

Northern Light

Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Northern Kansas SPRING GATHERING 2020

YOUR LIGHT! WORKING FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE



PW Presbytery of Northern Kansas

Spring Gathering

April 28, 2020

First Presbyterian Church Junction City

113 W 5th, Junction City

(from I-70 Take exit 298 for Chestnut St. toward East St.

Exit the traffic circle onto E. Chestnut St.

(pass by Freddy's frozen custard & Steakburgers (on right)

Continue on E Chestnut St. Turn right onto S. Washington St.

Turn Left onto W. 5th St.

"Nurturing our faith through prayer and Bible study" is the first point of our Presbyterian Women's Purpose, and discerning how God through the Holy Spirit would like for us to be (act) in this world.

"PARISE, Shine, your light has come, and the Glory of the LORD has risen upon you." Isaiah 60:1

Mission for Spring Gathering will be the Gift of the Heart "Hygiene Kits".

*Bring only completed "Hygiene Kits". All items need to be new and fit inside a one-gallon clear plastic zipper closure bag. Items in kit:

one - hand towel (approximately 15" x 28 or 16" X 32" (NO fingertip, bath, dish or micro-fiber towels)

one - washcloth

one- wide-tooth comb (remove from package)

one - nail (finger or toe) clipper (UPDATE: clipper with metal files are now accepted; remove from package)

one - bath size bar of soap in the wrapper,

one toothbrush in the package,

Ten-standard size Band-aids.

Do not add any extra items or toothpaste. Value of kit is \$15 and a \$2 processing fee per kit. Do not enclose money inside the kits.

Make all checks payable to PWPNK Treasurer

Please Copy and Bring this Newsletter with you!

Our Day Together	
9:00	Gathering & Registration
9:30	Opening
	Learning Opportunities
	Bible Study
	Book Reviews
	Trafficking
	Speaker – Capt. Giorando
	"Sex Trafficking in Geary County"
	Offering interpretations
	Worship and Communion
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Hands on Mission
	Gift of the Heart "Hygiene Kits"
	Learning Opportunities
	Business: election/installation
2:00	Dismissal - Safe travel home

Devotion: by Rev Glenda Watts Genesis 1; Luke 10:1-11

One of the most enriching parts of the 2020 Association of Church Educators conference recently held in Little Rock was the participation of A Sanctified Art, a team of artists in ministry, which includes Rev. Sarah Are, formerly of Village Church and Heartland Presbytery. They created worship liturgy and one created a liturgical painting in worship as it unfolded each day. Spiritual practices were woven into the whole event not only in the spirituality center.

They reminded us that when it comes to our worship, so many of our worshipping communities are bound to words on a page. We listen to scripture read and proclaimed, we recite unison prayers like a script, and we grip our bulletins like road maps telling us when to sit or stand. But in our pursuit to centralize the Word in our worship, we sometimes become complacent, letting the Word lay flat on a page. Sometimes we forget that, before the Word was written, it was envisioned, and uttered, and breathed.

In the hallways there were "Pop Up Art Stations"--intention boxes from which you could draw out a card with words for you to consider, such as trust and mercy; a highlight wall where you could write something going right; and another to write on slips of paper something that is wrong. They exemplified the theme of "Outside the Box" - creatively doing ministry and mission in a different way.

The closing charge sent us out to: "Be better — be kinder, be more generous, be more compassionate." At the same time, "know that you are good enough just as you are," without reading more books or getting more education in order to be good enough for God. "We are living in urgent times right now. There is no time to wait. It is time to go," And yet, "We are in it for the long game. ... We know that the world is not going to change by 2021." So, along the way, do what Jesus did: take time for quiet retreat; to pray and rest; to eat together and feed one another; and to share and hear one another. And then go back out into the world to serve God and the kingdom of heaven.

All Mission Pledges

Your mission pledge should be sent to the Treasurer before March 10th, June 10th, September 10th, and December 10th. If you are sending multiple offerings, please make indications of this on the memo line on your check or send a note describing distribution of offerings

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Presbyterian Women of Northern Kansas

2020 Budget

Expenses for Budget for 2020

Spring Gathering	\$400.00
Spring CT Meeting	\$200.00
Fall Gathering	\$400.00
Fall CT Meeting	\$200.00
Newsletters	\$ 75.00

Expenses for Budget for 2020 cont.

Synod Contingent Fee	\$445.00
Books & Miscellaneous	\$120.00
Churchwide Gathering	\$400.00
Church women United	\$ 20.00
Global Exchange	\$ 40.00
Total	\$2,320.00

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Bring Birthday Offering and Least Coin

Bring Gift of the Heart "Hygiene Kits" for Hands on Mission Opportunity:

Be sure to Register for Spring Gathering and send in

Reading Report form by April 21

Do you have a copy of the 2020-2021 PW reading list? Look for it on the PNK web site.

