

KINDRED SPIRIT

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PLEASE SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER

Message from our Board

Dear Women of the Presbytery,

Greetings from the Board of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery FOR Southern New Jersey. We are a group of dedicated women from churches around the presbytery who meet quarterly to share ideas and plan events. We meet on Zoom. If your church isn't represented on the board, we'd love to have you join us.

This year's **Spring Gathering** is a joint event with First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown, NJ. Be inspired by a panel presentation, "What is a Christian Woman to Do?", featuring Rev. Dr. Debby Brincivalli, Dr. Leslie Spencer, and Jennifer Allen. This will be an opportunity to meet women from around the presbytery and learn about the PWPFNSJ, its purpose and missions. Join us on **Thursday, June 8th at 6:00 pm** in person or virtually on Zoom. Event details and a registration link are on Page 2 of this newsletter.

The **Folder of Facts** will be updated this summer. The FOF is a reference tool for all Presbyterian women's groups in our area. It's a handy reference that contains PW contact information, Mission giving history, the PWPFNSJ by-laws, and useful information for PW treasurers. We need your help to update this information. We will be calling churches beginning in June.

Thank you to all who continue with their **PW Pledges**. On Page 4 we discuss how your pledge works, where to send it, and the mission projects supported this past year.

Grace and Peace,

The Coordinating Team for PWPFNSJ
pwpfnsj@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATES

June 8th from 6:00 – 9:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown & PWPFNSJ Joint Spring Program
(See next page for details)

June 16 - 18 at (Thurs-Sat)

The Synod at **Stony Point Conference** and Retreat Center for a look at this year's Horizon Bible Study.

August 8 – 11, 2024

PW Churchwide Gathering in St. Louis, Missouri. Details to come.

September 15, 2023—Deadline for next Kindred Spirit Newsletter!!

Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery For Southern NJ (PWPFNSJ)

Annual Spring Gathering on June 8th At First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown NJ And on Zoom

PW Spring Gathering June 8th

June 8, 2023



DETAILS: The Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery for Southern New Jersey and the PW Coordinating Team of First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown invite all women to a Joint Spring Gathering on **Thursday, June 8th at 6:00 pm** in Miller Commons (101 Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown).

Be inspired by a panel presentation, "What is a Christian Woman to Do?", featuring Rev. Dr. Debby Brincivalli, Dr. Leslie Spencer and Jennifer Allen. Learn about the PWPFNSJ, its purpose and missions.

Please register to attend on this page.

Order forms for a box supper are available. Download a copy and return it to the church with your payment (\$15 each). Choices are available either as a sandwich or as a wrap and meals include pasta salad, fruit salad, chips, and a brownie. **Food orders are due by Thursday, May 25.**

Download dinner order form

The Spring Gathering will also be available via live stream that evening at www.fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream.

Questions? Please contact Susan Masiko 856-630-3253 or susan.masiko@comcast.net or Jane Murphy 856-427-0618 or mrsmurphyiii@gmail.com.

Click Here to
Register Here

Church News—Sharing Ideas—Sharing Mission

Have a mission project you'd like to share? A special event or speaker? Send your articles to pwpfsnj@gmail.com. Don't have time to write? Send us a photo and caption and the event will be included. We want to hear from you!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY FOR SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY

Mission Report from the March 2023 Board Meeting:

Michele Strobel, chair of Mission, led us as we prayerfully discerned our 2023 Mission Giving. The following local organizations will receive \$500 each:

- Free Book Project/Camden County Pop-up Library
<https://camdencountypopuplibrary.org/>
- Mud Girls Studio—Atlantic City
<https://www.mudgirlsstudios.org/>
- Unforgotten Haven—Blackwood, NJ
<https://www.theunforgottenhaven.org/>
- The Extended Hand Ministries—Mt. Holly
<https://www.theextendedhandministry.org/>
- Beacon of Hope—Mt. Holly
<http://www.beaconofhopeinc.com/>
- Good Council Homes—Riverside, NJ
<https://www.goodcounselhomes.org/>

If you'd like to learn more about PWPFSNJ mission work or participate in our next presbytery wide women's mission project please contact Michele Strobel, our mission chair. Contact: kndlkai1@comcast.net

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN HADDONFIELD

We are so proud of our Urban Promise partner, Siani! It is so gratifying to be able to support this fine, young woman with her education at Urban Promise and we're looking forward to seeing her again at Partner Day in the spring. Here is a picture of Siani meeting with our Coordinating Team in February.

