

NORTHERN LIGHTS NEWSLETTER

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE NORTHERN PLAINS – Spring 2023

Moderator's Musings

Lana Schultz, PWP Moderator

IN THIS NEW YEAR, LET US REJOICE IN ALL THAT IS NEW WITH PW!

New experiences for our youth and the Youth Connection Ministry Team traveling to Chogoria, Kenya this summer--- **new culture, new country, new friendships**. Awards of **new grants** to Youth Connection and Bottineau PW in support of its Matthew 25 mission. A year of **new leadership** in some of our church PW groups—Fargo, Bottineau, Grandin, Colgate, Towner, and Langdon. **New partners** from Kenya to visit and participate in the Presbytery meeting in April. A **new opportunity** as we gather in April at our Spring Gathering to share **Good News** and learn **new information** on climate issues and solutions.

New calendar of events and deadlines:

- 2/22 Spring Presbytery meeting, Mendenhall, East Grand Forks
- 2/22 Ash Wednesday
- 3/3 World Day of Prayer
- 3/5 Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday and Quarterly pledges due to Treasurer
- 3/9 Thursdays wear black in opposition to violence of every kind
- 3/12 Daylight savings time
- 4/2 Palm Sunday
- 4/9 Easter Sunday; One Great Hour of Sharing
- 4/21 Deadline to register for Spring Gathering
- 4/22 Presbytery of Northern Plains mtg. Plan to attend & meet our Kenyan partners
- 4/29 Spring Gathering at Mendenhall Presbyterian Church in East Grand Forks

A new Gift of the Heart Kit—the Period Pack. Now you can help women and girls around the world living in period poverty. The Church World Service (CWS) Period Pack gives women and girls the essentials they need to feel clean, be healthy and live with dignity during the menstrual cycle.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- One 1-gallon Ziploc bag
- Two 2 oz. bottle hand sanitizer
- Three 4-gallon bathroom trash bags
- One travel pack of Wet Ones
- Ten unscented tampons (5 regular, 5 super absorbency)
- Ten unscented sanitary napkins (Long super ultra-thin)
- One bath-size bar of soap in the original package (box or wrapping) (3 oz. bar or larger. No Ivory or Jergen’s soap as they have a shorter shelf life).
- One pack of flushable wipes (unscented 42 count) Unscented available online.
- Six laundry detergent sheets (in small Ziploc bag) These are not dryer sheets. These are laundry sheets with pre-measured detergent in them. Available online at Amazon, Target, Walmart. Some pictured samples included in this newsletter.



+ Add

\$9.99
Beyond Laundry Detergent Sheets. Eco-friendly, biodegradable, hypoallergenic.



+ Add

\$7.99
Homevative Laundry Detergent Sheets, Easy Dissolve, 30 Count



+ Add

Now \$15.95 ~~\$28.73~~
Laundry Detergent Eco Sheets - 60 Loads

ASSEMBLY

- Place all items in the plastic bag, remove air, and seal
- All items must be new
- Do not enclose personal notes, money, or extra items in the kits

Ship to: CWS, Brethren Service Center, 601 Main Street, PO Box 188, New Windsor, MD 21776-0118 taping the completed “Kits form” below to each box as a return label:

Congregation/Group _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Kit type: Period Pack # of Kits _____

In 2023, look for the **new** in you too! “You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, ... and to be **renewed** in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourselves with the **new** self, created according to the likeness of

God.” Ephesians 4:22-24. “So next time you and I need something to lean on, let’s make it the Lord. Then we can nuzzle in and receive what we need most---nourishment from his Word, comfort from his Spirit, and the protection of his presence. Leaning in also offers us the benefit of no regrets and an opportunity to ‘put on the **new** self.’” Brand Spanking New by Patsy Clairmont, in *We Brake For Joy!*

Lana Schultz, PWP Moderator

The Church World Service asks for a \$2 processing fee for each kit. Shipping kits to their destination is expensive. Costs include rental space on trucks, boats and planes, gas, insurance of each shipment, and many other delivery fees. CWS appreciates the generous donation to cover part of these shipping and processing expenses. This is mailed separate from the kits and boxes. Fill out the Shipping & Processing Funds Form below. In an envelope, mail this form and a check, payable to Church World Service, to Church World Service, PO Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515.

