



PWJCP

Women's Word

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Fall 2021

Fall Calendar of Events

- Oct 24 - United Nations Day
- Oct 31 - Reformation Sunday
- Nov 1 - All Saints' Day
- Nov 5 - World Community Day
- Nov 7 - Caregiver Sunday
- Nov 11 - Veterans Day
- Nov 14 - Hunger and Homelessness Sunday
- Nov 25 - Thanksgiving Day / Wear Orange
- Nov 26 - Alternate Giving Market
- Nov 28 - 1st Sunday of Advent
- Nov 30 - Giving Tuesday
- Dec 1 - World's AIDS Day/ AIDS Awareness
- Dec 5 - 2nd Sunday in Advent
- Dec 10 - Human Rights Day
- Dec 12 - 3rd Sunday in Advent
- Dec 19 - 4th Sunday in Advent Christmas Joy Offering
- Dec 24 - Christmas Eve
- Dec 25 - Christmas
- Dec 26 - 1st Sunday of Christmas

Moderator's Moment with Joan Russell

In this season of thanksgiving, I would like to quote from the 2021 Thank Offering booklet we used in our dedication service of PWJCP's Fall Gathering: "Since 1888, Presbyterian women have expressed their deep sense of gratitude for God's blessings in their lives by giving back to people in their communities and around the world." *

"May the Wisdom of the Holy One

and the lived examples of women who have come before,

lead you out with a renewed spirit.

May you journey out into this broken and hurting world

with the full assurance that

by listening, watching, and waiting,

you will find life.

And may the Wisdom, Power, and Grace of God

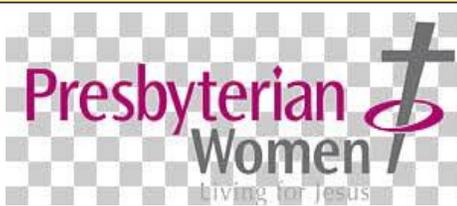
be upon you now and through all your days. Amen." *

*Creative Ministries Offering Committee

Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA), Inc. *Cheri Harper, PW Mission Associate

Grace and Blessings,

Joan



PW Gathering in Joplin

We are pleased that twenty-three women joined the Gathering in Joplin in person and virtually. Our Mission this year, selected by First Presbyterian Joplin, was the Children's Haven. They help children who are in need. We donated \$221.00 toward their mission.

Books and Music to Soothe the Soul

When fall appears, we are reminded of the beauty of this Earth and the wondrous changes of the seasons! **For the Beauty of the Earth:** Georgetown University Music Ministry <https://youtu.be/wDnmVECSdKQ>

Recommended at the Joplin Fall Gathering was the book, **Canoeing the Mountains** by Tod Bolsinger. It is helpful in reimagining what effective leadership skills looks like in our rapidly changing world.

For fun, try **A Life Without Water** by Marci Bolden. Theme: Finding Peace

Presbyterian Women – It's What We Do

Presbyterian Women Thank Offering

Our Thank Offering began in 1888, when each woman was asked to give one dollar over and above her usual contribution to women ministries. Over the last 33 years, more than \$27 million dollars has been given to more than 1,600 different missions locally and around the world. This year, twelve projects were selected for funding. Nine of the projects serve people in the United States and three serve internationally. This year approximately \$335,000 were given to the mission works. More than 40% of the selected projects are related to health ministries. Examples include establishing day cares in NC and keeping kids in school in AZ.

Bible Study 2021-2022

As we study **What My Grandmothers Taught Me** together and share our own personal stories, it is good to remember that some of Jesus' grandmothers were not exactly 'nice'. They are outliers and that is one of the things that make them important! They use their ingenuity, creativity and resourcefulness to make life better for their family, community, and nation. Knowing about these women help us include all women who are coming to church to gain a better life through Jesus Christ. Not one of us is perfect! Mathew's lineage of Jesus and our bible study help us realize this in a personal way.

The author recommended using the song, "Woodstock" by Joni Mitchell for this lesson. Here is a link to the music <https://youtu.be/uBfXRp2qTRQ>

Linda Jackson – Ft. Scott

"Happy is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors."

Proverbs 8:34



Presbyterian Women with a Purpose and a Proud Heritage

You say you no longer have a Presbyterian Women (PW) group? No Circle Bible Study or meetings are being held? Let's read carefully what is stated in the Purpose of PW:

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 (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.**

So.... are these actions being done individually and/or collectively by women in your church? (YES!)

Does it state a given way to accomplish each action? (NO!)

WHATEVER you are doing to achieve these commitments THAT is PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN. You are already a member of a great and active group simply by being a woman in the Presbyterian church ([Link](#)). As we claim and continue this amazing legacy, join in the fellowship, learning and mission individually and together with others, when possible, at your church and/or presbytery gatherings.

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May you be blessed..... and may you be a blessing!