



PWJCP

# Women's Word

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## Calendar of Events

### April

- 2 Palm Sunday.
- 7 Good Friday
- 9 Easter Sunday
- 22 PWJCP Spring Gathering / Earth Day

### May

- 2 National Teachers Day
- 4 National Day of Prayer
- 14 Mother's Day
- 28 Pentecost
- 29 Memorial Day

### June

- 14 Flag Day
- 18 Father's Day

## Moderator's Moment

Greetings and a joyous spring to all,

As we enter this season of rebirth in nature and the celebration of the most holy season of Easter, I want to remind you and your women of our celebration of "Spring Gathering." Please get your friends together and plan to attend this year.

**Saturday, April 22, 2023**  
**Willard-Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church**  
**800 AB Highway**  
**Willard, MO**

*Sowing Hope for All*

**"So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith." - Galatians 6:9-10**

A splendid day of worship, education, and information are planned for you. Of course, delicious food and uplifting music are included. Come visit with friends, meet new friends, and spend a day of rest and rejuvenation with Presbyterian Women of JCP. The registration information is on the way.

Grace and Peace,  
Joan, Co-moderator  
PWJCP



## Scholarships for Presbyterian Students

Scholarships for full time undergrad students belonging to Presbyterian churches are now available. Students with the least resources and greatest need are prioritized for scholarships up to \$4000. Deadline is May 15th. Apply at [pcusa.org/scholarship](http://pcusa.org/scholarship).

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**2024 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women**  
**AUGUST 8 – 11, 2024 St. Louis, MO**

**"Do everything in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14**

**Now** is the time to begin/continue to set aside the money and time to attend. Held every three years, PW's Churchwide Gathering is an event that celebrates and can deepen your engagement in all that Presbyterian Women does. Come and join women from the world over to nurture faith, gather resources, support mission and justice ministries, strengthen relationships, and to relax and have fun with our sisters!

## Bible Study 2023

Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight, our 2022-23 Bible Study is almost over! God has been giving us this gift of the Sabbath for a long time and this gift is life changing. The Sabbath intersects our lives in many ways - celebrating, creating, serving, worshiping, surrendering, giving hospitality, self-care, promoting justice and community. These nine lessons are scattered throughout the Bible in both testaments and studying the Sabbath will help our own Christ journey in real and practical ways! Use these lessons as you enjoy renewal into Spring and Easter.



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

## Our Presbyterian Women are Involved

**John Calvin Presbytery Living Waters** is traveling to the Dominican Republic to put a water system in a mountain community. The team will also provide health education and Bible activities. The team is composed of: **Team Leader**-Chris Scrivener, **Installation**-Martha Bledsoe, David Conaway, Grant Spieth, **Education**-Esther Burns-Cozzens, Susan Frazier, Colleen Lightwine, Toni Spieth.

## 2023 Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women Recipients

We are proud to be a part of this generous tradition launched in 1922 (100 years) by continuing to support projects that matter and impact people in the U.S. and around the world.

This years recipients are:

Making Miracles Group Home

Phase II Group Home

[makingmiraclesgrouphome.org](http://makingmiraclesgrouphome.org)

Tallahassee, Florida

\$150,000

Berhane Jesus Elementary School

Kindergarten School Construction

[berhane-jesus.info](http://berhane-jesus.info)

Dumb Dollo, Ethiopia

\$99,400

*Find out more in Horizons (Jan/Feb 2023 issue, pages 20-21) or on the website.*

## Easter - Bread and Eggs

The tradition of Easter bread dates back for centuries from all corners of the world. Easter bread celebrates the advent of a new season, rebirth and resurrection; and are typically egg-enriched. Many are shaped into Easter symbols. The U.S. is a melting pot of many cultures so, bread traditions became important along with eggs representing new life and rebirth. What are your traditions for Easter? Feel free to share!