our 3 houses and 6 apartments in Decatur, GA. We are seeking several part-time volunteers to perform:

- Property maintenance
- Team management
- Reservations
- Hosting
- Residence preparation

Join our team of friendly volunteers.

To learn more about these opportunities, contact us: missionhavendecatur@gmail.com

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Mission Co-workers participate in community development through clean water, sanitation, integrated agriculture, environmental sustainability, health programs, trauma healing, peacekeeping, and more! They serve at the invitation of partner organizations in places like Niger, South Sudan, Malawi, Madagascar, Zambia, Brazil, Costa Rica, South Korea, and Taiwan. When they return to the U.S. between assignments, we offer fully furnished, affordable housing adjacent to Columbia Theological Seminary. Here, we provide a haven for them to recharge before returning to the mission field.



Cookbook : Recipes Wanted

Remember to send us your recipes and stories as we prepare to celebrate our 75th Anniversary.



Villa International

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VILLA THANKSGIVING '23

Reflecting on Thanksgiving at Villa International filled our hearts with gratitude. Villa extended its heartfelt gratitude to each person who joined them, contributing to the vibrant tapestry of our community.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Villa's Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon was held in December at Villa, where they celebrated the incredible dedication and impact of their volunteers whose contributions have made a significant difference in the Villa community.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT VILLA

On Christmas Eve, 50 residents, family members, and friends from various corners of the globe gathered to celebrate an American-style Christmas together. The building was adorned with Christmas trees, lights, and decorations showcasing a beautiful blend of traditions, colors, and holiday spirit. In the spirit of cultural exchange, guests took turns sharing stories about their unique holiday customs around the dinner table. They then participated in a white elephant gift exchange, a Christmas meal, and various "Reindeer Games."

DISCOVER ATLANTA'S HOLIDAY MAGIC: FESTIVALS & GATHERINGS GALORE!

Villa 's guests were offered an opportunity to attend the amazing array of Holiday/Winter events and festivals happening in Atlanta. Guests immersed themselves in the holiday spirit. They included

ATLANTA CHRISTKINDL MARKET : A traditional German market.

CHICK-FIL-A PEACH BOWL : Bowl week included the pregame parade, the pregame pep rally at the Georgia World Congress Center .

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION : Festivities to celebrate the birthday and contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. included the Commemorative Service at Ebenezer Baptist Church and the King day Community Service Project.

HBCU CULTURE HOMECOMING FEST & BATTLE OF THE BANDS at State Farm Arena.

ATLANTA CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL : Chinese Lunar New Year was celebrated with authentic cuisine, traditional folk songs, art exhibits and the beautifully performed Lion & Dragon Dance.

ATLANTA JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL: During February, theaters citywide will present films featuring docudramas, romantic comedies, animated shorts, biographies and more.

You can see a calendar of upcoming events at our website at <https://villainternational.org/volunteer/> and sign up. A donation to Villa in support of our mission and guests is always welcomed at <http://villainternational.org>.

Thornwell

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“It’s not your father’s Oldsmobile” tag line from the 1980’s often comes to mind when I think of Thornwell. From the post-Civil War orphanage in Clinton, South Carolina, to an almost 150-year-old ministry serving children and families across the three-state Synod area, Thornwell’s ministries have evolved, especially over the past ten years. Children are still housed on the Clinton campus, with a focus on therapeutic care, and families and children are served through foster care, preventative services, educational programming, and more. One thing hasn’t changed though – Thornwell serves children in the name of Jesus Christ.

If I might take a moment of personal privilege, I have just completed nine years on the Thornwell Board of Trustees. It has been such a rich blessing to see firsthand the transformative services Thornwell provides, and to get to know so many of the staff who are committed to this ministry. Being on the Clinton campus several times a year was exhilarating and inspiring. The work and the people are remarkable, and we Presbyterians can be proud of the ways we are helping improve the lives of children and families through Thornwell’s varied programs.

Thank you, Presbyterian Women, for keeping Thornwell known in your congregations. The website (www.thornwell.org) has lots of helpful information to help you promote giving and involvement with Thornwell. I especially enjoy the Blog which is updated frequently with interesting and inspiring real-life stories. The Clinton campus is only a three-hour drive from Atlanta and the Thornwell staff would love to host your group for a tour and to tell you more about what’s going on at Thornwell. Contact Suzanne Bland, Director of Philanthropy, sbland@thornwell.org, 864-923-5524.