SHIPPING & PROCESSING FUNDS FORM

Congregation/Group _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Congregation Phone # _____

Congregation Email _____

Contact Person _____

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Total Processing/Shipping (\$2/kit) _____

of Period Pack Kits _____

Northern Lights Newsletter

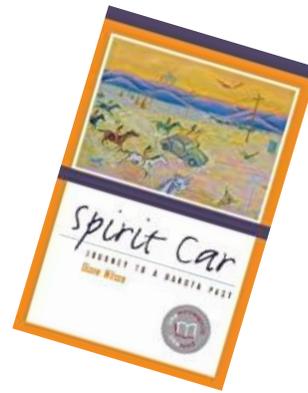
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It is a means to connect and inform. Your contribution to its content, whether original content or directing the editors to another source of interest, is greatly appreciated. *Donna Preston & Carrie Boldish, co-editors.*

Register today to join a book study . . .

Spirit Car:
Journey to a Dakota Past
by Diane Wilson



This book study is sponsored by Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Lakes and Prairies and led by members of the PWS Native American Concerns Committee.

It is open to interested women and men across the synod, via
Zoom videoconferencing (using computer or phone)
There is no charge to participate, yet registration is required.

Dates for 2023: March 20 and April 3
Daytime study begins at 1:30-2:30 PM (CST)
Evening study begins at 6:30-7:30 PM (CST)

Synopsis: A child of a typical 1950s suburb unearths her mother's hidden heritage, launching a rich and magical exploration of her own identity and her family's powerful Native American past.

In her thirties, Diane began to wonder why her mother didn't speak of her past. So she traveled to South Dakota and Nebraska, searching out records of her relatives through six generations, hungering to know their stories. She began to write a haunting account of the lives of her Dakota Indian family, based on research, to recreate their oral history that was lost, or repressed, or simply set aside as gritty issues of survival demanded attention.

Spirit Car is an exquisite counterpoint of memoir and carefully researched fiction, a remarkable narrative that ties modern Minnesotans to the trauma of the Dakota War. Wilson found her family's love and humor—and she discovered just how deeply our identities are shaped by the forces of history.

Register by contacting Marilyn Stone at mmstone52@att.net

Provide the following information: - Name

- Email address

- Phone #

- Presbytery

- Afternoon or evening study preference

Bdecan Presbyterian Church News

Donna Preston

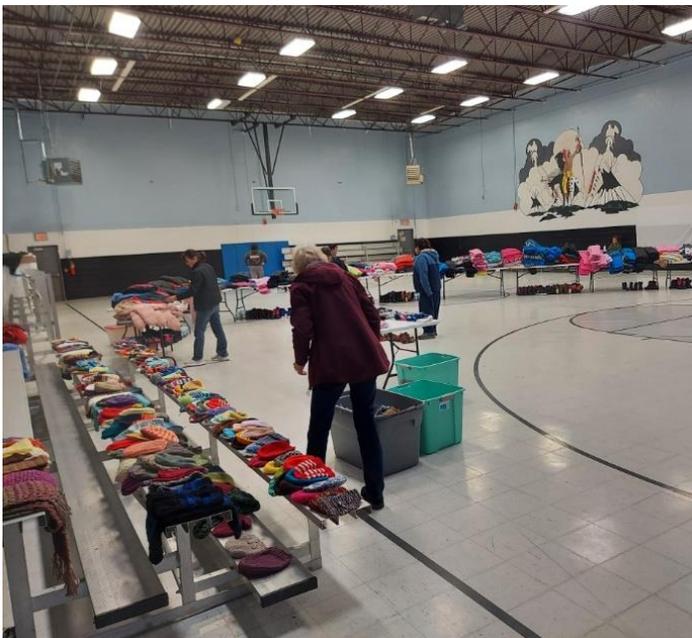
It's been busy since last fall. The Dakota Presbytery Meeting was held with PNP Presbyterian Woman attending in October. It was a busy week for Rosie Helland as Dakota Presbytery held CRE training all week. Rosie and the woman of the church made meals for the 8 attendees. I was up one day that week and helped with the noon meal and was able to connect with the attendees over lunch.

