

JOYFUL NOISE

NEWS FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA



From the Moderator



“Gathered and Scattered, God is with us” - Iona Community

The summer months are often a time when we find ourselves scattered from our normal routine and gathered with others in new ways family, friends, new people in new places. We can be refreshed and renewed and enlivened by these experiences, knowing that where ever we are God is with us.

In May I attended Circle meetings with two groups of

women from small churches who are feeling free to organize in new ways while they continue to attend to and care about the values and goals of our purpose prayer and Bible study, mission nearby and globally, working for justice and peace, being a caring, nurturing community. I give thanks for their imagination and willingness to innovate.

June brought the Synod Gathering at Massanetta Springs, VA. Ten women from our Presbytery attended. We were enriched and stretched by the worship, study, workshops and especially the interacting with the many women, scattered from five states and 13

Presbyteries. We were gathered in common purpose, and experiencing God with us.

June and July have been times of planning and organizing for our Fall Gatherings.

They will be held on September 18th at Highlands and 25th at Lowell. The women of these PWs are preparing a generous welcome for us to gather to share and learn together. Save the dates. The Fall Gatherings will give opportunity to attend two workshops where ideas can be shared, and we can learn from each other as well as from the leader. The registration form is included in this Joyful Noise. Share it among the women of your

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congregation. It is strengthening to realize that in Presbyterian Women we are part of a large group of women with a common purpose every time

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we gather in our much smaller groups.

Directory: A new Handbook/Directory is being put together and will be available at the Fall Gatherings. Thanks to all who sent in information. Anytime all year that there is a change, please send that information to our secretary Tina Joyner <twjoyner@bellsouth.net> In keeping with advances in technology, we would like to have

at least one e-mail contact from each PW. We save postage and paper and are able to reach people with news more quickly.

Revelation: Hope, Praise, Christ Centered, Journey

A lot of help is available for preparing these lessons.

Find the down-loadable resources at www.pcusa.org/horizons/bible.htm

These include:

1. Video Overview of Study by B. Rossing Segments for

Introduction and each lesson.

2. Workshop for Leaders: A lesson plan for an introduction of the study.

Includes a page of hymns for each lesson and a chart showing text, main focus, related texts from Hebrew Scriptures, images and their likely meaning.

3. Lesson Summaries by L. Johnson: overview of the important aspects of lesson.

4. Main Points Outline by L. Johnson:

Detailed, point-by-point summary of lesson.

5. Handouts mentioned in Suggestions for Leaders section by L. Johnson

6. Revelation in Context by Karen Russell

A supplement covering four ideas helpful for understanding Revelation

- a. Eschatology
- b. Rapture
- c. Violence in Revelation
- d. A Vulnerable God.

There are abundant opportunities for enrichment at the Presbytery's annual event,

"Let's Celebrate."

Strangers Becoming Neighbors... Neighbors Becoming Friends... Let's Celebrate!

Saturday, August 21, 2010 - First Presbyterian Church, Morganton

Check out the program including 22 workshops with your church office or the Presbytery's web site <http://www.presbyterywnc.org/>



ANNUAL FALL GATHERING
Presbytery of Western North Carolina
Highlands, First
Saturday, September 18, 2010
Clusters I, III, IV, V

8:45 - 9:30 am Registration
 9:45 - 10:00 am Gathering in Music
 10:00 - 10:20 am Plenary
 10:35 - 11:20 am and 11:30 - 12:15 am Workshops
 12:30 pm Lunch (Cost \$7.00 - Checks made payable to: PW PWNC)

Registration deadline: Saturday, September 8th

Please mail complete Registration Form along with payment for lunch to:

Ginny Gernoske 19 Iroquois Dr. Hendersonville, NC 28791
828/697-5308 e-mail: mtngin@bellsouth.net

Offering will be taken for **Living Waters Project in Bolivia**....checks payable to PW PWNC

NOTE: Directions to First Presbyterian Church, Highlands are on the reverse side

Detach below line and mail in to above address

Highlands, NC

First Presbyterian Church - September 18, 2010

Please choose two workshops:

___ **Bible Study** *Revelation* *Hope, Praise, Christ-centered, Journey*

Rev. Lynn Webber Stated Supply for Westminister

___ **Storytelling** Donna Marie Todd. Donna Marie is classically trained, imaginative, creative performer, teacher and editor of The Biblical Storyteller magazine.

