



Moderator's Musings

Donna Preston, Moderator of the PW of the Northern Plains

As winter approached and the days were starting to become shorter and we were having more darkness; I thought back to the Ministry Retreat I attended at Clearwater Forest Bible Camp in September. The theme was about Hope in the Advent scripture passages and themes. As conflicts continued in our country and across the world, I felt the story of the Hope and Light in our Christmas Story needed to be told to remind us that Jesus' birth brings hope to each and every one of us in the darkness. I wrote a dialogue for our Sunday School to tell about the light and hope in the scriptures in telling of the birth of our Lord and Savior.

As Presbyterian Women we too carry Christ's light out in the world through our PW purpose. We are called to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study. Finding resilience, joy, and our identity in Jesus Christ Bible study for 2025 -2026 doesn't seem like it was coincidence for the year's Bible study but maybe a "Godwink" to help us to make sense with conflict, grief, and tensions in our country and world. Because of all that is happening around us, we are called to justice and peace to build an inclusive, caring community of women who strengths the Presbyterian Church USA and witnesses to the promise to God's kingdom.

If you don't use the PW Bible Study for your group, you may want to consider this year's study. I also urge you to find ways to seek justice and peace in neighborhoods and beyond. God calls us to "love our neighbor". I urge you to find new or additional ways to love your neighbors. Find ways to offer help and be a blessing to them: listen to them, feed them, clothe them, providing warmth through blankets and/or quilts, or providing whatever your neighbor needs. It could just be a hug. We need to remember to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. Our PW purpose calls and challenges us.

In 2026, what is God calling you to do to provide hope and light to your neighbor?
What care and compassion are you being called to offer? Are you listening to where
God is calling you?

Calendar of Events and Deadlines

Feb.18: Ash Wednesday

March 5: Quarterly payment to Sharon Johnson, PWP Treasurer

March 6: World Day of Prayer

March 8: Celebrate the Gifts of Women

March 8: Daylight savings time begins; set your clocks ahead 1 hour

March 21: Presbytery of N. Plains meeting at Univ. of Jamestown

March 29: Palm Sunday

April 2: Maundy Thursday

April 3: Good Friday

April 5:EASTER SUNDAY

April 17-19: PW Synod meeting in Lincoln, NE

April 25: PWP Spring Gathering in East Grand Forks

May 5: Nat'l Day of Awareness & Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

May 10: Mother's Day

May 24: Pentecost Sunday

May 25: Memorial Day

June 5: Quarterly payment to Sharon Johnson, PWP Treasurer

Partnership in Ministry

“For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.”
— 1 Corinthians 3:9

At Bdecan Presbyterian Church, we serve in the name of Jesus Christ—our compassionate Savior whose mercy knows no limits. He calls us to lift up the brokenhearted, feed the hungry, and clothe those in need. Through His Spirit, our small acts of love become part of His great work of healing and hope.

But ministry is never done alone. Across the miles—through prayer, giving, and shared service—we stand together as the body of Christ. Each church, each volunteer, each supporter is a vital partner in this work. When one member serves, the whole body rejoices; when one gives, all are strengthened.

Partnership reminds us that we are stronger together. Whether you serve in a congregation in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, here on the Spirit Lake Nation, or anywhere else – you are a part of a living network of faith and compassion that refuses to let hardship have the last word.

Though the government shutdown may be over, its effects linger—especially for those whose lives depend on the social safety net. The bill that ended the shutdown has brought new challenges for programs that serve the elderly, the disabled, children, and low-income families. When vital support systems are weakened, communities like ours feel the impact first.

It is estimated that tens of thousands die each year from lack of access to affordable health care. And yet behind every number is a name—a child, a parent, a neighbor, a friend. These realities call us not to despair, but to action. We are reminded that we are the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in a world so desperately in need of His touch.