Food Pantry date has been moved to the 3rd Saturday of the month in order to have more church members to help with it to give Rosie a break with all her health issues and chemo treatments. On the average 50 families have been served each month. Occasionally the date has had to get changed due to the delivery of food from Great Plains Food Bank. December the food wasn't delivered till after Christmas due to all the bad weather and roads. The church still opened the Pantry after New Year in order to help those in need of food.



Bdecan Church Sanctuary

Winter Wear giveaway was held the first Saturday of November. Thankful for good weather several Ministry Team members from Northern Plains were able to attend and help. We served 134 children with various of pieces of winter wear. Thanks to many churches in Northern Plains who collected winter wear and money as well as financial donations from 1st Presbyterian Church of Rochester and Westminster Presbyterian Church of Alexandria, VA. We are so thankful for our many partners. Several PW woman helped sort and organize winter wear the weekend of Dakota Presbytery when PW groups brought winter wear and quilts. Quilts were also given away at winter wear giveaway. Quilts are always needed so if you want to donate, please let me know as I will be the contact for the time being.



Winterwear Giveaway

The Bdecan Ministry Team will be advertising for a full time Church Ministries and Outreach Coordinator for the Bdecan Church starting as early as May 2023. We are looking for someone to lead worship (don't need to be ordained or a CRE) as the person can use a devotion, Bible Study, or various other resources plus line up programming and find volunteers to lead the children's ministry during the church service. The person would also run the food pantry and

clothing closet, lining up volunteers from the church to work. This is a full time job. A job description is available from Donna Preston at preston@gra.midco.net. A resume and cover letter is needed to apply for the job. Please spread the word.

Please continue to pray Rosie Helland as she continues chemo treatment and other medical procedures for her many health problems. Pray for strength and safe travels for both her and Bob during this time of many trips to Grand Forks.

I would like to thank all of you for all the support you have provided to the Bdecan Church and members of the Spirit Lake Reservation. The increase in the price of so many things has made it apparent that our work at Bdecan is much needed and the people are so appreciative of your support. God bless you!

Bdecan Presbyterian Church – New Web Site!

<https://www.bdecanchurch.com/>

Climate Ambassador

*Marsha Odom, PW Secretary from First Presbyterian, Crookston,
to become Climate Ambassador*



In February, 2022 I completed online training to become a Climate Ambassador. This opportunity came from a program named Blessed Tomorrow that I heard about from the PCUSA Office of Public Witness. Blessed Tomorrow is a comprehensive climate change program designed to help faith organizations strengthen the moral connections between climate and faith. Then it provides ways to integrate climate solutions into their organizations and communities. In addition to the PCUSA involvement, the United Methodists, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Episcopal Church in America, US Catholics, and many others have committed to creating a path toward a positive future for our families, our communities, and our world.

As a Climate Ambassador I must be willing to talk with others about why climate issues matter to me as a Christian and to share research-based information about climate concerns. There are many known steps that can be taken to mitigate those concerns.

God has given me the gift of life and a beautiful planet to enjoy in countless ways. Blessed Tomorrow has provided me with a framework for sharing, educating, and advocating for climate solutions to help everyone. Lifting my voice to offer a way forward with a message of hope is a joy. There are slides, handouts, and talking points that guide me in presentations to interested groups. <https://blessedtomorrow.org/>

If you would like to know more, please email me at modom.umn.edu

PW NATIVE AMERICAN BOOK STUDY

Join us virtually as we grow through our book discussions to learn more about racial injustices and increase our understanding of Native American/Indigenous Peoples' traditions, customs, and historical trauma. We hope this leads to becoming better equipped to build relationships.

February 6 (1:30 PM or 6:30 PM sessions) and February 20 (1:30 PM session)

***The Dull Knives of Pine Ridge: A Lakota Odyssey* by Joe Starita**

Synopsis: Joe Starita tells the triumphant and moving story of a Lakota-Cheyenne family. In 1878, the renowned Chief Dull Knife, who fought alongside escaped from forced relocation in Indian Territory and led followers on a six-hundred-mile freedom flight back to their homeland. His son, George Dull Knife survived the Wounded Knee Massacre and later toured in Buffalo Bill West Show. Guy Dull Knife Sr. fought in World War I and took part in the Siege of Wounded Knee in 1973. Guy Dull Knife Jr. fought in Vietnam and is now an accomplished artist.