___ **Peace With Justice in the Holy Land** **A brief examination of the causes of injustice, and a discussion of the importance of working for a peaceful and secure settlement for both Israelis and Palestinians.** Rev. Dr. James Aydelotte current Presbytery Moderator-Elect and instructor for the School of the Laity teaching Church History and Polity

___ **Nuts & Bolts of PW** Sharing organizational and leadership ideas guided by our Purpose into the future (Sue Barrett, Presbytery Moderator and Ginny Gernoske, Cluster Leader Coordinator)

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

CHURCH: _____ CLUSTER: _____

Lunch: YES NO Vegetarian: _____ Need Child Care: _____

Directions to First Presbyterian Church, Highlands

From East via I 40:

Take exit 27 for US 74 W/Great Smokey Mountain Expressway (signs for US-19/US-23, Clyde Wayensville); take exit 81 US 23 S onto Rt. 441 (signs for Dillsboro, Atlanta, Franklin) – continued below “Near Franklin”

From West via US 74

take exit 81 US 23 S onto Rt. 441 (signs for Dillsboro, Atlanta, Franklin)

Near Franklin continue straight on 441 bypass, take right exit ramp for NC 28 and Highlands. Turn left onto NC 28 S/US 64 E sign for Highlands.

From Franklin NC. Take US64 east to from Franklin to Highlands. At the second traffic light in Highlands where US64 turns to the left, turn right on to Fourth Street, then the next left onto Church Street. After passing Inn, back of church (yellow) will be on left. Drop off people at door then park on street or to right in Child Care Center. **OR** continue straight on Main St. one block, passing Church (yellow) on right, to the next traffic light. Turn right on Fifth Street then immediate right into drop off lane for church (access to elevator). People will direct to parking.

From South East

From Hendersonville/ Brevard / Cashiers NC. Take US64 west to . Highlands. At the second traffic light go straight one short block. Turn left onto Church Street. After passing Inn, back of church (yellow) will be on left. Drop off people at door then park on street or to right in Child Care Center. **OR** at traffic light turn left onto Main St. Go one block, passing Church (yellow) on right, to the next traffic light. Turn right on Fifth Street then immediate right into drop off lane for church (access to elevator). People will direct to parking.



ANNUAL FALL GATHERING

Presbytery of Western North Carolina

Presbyterian Church of Lowell

Saturday, September 25, 2010

Clusters VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII

- 8:45 - 9:30 am Registration
- 9:45 - 10:00 am Gathering in Music
- 10:00 - 10:20 am Plenary
- 10:35 - 11:20 am and 11:30 - 12:15 am Workshops
- 12:30 pm Lunch (Cost \$7.00 - Checks made payable to: PW PWNC)

Registration deadline: Saturday, September 15th

Please mail complete Registration Form along with payment for lunch to:

**Ginny Gernoske 19 Iroquois Dr. Hendersonville, NC 28791
828/697-5308 e-mail: mtngin@bellsouth.net**

Offering will be taken for *The Shelter of Gaston County*....checks payable to PW PWNC

NOTE: Directions to Presbyterian Church of Lowell are on the reverse side

Detach below line and mail in to above address

Lowell, NC

Presbyterian Church of Lowell - September 25, 2010

Please choose two workshops:

____ **Bible Study Revelation:** *Hope, Praise, Christ-centered, Journey* Rev. Shannon Kershner of Black Mountain Presbyterian Church

____ **Peace With Justice in the Holy Land** **A brief examination of the causes of injustice, and a discussion of the importance of working for a peaceful and secure settlement for both Israelis and Palestinians.** Rev. Dr. James Aydelotte current Presbytery Moderator-Elect and instructor for the School of the Laity teaching Church History and Polity

