

# Glad Tidings



# 2021

The Monthly Newsletter of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay

## Calendar:

**Thursdays in Black** to raise awareness of violence against women and children through World Council of Churches.

**RED Fridays** Remember Everyone Deployed

**Every 25th** **Wear Orange Day**

Raising awareness about violence against women worldwide through the UN.

**Annual Gathering** **February 19**  
Bloomindale Presbyterian

## **Hurricane Season**

Hurricane season ends officially December 1. So, just in case, keep your supplies stocked and be ready for whatever Mother Nature sends our way.



## **Presbytery Leadership**

Hallelujah! We have a Moderator Elect and an Assistant Moderator Elect! Their information is included with this newsletter.

## **Our Changing PW**

How do you see PW changing to meet the needs of our current and future members? Are you questing, researching, and asking your women – not just active PW, but all women?

Most of our groups are older women. Is this a good time to try to involve younger women? What does that look like?

Is your pastor's wife involved on some level? (You hired the pastor, not his wife.) Or maybe the pastor is female – what is her actual or expected connection with PW?

The Post-Covid (Whenever that happens) reality is still open for ideas and actions. Be ready/prepared to move forward.

## **Church Level Leadership**

Before choosing new leadership, consider making timely changes/improvements to your programs and activities. This is really turning into a great time to make minor or monumental changes. Try to grow, try to add - not subtract - more opportunities for activities and programs.

Adjust your by laws and standing rules. It will also be important to re-evaluate in a few months and adjust accordingly.



## **PW and our Missions**

Northwood Presbyterian Women are planning a mission outreach for each month. This month it is "Drop Your Drawers" - underwear for children in need through Clothes To Kids, Inc.



**Getting to know Moderator Elect, Joan Hackett:** Joan grew up in Connecticut, married, and moved to Omaha, Nebraska, where they lived for 40 years. She taught High School Biology until she became a mom.

As the children grew up, Joan became involved with Presbyterian Women. Over the years she has held many positions on the church level, PW Enabler and PW Moderator on the presbytery level, and PW Synod Moderator of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies.

Joan and family vacationed in this area visiting relatives. Upon retiring, Joan and her husband purchased land on White Trout Lake from his grandfather and are enjoying life close to family.

Joan and her husband are members of Forest Hills Presbyterian Church. Joan has a soft spot for Presbyterian Women and wants to see it continue to grow. Please welcome Joan Hackett as our Moderator Elect. Her hope is to bring enthusiasm and meaning to women already involved in PW and to attract more women to participate in activities of PW.



**Getting to know Assistant Moderator Elect, Susan McNaught:** Susan is a Florida girl, born at St. Joe's, Tampa. She recently down-sized into a managed community in Temple Terrace. She is mom of a blended family, a widow, a grandmother and great grandmother, and enjoys her grandchildren.

Susan has been Presbyterian for 16 years, is a member of Temple Terrace Presbyterian, and has served as an elder, choir member, and circle leader for the last 5 years. She enjoys the Bible Study with other women. She feels Presbyterian Women are a worthwhile group that does good things.

Her work experience included planning events so serving PW in the Presbytery as assistant moderator/planner just makes sense. Please welcome Assistant Moderator Elect, Susan McNaught.