

## Presbyterian Women

### *In the Presbytery of the Grand Canyon*

September 2019

#### ***From the Moderator:***

I hope that your summer was a good one and that your travels were safe and rewarding. Fall is upon us and our focus and activities change. I have endeavored to give you some information regarding our Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Grand Canyon and what is happening here in this newsletter. Am looking forward to seeing you all and continuing our commitment to Presbyterian Women. It is good to remember that our purpose is: Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves:

To nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study

To support the mission of the church worldwide

To work for justice and peace and

To build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

ELECTED LEADERS; Moderator, Diane Nestlebush; Moderator Elect, Mary Danforth; Secretary/Historian, Joanne Bishop; Treasurer, Norma Mack; Search, Carole Jean Soine.

We wrote in the Spring Loaves and Fishes that we had leadership positions and were anxious to fill them. We are so grateful to announce the following:

We welcome our new Secretary Joanne Bishop from Desert Palms Presbyterian Church in Sun City West. Joanne has many years of experience in PW and also as a secretary.

We also welcome our new Treasurer Norma Mack from First Presbyterian Church in Sun City. Norma is a very experienced treasurer, being treasurer of the PW and the Church.

We are truly blest to have these special people on our CT and prayers were answered!

#### **GOOD NEWS**

Plans are being made for our SPRING GATHERING. Our speaker will be Eugenia Gamble, the author of our Bible Study this year, "Love Carved in Stone". She is known to be a very good speaker and we are so happy to have her with us. The Gathering information is:

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2020

Where: First Presbyterian Church of Sun City  
12225 North 103<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Sun City, AZ 85351

Time: 8:30am to 3:00pm

We invite you to mark your calendar for this Gathering. Registration forms will be available in October.

*Blessings to all,*

*Diane Nestlebusch*

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## **OFFERING HIGHLITE**

**Birthday Offering:** Each year, the Birthday Offering awards grants to up to five programs. Primarily making possible capital improvement projects, the Birthday Offering supports domestic and international ministries, focusing on areas such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence or women's concerns. In 2019, four projects received funding through Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering. Your gift to the Birthday Offering will allow PW to provide funding to the Disaster Response Team, Effingham Child Development Center, Presbyterian Homes, and Services of Kentucky, Inc., and Wings of Refuge.

While Birthday Offering giving often occurs in PW groups, you may also [give online](#) to deepen Presbyterian Women's investments in life-changing ministries around the world.

## **Mark Your Calendars!**

PW Synod of the Southwest Triennial Gathering, October 4-6, 2019, Redemptorist Center, Tucson

Leadership Luncheon, Winter 2020 TBD

PWP Grand Canyon Spring Gathering 2020, Saturday March 28, 2020

## **Report on evaluations from Spring Gathering, 2019**

We appreciate all the feedback provided on the evaluations and identified some specific action items for preparation and planning of the 2020 Spring Gathering.

- If break out groups are scheduled, have a space that provides plenty of room between groups. Also, provide clear instructions for group leaders.
- Schedule bathroom and stretching breaks.
- More singing and music.
- Add church name to nametags to help communicate where we are all coming from.

## REMINDERS:

\*Carol Main, Desert Palms Presbyterian, Sun City West, was a participant in the PW Churchwide USA Mission Experience this summer. Please remember to schedule Carol to speak with your local PW groups and churches.

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