Remember all roads lead to Junction City on April 28.

NEW PW Reading books ideas for 2020-2021

We are always looking for book suggestions you may have the Reading Committee: Louise Jahnke and Dolores Renner.

Non Fiction

Andrew Wyeth, Richard Meryman

Love That Boy, Ron Fournier

Grateful American, Gary Sinise

A Dog Named Beautiful, Rob Kugler

Eliza Hamilton: The Extraordinary Life and Times of the Wife of Alexander Hamilton, Tilar J Mazzeo

Fiction

Have You Seen Luis Velez?, Catherine Ryan Hyde

Jerusalem's Queen, Angela Hunt

The Prayer Box, Lisa Wingate

The Forgotten Road & The Road Home, Richard Paul Evans (Two books in a series of three)

Reading list ideas for 2019-2020**Fiction**

The Noel Diary, Richard Paul Evans

Cottage by the Sea, Debbie Macomber

One Shenandoah Winter, T. Davis Bunn

The Chilbury Ladies' Choir, Jennifer Ryan

The Hope Chest, Viola Shipman

Isiah's Daughter, Mesu Andrews

Non Fiction

The Gospel According to Oprah, Marcie Z. Nelson

When I was a Child, T. L. Needham

Fly Girls, Kevin O'Brien

Suzanne's Children: A Daring Rescue in Nazi Paris,

Anne Nelson

The Greatest Gift, Ann Voskamp

Everything Happens for a Reason, Kate Bowler

Grateful, Diann Butler Bass

Northern Lights Horizon Bible Study Spring 2020

"Into the Light: Finding Hope in Prayers of Lament"

The Horizon 2020-2021 Bible Study will be available for sale at our Spring PW meeting in Junction City on April 28th. The price of the study including shipping will be \$11.00. There will be a very limited number of large print Bible Study books available for \$16.00. "Into the Light: Finding Hope in Prayers of Lament" the Horizon's Bible Study has been written by P. Lynn Miller and if you have a subscription to the PW Horizons magazine your copy will arrive in March or early April 2020. We will also have order forms that you may use if you choose to order your own 2020-2021 Bible study books.

PWSMA GATHERING – Friday, Aug 14, a PW Synod of Mid-America Gathering the day preceding the Bible Study Workshop at Village. Lynn Miller, will speak on August 15 at Village Presbyterian Church. Details forthcoming.

Horizons Promotion

The Horizon magazine subscription keeps Presbyterian Women informed and is a super resource for connecting PWs. Every other month the Horizons is published and offers mission stories, ideas for justice and peace work, information about Presbyterian Women and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), devotions, Horizons' Bible Study lesson resources and a short Bible study focusing on the topic that particular Horizons issue is highlighting. The Presbyterian Women of Northern Kansas, at the Spring and Fall gatherings, select a PW to receive a one year subscription to the Horizons magazine. Maybe you will be the 2020 Spring winner of the subscription, you must attend to be eligible.

The Horizons magazine is an awesome resource for you and your sisters in faith.

PW PROGRAMMING IDEA Looking for a PW program idea with information and inspiration? Don't forget about our synod sisters who participated in the USAME trip to the Finger Lakes Region in New York, Rhoda Frasier, rhodafrasier@sbcglobal.net and Cheryl Mayo, mayocheryl@sbcglobal.net. Contact them if you'd like to have them speak at a gathering for your church or group of churches.

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Junction City, Kansas**

Please send this form, or
photocopy to:
Nancy Hoffman
403 Bradley Street
Ellsworth, KS 67439
(785) 531-1562
gnthoffman@yahoo.com

**Registration forms are due by
April 21, 2020**

Your church name & address: _____

Name & Phone number of contact person: _____

Names of those attending: _____

Registration Fee: \$10.00 per person.

Registration Fee will not be returned, but is transferable. Make check Payable to PW - PNK

Amount enclosed:

CLIP & RETURN READING FORM BY APRIL 21 TO:

Nancy Hoffman, 403 Bradley Street, Ellsworth, KS 67439

or email information to Nancy at: gnthoffman@yahoo.com

Please report all Reading Recognition Awards recipients to above address. These PWs will be recognized at our PW PNK Spring Gathering in Junction City, Kansas at First Presbyterian Church. Mail or email names of PWs recognition recipients to:

READING RecognitionWho's Been Reading?

CHURCH AND TOWN _____

LIST THE NAME OF EACH PERSON READING 4 BOOKS. _____

LIST THE NAME OF EACH PERSON WHO FINISHED READING THE ENTIRE BIBLE THIS YEAR. _____

LIST THE NAME OF THOSE READING BOTH THE ENTIRE BIBLE AND AT LEAST 4 BOOKS FROM THE CURRENT LIST THIS YEAR. _____

NAME OF PERSON(S) SUBMITTING THIS READING RECOGNITION FORM PLEASE INCLUDE PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS. _____