



The Sower

*Newsletter for the Presbyterian Women in the
Synod of Lakes & Prairies*



THIS IS YOUR MID-SEASON MINI-SOWER – BECAUSE THINGS HAPPEN AND WE WANT YOU TO BE AWARE OF THEM!!

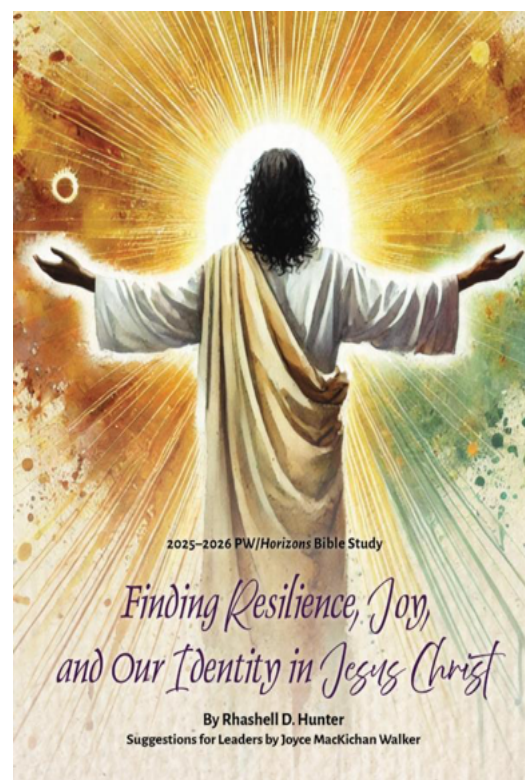
SAVE THE DATES...

The new Horizon Bible Study has been released and we will once again be offering the nine lessons on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm Central Time on Zoom. ALL are welcome to attend! The study is called “Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ” written by the Reverend Dr. Rhashell D. Hunter. If your PW is not using the Bible Study this year or you want a double dose, join us! Kathleen Keefer will be facilitating the study!

Statements from the Introduction:

- *“Resilience is the ability to spring back into shape and to adapt well in the face of adversity, tragedy, threats, or stress – such as from family, relationships, health, workplace, and financial stressors. People who survive and thrive well in change are resilient.*
- *Joy is sometimes confused with happiness. For Christians, joy can occur while we are in the midst of difficult circumstances. Joy is the second fruit of the spirit, preceded by love and followed by peace. Trust in God when we are in trying times can fill us with glorious joy and peace. We have joy in our suffering, because ultimately our joy is found in Jesus Christ.*
- *Identity is more than who we are or who we show ourselves to be. At its core, it points to our humanity. Our core identity is not found in our titles, our positions, our spouses, our partners, or our possessions. For Christians, our identity is found in Jesus Christ.*

In this Bible study, we will follow Mary the Tower (Mary Magdalene), Mary “of a certain village,” the woman who was poor, the prodigal child, the woman who was bent over, the travelers on the road to Emmaus, as well as Jesus. These biblical characters and writers model for us resiliency, joy, and finding our identity in Christ. My hope is that their witness will call you to greater devotion and faithfulness.



This is an invitation and an opportunity for you to become grounded again, renew your faith, and reconnect to Christ. Join me in the quest.” Rhashell D. Hunter

Save the following dates: August 18; September 29; October 13; November 24; January 26; February 23; March 30; April 27; May 18

You must register to receive the Zoom link by sending an email to kathleenkeefer20@gmail.com

You can purchase the Bible study (cost is \$14.00) through Presbyterian Women -
<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/current-bible-study/>



PW Sit & Sip

Join other Presbyterian Women from the Synod of Lakes and Prairies for a monthly round table discussion on issues prominent in today's world.

Our Sit & Sip events will be held via Zoom from 11 a.m. to noon Central Time. So, grab your favorite beverage, get comfortable, and join the conversation!

On our next Sit & Sip, on July 26, we will discuss the PCUSA document "Honest Patriotism." Here is the link to the document: <https://pcusa.org/sites/default/files/2024-10/Honest-Patriotism.pdf>

To register, please contact Kathleen Keefer at [kathleenkeefer20@gmail.com] to get the Zoom link.

Synod Gathering news:

The Synod Gathering brought changes to its Coordinating Team. Those changes are highlighted in the directories at the end of this newsletter. Please note that all correspondence, articles, items of interest should be sent to the new PWSCT Secretary, Lana Schultz, (lanaj0@casselton.net) for distribution.

The Search Committee is looking to fill the openings of Vice Moderator, Churchwide Board of Directors Rep., Historian, and Search Committee. They would appreciate it if everyone would submit to the names of persons they could call about filling these positions. The Search Committee, Hope Dougherty, Teresa Bartlett, and Linda Anthony, and their contact information are in the officer directory at the end of this newsletter.

