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# THE PATTERN

February 2009

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## A Friend, by Serene S. West

... shared by Katherine Kelly

*A friend is someone who loves you,  
No matter what you may have done;  
A friend cries when you are saddened  
And laughs when you need to have fun.*

*A friend walks with you on the path  
Of life – and together you share  
The beauty – the strength – the wonder  
Of the One that dwells everywhere!*

*A friend drops your hand when need be,  
For sometimes alone we must go;  
A friend is a most precious gift --  
God love us – a friend tells us so.*

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**Blessings on our Vice-Mod/Program Director  
Celia Sophie D. Corporan, as she has been  
elected and installed as Vice-Moderator of the  
Presbytery of the Palisades.**

Calendar of Opportunities  
2009

March 28 <sup>th</sup>	PWP-Palisades Coordinating Team Meeting	Presbytery Office
April 25	SPRING GATHERING	Trinity Church Paramus, NJ
July 11-15	Churchwide Gathering	Louisville, KY

Visit: [www.pcusa.org/pwgathering](http://www.pcusa.org/pwgathering)

**PLEASE visit the website of PW in the Synod of the  
Northeast ([www.pwsne.org](http://www.pwsne.org))  
for many more opportunities for spiritual nurture.**

## *Moderator's Musings*

**Barbara Van Tilburg**

Women have always had special talents and gifts. They have been responsible for carrying on the work of the Church. In each congregation there are leaders, artists, musicians, teachers, cooks, sewers, knitters or crocheters and willing helpers..

To honor each one of us, March 8<sup>th</sup> has been designated as **Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday and International Woman's Day**. This year it coincides with the 500<sup>th</sup> birthday of John Calvin. A liturgy which may be adapted for use in a service of worship, suggestions for activities and resources are available in the November/December 2008 issue of Horizons or from [www.pcusa.org/women](http://www.pcusa.org/women)

Some women's groups have honored a "special person" or have displayed works of art and crafts as part of the celebration. Enjoy your Day of Special Recognition!

### Mission Pledge for 2009

If your women haven't filled out a Pledge form, please consider a small amount to help PW continue its important work! It should go to our Treasurer, Adina Yacoub, P.O. Box 278, Boonton, NJ 07005.



## Horizons Update

There has been a change in the address for subscriptions and inquiries.

It is: Horizons/Presbyterian Women, P.O. Box 421, Congers, NY 10920-0421.

The price for a one-year subscription is the same - \$18.00 and includes the annual Bible Study. It is a bargain for a magazine so full of great articles and inspiration.

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**Presbyterian Women of the Palisades  
Fall Gathering -- Minutes  
First Presbyterian Church  
of Elmwood Park  
October 25, 2008**

Katherine Kelly lit the Christ candle and opened with prayer at 9:40 AM.

12 Women attended. We celebrated 20 years of service and enjoyed special refreshments.

New Registrar: Irene Mantella

Treasurer's Report: Adina Yacoub, excused.

A discussion ensued as to the distribution of monies.

Mission: Joyce Thompson has resigned

Bible Study: Barbara Thomas was excused. *Horizons* continues to be our Bible Study resource.

Patter: Abbie Slaman announced the deadline for articles due is January 15, 2009. Emailing the *Patter* has saved considerable money.

Calendar:

- March 2009 CT Meeting will be held at the Presbytery Office in Paramus
- April 25, 2009: Spring Gathering @ Trinity Church in Paramus. The Reverend Wanda Lundy, Program Leader & Julissa Alvarez-Garcia will lead the Bible Study
- July 11-15 2009: Churchwide Gathering, Louisville, Kentucky "God will do wonders for you." Scholarships are available. Sophie Corporan was appointed to represent our Moderator Barbara Van Tilburg and Abbie Slaman was elected the second Voting Representative for the Business meeting..

October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009: Fall Retreat, will be held at the Edgewater Presbyterian Church. The Reverend Eileen Lindner will be the Program Director. A DVD Presentation will be provided by Diane Nafash.

Sophie Diaz Corporan introduced our program leader, the

## ***Christian One Liners***

*Don't let your worries get the  
Best of you; remember, Moses started  
out as a basket case.*

*Many folks want to serve God,  
but only as advisors.*

*It is easier to preach ten sermons  
than it is to live one.*

*When you get to your wit's end,  
You'll find God lives there.*

Reverend Debra Given who led a retreat titled "Peace and Justice in the World," including a worship service and communion.

Submitted,

***Judith L. Baehren***, Secretary

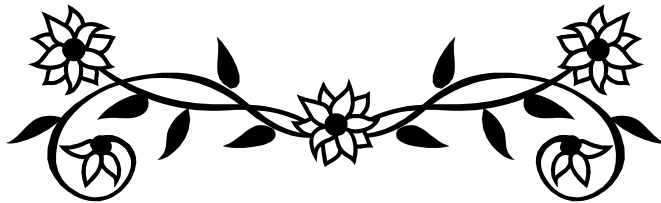
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## ***Wonder-filled Gift Cards: rebuilding homes, reassuring children, restoring hope***

Looking for a way to make a difference with a new mission project? Here's a suggestion for a gift that's easy to pack! Consider donating a prepaid gift card, to be collected at the Churchwide Gathering. PW will be donating the gift cards to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Bellewood Presbyterian Homes for Children. This direct and flexible use of spending power offers a way to provide what is needed quickly in times of emergency and for specific needs of individuals. Prayerfully inspire your circle, your friends and yourself to purchase \$20 gift cards from national retailers like Home Depot, Lowe's, Target, K-mart and others, and bring them to the Gathering. The gift cards will be collected at registration and dedicated during a worship service at the Gathering. Your gifts will soon begin rebuilding homes, reassuring children and restoring hope.

Should you wish to give \$40 or more, please purchase additional gift cards in the amount of \$20 each.

