



### **Newsletter of Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery**

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*Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery cordially invite you to*



*Advent Gathering  
December 4, 2021*



Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church,  
6474 Beechmont Avenue,  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45230

*Theme: Christmas Hope*

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

Speaker: Rebecca Bosarge  
Congregational Care Coordinator, Knox Presbyterian Church

Registration/ SERRV (Fair trade) items for sale / \*\*Continental Breakfast\*\* 9:15 am  
Worship/ Dedication of the Thank Offering/ Communion/ Business meeting 10:00 am  
Closing Prayer 11:30 am

Reservations not required, but do help with planning. Call or email reservations to:  
Laura Hovland (513) 232 – 2783 [lhovland11@fuse.net](mailto:lhovland11@fuse.net)

\*\*Note: Due to COVID restrictions, Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church has a mask mandate policy in place, which includes no eating or drinking in the church building. Therefore, we will let you know when you call in your reservation if the policy has changed and the Continental Breakfast will be available. Please wear your mask. Thank you.

**Together in Service:** personal care and hygiene items for the women in the Esther Marie Hatton Shelterhouse.

Rebecca Bosarge holds a Master of Arts in Spirituality from Bellarmine University and a Master of Divinity from Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. She combines her skills and experiences with an empathetic nature to care for Knox members in a variety of ways.

## Directions to Mt. Washington Church

### Coming from I-275:

Take the Five Mile Road exit (Exit 69).

Go north on Five Mile Road for 1.1 miles.

Turn left on Beechmont Avenue.

Go west for 1.8 miles.

Church is on the right at 6474 Beechmont Avenue.



## 2021 Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women

Over the last 33 years, Presbyterian Women has granted nearly \$27 million to more than 1,600 different projects at home and around the world through the Thank Offering. **YOU ARE THERE** --- Tacoma, WA; Orlando, FL; Banner Elk, NC; Douglas, AZ; Orange Walk, Belize; Santiago, Guatemala; Chasefu, Zambia; and many, many other places around the world --- providing educational opportunities, health care, food, shelter and much more --- when you participate in the Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women.

Keep up the good work! Receive the Thank Offering in your Circle groups and send it with your prayers to the PWP Treasurer this fall. We will dedicate the Thank Offering at the Advent Gathering in December.

“Happy is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates,  
waiting beside my doors.” Proverbs 8:34



# Moderator's Message

Do you ever think or remember "what your grandmother taught you?"

I remember my granny telling me what she learned or did as a little girl and I am able to pass on those stories to my children and my grandchildren. She also talked about our family history. She shared her memories of my father as a young boy and his going off to serve in the Marines, getting married and my young life.

She {being a school} taught me children's songs and stories that I shared with my children and grandchildren.

As Presbyterian Women we are asked to "do food pantries, letter-writing campaigns, Bible studies and so much more. We are asked to live our P W purpose. We are guided by the Holy Spirit.

*Cynthia Focke, PW Moderator*

## **Report from the Search Committee**

It is time to nominate new officers for our PWP Coordinating Team! We are looking for "at large" members to represent Churches throughout the Presbytery. We take volunteers! Our terms of office are usually three years (but we are open to negotiation). We have three Gatherings per year (Spring, Summer, and Advent) and the coordinating team meets 3 – 5 times per year via zoom. For more info call: Cynthia Focke (513)315.0767 or Laura Hovland (513) 232.2783. Thank you.



## Vice-Moderator Mission & Social Justice

A dear friend of mine passed away a week ago. She was secure in the knowledge that she would be in the arms of God, so we have that consolation. She donated her body to science, which was not that surprising. I don't yet know if this horrendous virus was involved, but she was 94 and had a very weak heart.

Vernelle passing reminds me that so many of us have been touched by death these last two years, more, I think, than normal and how many hearts are aching. Our faith helps us, but we need all be aware of how others may be feeling under the surface and provide patience and grace to everyone. Visit you ailing loved ones as much as you can safely do and call them on the phone if you can't. Political or ideological disagreements seem unimportant when your friends and loved ones are gone.

Grace and Peace to you all.

*Lois Rogers*

### Report from the Treasurer

Thank you for your faithful support of the Mission Pledge/ Annual Fund for Presbyterian Women. Our financial support for the work of Presbyterian Women has fallen off a bit during the pandemic and the quarantine required. Please encourage your members to "make up" for some of the financial lag if they are able.

The Mission Pledge is given in support of PW Churchwide, PW in the Synod of the Covenant, PW in the Presbytery of Cincinnati (that's us!), the One Hopeful Fund of the Presbytery of Cincinnati, and the Mission endeavors of the Synod of the Covenant. The small portion that we retain for PWP covers our operational expenses (speaker honorarium, PresbyWoman printing and postage, etc.)

Respectfully submitted, Laura Hovland