

JOYFUL NOISE

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF WNC

FROM THE MODERATOR

Greetings PW!



I hope you have enjoyed your summer and will continue to do so even

with the rain and the heat.

As we prepare for our next PW year, our 2nd Vice President, Cathy Clevenger, has been working diligently with the PW of the host churches of the Fall Gatherings.

The Fall Gathering East will be held September 30 at Green Street Presbyterian. They have chosen *Options Domestic Violence Program* in Burke County as the recipient of the Mission offering.

The Fall Gathering West will be held September 23 at Bryson City Presbyterian. They have chosen the *Swain County Caring Corner* as the recipient of the Mission Offering.

The same workshops will be presented at both gatherings which include an Overview of the 2017-2018 Horizons Bible study, *Clouds of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*, written by Melissa Bane Sevier; Leadership in PW;

and Community Building in the world and locally.

Directory Updates . . .

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those PW groups that have already sent the names and contact information for their new CT members. I would like to ask those of you that have not sent in the names and contact information for your new officers to please do so immediately in order to complete the Handbook/Directory to be distributed at the Fall Gatherings. Please send the updates to me at tjoyner10@yahoo.com.

Vacant Positions . . .

You may remember an issue of *Joyful Noise* sent to you earlier this year that included a request for volunteers to join the PW Coordinating Team for the Presbytery. Since that time, we have lost our Secretary. In addition we still need a Mission Facilitator, Celebration Giving, and Cluster Leader for Cluster E. Please consider joining us!

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August 13, 2017

Guatemala Microloan Project Update: August 2017

Microloan Trip to Guatemala

Please remember in prayer Ellen Dozier, Susan Maveety and Mimi Michael as they travel to Guatemala September 6-13, 2017.

The purposes of the trip are:

- To visit all four microloan groups to listen, learn, provide support.
- To meet with the presbytery leadership and with the women's leadership of Suchitepequez and Sur Occidente presbyteries to dialog, discuss, foster understanding and facilitate cooperation.
- To meet with ADEHGUA staff to discuss present and future plans.

Please pray for good dialogue and understanding so the project can move forward with even more strength and effectiveness.

Story of Magalí

Though some repayments were late, cycle 4 ended in May with all loans repaid. ADEHGUA shared this story of Magalí to show how the project impacts the lives of families, and how especially young women are finding hope and awakening to their own creativity and ideas. ADEHGUA writes, "It is very satisfying for us to be involved in how women discover their own potential and see they have more capabilities than imagined."

Magalí, 29 years old, is very kind, her family as well, and the children are quite active and lively. Magalí uses her loan to raise pigs, hens, and ducks, and every Wednesday she buys meats and vegetables at the market in a

nearby town and sells these to families in her community. When

we (ADEHGUA staff) go to see her activity, the children always



show us where to find each of the animals and tell us how they are doing.

The family lives in Las Animas. Magalí's husband, Armando, works on a farm, cuts and sells firewood, and grows corn. Last year, her husband lost his full-time position at work and now only has a part time job. Their economic situation became very difficult. Magalí was able to buy more animals and also to sell more meat and vegetables, so she has been able to provide additional income for the family.

Magalí is responsible and participates in both the activities of the training project and meetings of the microcredit project. Her young children, who are not yet in school, always accompany her to meetings.

Thank you for your support that is enabling women to learn, grow, and reach their potential, and this in turn is having a positive impact on their families as well. We rely on your ongoing support to continue. For more information, please contact Mimi Michael at

mimimichael17@gmail.com or Ellen Dozier at ellendozier@hotmail.com.

Donations can be sent to our PW treasurer: *Sharon Meares, 1012 10th ST CT NW, Hickory, NC 28601*. Checks should be made out to PW PWNC and designated for the Guatemala Microloan Fund.

Women Applying What They Learn

As a part of the second phase of the Microloan Project, there are workshops and informal talks to encourage the women to discover their gifts and abilities, learn new ways of caring for their families, experience the joy of growing in their sense of worth and value as a person. Last week there was a workshop with the women in the Coatepeque group on how to prepare clean and safe food for their families. They made nutritious milkshakes and salads using food that is readily available to the women.

