

March 2009

HEARTLAND PRESBYTERY PW NEWSLETTER



Message from the Co-Moderators

Many exciting events occurred in recent months for Heartland Presbytery Presbyterian Women (HPPW). Where does the time go? Can you believe that our two year terms are almost up and we will soon begin another two years with new co-moderators.

Fall Cluster meetings covered many timely topics—wellness, spiritual health and growth, immigration and U.S. and Mexican border concerns. We are so grateful to our wonderful Cluster Leaders who facilitate these meetings. Many of us would not have visited a host church unless we attend a cluster meeting. Thank you host churches for your warm welcome and hospitality.

The Heartland Presbytery (HP) delegation to Maya Quiche, Guatemala in April and November met several Presbyterian Women and learned about their concerns and joys. All of us in Heartland Presbytery can rejoice that our gift of nearly \$550 will allow these women to gather and fellowship more often.

The Coordinating Team (CT) voted to give a monetary gift to the Harold Thomas Center from our budget. Their staff goes above and beyond to help us with printing our Fall Cluster packets, Spring Gathering booklets, and biannual newsletter. Our quarterly meetings are also held in this facility. Mindy Fox, the Congregational Nurture Administrative Assistant, created our special Heartland Presbytery Presbyterian Women link on the Heartland Presbytery website. **HAVE YOU SEEN IT?** Jesse Echavarría, assistant to the office manager, entered the CT into her database and the Presbytery directory. Presbyterian Women do have voice and vote at Presbytery and Council meetings.

Also, the Coordinating Team made special mission donations of \$400 each to our national Presbyterian Women office, Presbyterian Children's Services and Presbyterian Disaster Relief from the mission money designated for the presbytery from the local churches.

HPPW is most appreciative to Betsey Greer, Second Presbyterian, KCMO, who designed a colorful, symbolic quilt square of HP to be presented to a Global Partner at Churchwide Gathering (CWG). Another quilter, Cindy Leber, Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS, has graciously agreed to share her talent in designing and making a quilted banner for the Maya Quiche PW.

Our Together in Service (TIS) program has given PW the opportunity to share a range of mission projects. Remember to submit your TIS form to Arlene Rockwood. Our *Horizons* Literature resource person, Irene Rowe, has done an outstanding job of getting the word out to PW groups about our Bible study and magazine, both of which help strengthen the community and believers to whom we are linked.

This is an important year for PW, both locally and nationally. We will be celebrating 20 years as Presbyterian Women (USA) since the merger in 1988. PW groups will be celebrating in different ways such as: making scrapbooks and posters, focusing on mission, creating banners, eating birthday cake and sharing their history. All will show the great work that PW is doing across the country.

As you know, the **2009 Churchwide Gathering is this summer, July 11-15 in Louisville, KY.** It is wonderful to hear that several from our presbytery will attend. Early bird registration lasts until May 15. It isn't too late to apply for scholarships through the Presbytery (\$380 to the first 10 applicants) and Synod (amount to be determined by number who apply by April 1). Forms may be found via our HPPW link at www.heartlandpby.org, or there is also information in this newsletter regarding scholarships and the synod luncheon on July 14, which you won't want to miss. Call or email Lula or Ginny to tell us the women from your church who will attend GWG. Now that the various forms for Presbyterian Women are available at our website, please do copy and complete them. You can also contact your co-moderators, cluster leaders, or any CT member if you have questions.

Very soon, we will see you at **Spring Gathering, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO.** The committee is eager to have you share this special day with them. The theme is Celebrating PW Cultures Wide and Deep. The gathering agenda includes our speaker, Sue Nispel, former CCT member, speaking about Thailand and an orphanage there, and workshops including Cultures in Worship Music, Maya Quiche and Prayer Quilts, a PW Antique Road Show, history room and more. See the flyer/registration both online and in this newsletter.

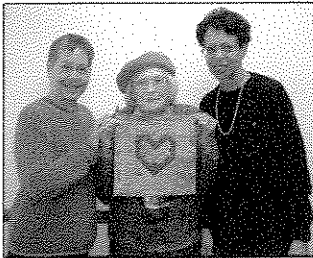
The CT has been busy trying to think of ways to make PW more relevant to our younger women. We would like to hear from you on what changes you would like to see implemented.

We express our gratitude, appreciation, cooperation, and admiration to the CT and PW groups for these past two years. It has indeed been our pleasure to serve you.

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Pictured (left to right):
Gail Cunningham, Co-Moderator in
Nomination, Betsey Greer, and Susan
Vann, PW Moderator at Second
Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO.

Heartland Quilt Square

The Churchwide Gathering Committee asked each presbytery to provide a quilt square to be given to one of our Global Partners who will be attending the gathering in Louisville in July. This includes women from around the world invited by the Global Partners Team, including women from Eastern Europe who are part of the Global Exchange, women from Mexico who were part of the

USA Mission Experience journey to the border, women invited by presbyteries, synods, and other groups, and those that come on their own. Since quilting is a great American tradition, this seemed like a perfect way to share our tradition with the world.

