

Our Purpose

What's the purpose of Presbyterian Women?

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves:

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study
- to support the mission of the church worldwide
- to work for justice and peace, and
- to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

PW Coordinating Team

This team consists of the Executive Officers, Committee Chairpersons, Circle Leaders and Bible Moderators. The information from the Coordinating Team meetings is made available to all women through regular circle meetings.

Presbyterian Women Circles

Each adult female member of Saint Luke's is invited to join a circle, although church membership is not a prerequisite for participation in PW. We have three circles. Two circles meet during the day and one meets in the evening. The groups meet monthly in the church parlor for Bible study, fellowship and a business meeting designed to keep members informed of PW ministries and projects. Circle members are provided with opportunities to offer service to the church, community, and world. The typical schedule is:

Day Circles: 2nd Monday/Tuesday @ 9:30 am

Night Circle: 2nd Monday @ 7:30 pm

Bible Study 2017-2018

Cloud of Witnesses - *The Community of Christ in Hebrews*

by Melissa Bane Sevier

In nine lessons, the author invites us to explore major themes found in Hebrews, relate these themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of community.

PW Ministries and Projects

Thank Offering (collected each Fall)

This offering may represent a one-time gift or it may be the accumulation of money saved through the year by a woman as a tangible expression of her gratitude for the special blessings in her life. Forty percent (40%) of this offering goes to support hospitals and community health programs that help the neediest members of God's community. The remaining sixty percent (60%) goes to mission.

Birthday Offering (collected each Spring)

The PW Birthday Offering, normally received in the spring, is taken in celebration of Presbyterian Women. Originally, each woman was asked to give according to her age – now all are encouraged to give as generously as they can. Since 1922, more than 70 different institutions, programs or buildings, locally and abroad, have benefited from these gifts.

Community Service Projects

Thornwell Home

Thornwell is a children's home in Clinton, South Carolina, offering permanent or temporary care for infants through high school youth. Saint Luke's collects money for Thornwell in the fall.

Presbyterian Homes - Santa Claus Express

The Quitman and Austell Homes, owned and operated by the presbyteries of Georgia, offer care for the retired and infirm. During the Christmas season, PW collects toiletries and small gifts for their nursing care residents and other senior residents in need. The gifts are delivered at their annual Christmas party.

Sandwich Project

Each January PW sponsors a church-wide project to benefit Atlanta's homeless and hungry. All ages from the church and community work together to make thousands of sandwiches which will be delivered to several homeless shelters across Atlanta.

CHRIS Kids

CHRIS Kids is a community based non-profit organization whose mission is to heal children, strengthen families, and build community in Atlanta. Each spring, PW prepares Easter bags filled with personal care items and a small gift card for the youth in their therapeutic residential programs.

Crossroads Community Ministries

Crossroads Community Ministries is an organization that provides support to homeless men, women and children in downtown Atlanta. PW provides warm gloves (all sizes) as well as money for MARTA Breeze cards.

Mission Haven

Mission Haven provides housing, clothing and assistance for returning missionaries and is supported solely by the PW of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. The rent-free homes are adjacent to Columbia Seminary. PW contributes to the financial support for this program.

Family Promise

Family Promise of North Fulton/DeKalb is an interfaith network of 12+ congregations in North Fulton, Sandy Springs and Dunwoody uniting to provide compassionate assistance for homeless families with minor children. Congregations open their doors to provide a weekly rotating shelter for up to four families. Saint Luke's is one of the host churches and houses the central office.

Columbia Friendship Circle

CFC provides scholarship support for students with families. CFC includes PW groups from throughout the southeast who covenant to pray for, encourage, and support men and women who are pursuing a vocation of ordained ministry.

Worldwide Community Service

Church Women United

The purpose of Church Women United is to make churches aware of needs in the area and the world. Collections of canceled stamps, Campbell Soup labels, and other specially requested items are sent to this organization.

Fellowship of the Least Coin

Fellowship of the least coin links prayer and "least coins" in a very significant way, as the least coin becomes the symbol of prayer for peace and reconciliation. The coins are collected at each circle meeting, and when combined with those collected around the world, are used for projects of evangelism, service, ecumenical solidarity, awareness-building among women and relief throughout the world.

Honduras Outreach

This organization works "to improve the lives of the citizens of the Olancho in Central Honduras and the lives of North Americans who visit there." Saint Luke's has travelled to HOI's Ranch in Honduras for many years. PW supports the scholarship program by sponsoring high school students, so that they can continue their education beyond the basic government-provided elementary years.

Saint Luke's Family Service Projects

Little Saints Preschool & Kindergarten

PW supports the Little Saints Preschool & Kindergarten program at Saint Luke's with a donation of scholarship money and the collection of needed items used by the children.

Chrismons

Chrismon is an acronym for "Christ Monogram." Each year, PW chooses a different symbol and makes beaded Chrismon ornaments to be presented as a gift to the children of Saint Luke's during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Valentine Boxes

Each year for Valentine's Day, we collect special treats and goodies, assemble them into Valentine care packages, and send or deliver them to Saint Luke's members who are away at college, in the military, or unable to attend church on a regular basis.



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