***Make a difference.  
Join us in this meaningful PW project.  
God will do wonders among us!***



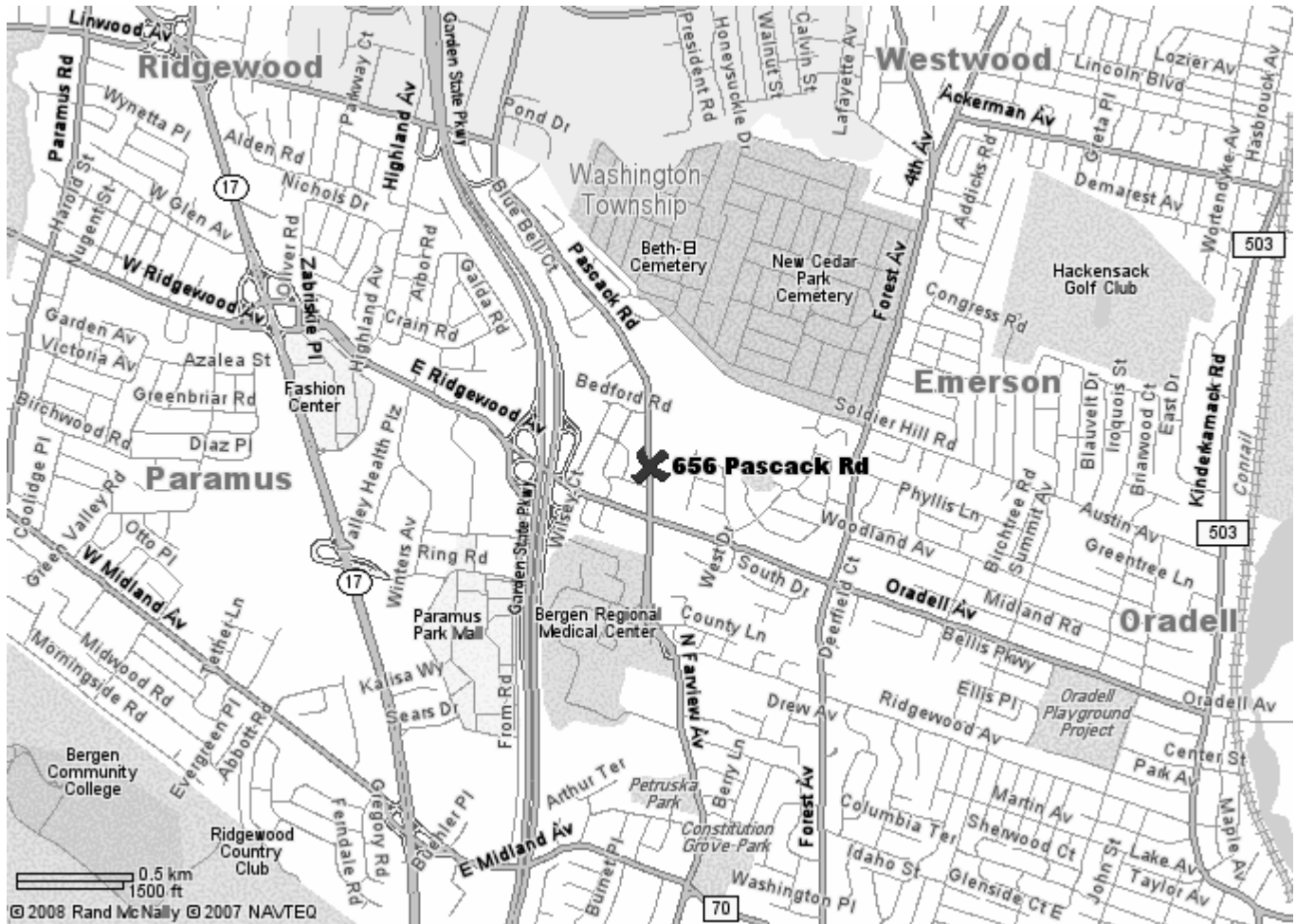
# Spring Gathering

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE PRESBYTERY OF PALISDES  
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2009  
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PARAMUS, NEW JERSEY  
656 PASCACK ROAD, PARAMUS, NJ 07652  
201-262-8624**


**“WE HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO BEAR FRUITS”  
JOHN 15:1-11**

9:15	REGISTRATION & COFFEE	Irene Mantella, PW Musician
9:30	WELCOME & PRAYER	Ann Schlamp, Trinity Church, PW Moderator
9:35	CHRIST CANDLE	Katharine Kelly, Spirituality
9:45	GREETINGS BUSINESS MEETING REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS	Barbara Van Tilburg, Moderator
9:55	PW Video PRESENTATION	Diane Nafash, Communication Specialist
10:35	INTRODUCTION of GATHERING LEADERS	Sophie Corporan, Program Director
10:40	PROGRAM FACILITATOR	Dr. Rev. Wanda Lundy
10:50	BIBLE STUDY	Pastor Julissa Alvarez-Garcia
11:35	STRETCH	
11:45	WORSHIP & COMMUNION	The Rev. Dr. Wanda Lundy
1:15	GRACE LUNCH & FELLOWSHIP	





**Directions:** Trinity is located just North of the corner of Pascack Road and Oradell Ave.

 Here is a new update of the Presbyterian Women's DVD that was made precisely to be shown to new churches to encourage membership. The DVD introduces PW with its purpose, principles, structure, mission projects, peace and justice, and also gives 10 good reasons why you should become involved with PW. Many of the women from our presbytery and the synod are on the DVD, and all those who have seen it, have enjoyed it. If you would like a copy please contact Diane Nafash.

We have also uploaded a new slideshow/video on Youtube. It is of the Healing Retreat that took place in Mantoloking last spring. Just go to <http://www.youtube.com/pwretreat> and enjoy!

***Diane Nafash has created a design for a pin-back button representing the Synod of the Northeast for us to wear to the Churchwide Gathering.***

*You can take a magic marker or a sticker and put a star to indicate the location of Presbytery of the Palisades if you so desire.*

Contact **Abbie Slaman** as soon as you know how many pins you will want (to wear or trade with new friends you make at the Gathering). \$2.00 each includes postage to your home.