If you know of anyone interested in serving on a committee at the Churchwide level, please contact Kitch Shatzer, our regional liaison, (revkitch@hotmail.com) with that person's contact information.

The next PWSCT meeting will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Grinnell, Iowa on October 17-19, 2025. Visitors are welcome to attend. Contact your Presbytery PW Moderator for more information. The Presbytery PW Moderators are listed in the moderator/rep. directory.

You're invited to celebrate



PW Gives Day—July 31

PW Gives Day commemorates the founding of Presbyterian Women. As Presbyterian women, through Christ, we belong, completely and assuredly: to God and to one another. Living out our PW Purpose in myriad but unifying ways, Presbyterian women lead through diversity and love (our own and as a living expression of God's love).

To support Presbyterian Women in celebration of PW Gives Day,

- Give online at presbyterianwomen.org/give. Then select PW Gives Day and your gift amount. Select a gift of \$10 or more (and add a bit extra for a transaction fee). Please scroll and type PWGDAY25 in the comments box as well as your church and presbytery (or synod) information.
- Use the form below and mail your gift to Presbyterian Women, Inc., PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652. Please indicate PWGDAY25 in the memo line of your check (or with a separate note).

- Share a story or photos—or both! Contact Carissa Herold by phone (844/PW-PCUSA, ext. 5322) or email carissa.herold@pcusa.org.

On PW Gives Day

- Watch for (and share) stories about how, where and why PW matters to you and to the church on Facebook and Instagram.
- Send your #PWGives story and photos to carissa.herold@pcusa.org.
- If you're not already on PW's email list, email pw_pcusa@pcusa.org to be added to the list and to receive information about this day (and other PW ministries and programs)!
- Pray for Presbyterian Women as we reflect God's love to the world through service and care.

Celebrate PW Gives Day!

I offer my PW Gives Day 2025 gift of ☐ \$35 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$ _____

to support PW's Annual Mission Fund, which financially undergirds Presbyterian Women.

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Comments to share:

Return your form to: Presbyterian Women, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh PA 15264-3652

Presbyterian Women, we are “legacy in motion”!

Legacy is not static, but instead an opportunity to participate and build upon the foundation of all that is good and hopeful. Presbyterian Women, on PW Gives Day, let's commit ourselves to “give forward” so that new voices, new opportunities and new ministries can find full and loving expression in Presbyterian Women.

PW flourishes, in part, because of all we do as a faith community, and because of what PW *is* and *offers* as a faith community. We each receive love, support and community through Presbyterian Women, and our lives are transformed as we participate in the larger, ongoing PW story. Shares Susan Skoglund:

“In my early days of PW when I was searching for a way to build a new life after retiring from a much-loved job, I attended a PW Synod Gathering in Pasadena, California, that featured among its speakers Eugenia Gamble. I was blown away by the quality of the program and the privilege of hearing from such worthy women. That experience led me to a retirement enriched by Presbyterian Women and the sisters that I had longed for my whole life. In hopes that Presbyterian Women will be sustained for generations to come, I give as generously as I am able. Please join me in that effort.”



PW/Horizons Bible study author Eugenia Gamble was the catalyst for Susan’s initial participation in Presbyterian Women. Since then, Susan has participated in many PW ministries, including coordinating volunteers at the 2024 PW Churchwide Gathering.

PW Gives Day keeps the PW community strong and connected.

Susan Skoglund (3rd from left)

Gifts to PW Gives Day support PW’s Annual Mission Fund, which makes possible in whole or in part:

- PW groups at all levels
- Development and delivery of national PW programming—including justice and peace work, antiracism training, leadership development and Racial Equity Dialogue



Presbyterian Women ESSENTIALS A Guide for PW Groups

2023 edition

- PW’s USA Mission Experience
- Developing denominational and ecumenical relationships
- Publishing and communications ministry—*Horizons* magazine and Bible study, PW publications, digital and social media engagement
- PC(USA) A Corporation service and lease agreement
- National PC(USA) mission and program support
- PW Churchwide Gatherings
- PW administration and staff support
- Giving to the PC(USA)

- Presence and participation at denominational events, such as General Assembly

How did you come to PW? What is your hope for PW?

Will you join Susan Skoglund and your PW siblings in making a gift to 2025 PW Gives Day?

If you attended the Advocacy workshop at the Synod Gathering and DID NOT receive the PowerPoint presentation, please email kathleenkeefe20@gmail.com. It seems one of the lists of email addresses was misplaced! I apologize!!

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