At Bdecan, this calling takes shape through simple yet powerful ministries:

- The Bdecan Food Pantry, open monthly and throughout the year with emergency boxes, stands as a beacon of hope for families struggling to make ends meet.
- The Clothing Closet and Winter Wear Ministry share coats, blankets, and dignity—each item a reminder that Christ’s love provides warmth in both body and spirit.

- Our Backpack and School Supply Giveaway and Vacation Bible School nurture the next generation with faith, joy, and the tools they need to thrive.

Every shared meal, every coat given, every child welcomed—these are sacred moments where Christ’s light breaks through the darkness.

“For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home.” — Matthew 25:35

To all who share in this mission—thank you. You are the heartbeat of this ministry.

We give thanks to God for:

- Presbytery of Northern Plains, its churches, and Presbyterian Women—for providing funds, food, clothing, blankets, backpacks, school supplies, and Christmas gifts.
- First Presbyterian Church of Rochester, MN—for supporting the food pantry, winter wear giveaway, and leading VBS for over 10 years.
- First Presbyterian Church of Willmar, MN—for helping with VBS and other resources.
- Ebenezer Presbyterian Church of Renville, MN—for sharing VBS, winter wear, and clothing for our families.
- First Presbyterian Church of Hudson, WI—for offering financial support for supplies and Christmas gifts.
- East Iowa Presbyterian Women—for faithfully providing financial assistance for ministry outreach.
- Apostle Presbyterian Women of Allis, WI—for donating hand-made hats to warm little heads during our winter giveaway.
- A couple special women from the Twin Cities Presbytery—who donate clothing, blankets, and winter wear with heartfelt care.
- And the countless individuals who give quietly but faithfully.

Your generosity reflects the love of Christ, who said, “Freely you have received; freely give.” (Matthew 10:8)

We also honor our local volunteers—the hands and feet of Jesus in this place. You stock shelves, sort clothes, deliver food, and greet families with compassion. You are living examples of the gospel in action.

“Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” — Galatians 6:9

Even in uncertain times, we hold fast to this truth: Christ has not forgotten His people. His light still shines through every act of love, every moment of service, every partnership formed in His name.

Through Him, brokenness gives way to healing, scarcity gives way to abundance, and despair gives way to hope.

“The Lord is a shelter for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, O Lord, do not abandon those who search for you.”
— Psalm 9:9-10

Gracious and Loving God, We thank You for the blessing of partnership—for every church, every giver, every servant who joins in Your mission of love.

In this time of uncertainty, remind us that You are our provider and strength. Bless all who come seeking help, and all who give of themselves so freely in Your name.

Lord Jesus, You walked among the hungry and the brokenhearted. Help us to also walk in Your footsteps—to serve humbly, love deeply, and shine Your light in every dark place.

Unite us, Father God, across distance and difference, as one body in Christ. To You be all glory, honor, and praise—now and forever. Amen.

By Chandra Mendieta, Youth Director and Outreach Coordinator

**Once a man was asked, “what did you gain by regularly praying to God?” The man replied “nothing but let me tell you what I lost: anger, ego, greed, depression, insecurity, and fear.”
Sometimes, the answer to our prayers is not gaining but losing which ultimately is the gain.**

PW Synod News

The next PW Synod Sit ‘N Sip is Feb. 28 at 11 a.m. by Zoom. The conversation will focus on ICE reform. If you would like to be part of the conversation, contact Lana Schultz, lanaj0@casselton.net, for the Zoom link.

The next online PW Synod Horizons Bible Study is set for February 23 at 6:30 p.m. on Lesson 6. Invite others and make it a watch party. Contact Lana Schultz, lanaj0@casselton.net, for the Zoom link.

The PW Synod’s Facebook page will keep you informed on all the exciting things happening with PWSLAP! The page can be found by searching for Synod of Lakes and Prairies Presbyterian Women on Facebook. If you have any items for the PWSLAP Facebook page, please send them to Christy Abraham, Facebook Coordinator at christylou71@gmail.com

PW Churchwide News

“PW ESSENTIALS” (formerly PW Manual) is available online at <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/wpcontent/uploads/2023/04/PWR23120-PW-Essentials.pdf> for downloading. In the future, any changes or new editions will be available in a downloadable format only. NOTE: New in 2026--Horizons magazine will be published 4 times a year, not 5. Each issue will be increased by 8 pages.