**Presbyterian Women  
in the  
Presbytery of the Palisades**



**COORDINATING TEAM – FEBRUARY 2009**

Moderator: Barbara Van Tilburg, 150 Spruce Street, Midland Park, NJ 07432, 201-445-7593 e-mail: <a href="mailto:vantilburg81GC@verizon.net">vantilburg81GC@verizon.net</a>	
Program: Sophie D. Corporan, 140 State Street, Apt 4 A, Hackensack, NJ 07601, 201-488-1068, email <a href="mailto:celia.corporan@yahoo.com">celia.corporan@yahoo.com</a>	
Secretary/Historian: Judi Baehren, 264 Hamilton Pl., Hackensack, NJ 07601, (201) 488-1143, e-mail: <a href="mailto:jbaehren@reedlane.com">jbaehren@reedlane.com</a>	
Treasurer: Adina Yacoub, P.O. Box 278, Boonton, NJ 07005, 973-335-7114, cell 973-886-2221 e-mail: <a href="mailto:adiyac2000@yahoo.com">adiyac2000@yahoo.com</a>	
Registrar: Irene Montella, 412 D Bromley Pl., Wyckoff, NJ 07481, e-mail: <a href="mailto:imont@verizon.net">imont@verizon.net</a>	
Peace & Justice Coordinator: <i>VACANT</i>	<i>2 Year Term</i>
Together In Service Coordinator (Mission): <i>VACANT</i>	<i>2 Year Term</i>
Bible Study/ <i>Horizons</i> Coordinator: <i>VACANT</i>	<i>2 Year Term</i>
Search Committee, Chair and 2 members: <i>VACANT</i>	<i>1 Year Term</i>
Communication Specialist: Diane Nafash, 444 Elm Street, River Edge, NJ 07661, (201) 599-0147, e-mail <a href="mailto:dvnafash@yahoo.com">dvnafash@yahoo.com</a>	
Member-at-Large: <i>Community Building</i> : Evelyn Dvorak	
Member-at-Large: <i>Spirituality</i> : Katharine Kelly, 120 Magnolia Avenue, Cresskill, NJ 07626, (201)816-9529	
The Patter, Editor and Circulation: Abbie Slaman, 67 Sherwood Rd., Dumont, NJ 07628, 201-384-6024, e-mail <a href="mailto:slamans@optonline.net">slamans@optonline.net</a>	

Our prayers have been for those who have been caught in the Mid Eastern conflict. The following tells what positive action the Presbyterian Church is trying to accomplish:

All people impacted by the current violence in the Middle East are facing overwhelming humanitarian needs as a result of the continuing violence. The most basic needs—safe shelter, medical care, food, water, electricity—are well beyond the reach of many of those caught in the crossfire. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is in consultation with our partners in the region to make aid available to those most in need. When Jesus walked these very lands, by his words and his ministries he told all who would listen to care for: the children, the old, the poor, the sick, the most vulnerable. In this moment of crisis, while leaders strive to find a path to lasting peace, our priority must be caring for those left vulnerable by the violence.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:**

**GIVE** to help the PC(USA) and our partners meet the physical needs of those in all the areas where violence leaves them vulnerable, and the emotional and spiritual needs of the many more who have been traumatized by that violence. Mail your church’s gift to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Church Remittance Processing, P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700, or give through your congregation’s normal giving channels. Write “DR000081-E1” on the check or remittance form so that we can ensure your gift is designated to meet these urgent needs. You can also give online at [www.pcusa.org/pda/](http://www.pcusa.org/pda/)

**PRAY** for all those whose lives have been and continue to be affected.

**STAY INFORMED** with regular updates on the situation, how your church is responding, and to find available worship resources at [www.pcusa.org/pda](http://www.pcusa.org/pda) or by calling PresbyTel at 1-800-872-3283.

*“For surely I know the plans I have for you...to give you a future with hope.” Jeremiah 29:11*

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY OF THE PALISADES**  
**Scholarship Fund for Synod or Churchwide Events**

<b>GUIDELINES</b>	
<b>Purpose:</b>	To encourage participation of Presbyterian Women at the congregational, presbytery, synod and churchwide level. To enable a woman to attend PW gatherings and leadership development events.
<b>Eligibility:</b>	The applicant must be an active member of the PC(USA) in the Presbytery of the Palisades and active in the local church. The scholarship grant is \$200.00 per person, with a maximum of five (5) scholarships in any one year. Two of the grants are ear-marked for the two Voting Delegates to any delegated PW gathering.
<b>Funding:</b>	The funds for this program will come from the General Savings Account of the PWP-Palisades.
<b>Applications:</b>	Applications should be received by the Treasurer at least 30 days prior to the September or March Coordinating Team meeting. Decisions as to the awarding of scholarships will be made by the PWP Coordinating Team.

**APPLICATION**

EVENT / DATE:	
Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	E-Mail:
Home Church:	

Check all that apply:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Racial / Ethnic                     | <input type="checkbox"/> College Student          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pastor / Ordained                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Younger Woman (under 40) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seminary Student                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First time attending a PW Gathering |   |

Please list your PW activities / experiences / involvement / office, past and present:	
On a separate sheet attached to this application, please write a paragraph stating why you would like to attend this gathering, and a second paragraph telling what you plan to do with the information when you return to your home PW. A member of the Presbytery PW or your congregation's women's group must endorse this application, and she must also include a paragraph telling you should receive the scholarship.	
Applicant's Signature	Date:
PWP or PWC Signature	Date:

**Mail to: Barbara Van Tilburg, PWP-Palisades Moderator, 150 Spruce Street, Midland Park, NJ 07432-1132**

**\*\*\*MUST be postmarked at least 30 days prior to the September or March CT Meeting\*\*\*  
**Incomplete or incorrect applications will not be considered.****

**Revised October 2008**

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY OF THE PALISADES

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1/1/2008-12/31/2008

**YTD 12/31/2008**  
**\*\*\*Operating Account\*\*\***


<b>INCOME:</b>		
Balance 12/31/2007		<b>\$5,980.40</b>
Pledges for 2008		2517.50
Gathering and Retreats		185.85
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>		<b>\$8,683.75</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
SCHOLARSHIPS	640.00	
FALL PATER	96.85	
SPRING PATER	317.89	
SPRING GATHERING PROGRAM	500.00	
FALL GATHERING PROGRAM	520.00	
Miscellaneous	68.88	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2143.62</b>	
<b>BALANCE 12/31/2008</b>		<b>\$6,540.13</b>