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February 20 (6:30 PM) - Session with author Joe Starita

The author, Joe Starita, of *"The Dull Knives of Pine Ridge: A Lakota Odyssey"* shares with us the research completed and conversations held in writing this book, what drew him to tell the history of this family, and how it has impacted his life. Time to discuss elements of the book and ask questions will be provided. It's always an informative session with the author!

February 27 (1:30 PM or 6:30 PM) viewing documentary, "On a Knife Edge"

The documentary, *"On a Knife Edge"* that was released in 2017, takes us into generation of the Dull Knife family. The film is 89 minutes in length and we a 30-minute discussion following the viewing and a break.

SUMMARY: "Set against a background of rising tension and protest, a Lakota George Dull Knife, learns first-hand what it means to lead a new generation adulthood in a world where the odds are stacked against him. Filmed over a period, and culminating with the events at Standing Rock, *On a Knife Edge*, privileged view into the world of George Dull Knife as he becomes politically active with the American Indian Movement, confronts the challenges of growing up on the Pine Ridge Reservation, and wrestles with accepting leadership of his storied family from his father, Guy Dull Knife Jr."



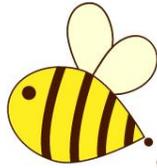
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Presbytery of the
Northern Plains

SPRING
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PW: Better Together, Tied Together With Love

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

MENDENHALL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
528 TENTH STREET NW
EAST GRAND FORKS, MN

Marsha Odom, Crookston PW & Blessed Tomorrow Climate Ambassador, will talk about why climate issues matter to her as a Christian and share research-based information about climate concerns.



REGISTRATION: 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Cost: \$15.00

RSVP to Lana Schultz before April 21, 2023

by phone 701-238-4538

or email at lanaj0@casselton.net

"A Threefold Cord is not Quickly Broken." Ecclesiastes 4:12



CHURCH MINISTRIES AND OUTREACH COORDINATOR POSITION OPENING

Bdecan Presbyterian Church, Tokio, ND (on Spirit Lake Reservation) and PNP Bdecan Ministry Team is seeking an individual or couple to fill our **CHURCH MINISTRIES AND OUTREACH COORDINATOR** position at Bdecan on a full-time basis.

We are seeking an energetic person to lead worship, plan lessons and coordinate volunteers to teach Sunday School during Sunday morning worship, plan and implement various holiday parties and giveaways, promote Summer Church Camp Program, work with

Mission Teams, reach out to Presbyterian churches and beyond to spread the story and do fund raising to maintain position and Food Pantry, update social media and website, coordinate food pantry and clothing closet by maintaining records for Great Food Bank - order food - coordinate volunteers to work the day of food pantry.

For any information or to apply, send resume and cover letter to Donna Preston at preston@gra.midco.net. Full job description available on request. Hoping to fill position by May 2023 but is open until person is hired.

Opportunities to Serve on Ministry Teams

There are many opportunities to become involved in a variety of service groups through the Presbytery of the Northern Plains. **Chogoria Partnership, Bdecan Ministry Teams, and Youth Connection** are always looking for new members. If you are interested in being a part of any of these groups, please check out the "Missions" tab on Presbytery of North Plains website <https://www.northernplainspresbytery.com>

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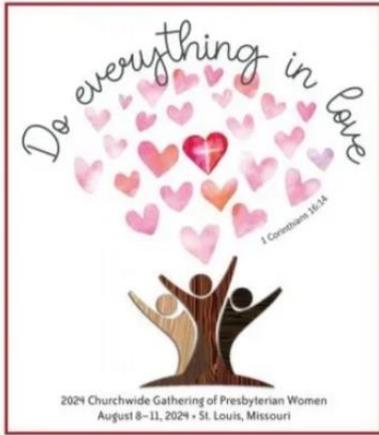
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Save the date for the 2024 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women!

Presbyterian women from near and far will gather August 8–11, 2024 at the Marriott St. Louis Grand in St. Louis, Missouri.

Watch presbyterianwomen.org/gathering for updates!