A Wise Woman’s Stone

A wise woman who was traveling in the mountains found a precious stone in a stream. The next day she met another traveler who was hungry, and the wise woman opened her bag to share her food. The hungry traveler saw the precious stone and asked the woman to give it to him. She did so without hesitation. The traveler left, rejoicing in his good fortune. He knew the stone was worth enough to give him security for a lifetime. But a few days later he came back to return the stone to the wise woman. “I’ve been thinking,” he said, “I know how valuable the stone is, but I give it back in the hope that you will give me something more precious. Give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me the stone.”

2025 Birthday Offering Recipients

Leland Presbyterian Church, Leland, Mississippi \$150,000 Windward Volunteer Housing Facility

This Birthday Offering grant will help build a housing facility. Windward Volunteer Housing will offer safe and comfortable accommodations, including showers, laundry equipment and a kitchen. Members of the community who need a temporary place to stay and volunteer groups who come for disaster recovery will find a warm welcome at Leland Presbyterian Church.

Red Cloud Renewable, Pine Ridge, South Dakota \$150,000 Lakota Thiyuha Dome Home Project

This Birthday Offering grant will construct three dome homes, providing housing as well as creating publicity for this affordable option. Construction apprentices will gain experience in this building technique that can rapidly and affordably increase housing availability for Lakota families in need.

I Worried

I worried a lot. Will the garden grow, will the rivers flow in the right direction, will the earth turn as it was taught, and if not how shall I correct it?

Was I right, was I wrong, will I be forgiven, can I do better?

Will I ever be able to sing, even the sparrows can do it and I am, well, hopeless.

Is my eyesight fading or am I just imagining it, am I going to get rheumatism, lockjaw, dementia?

Finally I saw that worrying had come to nothing. And I gave it up. And took my old body and went out in the morning, and sang!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN NORTHERN PLAINS PRESBYTERY

2025 ANNUAL MISSION REPORT

PW groups reported the following highlights of favorite mission activities and why:

- (1) Hosting the annual Bazaar scheduled the same time every year brings PW members and community residents together. With record numbers in attendance and fundraising, this event allows the PW to support dozens of local organizations and benefits;
- (2) Working with the Emergency Food Pantry and New Life Center with their success in providing food, housing and jobs to the community;
- (3) Giving to Heifer International ensures gifts go directly to people in need;
- (4) Supporting radio broadcast of Sunday Service, now livestreamed, reaches out to a greater audience; and
- (5) several PW groups have donated school supplies, backpacks, milk cards, sweats, pants, underwear, socks, mittens, and caps. The local schools often contact PW first if a child has a specific need.

PWs in Northern Plains Presbytery are strong supporters of mission in the larger church such as the Thank and Birthday Offerings; Ecumenical missions such as the Fellowship of the Least Coin and World Day of Prayer; and several local missions such as food pantries, Bdecan Presbyterian Church, nursing homes, and local schools.

GOOD NEWS—PW groups are growing in number of events hosted for mission, the amount of funds raised for mission, time spent in mission, and a small but bold increase in members serving in mission activity.

A mission opportunity for PW groups is the collection of pill bottles which has made a comeback. There are two locations accepting pill bottles: (1) the Orphan Grain Train (ogt.org) warehouse at 103 Fourth Ave. SE in Jamestown and (2) Matthew 25: Ministries, 11060 Kenwood Road, Blue Ash, OH 45242.

All pill bottles must have the labels, and any glue residue from the labels, removed. The bottles must be washed, dried and sorted by size and color, put in Ziploc bags marked cleaned and boxed. Bottles must have plastic lids.