Betsey Greer is a lifelong artist, quilter, and Presbyterian Woman at Second Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, MO. In designing the square for Heartland Presbytery, she used her awareness of world cultures to avoid colors that would have any negative connotations in other parts of the world. The heart motif is an obvious symbol of Heartland, and the green fabric used has a motif that suggests the grain that is the staff of life, grown in our area and around the world. Betsey also took care to use all American washable cotton batik to best represent the USA. All Presbyterian Women in Heartland Presbytery thank Betsey for creating such an outstanding representation of our corner of the world.

2009 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women

"God Will Do Wonders Among You"

July 11-15, 2009 Louisville, Kentucky
www.pcusa.org/pw



The date is quickly approaching for CWG in Louisville, KY. If you would like to attend, you may apply for scholarships to help defray some of the costs. To apply, go to www.heartlandpby.org, click *Related Links* on the left side of the screen. Choose *Presbyterian Women/Heartland Presbytery* from the menu. On that screen you will find a heading for *Scholarships* and from there you may choose the *Churchwide Gathering Scholarship Request Form* and/or the *Synod of Mid-America PW Scholarship Application Form*. Please note the completion deadlines and address to mail each application.

On July 14, the Synod of Mid-America will host a luncheon at CWG. If you would like to attend, please send your check for \$10.00, made payable to **PW/SMA** to Carol Purviance, 30 Oak Knoll, Belleville, IL 62223-1880. In the memo line of your check write *Synod of Mid-America Lunch*. Checks should be mailed to Carol by June 22, 2009.

Heartland Presbytery PW will have three delegates in attendance at CWG: Gail Cunningham, Co-Moderator in Nomination, will be the voting delegate and Judy Klamm and Kilhwan Chae will also represent us.

For those women attending CWG who have not yet made travel plans, the moderator of PW in Southern Kansas, Nora Coryell, has arranged for a 29 passenger chartered bus to go to Louisville with an overnight stay in St. Charles, MO. Anyone wishing to take this transportation would be picked up along the I-35 Wichita to Kansas City route or the I-70 to St. Louis route. The bus will be leaving Wichita the morning of July 10, arriving in Louisville just after noon on July 11th and leaving about noon on July 15th, arriving back in Wichita the evening of July 17th. If you are interested in getting more specific details regarding costs, please contact Nora Coryell at nora.coryell@att.net or by phone, 316-733-5531.

Much more information about Churchwide Gathering may be found at www.pcusa.org/pwgathering/.

PW Treasurer Information

Operating Budget Fees—\$.50 for each woman in the congregation or 1/2 of the congregation membership should be sent to the Operating Budget Treasurer:

Doris Knight

14908 Glenwood

Overland Park, KS 66223

913-685-1047

Mission Giving—Quarterly pledge, Thank Offering, Birthday Offering, Least Coin, Hunger Fund, Honorary Life Memberships & Recognitions should be sent to the

Mission Giving Treasurer:

Janet Kelley

8319 Sagamore Road

Shawnee Mission, KS 66206

913-341-5076

Please make all checks payable to:

Presbyterian Women in Heartland Presbytery

PW Membership Updates

Please submit any PW officer changes, as well as change of address, email, phone number, etc. to our Membership Secretary,

Cathy Corley

541 Creekside Court

Lansing, KS 66043

913-351-3084

All churches, PW moderators and treasurers in Heartland Presbytery should be receiving the newsletter.

Please help us accomplish this goal by providing current information to Cathy Corley.

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*New Cluster Leaders will be installed at the
Spring Gathering*

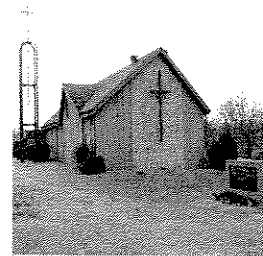
"Celebrating Presbyterian Women Cultures Wide and Deep"



Presbyterian Women in Heartland Presbytery
2009 Spring Gathering
Saturday, April 18, 2009 8:30 am - 1:30 pm
Northminster Presbyterian Church
1441 NE Englewood Road, Kansas City, MO 64118
816-453-2545

Program Schedule

- 8:30 Registration and coffee
9:00 Welcome, Devotional, Offering, and Business Meeting
*The offering recipients are women of the Haitian Fellowship,
Neema Fellowship and Grandview Park Presbyterian Church.
Please make offering checks payable to HPPW*
9:40 Keynote Speaker - Sue Nispel
10:00 Communion
10:30 Workshop I
11:15 Workshop II
12:00 Lunch
12:45 PW Birthday Celebration, PW Antique Road Show,
Officer Installation and Closing



Northminster Presbyterian Church

Registration Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Church: _____

Workshop Preferences:

Make a choice from both Workshop I and Workshop II

Workshop I

- _____ Cultures in Worship Music
_____ Maya Quiche

Workshop II

- _____ Cultures in Worship Music
_____ Prayer Quilts

Yes, I need childcare _____

Number of children _____

Please bring a sack lunch for each child

Registration Cost: \$10.00

Lunch and program materials provided.