Churchwide Gathering News

Presbyterian Women's 2024 Churchwide Gathering will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, August 8–11, 2024. Mark your calendar and share these dates with the Presbyterian women you know! Inspired by 1 Cor. 16:13–14 (NIV), the 2024 Gathering is themed "Do everything in love." Full registration will be \$450. Daily rates and the cost for online registration will be announced closer to the Gathering.

Held every three years, PW's Churchwide Gathering is an event that celebrates and can deepen your engagement in all that Presbyterian Women does. It's as valuable for someone who has participated in PW for a decade as for someone who's never been to PW group meeting. Plenary sessions feature inspiring speakers and registrants have numerous options for workshops, tours, forums, resource gathering (and shopping!) and more. You'll find opportunities to connect with Presbyterian women from your synod and throughout the church. And of course, following the Gathering's closing worship, you'll be empowered to "Do everything in love."

Make sure you're in the know on the Gathering and all PW happenings by signing up for PW emails. Send an email to patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org with the subject "add me to PW emails."

Chogoria Update

Donna Preston, PNP Mission Pod Leader

Several youth and adults from the Presbytery of Northern Plains will be traveling to Kenya Africa hosted by the PNP Chogoria Partnership and PNP Youth Connection. Youth have been doing fund raising to help reduce the amount that they need to pay to go on this once in a lifetime trip. If your PW would like to contribute to help keep the cost down for our youth, you can mail checks to Presbytery of Northern Plains, 5555 South Washington Street, Grand Forks, North Dakota 58201, and in memo line write YCT Chogoria Trip. You can also donate at the Spring Gathering in East Grand Forks in April as the offering will go to our youth for this trip. This will be a trip of a lifetime for many of our youth. Thanks for your support.



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! - 2 Corinthians 5:17

ANNOUNCING MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER'S 2023

Women's Connection

with Kate Bowler

AUGUST 11-13, 2023
MONTREAT.ORG/WC2023



Registration for this year's conference opens tomorrow at 10:00 am EST!

It's almost time! If you are planning to attend Women's Connection this fall, conference registration and housing will open tomorrow, February 1, at 10:00 am EST. Rates and housing information are already available, so we encourage you to take a look at our website in advance of registration opening.

Women's Connection invites individuals and church groups to connect with new and old friends in a supportive, loving atmosphere, filled with authentic worship and meaningful conversation. If you have never attended before, please let this be your personal invitation to come experience the love of God more fully, here at Montreat!

**This year we will feature author Kate Bowler as our keynote speaker!
Read more on our website.**

Find more information
and register here! <https://montreat.org/events/wc-2023>

Justice & Peace Calendar

From Presbyterianwomen.org website

Want the J&P calendar for the entire year? [Click here](#) to download the PDF or visit the Justice and Peace webpage at presbyterianwomen.org/justice where you can also find additional details.

FEBRUARY

- **Black History Month;** blackhistorymonth.gov
- **National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month,** teendvmonth.org
- 1 National Freedom Day, state.gov/national-freedom-day-deepening-our-resolve-to-fight-human-trafficking
- 1–7 World Interfaith Harmony Week, worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com
- 12 International Day against the Use of Child Soldiers, redhandday.org
- 12 Souper Bowl of Caring, tacklehunger.org
- 12–18 National Random Acts of Kindness Week, randomactsofkindness.org
- 13 One Billion Rising for Justice, onebillionrising.org
- 13 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) Special author presentation on *What Kind of Christianity: A History of Slavery and Anti-Black Racism in the Presbyterian Church* by William Yoo (Westminster John Knox Press, 2022). Register at presbyterianwomen.org/justice
- 22 Ash Wednesday; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/ash-wednesday