The drop-off schedule at the Orphan Grain Train warehouse is Monday or Saturday morning from 9:00 am to noon. There is an \$11/box shipping charge. The PCUSA's Matthew 25 Ministry Pill Bottle collection (m25m.org/pillbottles) must be mailed, at your own expense, to the Ohio address listed above.

Lana Schultz PWP Mission Coordinator

The Northern Lights Newsletter is a means to connect and inform. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. It is distributed by email and mail. It is also available on the Northern Plains website. PW moderators are encouraged to share its contents with their congregation and local PW.

Jeanne Mewes, Editor rmewes@rocketmail.com



LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

**2027 Churchwide
Gathering of
Presbyterian
Women**

The 2027 Churchwide Gathering will be an exciting faith-filled time for Presbyterian women to gather for worship, education, community building, fun and renewal.

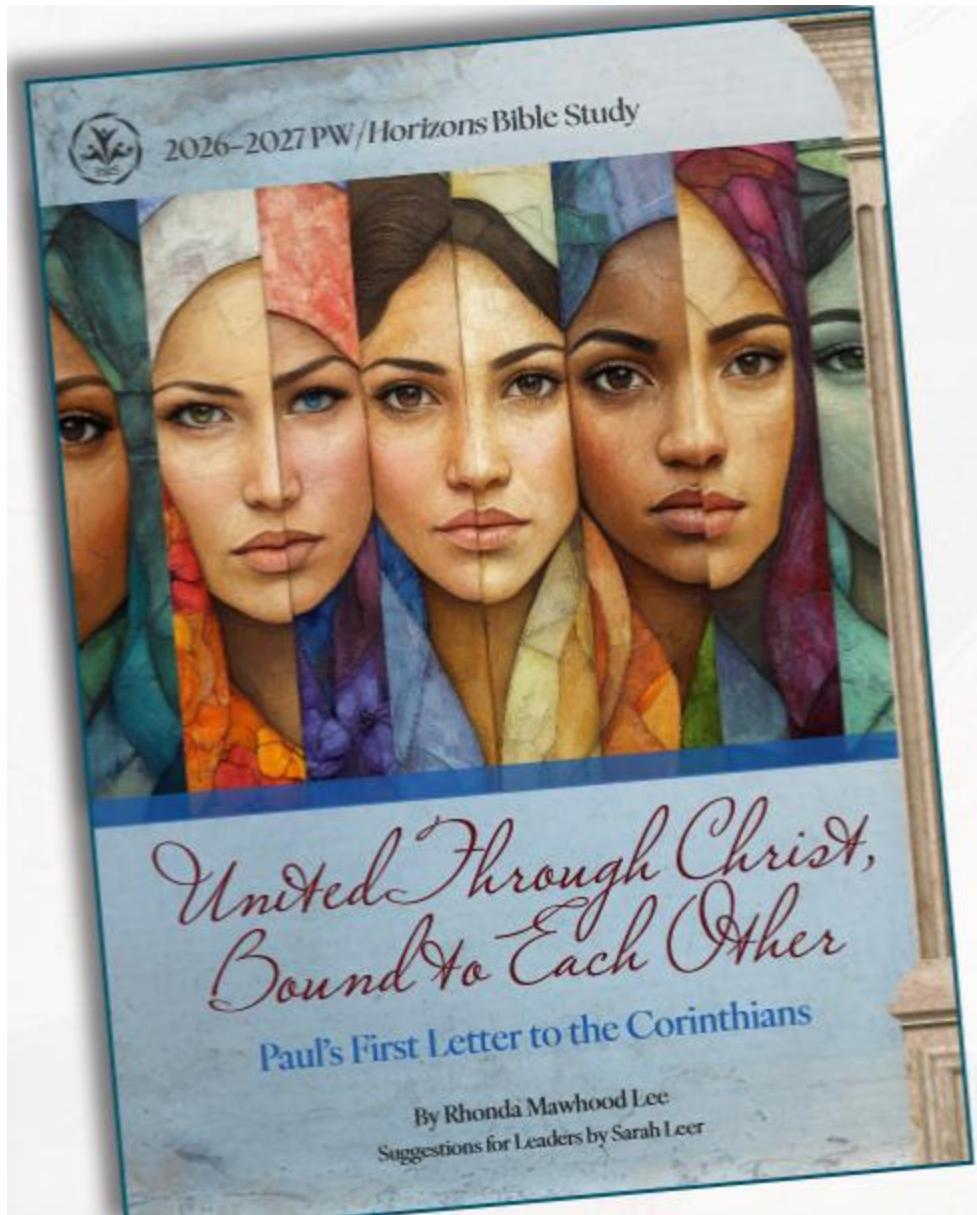
August 5-8, 2027

Save the date and stay tuned!

presbyterianwomen.org/gathering

We'll see you there!

Pam Snyder, 2024-2027 PW Moderator
Kelsey Law, 2024-2027 PW Vice Moderator



Introducing the 2026-2027 PW/Horizons Bible Study

United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other

Learn about Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth. This Bible study explores the letter's setting, divisions within the congregation, and ultimately, the gifts given to all through the work of Christ. Readers will be fascinated by this journey to Corinth and will explore how Paul's timeless message of loving unity calls Christ's followers today.



