

John Calvin Presbytery
November 1, 2025

Two Hundred Twentieth Stated Meeting
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Springfield, MO

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN REPORT

Lot's of inspirational and fun things going on with John Calvin Presbyterian Women. Our last two gatherings were hosted by the women of churches who don't have a traditional PW group – St. Andrew in Kimberling City last spring and Hillcrest and Gibson Chapel in Springfield in September. Both were excellent and Toni and I believe both groups of women became more aware of the great work of Presbyterian Women at all levels--local congregation, presbytery, synod and worldwide. Current and upcoming activities of PW of JCP are:

1. Our current *Horizons* Bible study: Finding Resilience, Joy and Identity in Jesus Christ.
2. Synod of Mid America gathering in 2026. Plans are in the beginning stages for John Calvin to host this gathering in Branson, probably next August.
3. Churchwide Gathering August 5-8, 2027 to be held in Louisville, KY. This is always a marvelous gathering of Presbyterian Women from around the world who come together in one location for worship, education, community-building, fun and renewal. Any one can attend so mark your calendars.
4. Of course, mission work is always ongoing. We remind you to submit your mission report next January to Mission Consultant Carol Minton highlighting your church's mission work for 2025. Her contact information is on Page 5 of our PW Resource Guide or give either Toni or Mary Lynne a call.

A reminder that November 1 is the deadline for your church to apply for Presbyterian Women's thank offering grant. If you missed it this year, you have 365 days to get your project put together for 2026. Remember, the thank offering supports programmatic projects such as training, advocacy or hunger alleviation or small capital improvements for a special project. Grant amounts range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. Check out presbyterianwomen.org for additional information and the application form.

We are working with St. Andrew at Hideaway to host for our spring 2026 gathering. The advantage for the local church in hosting is that 80% of the offering goes to a mission project of the church's choice. Your basic responsibilities in hosting are providing the use of your church and serving lunch and a light reception at the beginning of the day, the cost of which is covered by the registration fee. The last few years, local mission projects have each received several hundred dollars just for hosting our gatherings.

*Blessings to all,
Toni Spieth and Mary Lynne Grimes, Co-Moderators*