MARCH

- **Women's History Month,** womenshistorymonth.gov
- 3 World Day of Prayer, wdp-usa.org or worlddayofprayer.net
- 5 Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday, pcusa.org/women
- 5–11 PW Together in Action for Women's Empowerment, presbyterianwomen.org/justice
- 6–17 UN Commission on the Status of Women, unwomen.org/en/csw/csw67-2023
- 8 International Women's Day, internationalwomensday.com or un.org/en/observances/womens-day
- 12 Self-Development of People Sunday, presbyterianmission.org/sdop-sunday
- 13 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) *Climate Justice: Hope, Resilience and the Fight for a Sustainable Future* by Mary Robinson (New York: Bloomsbury, 2018). Register at presbyterianwomen.org/justice
- 20 Mr. Rogers Day, presbyterianmission.org/ministries/theology-formation-and-evangelism/office-of-christian-formation/mr-rogers-day-resources
- 20 International Day of Happiness; daysoftheyear.com/days/international-day-of-happiness
- 22 World Water Day, worldwaterday.org
- 25–31 National Farmworker Awareness Week, saf-unite.org/national-farmworker-awareness-week
- 31 National Farm Workers Day, nationaltoday.com/national-farm-workers-day

APRIL

- **Sexual Assault Awareness Month;** en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sexual_Assault_Awareness_Month
Ecumenical Advocacy Days; advocacydays.org
- 7 Good Friday; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/good-friday
- 7 World Health Day; who.int/campaigns/world-health-day
- 8 International Romani Day; en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Romani_Day
- 9 Easter; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/resurrection-lord-easter
- 18 Holocaust Remembrance Day; ushmm.org/remember/days-of-remembrance/resources/calendar
- 21–27 National Agriculture Week; iatp.org
- 23 Earth Day; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-day-sunday



2023 JUSTICE and PEACE Book Discussion Group

FEBRUARY 13

WHAT KIND OF CHRISTIANITY

A HISTORY OF
SLAVERY
AND ANTI-BLACK
RACISM IN THE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

WILLIAM YOO



SPECIAL WEBINAR
WITH AUTHOR



DISCUSS THE BOOKS WITH OTHERS VIA ZOOM

• The J&P Book Discussion Group is open to all!



DISCUSSION GROUP MEETS EVERY OTHER MONTH

• Read and discuss any or all books that appeal to you. Registration will be needed to join the discussion on Zoom.



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• Questions for discussion or reflection will be sent with your registration confirmation.

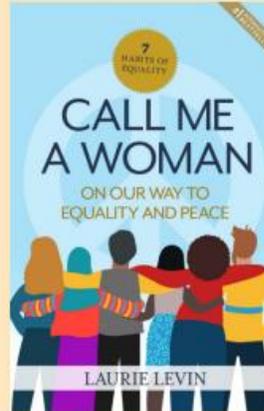


To register, scan the QR code with your smart phone or go to presbyterianwomen.org/justice.

Reading Selections

(6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Eastern Time)

JANUARY 9



JULY 10

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
**BEAUTIFUL
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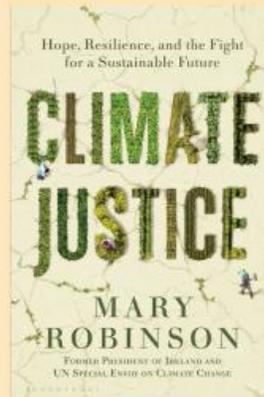


Qian Julie Wang

A Memoir of an
Undocumented Childhood

"Lyrical... A uniquely American story, and an essential one!"

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SEPTEMBER 11

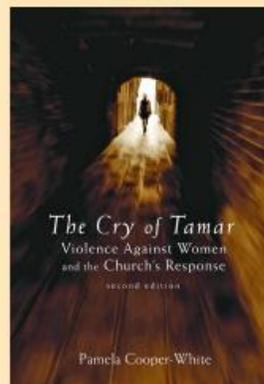


**VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN**

WHAT EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW

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NOVEMBER 13



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the Justice & Peace Committee of PW's Board of Directors.



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Bottineau Presbyterian Women

Gloria Olson, PW Leader

Monthly meetings were held in February thru May and September thru December. "Celebrating Sabbath" the Bible study from Horizons was used as a lesson guide. Each meeting we pass a bank for the "Least of Coin" collection. We have 7-9 members attending.

PW local mission projects included back packs, sweatpants and milk cards for students, candy to pass out at Halloween for nursing home residents, personnel care items and bingo prizes for hospital residents, 4 children's blankets for hospital emergency room and a cash donation to Tri County Meals on Wheels.