This was a painting that Paul Oman painted during one of the worship services during the September Ministry Retreat I attended at Clearwater Forest and this was the inspiration of the Grandin Sunday School Christmas Program. This was depiction of the story about the angel coming to Mary to tell her she was with child and to not be afraid. Clearwater Forest received a \$2000 grant for the ministry retreat and that money was used to have Paul be an artist in residence during the retreat. He also painted another painting during the other worship service. These painting are displayed at Clearwater Forest Bible Camp for all to enjoy. If you ever make it to camp, look for painting. They are truly impressive. (Donna Preston .

Winter Chrysalis Women's Retreat

at Clearwater Presbyterian Forest

February 20 - 22, 2026

Our Daily Bread: What Do You "Knead?"

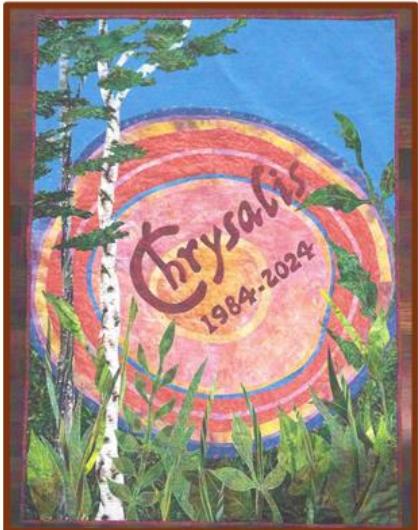
Speaker: Reverend Elaine Boyd

In recent years, bread has gotten a bad rap, but throughout the centuries, bread has been for many people their main source of sustenance. Bread is mentioned over 400 times in the Bible as a sign of both physical and spiritual nourishment. Come explore how this ancient symbol points us to a deeper understanding of God's radical faithfulness, grace and welcome for us, and encourages us to share what we receive with others.



Elaine Boyd is a (mostly) retired minister of word and sacrament in the PCUSA. She lives in Willmar and has two handsome sons, an intelligent daughter-in-law, and two above average grandsons (in her unbiased opinion). Elaine especially enjoys walks in nature, sewing scrappy quilts, baking bread (of course), and reading science fiction. If you ask, she would be happy to bore you with pictures of her recent trip to Norway.

Our Chrysalis Mission



Clearwater Chrysalis is a balanced, faith-building Christian program of Clearwater Forest. We welcome adult women from all beliefs. Our vision is to nourish and support the body, mind, spirit in community with other women.

*40th Anniversary Quilt created by Sharon Pleimling and Rhonda Magnussen.