Carol Carty



Our PW sells Equal Exchange products. Proceeds from these sales go towards our many mission projects.

We have had pinwheel gardens at our church during the month of April for a number of years now (and are planning to continue) to highlight child abuse prevention. This is a program sponsored by the organization "Child Abuse New Jersey " Information about this program is shown below:

<https://www.preventchildabusenj.org/get-involved/pinwheels-for-prevention/>

Linda O'Neill

HADDON HEIGHTS FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Kiva March 2023 Update:

We currently have \$183.56 in our account. We will probably be able to make another loan in April. Jenny (Phillipines), Lisnawati (Indonesia), Mamie (Sierra Leone), Recho (Kenya), and Tarwinah (Indonesia) are all paying back on time. Carolyn (Kenya) has repaid her loan. Over the years, we have made 58 loans for a total of \$12,025 lent.

Friendship Circle of HHFPC:

Friendship Circle has raised \$375.00 for mission projects. The funds came from donations for lovely, handmade greeting cards by Judy Wilson, a congregation member. Thanks Judy!

Respectfully submitted,

- Sharon Cole

Friendship Circle Activities 2022

KIVA microloans continue to be a favorite project as we see the diligent repayments from women borrowers from various foreign countries. Our initial loans were funded through sale of Christmas cards depicting our sanctuary decorated for Christmas ten years ago. This year's sale of Mothers' Day cards netted \$483.00 that was applied to potential loans aiding women who struggle to run small businesses abroad and at home. The three newest recipients of our loans are Mamie from Sierra Leone, Recho and Carolyn from Kenya. We rejoice with the women as we see their pictures and stories.

A potluck dinner, first in three years, was our June Installation celebration bringing together 30 women and their special dishes. Members co-chaired and acted as emcees for a few games and introduced Fred Heuser who entertained all with his guitar and a few rounds of "Name That Tune."

Another **fund-raising event** was held in November to support our local missions. Hoagies were purchased from a local deli in Haddon Heights, prepaid orders were taken by our PW members for two weeks prior to delivery following worship service on November 13. We were able to add the profit of \$308.00 to our mission funding account.

In November our Friendship Circle again prepared and hosted the annual **Thanksgiving Coffee Hour** held in the church parlor following worship. Folks are eager and joyful to be sharing fellowship time again following the hiatus from quarantines.

On December 13, 2022, a joyful **PW Christmas party** brunch was held at the home of a Haddon Heights member with prayer, good food, fun and games and caroling. Good wishes to all for a healthy, happy New Year 2023.

- Carol Leadbeater

First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

Greetings from FPC of Moorestown

Our PW celebrated three recent events:

In the fall a magnolia tree was donated and planted with a ceremony honoring all past and the present moderator of PW.

In late November the Team decorated the Christmas tree in our sanctuary. The Christmas ornaments were handmade a number of years ago by our PW saints.

In January we held our Winter Gathering. Our program included a business meeting and presentation by Dawn's Place. Dawn's Place is a 6 to 12 month residence for women rescued from commercial prostitution and sex trafficking in the tri state area. The Executive Director Sr. Meaghan V Patterson gave an overview and a testimonial was given by a former resident/now staff member Ann Marie Jones. The presentation was well done and quite moving.



The Knitting Network created a multitude of handmade items which were donated to church and community members and ministries. The Network sponsored a Christmas mitten tree and also sold items through free will offering to assist our missions.

We supported three ministries who aid women in need of immediate shelter and safety-Dawn's Place, Good Counsel Home (a residence for women who are pregnant and homeless) and Providence House (a residence for victims of domestic violence and related services). We also continued sponsorship of an eight year old child through Little Children of the World in the Phillipines.