**YTD 12/31/2008**  
**\*\*\*Mission Account\*\*\***

<b>INCOME:</b>		
BALANCE 12/31/2007		<b>\$25.00</b>
Mission Pledges from Congregations		
1ST Q	2196.33	
2nd Q	2464.00	
3rd Q	1235.00	
4th Q	4625.20	
Subtotal		10520.53
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>		<b>\$10,545.53</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Transfer to Operating Account:		2,517.50
GA Mission Pledge:		4,945.00
Birthday Offering:		485.20
PWSNE:		2,022.50
Thank Offering		515.00
Least Coin		35.33
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>		<b>-10,520.53</b>
<b><u>BALANCE</u></b>		<b>\$25.00</b>

**YTD 12/31/2008**  
**\*\*\*Savings Account\*\*\***

<b>INCOME:</b>		
Balance 12/31/2007		<b>\$12,266.75</b>
2008 interest		19.34
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>		<b>\$12,286.09</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Transfer to Mission account to make donations to 16 organizations @312.50 each		5,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>		<b>-\$5,000.00</b>
<b><u>BALANCE</u></b>		<b>\$7,286.09</b>



# The LIGHTHOUSE

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN of the SYNOD of the NORTHEAST

February 2009

## *Moderator's Message....*

Welcome to mid-winter! The good news is that spring cannot be far behind. Are you as ready as I am? Spring is the time for new life and new beginnings – new starts. Presbyterian Women offers many ways to renew or revive your faith and your life. Perhaps you need a “faith boost,” try the Spiritual Retreat, held in early May in Syracuse, NY. It is a time of renewal, of friendships being built and solidified and of a general feeling of “all is well with my soul”. Barbara Johnson, the leader, hits just the right note of solemnity and laughter. Talk to one of your sisters that have attended, it is wonderful, I have been there the last two years and have gotten so much from it.

Another choice, if your heart is heavy or your body weary, perhaps you might go to the Healing Retreat, also in May in Mantaloking, NJ. I have not experienced this but have spoken to those who have. It gives food to heal your soul, your body and your mind. Rev. Susan Gleason, the leader, has a knack for saying the right thing to give peace when troubled. Both retreats fill up quickly so think about it now.

A third option is the *Horizons* Bible Study held at Stony Point Center, again in May. If you teach the Bible study to your group or just attend the Bible study, this is a wonderful time of learning, understanding and seeing in new light, the Bible study that will be covered in depth next year.

Don't forget our wonderful Churchwide Gathering to be held this July 11–15 in Louisville. All by itself, the Gathering is an incredible experience, but this is the last time it will be held in Louisville so if you never took advantage of a side tour of our church's home offices, this is the time to do it. The information is out as well as early registration information - check the website, <http://www.pwsne.org>. It looks to be a great experience. I have often said if we could just bottle the feeling you get after attending one of these Churchwide Gatherings, all of our meetings would be overflowing! One of our own, Lois Carter, is chairing the whole event. If you know Lois, you know it will be exceptional and with no loose ends. All the “i”s will be dotted, for sure!

More locally, most of our presbyteries will be having Winter and Spring Gatherings. Invite your friends, your neighbors, the woman in the pew across from you. A lot of times, all it takes is an invitation – from you!

Let's get “revved” up for a good year full of great events. If your church does not have an active Presbyterian Women, join that of another church. If you are in that “other” church, be sure to do the inviting, there are women looking for a group. Above all, enjoy one another and Presbyterian Women.

-- *Sandy Grillo*



## LEADERSHIP NETWORK COORDINATOR REPORT

FEBRUARY, 2009

**STRATEGIC PLAN 2006-2009:** We should now be entering “the home stretch”! If you are like my PWP/CT or PWC/CT, you are now reviewing your positions on the coordinating team to see if changes need to be made (add/delete/combine), making changes to the position descriptions, the procedural papers and the By-Laws as needed. Review is always a good thing. Needs change over time. Also a good time to add “Celebration Giving” and/or Anti-Racism liaison tasks to an existing position.

**NOVEMBER MODERATORS’ TRAINING:** A good event at Stony Point with lots of sharing and meaningful discussions. Of particular interest is the fact that in 2010 there will be PPG gatherings instead of one Synodwide gathering. Each PPG will design its own event. There will be an overall theme of “Gather at the River” based on Rev. 22, verses 1-3. The interpretation of the theme and scripture, as well as the date, time and place will be up to the planning “committee” for each PPG.

**CHURCHWIDE GATHERING:** It is now time for you to send in your reservation for the **PW Synod of the Northeast Luncheon**. Send a check for \$25.00, made out to “PWSNE,” to Jane MacDonald, 36 Carriage Lane, Newton, NJ 07860-1927. **IMPORTANT:** Be sure all members of your group attending the Churchwide Gathering are informed of this procedure because NO tickets will be available in Louisville. When Jane receives your check, you will be sent a postcard that is your ticket into the Synod luncheon. Also, don’t forget to create a Mission poster for your group (PWP/CT or PWC/CT or PWS/CT). It should be 8 ½” x 11” and showcase your mission project or a collage of your projects. Be sure to include your group’s identification information. Send this BY JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> to: Patricia Longfellow, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202-1396.

**UPCOMING SPRING GATHERINGS:** In addition to advertising the Churchwide Gathering, why not take this opportunity to include those who are not, for whatever reason, able to attend by using the offering proceeds to purchase the \$20.00 Wonder-filled Gifts Cards that will go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Bellewood Presbyterian Homes for Children.. They will be used to rebuild homes, reassure children and restore hope.

**GLOBAL EXCHANGE:** As you know, Jenny Lee is back from the trip to Eastern Europe and available to come to your Gatherings. Her contact info is: 5 Dinsmore Lane, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550, e-mail: [jjunginlee@gmail.com](mailto:jjunginlee@gmail.com) or 609-716-4752.

**AND UPCOMING:** WORLD DAY OF PRAYER-Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Watch for a service in your area, AND GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY (and International Women’s Day) -- March 8<sup>th</sup>. The service is in the November/December *Horizons*. You may have “Gifts of Women” Sunday at any time of the year that fits your church or group schedule.