PW Calendar—2024	
Date	Event
March 3	World Day of Prayer Celebration
March 8	International Women’s Day
March 17, 2:00 p.m.	PW Annual Gathering, Hillside Presbyterian Church
April 18, 9:30 a.m.	Come See Columbia Day, Columbia Seminary
May 6, 9:30 a.m.	PWP Coordinating Team Meeting
June 1	<i>PathWays</i> deadline for Summer Issue
July 31	PW Gives Day
August 8-11	2024 Churchwide Gathering in St. Louis, Missouri
August 15	<i>PathWays</i> deadline for Fall Issue



Treasurer

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My two-year term as Treasurer of Presbyterian Women of Greater Atlanta will end this year at our Annual Meeting, and Debbie Bray will become your new PWP Treasurer. Debbie lives in Griffin, Georgia and attends Philadelphia Presbyterian Church in Morrow, Georgia. Debbie has been a member of the PWP Coordinating Team for several years and is currently serving as a district leader for the 7th district.

The 2023 Annual Treasurer's Report is attached on this page. Our Total Income for the year from Presbytery Support was 3,355.00 and we collected \$730.00 in registration costs from attendees of PWP Retreat in August, 2023. 2023 expenses totaled \$2,944.11, and our pass-through offerings totaled \$34,007.79.

The proposed 2024 Budget, included on page 2, will be presented at the March 17, 2024 Annual Meeting for approval. The 2024 budget includes funds to award *scholarships to PWP women who wish to attend the 2024 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women in St. Louis, Missouri* scheduled August 8-11, 2024. In 2021, the Gathering was held online due to the pandemic, but 2024 marks a return to an in-person event. Full registration is \$450; One day registration (Friday or Saturday only) is \$150; and Online registration is \$150. Registration begins in March, 2024. If you have questions about the Churchwide Gathering or need information on how to apply for a PWP scholarship, please contact me before the end of March 2024.

More information is available on:
<https://www.2024pwcwg.org/registration/hotel>

Bank Balances on December 31, 2023:

CHECKING: \$26,391.51
SAVINGS: \$15,143.75

2023 INCOME

\$3,355.00 Presbytery Support
 \$730.00 Retreat Registration (29 registered)
\$4,085.00 TOTAL INCOME

3/19/2023 Annual Meeting Collection: \$836.00

Distributed:	50% PC (USA) Disaster Relief	\$418.00
	50% SWEEAC	\$418.00
	Total	\$836.00

2023 EXPENSES

Global Exchange & USA Mission Experience (USAME)	\$100.00
Annual Meeting 3/19/2023 Speaker Honorarium	\$100.00
Bank Fees - Reorder checks	\$124.11
Synod Support	\$1,400.00
PW (USA) Annual Donation	\$325.00
Mission Haven Annual Donation	\$200.00
Zoom Technician - 8/19/23 Workshop Leadership Training	\$195.00
Retreat 8/26/2023 (2 speakers @ \$200.00; 1 speaker @\$100.00; 2 massage therapists @\$50.00 each)	\$600.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$3,044.11

PASS THROUGH OFFERINGS (CELEBRATION GIFTS) 2023 TOTAL

Honorary Life Membership Applications (15 @ \$95.00)	\$1,425.00
Mission Pledge	\$3,575.00
Birthday Offering	\$9,361.59
Least Coin	\$1,585.32
Thank Offering	\$10,116.81
Columbia Friendship	\$1,206.79
Blessing Boxes (Columbia Friendship)	\$177.43
Memorial Drive Ministries	\$400.00
Mission Haven	\$2,079.85
Thornwell Homes for Children	\$2,210.00
Presbyterian Homes	\$525.00
Villa International	\$410.00
Johnson C. Smith Seminary	\$100.00
PC(USA) Donation	\$200.00
PC (USA) Disaster Relief (Maui, Hawaii)	\$390.00
PC (USA) Disaster Relief	\$25.00
Church Women United	\$120.00
St. Labre Indian School	\$100.00
TOTAL 2023 CELEBRATION OFFERINGS	\$34,007.79

Kaye Mrozinski, Treasurer
 PW, Greater Atlanta Presbytery