Get well, sympathy & anniversary cards are sent to members. Holiday cards are sent to shut-in's throughout the year. Used, cleaned and sorted prescription pill bottles have been collected and sent for an over seas mission.

PW members serve a soup, sandwich and bar meal to the United Parish Congregation before a Lenten service.

Several of our PW members are also active in the Quilting and Craft organizations of the Bottineau United Parish.

Grandin Presbyterian Church PW

Donna Preston

Grandin PW continues to quilt every Tuesday during the months of January to April, along with other members of the community. Last year the group made 66 quilts during this time. Just the month of January, close to 20 quilts have been



completed. Many of the women doing sewing at home in order to complete this many quilts. Some women also work all year sewing the tops then during the winter months the quilts are tied and final binding is done by the women at home during the week. The final job is sewing on a tag saying the quilt was made for them by the women at Grandin Presbyterian Church. These quilts are donated to local charities and given to our Senior Graduates. Even a lot of church members purchase them for grandchildren and friends as presents as the quilts are so beautiful.

PW also donates money to several local and regional charities during Giving Hearts Day. We

try to pick a charity that would support each of the following: children, women, men, veterans, food pantries, and medical groups. This money comes from a bake sale we do in the summer at the Grandin Car Show and donations from our members as well as other church members.



Jamestown

Charlotte Enger

Celebrating Sabbath

The Faith and Hope circle PW met with a kick off in September. Twelve women gathered for an inspiring lesson.

Hope circle has 5 women attending; they meet in homes. Faith circle has an attendance of 6 or 7. We're trying to combine our circles gradually. Our groups meet in December and May together. We're also looking for ways that more Presbyterian women can be involved. We have snow birds that decrease our winter attendance.



We faithfully continue with our Least Coin Offering, Hunger offering, and mission. We also have the Birthday program and Offering and the Thank offering.

Combined with ALL Presbyterian Women, we make a difference in the world!

*Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord,
and he will repay him for his deed .*

Proverbs 19: 17

Langdon

Lynn McGawran, Moderator

Our PW group began the study book, "Pew Sisters" last fall and will pick it up again when we resume our monthly meetings in March. In October we collected and dedicated the Thank Offering, and also decided to collect used medicine bottles to be sent for use to Matthew 25 Ministries. Our congregation responded well to this-- we sent our first shipment of clean bottles in January--and decided to keep our collection box out for refilling. Seems there's no shortage of prescription bottles in our lives these days! After one weather postponement, our group celebrated the Christmas season together in mid-December with a potluck gathering, sharing seasonal readings and delicious appetizers and goodies. We look forward to hosting the World Day of Prayer service on March 3rd. Four churches in our community used to rotate hosting this service, however, after several year's absence due to COVID/lack of interest, we decided to host again. It's unclear what the future holds for this service in our community. I'd be curious to know if other churches take part in this and how well it is attended. Not much else happening here until we begin meeting again. God bless!

Presbytery of the Northern Plains
SPRING MEETING
JOIN US IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM.
APRIL 22ND
MENDENHALL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
528 10TH ST NW
EAST GRAND FORKS, MN
Watch the PNP website for more upcoming info

Anyone can attend Presbytery meeting but the only ones who can vote, if needed, is the elder delegate from the churches and Pastors.

Presbyterian Women of the Northern Plains

December 31, 2022

Beginning Balance \$ 1,305.29

Income:

Pledge	\$ 4,175.00
Birthday Offering	95.16
Thank Offering	865.20
Least Coin Offering	173.08
Hunger Offering	336.10
Miscellaneous Income (Fall Offering)	<u>150.00</u>

Total Income 5,794.54

\$7,099.83

Expenses:

Carrie Boldish (Newsletter mailing)	91.79
PW PCUSA (Pledge, Birthday, Least Coin)	1,395.83
PWSLAP (Pledge)	291.00
PW PCUSA (Pledge, Thank, Birthday, Least Coin, Hunger)	1,910.71
PWSLAP (Pledge)	126.50
Presbytery of Northern Plains (Fall Offering Bdecan)	<u>150.00</u>

Total Expense 3,965.83

Balance December 31, 2022 \$3,134.00

New Covenant Funds (December 31, 2022) \$31,266.57

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