Our Circles provided holiday dinners and gifts to a family through Seeds of Hope, filled the church blessing Box, collected clothing for the Atlantic City Rescue Mission, collected socks for the Christian Caring Center, provided Uber and Lyft cards to Providence House and made hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Relief.

We wish to invite our sisters to the PW Spring Gathering on Thursday June 8th at 6:00 p.m. (101 Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown.) We are hosting our ladies of FPC of Moorestown as well as the PWPFSNJ. Please save the date and bring a friend.

Many blessings, Susan Masiko



Trinity Presbyterian Church in Cherry Hill

Trinity's Christmas collection for SistaTalkPhl. Barb and I met with Adam McNeil to turn over almost \$1000 worth of products, gift cards, and a check.



PW Newsbytes

News you can use from Presbyterian Women

HOW CAN YOU USE THIS NEWS?
Any way you want!
Forward this entire newsletter, copy and paste sections into your newsletter, or forward the following fliers to share what's new with PW!

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Visit [PresbyterianWomen.org](https://www.presbyterianwomen.org) or click this link for the most recent PW Churchwide Newsletter, Newsbytes.

<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/pw-newsbytes-march-2023-2/>

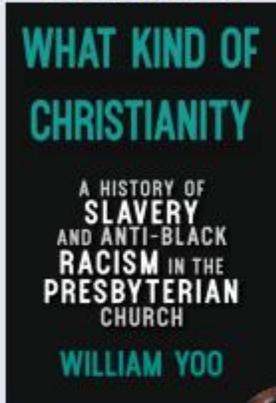
Help us keep our PW in the Presbytery records up to date by notifying us if you have a new moderator or mission leader at your church. Anyone can subscribe to our newsletter.

Just forward your request to
PWPFSNJ@gmail.com



2023 JUSTICE and PEACE Book Discussion Group

FEBRUARY 13



SPECIAL WEBINAR
WITH AUTHOR



DISCUSS THE BOOKS WITH OTHERS VIA ZOOM
• The J&P Book Discussion Group is open to all!



DISCUSSION GROUP MEETS EVERY OTHER MONTH
• Read and discuss any or all books that appeal to you. Registration will be needed to join the discussion on Zoom.



RECEIVE STUDY GUIDES TO INFORM YOUR READING
• Questions for discussion or reflection will be sent with your registration confirmation.

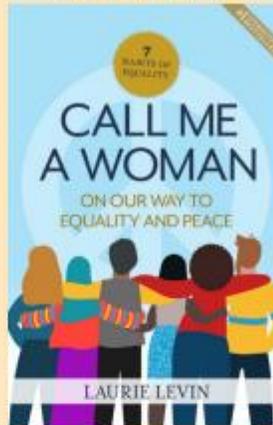


To register, scan the QR code with your smart phone or go to presbyterianwomen.org/justice.

Reading Selections

(6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Eastern Time)

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JULY 10

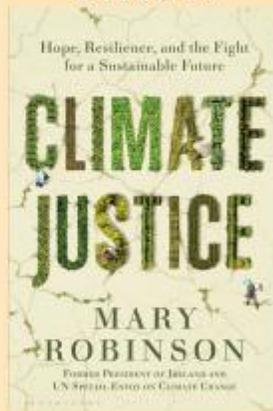
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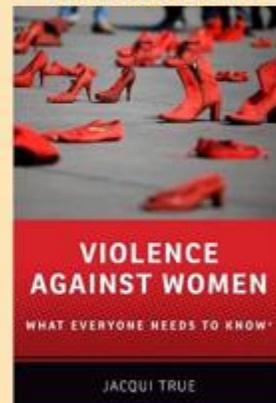
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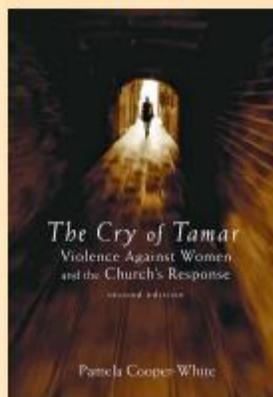
MARCH 13



SEPTEMBER 11



MAY 8



NOVEMBER 13



Selections are recommended by
the Justice & Peace Committee of PW's Board of Directors.