Fees, Registration, General Info

*Chrysalis fees cover two nights of lodging in a double room, speaker presentations, entertainment, programming and 5 meals. The cost is \$300 for a double lodge room. A \$75 deposit is required. Please note that for this winter camp, there are only double rooms available. When you register, be sure to indicate roommates with whom you would wish to share a room. If you do not have a preference, we will find a nice roommate for you. ☺

All fees paid, are refundable if a cancellation occurs at least 10 days prior to camp. If your cancellation occurs within 10 days of camp, all but \$75 is returned. (Thanks for understanding that programming must be planned, and food must be ordered.)

*First Time Campers are eligible for a \$50 discount.

*Scholarship funds are available through the Chrysalis Steering Committee. Contact the camp office.

*Chrysalis merchandise will be available to purchase. Only cash or checks are accepted.

*Camp begins Friday February 20th at 4:00. Please be sure you can make it to camp by that time.

*Also, be sure that you have transportation to and from camp before you register. Thank you!

Registration will be open December 1, 2025.

To register, go to the Clearwater Forest Retreats webpage. Choose "Women's Chrysalis". Follow the link. <https://clearwaterforest.org/retreats/>

Fun, Fun, Fun!!!

***Enjoy a Massage** - Linda Charnley and Angie Stiebinger are returning as our massage therapists. They charge \$70 for an hour massage. Be prepared to pay them directly.

***Entertainment - Dance Caller** - We had so much fun dancing last summer, we have asked Robin back for winter Chrysalis!

Robin McGalliard Nelson will lead a joyful dance experience for all abilities. The session will celebrate a vibrant mix of styles from American folk, to popular, and international music - designed to get your body moving and your spirits lifted! Come to move, smile, and connect!

Robin has over 35 years of experience leading singing and traditional dance for all ages and abilities. In addition to being a regular dance caller and teacher at Tapestry Folkdance Center and the Monday Night Square Dance in Minneapolis, Robin leads dancing at weddings, special parties, schools, and senior centers. Her great joy is to help create community and connection.



***Exercise-** your choice of snowshoeing, nature walk or yoga.

***Bring Your Own** - Chrysalis has free time on Saturday. Bring a book, craft project or anything else you would like to spend time doing.



Workshops - Participants choose one workshop when registering.

Chrysalis is on a Roll!

Taking yeast, flour, salt and water and turning it into something delicious and beautiful is a metaphor for life, but it's also what we will do in 90 minutes! We will start with dough that is already prepared and ready to roll...you will learn to make a basic dinner roll shape, and also a weave and a braided roll. And yes, we will then bake and eat these at the end of class.

While your shaped rolls are proofing, I'll mix a dough from the beginning and show you what it looks and feels like before the first rise. Hopefully you'll go home feeling the **KNEAD** to try this at home.

Material fee is \$5. Please bring cash to pay for the workshop when you check in on Friday.

Deb Will was afraid of yeast for years and like so many, during Covid, she decided to face that fear and conquer it. After retiring as a math teacher of 38 years, she decided to give cottage baking a try on Leap Day of 2024. When Betsy Rock-Zutz asked Deb to teach this workshop with a bunch of wonderful women, the teacher in her really wanted to try it out! You're her first bread-making class and she hopes you are ready to **"Roll with It!"**



Fabric Press Art

Kinusaiga is a contemporary Japanese art form attributed to artist Maeno Takashi that combines elements of traditional textile techniques such as Oshie with modern materials and methods. You will create your own framed piece by pressing fabric scraps into cut grooves on foam board. No sewing! Choose one of our designs or free-hand your own. You will need to use a craft knife to cut into the foam, so not recommended for those with limited dexterity. Material fee is \$5. Please bring cash to pay for the workshop when you check in on Friday.