____ **Pins, Needles & Yarn - Our Thread to the Community** Leaders: Sara Ashworth, June Smart, Peggy Grissom and 10 year old Madison Foust - Presbyterian Church of Lowell

____ **Nuts & Bolts of PW** Sharing organizational and leadership ideas guided by our Purpose into the future (Sue Barrett, Presbytery Moderator and Ginny Gernoske, Cluster Leader Coordinator)

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CHURCH: _____ CLUSTER: _____

Lunch: YES NO Vegetarian: Need Child Care: _____

Directions to Lowell

South directions:

I-85 South

Take Cramerton/McAdenville - Exit 23

Turn right at the light onto South Main Street

Take a right at the first light onto E First Street

At the 4 way intersection take the middle road which is still E First Street

The church will be on the left and post office on the right

North directions:

I-85 North

Take Cramerton/McAdenville - Exit 23

Turn right at the light onto South Main Street

Take a right at the second light onto E First Street

At the 4 way intersection take the middle road which is still

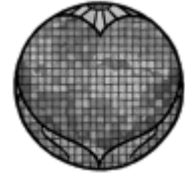
CREATIVE MINISTRIES

I once heard someone predict the demise of Presbyterian Women because he thought we were not in tune with the times. I don't remember much more than he said, but it stuck with me. Of course I don't agree with his opinion, especially when I think about what a difference our Birthday and Thank Offerings make in the lives of hurting and struggling

women and children all over the world. I think PW is not only in tune with the times, we are really hip!

It is true it can be a challenge to get women to participate and that giving to these special offerings has declined. God as always gives us all the encouragement needed to do our work. "Let us hold unswerving

to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." (Hebrews 10:23-24). May we be faithful in "spurring" one another toward joyful and fruitful Birthday and Thank offerings this year. Shoulders to the wheel, my sisters in Christ! The harvest is plentiful!



By
Gail Findlay

AMANDA CRAFT

Dear PW Friends,

Grace Boyer, Associate Presbyter (for Mission, Justice and Peace, Hunger, etc.) called to invite leaders of PW to meet with Amanda Craft. Amanda is the PC(USA) mission coworker in Guatemala who is working specifically with the women there. She took up the work that Ellen Dozier had been doing. That means she is involved in the Obrera program that we have committed to support for three years. Amanda will be staying with Mimi Michael (our PW representative to the Guatemala Partnership Task Force) in Newton Thursday and coming to Morganton for "Let's Celebrate" on Saturday, Preaching at Waynesville on

Sunday morning, then leaving our area.

We could meet with her at Morganton Church/ Presbytery office at 11 and go out to lunch together with her. Grace would arrange for a restaurant where we could hear each other. This is a great opportunity to get to know Amanda and learn first hand about the current situation in Guatemala, particularly with the women.

Obviously, we all have obligations that may not allow for this. However, if you are free or can rearrange your schedules, it will be a good opportunity for us, and for Amanda to hear of our concern and interest in her work. This

does not have to be limited to the Coordinating team. If someone in your congregation would like to meet with Amanda, feel free to bring her. Do let me know one way or the other whether or not you are able to make this so we have an idea how many people will be there.

See below for the website for a letter from Amanda Craft or check the Presbytery Website for additional information.

Hope your summer is both relaxing and refreshing.

Blessings,

Sue Barrett

Moderator, PW of PWNC

To read a letter from Amanda go to: <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/missionconnections/craft-amanda-20100225/>

Dates and Deadlines

August 21	Let's Celebrate at Morganton, First
Sept 18	Fall Gathering, First Presbyterian Church, Highlands
Sept 25	Fall Gathering, Presbyterian Church of Lowell, Lowell, NC
Nov 6	WNC Presbytery CT Meeting
April 23, 2011	Spring Gathering, Trinity Presbyterian, Hendersonville



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