Judy Cunningham  
203.744.6792  
E-mail: danjudithc@aol.com

### ***HORIZONS MAGAZINE***

Remember ladies that to stay informed with what is going on in the world, your church, lives of women and children all over our planet, and with Presbyterian Women, you must subscribe to *Horizons* Magazine. This is the best bargain of 2009, so subscribe! Be part of the crowd that knows what’s happening! Happy and Healthy 2009 to all! *-Jo Ann Burrell, Horizons Representative*



## **CHURCHWIDE GATHERING**

Come one, come all...to the 2009 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women July 11-15, 2009 in Louisville, Kentucky. “*God will do Wonders Among You*” taken from Joshua 3:5 is the theme for this year’s event. This is an opportunity for you to nurture your faith and to be in community with Christian women from across the country and around the world. It offers time to learn about mission opportunities and justice and peace issues; to participate in Bible study; and to learn leadership skills. You will be able to share in worship, share our faith in song and prayer and have fun! Please consider attending – the Gathering is a time to celebrate the wonders of God! Be sure to send in your reservation for the PWSNE luncheon (use the form in this newsletter.) For more information, visit [www.pcusa.org/pwgathering](http://www.pcusa.org/pwgathering).

## **CONGRATULATIONS DUE**

We here in the Synod of the Northeast are leaders in the Presbyterian Church and in Presbyterian Women. This is never more evident than in the fine leaders we share with the Churchwide Coordinating Team. We can be very proud of the new members from our area that will be installed in Louisville in July. They are **Joanne Schnaudt** as Secretary, **Nydia Murphy** as a Member at Large representing Hispanic/Latin American Women, **Jyungin (Jenny) Lee** as a Member at Large representing Korean Women and **Janis Quinn** as a Member at Large representing Native American Women. They join **Virginia Champlin** who already ably serves as our representative to the Churchwide Coordinating Team.

Make every effort to be in Louisville to support these good women as they begin this journey of faith and hard work! They represent us and should know how proud we all are of each of them. Thank you ladies for all you have done and will continue to do for Presbyterian Women.

*-- Sandy Grillo*

## **PWSNE SCHOLARSHIP DUE DATES**

**Churchwide Gathering Scholarships** PW in the Synod of the Northeast offers up to 10 scholarships of \$100 each for women attending the Churchwide Gathering in July. Applications for the Churchwide Gathering Scholarships must be received by March 15 to give the Finance Committee time to review them and issue checks to the recipients. Checks will be made out to Churchwide PW and sent to the recipients in time for them to send it in with their applications before the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for the discount registration fee.

**Spiritual Gathering Scholarships** PWSNE offers up to 3 scholarships of \$50 each for women attending the Spiritual Retreat in May. Applications for the Spiritual Retreat are due 45 days before the date of the retreat.

**Healing Retreat Scholarships** Scholarship funding has been applied to reduce the registration fee for all applicants who attend this retreat in May, so no additional application is needed. Application forms can be downloaded from our website at [www.pwsne.org](http://www.pwsne.org) Please be sure to send both pages and have your moderator sign the form.

## **Report from our Representative on the Churchwide Coordinating Team**

I am so humble and proud to be the Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast (PWSNE) Representative on the Churchwide Coordinating Team. We have some great people and programs here that are worth sharing with the CCT.

In 2006, our Synod Leaders answered the need to be more aware of Inclusion. Hence, the “Sisters Stand and Walk Together” was born with help from a Grant from Churchwide. The money was available, but little was consumed. Tales of its success reached the Churchwide Coordinating Team Leadership Enhancement Committee. At the August CCT meeting in Minneapolis, it was approved to expand this program and offer up to four more Synods the opportunity to replicate or adapt this program to meet their needs. When I go to the February CCT meeting in Louisville, I will help read the Grant applications and know where this leadership and educational program will travel next.

Due to a decline in *Horizons* subscriptions some possibilities are being explored. One option is to sell church related advertising. This advertising would be done in a very unobtrusive manner. The second is to raise the subscription rate. If there is a rate increase it would be the first in almost 10 year. What hasn't gone up in the last 10

**Witnessing courage and hope after nature's raft...** I was deployed by the Red Cross to go to San Antonio, Texas due to Gustav, where I helped set up cots and slept one night...I was then sent to Lufkin and worked in the Church of Nazarene shelter where I met a 3-generation family. I asked the grandmother, who had clothes on her lap folded neatly enough to be on a shelf of a store and cots made neat, if she needed anything. She asked if I could get her a box. I asked the Pastor and he emptied out a box which I gave to her. She placed her clothes in it as if it was a dresser drawer, and she then grabbed and kissed my hand and thanked me with tears in her eyes. A BOX! Think about this when looking at your dressers in your home. These people lost everything they owned from Katrina and now Gustav. From there I was flown to Columbia, SC for Hurricane Hanna and was sent to Charleston to work in a high school shelter for 12 hours. We had 15 clients. They did not come to us do to damage. They came out of fear

years? As of October 15<sup>th</sup>, *Horizons* has moved its fulfillment house to P.O. Box 421, Congers, New York.

The Justice and Peace Committee is encourages Presbyterian Women to “Think Outside the Bottle” and support the campaign to stop the privatization of water and the negative impact of plastic bottles on the environment.

Both the Global Partner and the USA Mission Experience participants are back and ready to share their experiences. Just invite them and they will come.

The Search Committee presented the proposed next slate of officers. Synod of the Northeast will share several of their leaders: Joanne Schnaudt as Secretary; Janis Quinn, Jenny Lee, and Nydia Murphy as Members at Large. Congratulations and Welcome Aboard this amazing faith and witness journey.

I hope to see many of our PWSNE Sisters at the Churchwide Gathering. It is such an awesome experience. In addition to me on Hospitality, the last three PWSNE Representatives to the Churchwide Coordinating Team are volunteers for this Gathering: Lois Carter is the Chair, Rita Oestreich and Roberta Mansfield are members of the Global Partners Team. Thank you all for your prayers and support!