The next day one of the young women in the group, Cinthya, sent a message and photos to Mildre, ADEHGUA staff, to let her know that she had made the salad in her home and that her children enjoyed it! We give thanks that the women are putting into practice what they are learning and experiencing.

Mother's Day Card Project -

Thank you to all who purchased Guatemala Microloan alternative giving cards for Mother's Day, and to those who made these cards available to their PW groups or congregations. The total of \$670 that was raised will provide important funding for the microloan project. Remember that these cards are available year round, and are suitable for birthdays, Christmas, or any occasion.

PW of PWNC Fall Gathering – West

Saturday, September 23, 2017

Bryson City Presbyterian Church, Bryson City, NC

(see directions on reverse)

THEME: *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews* by Melissa Baner Sevier
The 2017-2018 PW/Horizons Bible Study

Time Schedule

9:00 – 9:45	Registration	10:40 – 11:35	Workshops (First Session)
9:45 – 10:00	Gathering Music	11:35 – 12:20	Workshops (Second Session)
10:00 – 10:30	Plenary	12:30	Lunch

Please detach and mail the bottom portion, along with your \$10 registration, to:

Cathy Clevenger
57 Hensley Rd
Weaverville, NC 28787

If paying by check, please make it payable to "PW PWNC"

Questions? Call Cathy Clevenger at 828-231-0325 or email cathyclevenger@frontier.com

Please send your registration before Saturday, September 16 as a courtesy to our hosts

Fall Gathering 2017

Bryson City Presbyterian Church, Bryson City NC

Saturday, September 23, 2017

Please choose two workshops:

- A: Bible Study Overview: Rev. Terry Hanna will provide an overview of the 2017-2018 PW/Horizons Bible Study, *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews* by Melissa Baner Sevier. Terry has been pastor of BCPC since 2005, and is active in the Presbytery of Western North Carolina as well.
- B: Leadership in the PW Community: A discussion on PW leadership, through the lens of community among women.
- C: Community in the world: As the wife of the Moderator of the 221st General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Peggy Rada experienced community in many ways during that two-year period. She will share some of those experiences with us.
- D: Community-building in our local areas: Rev. Shannon Spencer, executive director of Asheville Poverty Initiative, will lead a workshop that describes her work toward building bridges between communities by connecting groups with folks living in poverty. Check out API's website to learn more about their ministry: <http://www.ashevillepovertyinitiative.org/>

YOUR NAME: _____

YOUR PHONE or EMAIL: _____

YOUR CHURCH: _____

Staying for Lunch? Yes No

Need Childcare? Yes No

**Directions to Bryson City Presbyterian Church
311 Everett Street
Bryson City, North Carolina**

From North/East:

Take I-40 W to US-74 W/Great Smoky Mountains Expressway in Clyde. Take exit 27 from I-40 W

Continue onto US-74 W/Great Smoky Mountains Expressway (Do not take “Jones Cove Rd” exit)

Follow US-74 W to Veterans Blvd in Bryson City. Take exit 67 from US-74 W

Merge onto Veterans Blvd/Spring Street, then go downhill to stop light at Main Street.

Turn right onto Main Street, and go to next stop light. Turn left onto Everett Street.

Go across the river, through one stop light (Mitchell/Bryson Streets), across railroad tracks, Depot Street, and Bryson Walk. Church will be on the left at 311 Everett Street.

From South/West:

Follow US-74 E to Exit 67 onto Everett Street in Bryson City

Follow directions above

PW of PWNC Fall Gathering – East

Saturday, September 30, 2017

Green Street Presbyterian Church, Morganton, NC

(see directions on reverse)

THEME: *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews* by Melissa Baner Sevier
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Fall Gathering 2017

Green Street Presbyterian Church, Morganton NC

Saturday, September 30, 2017

Please choose two workshops:

- ___ A: Bible Study Overview: Rev. Beth Ann Miller will provide an overview of the 2017-2018 PW/*Horizons* Bible Study, *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews* by Melissa Baner Sevier. Beth Ann is a retired pastor, and a member of FPC Morganton.
- ___ B: Leadership in the PW Community: Patricia Clark, 2018 Moderator of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, will lead a discussion on PW leadership, through the lens of community among women.
- ___ C: Community in the world: As the wife of the Moderator of the 221st General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Peggy Rada experienced community in many ways during that two-year period. She will share some of those experiences with us.
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Staying for Lunch? ___ Yes ___ No Need Childcare? ___ Yes ___ No

**Directions to Green Street Presbyterian Church
425 North Green Street
Morganton, North Carolina**

From West:

Follow I-40 E to Jamestown Rd in Morganton. Take exit 100 from I-40 E (take ramp then turn left at light).

