



OF WEST VIRGINIA PRESBYTERY NEWSLETTER

November, 2019

“THOSE WHO ABIDE IN ME AND I IN THEM BEAR MUCH FRUIT....”

John 15:15b



Hello! Shelia Brownfield here and I am in my second year serving as your moderator for the Presbyterian Women of West Virginia Presbytery. I am a member of the Highlawn Presbyterian Church of Huntington, WV. I stand ready to assist you and your church women in any way that I can. My contact information:

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ANITA GUTSCHICK WILL BE BACK!

**PW WOMEN OF THE WEST VIRGINIA PRESBYTERY
SPRING GATHERING
MARCH 28, 2020**

SAINT JOHN XXIII IN CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

**WATCH FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND REGISTRATION
FORM AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.
ONE-HALF DAY MEETING**

(If you missed her last year, here's another opportunity to see this amazing performance.

If you saw her last year, you undoubtedly will want to see her again... as four new and different women of the bible. Put the date on your calendar **NOW!**)

(Over)

**NOTES FROM THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
ADMINISTRATION TEAM/COORDINATING TEAM MEETING
HELD SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2019**

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend this meeting but I am highlighting a few important notes from the meeting:

-- **Installation of New Officers:** Dorothy Rudy introduced the new officers as follows:

Recording Secretary- Jean Biggar (Lackawanna)

Historian- Sally Snow (Kiskiminetas)

Synod Representative to PW Churchwide CT- Sue Mummert (Carlisle)

Search Committee Member- Mary Alice Lightle (Pittsburgh)

Resource Coordinator/ *Horizons* Representative- Alcinda James (Upper Ohio Valley)

--**Regional Gatherings Report**

Vice-Moderator Susan Nesti gave a report on the four Regional Gatherings that were held this summer. Eastern—35 women attended; 50 starfish bracelets were made for the Domestic Central- 16 women attended; pillow case dresses were given

Northwest-24 women attended; bracelets were given to East Brady Presbyterian Church

Southwest- 25 women attended; \$500 was given to the Shack in West Virginia; pillow case dresses

--**Treasurer, Joyce Johnson**

As of today, the Synod Mission Offering 2019 for Inglesia Evangelica Dominicana is \$12,029.25. Joyce reminded us that money for the Mission Offering should go from the local Treasurer to the Presbytery Treasurer to Synod Treasurer (Joyce) who sends the money to the mission organization. Joyce Johnson asked to remind treasurers to note on the check to which mission the money is designated. **(Please be advised that the Synod Assessment has been changed to \$22 per congregation per year.)**

--**Mission Coordinator, Judith Jerry**

-2018-2019 Synod Mission Project was the Dominican-American Community Outreach (medical and transportation), an on-going partnership between Shenango Presbytery and Iglesia Evangelica Dominicana. The contributions so far are \$12,029.25.

-The Together in Service Hands-on Project is Pillowcases for Children in Puerto Rico (Instructions on p. 14 in directory) and the synod is hoping to have 100 to give.

-At the SW Regional meeting there was a discussion of asking the AT/CT to consider changing the time frame for collection of the Synod Mission Offering to January-December. A motion was made and seconded that the Synod PW change the time frame for the collection of the Synod Mission Offering which would be announced at the September AT/CT meeting and received in the succeeding January 1-December 15.

--**2019-2020 Synod Mission Project is:**

Lighthouse Foundation (submitted by Beaver-Butler) for three transitional housing units that serve homeless women, single parents, two parent families, and those at risk for homelessness from 18-29 years old. The cost is \$5,100 per family for 18 months. They help to find employment and educational programs for the clients and as they are employed, they pay rent which is given to them as the deposit for future housing. They requested \$20,000.

SYNOD OF THE TRINITY MISSION - 2019-2020

Each year the Mission Coordinator and her committee receive applications from churches in our synod requesting financial assistance for specific projects. At their meeting, they review the applications and then discuss the level of need and alignment with our PW committee guidelines. All churches in our synod are then informed of this mission and asked to support the chosen mission with money and prayers.

Judith Jerry, Mission Coordinator, stated that traditionally Synod Mission Projects alternate between domestic and international. The committee would appreciate suggestions for international projects for 2021. Applications will be due in May 2020. Please let me know if your church has a special interest in an international mission project and I will submit your project.



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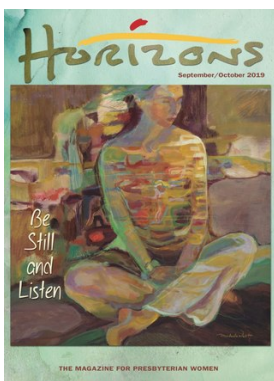
Additional details will be sent after the first of the year and will also be available at our PW Spring Gathering on March 28.

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Current Issue **September/October 2019** *Be Still and Listen*

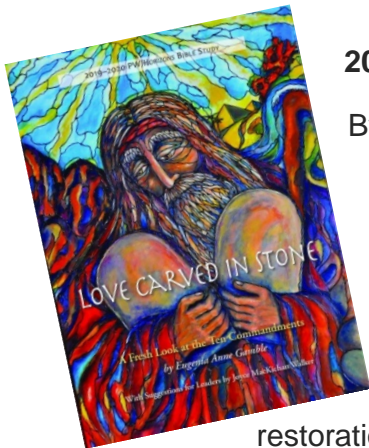
Raise your hand if you like discomfort. No one?
Raise your hand if you like boredom. Still no one?

(Over)

While I can't see the show of hands, it's pretty safe to assume that most people aren't eagerly lining up to learn about three easy steps to bring more discomfort into their lives. We live in a time when it's all too easy to hear news about violence and tragedy, and that alone is a big source of discomfort, sadness or rage. It's also all too easy to avoid the resulting despair with a comfortable alternative—books, television, calling a friend.

However, the uncomfortable truth is that our discomfort and even our boredom have value. If we can sit with those less than desirable feelings for just a bit, we might find ourselves on the path to feeling a little better, being more caring, finding a deeper connection to God and discovering ways we can share God's love with the world.

In this issue, writers and artists will invite you to stillness and authentic listening. May this issue inspire you and equip you with the tools to look forward to stillness. May it brace you for pushing through discomfort and boredom. And may it strengthen you, a beloved part of Presbyterian Women's community who witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.



2019—2020 PW/Horizons Bible study

By Eugenia Anne Gamble with Suggestions for Leaders
by Joyce MacKichan Walker

The 2019—2020 PW/*Horizons* Bible study,

Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments, examines how we live out our relationship with God and with one another in a world that is often ruled by other standards? What is the pain from which God seeks to protect us in the Ten Commandments?

How can a fresh embrace of the Ten Commandments contribute to the restoration of ourselves, our communities, and the furthering of the gospel in the world? Each lesson begins with an exploration of one of the Ten Words in its biblical context. From there we consider a moment from Jesus' life that shows us how he lived out that Word. We then consider the Word for our own lives and contexts. We conclude with an invitation to pray with the Word in our circles or study groups and in our personal devotions.

Checks must be written to PW Synod of the Trinity and sent to Joyce Johnson, PW Synod Treasurer, 31 W. Main Street, Brookville, PA 15825



A NOTE FROM YOUR TREASURER

Enclosed you will find a copy of the Presbyterian Women's Annual Fund (Mission Pledge) form which needs to be filled out and returned to me by the end of the year if possible.

Note that the Synod assessment has been raised to \$22.00.

Also find a copy of the remittance form. Keep the original and make copies to send with your offerings.

Thanks for your faithfulness. See you March 28 Connie Musgrave 304-417-3241