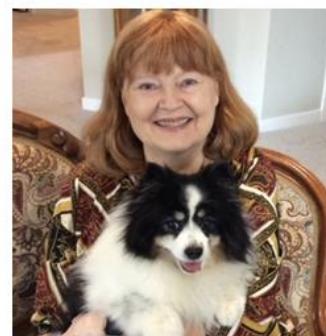
Kelsey Lynn Speaks is a speech-language pathologist who enjoys every kind of craft and always has too many little projects going. She lives in Lake Elmo with her family.



Bible Journaling 101

Does the thought of Bible journaling intimidate you? Well, please know that our time together is designed to be fun and inspirational! You will hear many optional techniques from which to choose as we journal together (no one will be put on the spot!) about the Bread of Life. You will be presented with handouts with many of the ideas, an interleaved book of John to write in, some twistable colored pencils for highlighting or coloring, and one of my very favorite journaling pencils! Material fee is \$15.00. Please bring cash to pay for the workshop when you check in on Friday.

Ann Berryhill Arn is a former full-time director of youth ministries at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Duluth. She is also a retired elementary and K-12 special education teacher, as well as a former radio announcer. In her retirement years she has started to lead Bible studies at a local juvenile detention center and teaches at seminars about creative Bible engagement.

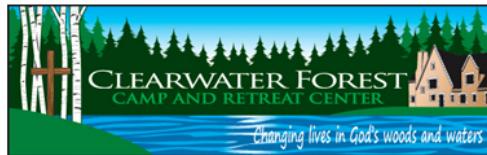


Save the Date!

Summer Chrysalis, featuring
Anna Kendig Flores, will be

August 13 - 16, 2026

with the Optional Service Day
on August 12th.



Clearwater Forest is a regional program, retreat, and conference center of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

This beautiful setting near Brainerd, Minnesota, covers more than 1,000 acres of forest and includes 3 ½ miles of lakefront, 10 miles of wooded trails, and majestic stone buildings.

16595 Crooked Lake Road

Deerwood, MN 56444

218-678-2325

Jane Pierce, Fargo, formerly of Buffalo, ND passed away on February 2nd at SMP Health-St. Catherine in Fargo.

Jane's faith was very important to her. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Tower City. She was an active member of the Presbytery and active in the Presbyterian Women of the Northern Plains. She once served as Moderator of the PW of the Northern Plains.

Please pray for Jane's family.

TOGETHER IN SERVICE

By Pat Mckisson, Committee chair

From THE SOWER, December 2025

How can we heal our broken world?

By Showing Love Through Random Acts of Kindness!

Have you ever done something nice for someone else, ‘just because.’ It wasn’t to repay them or because you had to-it was simply because you wanted to. Well, you’ve done a random act of kindness. Random acts of kindness are acts performed by a person wishing to either help or positively affect another person. It is said simply being kind has benefits for everyone’s well-being.

Colossians 3:15 tells us “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, cloth yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”

What exactly is a random act of kindness? Here are some examples:

Be kind in all interactions with another person. Don’ let anger lead your actions. Proverbs 15:1

Write a handwritten card to someone to say thanks.

Text a friend to share gratitude for something they did for you.

Let someone cut in front of you in line, while shopping or driving.

Smile at a stranger and say hello. You never know how this could affect their day.

Hold a door open for somenone.

The list can go on and on.

Can we all do random acts of kindness every day?

Can we make random acts of kindness a habit rather than a suggestion

Kindness goes a long way in helping to heal a broken world.

What To Give Up

A Lenten Reflection

Give up complaining-focus on gratitude.

Give up pessimism-become an optimist.

Give up harsh judgements-think kindly words.

Give up worry-trust Divine providence.

Give up discouragement-be full of hope.

Give up bitterness-turn to forgiveness.

Give up hatred-return good for evil.

Give up negativism-be positive.

Give up anger-be more patient.

Give up pettiness-become mature.

Give up gloom-enjoy the beauty that is all around you.

Give up jealousy-pray for trust.

Give up gossiping-control your tongue.

Give up sin-turn to virtue.

Give up giving up-hang in there!