Continue to follow on Jamestown Rd, 2.0 miles. (Name of road changes to Independence Boulevard.)

Continue on Independence Blvd past light at KFC; past high school; then turn right at light near Hardee's (1.0 mile).

Go 1.1 mile, past light at bridge; go three more blocks, past post office and past senior center; church will be on the right.

From East:

Follow US-321 N and/or I-40 W to NC-18 N/S Sterling Street in Morganton. Take exit 105.

Turn right onto NC-18 N/S Sterling Street to downtown Morganton

Continue straight onto South Sterling St 1.5 miles.

Past light near Rite-Aid, South Sterling Street turns slightly right (under train bridge and up a hill it becomes South Green Street (past Maria Restaurant and Farmer's Market) 0.5 mile.

Through town follow 181 N (pass Bank of America, CVS, Sun Trust).

Continue straight 456 feet onto North Green Street--church will be on your left.

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Letters to Guatemala

In January, the Guatemalan women shared their desire to have more interchange with the women of their sister churches. We notified the PW groups here in NC who have sister churches in Guatemala, and encouraged them to send a letter of greeting at least annually. We will be delivering 12 of these letters on our September trip to Guatemala. If your PW group would like to participate, please send your letter or card to Mimi Michael or Ellen Dozier at any time, and we will be sure it finds its way to your sister church.

Fall Gatherings Mission Projects

(WEST) PW Fall Gathering in Bryson City:

Swain County Caring Corner

Swain County Caring Corner (SCCC) is a nonprofit, free clinic for uninsured adults in Swain County and the surrounding areas. For those who qualify for care, SCCC does regular checkups and treatment for minor illnesses and injuries. In cases that need additional care, SCCC can help provide a connection with other services in the community. To learn more, visit online at swaincaringcorner.org.

(EAST) PW Fall Gathering in Morganton:

Option's Domestic Violence Program

Options is a small, non-profit advocacy center in Burke County that provides emergency shelter and empowerment services for Burke County families in crisis. The mission of Options, Inc., is to inform and educate the citizens of Burke County while offering support and services to the victims of domestic violence and violent crimes which is accomplished by providing sanctuary and compassionate services that promote empowerment, prevention, healing, and recovery.

PW 101 – Helps for New PW Leadership

If you are reading these words, you are probably a PW leader and know all things PW! But many of our faithful are unaware of some of the finer points of their amazing organization. That's why we began a "PW 101" series in the last newsletter. Each idea in the series is presented in such a way that newsletter editors and PW leaders can paste into their own documents/presentations. If you are so moved to share an idea or two that you think should be part of this series, please email carissa.herold@pcusa.org.

PW 101.3: The Mission Pledge: PW's Annual Fund

PW is independently funded; that means that the gifts you give to your church or to the PC(USA) do not provide for Presbyterian Women. Gifts given to Presbyterian Women, however, do support the work of the PC(USA) in multiple ways because PW supports the work of the PC(USA) in multiple ways.

Financial gifts to the Mission Pledge, PW's annual fund, are often collected in PWC circle meetings. But there are other ways to give (online, by check, and through estate planning). Presbyterian women are always encouraged to give as we are blessed! (See www.presbyterianwomen.org/missionpledge for more information.)

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Important Dates

Fall Gathering-West, Bryson City PC	September 23, 2017
Fall Gathering – East, Green Street PC	September 30, 2017
Women’s Connection, Montreat	August 11 -13, 2017
Spring Gathering – Warren Wilson PC	April 14, 2018
Churchwide Gathering, Louisville, KY	August 2 – 5, 2018

Look for Registration for the 2018 Churchwide Gathering in the November/December 2017 Issue of *Horizons*



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