**-- Virginia Champlin**

from the torrential rain and lightning and what they went through from Katrina. We had 10 young children. At 1:00 a.m. I got to speak to a woman and her 9 year old daughter about their fears from Hanna and Katrina, gave them comfort and food. Again these people thanked us from the bottom of their hearts. While in Columbia we were warned that it was a dangerous place to be in. (At each shelter there were 2 deputies.) A person walked up to an officer and sated he did not like him and shot him dead. We are so lucky to live where we live. Please donate to your Red Cross. Even if it means manning a table for a blood drive while the rest of us are on deployment. It takes 3 hours to do this. You only need to ask if a blood donor wants water or juice, or work the table as the donors check in. If you dare, take Mass Care training and go to disasters as I did. You will never feel the same or think of the things you take for granted as you do now. If you want more information, please contact the Red Cross – they need your help!

**-- Cindy Hatin, FPC Glens Falls (submitted by Gloria Ghiradizzo)**

## TOGETHER IN SERVICE

Susan Silliman Smith, Coordinator

The New Year often brings new ideas for Mission from everyone. These days as we know it have been extremely challenging due to the economic status of the days. However, Presbyterian Women never stop doing Mission whether, locally, nationally or internationally.

**Together in Service** gives Presbyterian Women the relative freedom to be creative in the ways we do mission. Some mission can be relatively simple and practically costless while others we may choose to invest more financially towards making those come to fruition. Whatever you choose remember that Jesus told us: Whenever you care for the least of these, your brothers, you have also cared for me.

In October, I was fortunate to again visit with our Presbyterian brothers and sisters in South Korea. What an experience it was. For this part, I would like to share some of the ministries that are happening there and done by women. Perhaps your PW group would also like to support in their mission.

- **Sue Kinsler and her husband Art**: Sue presented us with amazing stories of the missions she is doing in North Korea. This is a difficult mission due to the nature of the country. In brief the missions include: soy milk factories to feed the children, bread factories, orphanages to house the abandoned or orphaned children, and programs for the disabled. The children never get adopted and they grow up in these orphanages. The programs for the disabled include teaching them to care for themselves, simple jobs, etc. Many of these missions are funded by Sue herself with assistance of others who support her missions. I was told at times it is difficult to get flour into North Korea as places may not allow the exportation of it. Some times the factories are not running because of this. Sue and Art make their home in Seoul and travel to North Korea several times a year. If you would like to know more, please refer to [www.pcusa.org/missionconnections/profiles/south-korea.htm](http://www.pcusa.org/missionconnections/profiles/south-korea.htm) and their name. You will find more on their mission and how to help.
- **Sook Hee Bae and her husband Kook Jin Bae**: This woman is also an amazing woman. Sook Hee and her husband made time in their schedule to take four of us from Cayuga-Syracuse to see the shelter for battered women and runaway youth. The building also houses the offices of the Women's Ministry Association. Although women have been in ministry in Korea for some time, it has only been recently the Presbyterian Church of Korea has accepted women to be ordained. This is a joyful ministry for the women who wish to serve Christ. The Women's Ministry Association consists of many women who are not ordained as they attended seminary prior to the Presbyterian Church of Korea being somewhat accepting of women in ministry. You can also find more information about Sook Hee Bae in her ministry on the PCUSA website mentioned above.

**Mission posters**: Don't forget to let your sisters across the land know of your special mission projects or a special one you have done in the past 20 years. Put together a simple poster on 8.5" x 11" or 13" x 13" card stock or poster board describing the mission project. Send to Patricia Longfellow, PW Program assistant, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40402-1376. Make certain you have your name and address on it so it will be returned after the Gathering or have your delegate pick it up on the last evening.

If you have not done so, please let me know who your **Together in Service** coordinator is as I will be in contact with each sending other information.

Remember your Mission Project can be anything and you can make it a fun activity such as a group in Kansas who had a baby shower to create layettes for impoverished mothers. Be creative and share your stories.

Send info to Susan Silliman Smith at [august13sss@aol.com](mailto:august13sss@aol.com) or PO Box 295, Mexico, NY 13114.

### *In Memoriam - Ellie Gregory*

Eleanor Gregory, or as the world affectionately knew her, Ellie, passed away last September. She leaves a deep hole in the hearts of all who knew her. Ellie served the Presbyterian Church and especially Presbyterian Women joyfully and faithfully. She was Moderator of United Presbyterian Women before the merger and later Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast. Ellie was a woman of strong faith and wisdom of thought.

As Ginnie Miller put it, "You knew you were always in good hands while serving alongside her as she was always prepared, knew how to relate to all, had a good analytical mind and served with joy and commitment." Rita Oestreich added "She was always at ease with everyone she met and had something to contribute to every conversation."

When she received the cancer diagnosis about June of last year, she decided not to seek treatment but let nature take its course. Ginnie and I visited her about 3 weeks before she died and found her to be cheerful and positive. She regaled us with stories of past exploits within the church! We all loved our time together.

At the last Synod Gathering in Albany in 2007, Ellie led a Learning Circle on Wisdom – how appropriate! She was one of the wisest women I have ever been fortunate enough to meet. All of us who knew her feel richer for the privilege. She was one of a kind, she was special and most of all, she was our Ellie.

-- Sandy Grillo

### HAPPENINGS around the SYNOD

**PW of Utica...**Our Winter Gathering was held February 11 at the Oneida Presbyterian Church. Registration began at 10 AM followed by worship, business meeting and program. Since the past two Winter Gatherings have been cancelled due to very bad weather, we are doing things a bit differently this year. We will have a covered dish luncheon and program will be the video "Celebrate What's Right with the World" by Dewitt Jones.

#### **Women of the Hudson River are Mission**

**Minded...** At the Fall Gathering held in November we expanded on our theme BRINGING IT HOME: Mission Around the World and Around the Block. One of Hudson River's women pastors, Rev. Peggy Howland, led us in a worship service that included her own story. She shared with us her experiences visiting Africa to learn about and then encourage support back home for the many Africans who live with the HIV-Aids virus. Peggy's message was informative and well received. Following a delightful fellowship tea hosted by the women of the Pleasantville Church we heard about 5 other mission programs: two groups who helped with service projects in Maine and Appalachia; a

mission-oriented rummage sale; assisting in local prisons projects; mission opportunities in Colombia and creating eco-friendly carry bags to promote awareness of a church's outreach. This experience helped raise awareness about creative ways PW can be involved in a wide variety of projects.

