

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

We have had an exciting year thus far. Presbyterian Women have been active in their own churches and also at the gatherings. They continue to exhibit their strong dedication to giving of their time, talents, and financial support to worthwhile projects within their church as well as national and international projects.

Our Fall Gathering was held at Camp Burnamwood on Saturday, October 21, 2017. We had 17 churches represented and 56 participants. Our guest speaker was Katharine Reeves, PW Mission Associate for the Presbyterian Church USA, Ms. Reeves spoke on “Women of the Reformation.” Her topic was timely since we were celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. She stated that the women were not recognized until later, but they did a lot to bring about change and laid a firm foundation. In the 1900’s the women made up the majority of the church and did most of the work. She added, that we still are the women of the Reformation. The offering collection of \$670 was divided equally between Camp Burnamwood and the PW Mission Pledge.

The Spring Gathering will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at the Cynthiana Presbyterian Church in Cynthiana, Kentucky. Registration begins at 9:00 AM and the program will begin at 10:00 AM with lunch following. A flier will be sent to your church which will include the registration form. The cost of registration is \$12.00 which will be due Friday, April 6, 2018. Our guest speaker will be Carol Winkler, our current PW Churchwide Moderator, who is from northern Kentucky. Our theme is “Sunsational PW” which is in reference to the sunflower which is part of the logo for the Churchwide Gathering. Her message will be: “Connections...Change...Opportunities...Answering God’s call...are all seeds that make PW Sensational!” Nancy Bryson, PW Moderator of the Synod of Living Waters, will attend as well as Philip Lotspeich, General Presbyter of the Transylvania Presbytery. The PW of Cynthiana Presbyterian Church are enthusiastic and are working diligently to host a wonderful gathering. We are really looking forward to a fantastic gathering! Please encourage the women of your church to attend.

The 2018 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women will be held August 2-5, 2018 in Louisville, Kentucky. The theme is “Arise, shine, your light has come!” The gathering is an amazing event which provides an opportunity to hear outstanding speakers, connect with dear friends, make new friends, and to explore ways to live out our faith. Also, 2018 marks the 30th anniversary of Presbyterian Women. The gathering will indeed be a time of great celebration. Encourage the women of your congregation to check the PW website, www.presbyterianwomen.org to learn more about the gathering.

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