COLGATE PW

The Colgate PW is grateful for the grant we received from the PW of the Northern Plains for our yearly Vacation Bible School. Each year we encourage area children ages 4 through high school to attend our VBS, free of charge. Attendance the last few years has been 40 to 60. Hours are 9am to 2pm Monday through Friday. This past year VBS was held at the end of July. Children bring a sack lunch and enjoy a recess time and lunch outside weather permitting. Craft time is a favorite time for the students. There is lots of singing during our opening worship time and more singing during our closing time. There is the popular “contest” with teams competing to answer questions from each days lesson. A closing program is held each year on that Friday evening.

The theme for this past VBS was True North with the daily and weekly focus being trusting Jesus in our wild world and the study of the gospel of Matthew. A mission offering was collected and sent to Convoy of Hope for Texas flood relief.

The grant we received was a big help in paying our VBS expenses.

“Train up a child in the way he should go, even he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6



2026 Clearwater Forest Programs

JANUARY 7-9	COUNSELOR REUNION RETREAT
JANUARY 9-11	SNOW CAMP
FEBRUARY 20-22	WINTER CHRYSALIS
FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 1	COUPLES RETREAT
APRIL 10-12	SEEDS OF SERVICE
MAY 15-17	BIG BIRD DAY WEEKEND (EVENT ON MAY 16)
MAY 26	DAY CAMP OPEN HOUSE
JUNE 3	1ST DAY OF DAY CAMP
JUNE 14-26	CITS AT CAMP
JUNE 21 - 26	WEEK 1: DISCOVERY, ADVENTURE, SR. HIGH, AND GRANDS/FAMILY I, AND CITS
JUNE 28 - JULY 1	FIRST TIMERS, GRANDS/FAMILY II
JULY 2 - 4	STAFF ARE OFF
JULY 5 - 10	WEEK 2: MOUNTAIN BIKE MANIA DISCOVERY, ADVENTURE, SENIOR HIGH, GRANDS/FAMILY III
JULY 12 - 17	WEEK 3: TRIENNIAL REUNION! DISCOVERY, ADVENTURE, SENIOR HIGH, GRANDS/FAMILY IV
JULY 15- 24	SR. HIGH SAILING & 10-DAY CAMP
JULY 18	CLEARWATER FOREST FEST
JULY 19 - 24	WEEK 4: DISCOVERY, ADVENTURE, SR. HIGH
JULY 26 - 31	WEEK 5: DISCOVERY, ADVENTURE, SR. HIGH
AUGUST 2 - 7	WEEK 6: ENDLESS DISCOVERY, ADVENTURE, SR. HIGH
AUGUST 13-16	SUMMER CHRYSALIS
SEPTEMBER 20-23	MINISTRY LEADERSHIP RETREAT
OCTOBER 9-11	MEN'S RETREAT
DECEMBER 4-6	MOM'S RELAX & RETREAT

I have
No Greater Joy
than to hear that my children are
walking in the truth. 3 John 1:4



Presbyterian Women in the
Northern Plains Presbytery

2026 PW Spring Gathering
Saturday, April 25, 2026

Mendenhall Presbyterian Church
East Grand Forks, MN
Registration Cost: \$15.00
Time: 10:00 a.m.

Remember a Gift Basket for the Silent Auction. All proceeds to:
2026 PWP Mission Partner – Chogoria Ministry Team
Dr. Carrie Lauber, Co-Team Leader & Gathering Worship Leader

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by April 20, 2026

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Pill Bottles Collected Since Jan. 2025



Sharon Johnson has continued to head up the collection of pill bottles at the Colgate Church. Other churches and individuals continue to add to the collection. Sharon removes labels, washes them and sorts them by size. The ladies at the Colgate Church plan to sort the bottles and put them in zip lock bags. Then the bags will be taken to the Orphan Grain Train in Jamestown. They will then be shipped to Liberia.

THANK YOU SHARON!