In December, we again sponsored an Advent Tea at the festively decorated Gilmor Sloane House at Stony Point. Next we look forward to returning to Stony Point for our annual Ash Wednesday Retreat.

**Albany PWP...** On April 22, 2009 we will meet at 10:00 AM at the Jermaine Presbyterian Church. For our program, Rev. Cass Shaw General Presbyter of the Albany Presbytery will speak on *The changes in the relationship between the Albany Presbytery and the Presbyterio Mam in Guatemala*.

**Southern New England PWP...** We had a retreat January 30-31 entitled "Time and Its Gifts". Our Spring Gathering is April 4 with Jenny Lee, Eastern Europe Global Exchange participant, as our speaker.

## **A Letter from the '08-'09 Seminary Intern, Brenna Nickel**

As the Seminary intern for '08-'09, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you and thank you all for your support. This year I'll be learning about PW through two Moderator training conferences as well as the Louisville gathering in the summer. My hope is that through this relationship I'll be able to support Presbyterian Women in whatever future ministries I'm involved with.

I was born in Rockaway, NJ and am a child of the First Presbyterian Church of Boonton where my family still worships. Although I was a child of the church, I did not really come to a personal relationship with God until college. In 2002 after graduating from high school, I took off for Boston to pursue my B.A. in Theatre Education at Emerson. Theatre and the arts in general have always been important to me because it helps my otherwise shy self be expressive. At Emerson, I began teaching drama to urban children through student groups, internships and various summer jobs. These experiences instilled in me a love for children and the great potential they all have. Additionally, through classes and various service projects, I became more aware of the great injustices in the world an awareness that has become the center of my faith and calling.

With these experiences in mind as well as some heartbreaking family tragedies, I graduated college prepared to be a drama teacher. The only problem was that I could not stand the idea of being a teacher. After several months of prayer and discernment, I started pondering the idea of ministry. A week of mission on the Gulf Coast hit by Hurricane Katrina sealed the deal. I was amazed at the presence of God in such a forsaken place and at what the church was doing there in the name of

The year after I graduated from college, I moved down to Gulfport, Mississippi to be a Young Adult Volunteer. While I was there, I ran an after school program for local children. This was a great blessing to me and helped me to share my passion for theatre with kids who didn't experience much art otherwise. Additionally while in Mississippi, I assisted a local pastor with worship and the church's homeless outreach ministry as well as with a local youth group. All of these experiences revealed to me even more God's amazing healing powers in the face of what seems to be insurmountable tragedy.

In the fall of 2007, I began the Dual Degree program at Princeton Theological Seminary pursuing a Masters of Divinity and Masters of Arts in Youth Ministry. Currently, after serving at two urban churches, I am feeling called to parish ministry. Specifically I would like to be a bridge builder between suburban and urban churches by introducing suburban congregations to injustices that occur in our cities and mission projects that would help uplift the urban churches. Additionally, I think the suburban churches can gain a lot from urban churches that tend to be more diverse and open to new worship practices. I'm hoping that with God's direction I can be a leader in fostering these relationships.

Finally, I'm really looking forward to this chance to learn about all the wonderful ways God is working through the PWSNE. At the conference in the fall, I was amazed at how much is being done on a local, national and international level. I will be praying for your ministries this year and hope that you will pray for me. Hopefully I'll get to know some of you along the way!

*Blessings, Brenna Nickel*

### **HEALING RETREAT**

**May 1-4, 2009 St. Joseph By the Sea, S. Mantoloking, NJ**

**Please go to our web site [www.pwsne.org](http://www.pwsne.org) for brochure and registration form.**



**BIBLICAL FEASTING**  
*Eating the Bible, One Bite at a Time*  
at  
**STONY POINT CENTER**

**DATES:**  
April 19-24, 2009  
June 14-19, 2009  
October 18-23, 2009

Join Chef Lise Worthington for an energy and passion filled week learning how to spiritually cook your life and stimulate your senses with foods from the Bible.

Begin by resting your spirit and soul in the historic Victorian restored Gilmor-Sloane House. Prepare yourself spiritually and intellectually through the week with visits to:

- Blue Hill at Stone Barn • Culinary Institute of America •
- Ethnic Bakeries • Local Farms and Wineries •

Savor Biblical foods, Gourmet Cooking, and Spiritual Hospitality

Rooms are double-occupancy with private bath. Cost: \$575 for the 5 night program; \$100 additional for single occupancy. Price does not include off-site meals.

The program begins with dinner on Sunday and ends with lunch on Friday.

Additional information at [www.stonypointcenter.org](http://www.stonypointcenter.org)

or contact: Bonnie Ruggiero  
[bjbr@comcast.net](mailto:bjbr@comcast.net)



Stony Point Center  
17 Crickettown Road  
Stony Point, NY 10980  
1-800-253-4285

REGISTRATION FORM FOR BIBLICAL FEASTING *(Please print.)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (H, Wk, Cell)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Church/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Request: \_\_\_\_\_ Special Dietary Request: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(We will assign a roommate unless you provide a roommate request.)*

Will Attend:    April 19-24, 2009    June 14-19, 2009    October 18-23, 2009

<input type="checkbox"/> Registration Fee     \$575	<input type="checkbox"/> Check Enclosed <i>(payable to Stony Point Center)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Occupancy \$100   \$_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation     \$_____	Credit Card# _____ Exp. Date: _____
<i>(Call to schedule)</i>	<i>(SPC only uses your credit card to hold the space and charges it when you check-in)</i>
TOTAL \$_____	Signature: _____

Please return with payment to:  
Stony Point Center Registrar, 17 Crickettown Road, Stony Point, NY 10980  
Or Fax 1-800-786-5919

See other side for transportation options ▶▶▶▶▶



# Spring Spiritual Retreat

May 1 – 3, 2009

Christ the King Retreat House – Syracuse, NY



*“Leaving FOOTPRINTS in the Sand” “My steps have held to your path, my feet have not slipped.”  
Psalm 17:5*

**Come**, join us for a relaxing spiritual retreat including meditation, praying with scripture, interest centers, nature walks and wonderful fellowship with other Presbyterian Women.