Please make checks payable to:

Northminster PW

In memo line of check write:

"Spring Gathering"

Return registration form and payment to:

Mary Ruth Bateman

4026 N. Tracy

Kansas City, MO 64116

Registration Deadline is April 14, 2009

REPORTS FROM 2008 FALL CLUSTER GATHERINGS

Clusters 1 and 4—Tarkio Presbyterian Church, October 4, 2008

Those attending this meeting heard from Kim Bunton from Connect One Ministries. Worship was led by Rev. Rachel Lancey of Tarkio Church. After the worship and business meeting, women gathered to prepare shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse. The boxes were covered with Christmas wrap, then either sent home with instructions to fill with contents for a child or left at the church for completion. The offering was split between Tarkio's choice of the Cold Weather Coat/Blanket Fund and the HPPWCT's choice of the Scholarship Leadership Fund.

Clusters 2 and 8—St. Paul Presbyterian Church, October 3, 2008

Doris Grant, health educator from the Black Health Coalition, spoke to the group of women attending the meeting at St. Paul Church. The host church gave their half of the offering to Samuel Rogers Health Clinic and the other half went to the HPPWCT's choice of the Scholarship Leadership Fund.

Clusters 3 and 6—Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, October 11, 2008

The theme of this gathering was missions and using our hands to further the mission efforts of our church and PW groups. Thirty-eight women attended and heard Laurie Anderson speak about the PW Mission Experience trip she made in the spring of 2008. Laurie is involved with the Immigrant Justice Advocacy Movement locally. She gave a stirring message about the immigrants they met on the trip and those she has met here in Kansas City. A variety of booths were available for everyone to visit and learn more about mission opportunities both here and abroad. There was also an opportunity for the women to tie-off fleece blankets for the Linus Project, a local group that provides the blankets to children having surgery or treatment in area hospitals. During lunch Rich Maxwell spoke about the Presbyterian Children's Services, including information about the new home being built near Platte City. The offering collected was split three ways with the HPPWCT's half to the Scholarship Leadership Fund, Grace Covenant split their half between Presbyterian Children's Services and the Immigrant Justice Advocacy Movement.

Clusters 7 and 9—Covenant Presbyterian Church, October 10, 2008

Spiritual Health was the theme of the gathering that took place at Covenant Church. The Rev. Kirk Perucca, pastor of Covenant Church, led the worship service. Following the business meeting, the 40 women present visited the booths that were made available and spent time meeting and making new friends. The keynote speaker was Covenant member Kim Holland. Her very inspiring talk reminded us that spiritual health is the key to a happy and healthy life. The delicious lunch was prepared under the direction of Ms. Harriet Helm, 95 years old and a very long time member of Covenant Church. Rich Maxwell from Presbyterian Children's Services spoke during the meal. The day's offering was split between Covenant's choice of the Presbyterian Disaster Services for Gulf Coast Relief (in memory of Olivia Griffith) and the HPPWCT's choice of the Scholarship Leadership Fund.

2009 Fall Gathering—Something New!

Instead of the traditional four cluster meetings in October, your HPPWCT voted to this year have one combined Fall Gathering in 2009. It is hoped that combining the meetings will result in greater attendance and a more fulfilling experience for all women. This year's gathering will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2009 at Second Presbyterian Church, 55th and Brookside, Kansas City, MO. The theme for this gathering will be **"A Fall Day of Spiritual Renewal"**. The organizing cluster leaders will ask individual churches to help with ushering, cooking, clean up and other tasks so the host church will not have the burden of all responsibilities. Watch for more information about this gathering in the August 2009 newsletter and on the Heartland Presbytery website (PWHP link) as information becomes available.

2008 Mission Giving Presbyterian Women in Heartland Presbytery

	<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
MISSION					
PCUSA	\$4,048.25	\$5,501.50	\$3,957.75	\$4,232.50	\$17,740.00
SYNOD	539.75	514.75	467.25	400.00	1,921.75
PRESBY	804.50	1,408.25	1,334.50	1,565.00	5,112.25
THANK	5,072.61	455.00	0.00	2,702.50	8,230.11
BIRTHDAY	85.00	2,714.56	3,761.73	95.92	6,657.21
HONORARY LIFE	550.00	190.00	190.00	665.00	1,595.00
LEAST COIN	274.38	307.58	239.06	141.59	962.61
HUNGER	326.88	292.55	50.00	449.89	1,119.32
OTHER**	<u>0.00</u>	<u>103.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>	<u>503.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$11,701.37</u>	<u>\$11,487.19</u>	<u>\$10,000.29</u>	<u>\$10,652.40</u>	<u>\$43,841.25</u>

**NetWorkers Malaria Prevention Program \$103.00
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance \$400.00

Janet Kelley, Mission Giving Treasurer

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, April 18, 2009	2009 Spring Gathering, Northminster Presbyterian Church Kansas City, MO
Saturday, May 2, 2009	HPPWCT meeting, Harold Thomas Center 9:30 A.M.
July 11—15, 2009	PW Churchwide Gathering—Louisville, KY
Saturday, August 1, 2009	HPPWCT meeting, Harold Thomas Center 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, October 10, 2009	2009 Fall Gathering, Second Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO
Saturday, November 7, 2009	HPPWCT meeting, Harold Thomas Center 9:30 A.M.



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