- We gather on **Friday, May 1 at 4:00 PM** (registration starts at 3:00 PM) and continue through **Sunday, May 3** after worship at approximately 12 Noon.
- **Special needs** of participants include the need for a first floor room because of stairs and/or special dietary needs (diabetic, vegetarian, etc). Please include these requests on the registration form.
- **Christ the King Retreat House** is minutes away from downtown Syracuse, nestled atop six acres of rolling hills. This secluded mansion provides a wonderful setting with comfortable rooms, delicious meals and an opportunity to pamper yourself.
- **Barbara Johnson**, well-known Spiritual Retreat Leader for the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse and beyond, will again be our Retreat leader. She will guide us through activities that leave us renewed and refreshed.

• **Things to bring:** Casual indoor/outdoor seasonal clothing, Bible, pen/pencil/notepad  
**Scholarships** are available. Please contact Joanne Schnaudt at [jwschnaudt@comcast.net](mailto:jwschnaudt@comcast.net) or (609)693-7654.

**Confirmation of reservation** will be made if you have an e-mail address.

**COST: \$195.00 – Registration deadline April 17, 2009**

**Early Registration Fee - \$185.00 if registered prior to April 11, 2009**

[Registration fee includes two nights lodging (single room), all meals and program]

Directions: From **Thruway**, take Exit 34A to Rt. 481 to Exit 3W to E. Genesee St. (Rt. 92), continue west for 3.1 miles on E. Genesee St. (note Nottingham High School on left); at next stop light turn left onto **Brookford Road** and continue to end. From **Rt. 81** exit at Rt. 481 to Exit 3W and follow above directions. From **Rt. 690E** continue to Rt. 481S and follow directions above.

## Spring Spiritual Retreat Registration Form

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the NorthEast

**Fee: \$195.00 [registration deadline April 17, 2009]**

**Early registration fee: \$185.00 if registered prior to April 10, 2009**

**REMIT IN FULL with registration making checks payable to PWSNE**

Send to:

**GAIL BANKS, COORDINATOR**

**105 Whedon Road, Apt. 20, Syracuse, NY 13219**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Special Needs: 1<sup>st</sup> Floor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ In case of Emergency contact:

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

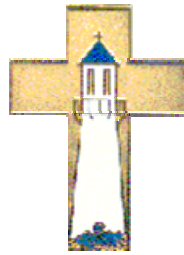
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*Reserve your space now for the Synod Luncheon*

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# *Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast*



***Tuesday, July 14th***  
**11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

*(Location to be advised – it will be in one of the hotels)*

**Louisville, KY**

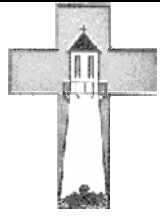
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Please mail your check in the amount of \$25.00 for each person attending to JANE MACDONALD, 36 Carriage Lane, Newton, NJ 07860-1927, and include:

(1) YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

(2) MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

(3) YOUR PRESBYTERY \_\_\_\_\_



**Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast**

**CALENDAR  
OPPORTUNITIES AND REMINDERS**



**EVENTS / ACTIONS**

<b>2009</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>Location</b>
Feb. 25	Ash Retreat -10 am – 1 pm Rev. Laurie Cunningham	All Women	TBA
Feb. 27- Mar.1	Newton PWP Spiritual Retreat	All Women	Villa Pauline Retreat House
Mar. 7	Newark “Walking with Faith” Lucy Boyadjian Janjigian	All Women	Caldwell PC, Caldwell, NJ
Mar. 14	NYCPWP Celebrating Gifts of Phenomenal Women	All Women	E. Chester PC, Bronx, NY
Apr.14	Elizabeth PWP Jenny Lee, Global Exchange participant	All Women	Bethlehem PC Pittstown, NJ
Apr.18	Newark – PWP Spring Gathering	All Women	TBA
Apr. 25	Palisades — Spring Gathering	All Women	Trinity PC, Paramus
Apr.25	Monmouth – Spring Gathering combined with New Brunswick PWP		Yardville PC, Yardville, NJ
Apr.25	West Jersey – “Food for the Soul” Lise Worthington	All Women	1 <sup>st</sup> PC, Haddonfield, NJ
Apr. 25	Geneva – “Chow for Children” Barbara Triggs	All Women	Painted Post, NY
Apr. 25	West Jersey — Spring Gathering	All Women	1 <sup>st</sup> PC of Haddonfield, Haddonfield, NJ
Apr. 26	Newton PW Spring Gathering 2-7 pm “Eat, Love, Pray”	All Women	Morristown PC Morristown, NJ
Jul. 11-15	<b>Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women</b>	All Women	Louisville, KY
Sept. 2	Geneva Day of Inspiration	All Women	Camp Whitman, Seneca Lake, NY
Sept. 10-11	Cayuga-Syracuse PWP retreat “Women of the Bible Alive”	All Women	Vanderkamp
Sept. 26	Newton PW Fall Gathering 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	All Women	Stillwater PC Stillwater, NJ
Oct. 10	Newark – Lynn Hasselbarth	All Women	TBA
Oct.17	West Jersey - On Doing Histories	All Women	Haddon Hts PC, Haddon Hts, NJ
Oct.22	Geneva - Sharing Events and Programs of the CWG	All Women	TBA
Oct. 26	Newton PW Spring Gathering.	All Women	Morristown PC Morristown, NJ
<b>2012</b>			
July	<b>Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women</b>	All Women	The Gaylord Palms Orlando, Florida

Annual Recurring Deadlines

Jan. 15	Deadline for Women of Faith endorsements
Feb. 1, Aug. 1	Lighthouse articles due to Gail Banks
Feb. 1, Aug. 1	PWP Historian reports due to Jo Ann Braun
Mar. 15	Pledges due to Treasurer Sharon Hsu
Mar. 15	PWSCT expense vouchers due to Treasurer Sharon Hsu
Mar. 25	Pledge Payments due to Central Receiving and PWS Treasurer
May 1	PWP Directory due to churchwide
May 15	Annual Reports due to PWS from PWP Moderators, send to Ginny Champlin
June 1	Mission Reports due to PWS from PWP Mission Coordinators, send to Susan Silliman Smith