



# **CONNECTIONS**

***Presbyterian Women of Wyoming***

***Fall 2017***



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## ***Moderators' Musings***

Greetings to all our Presbyterian Women Sisters from your Co-Moderators, Margie George and Melinda Brazzale

Those of you who attended the Women's Retreat at Camp Story in August know that it was wonderfully refreshing and invigorating. We send a big thanks to the Sheridan women who hosted and set up all the programming. We used one of the Fruit of the Spirit Bible studies as our main program, "How to Rejoice in Any Situation." We came away with a new perspective of joy vs. happiness. Another thanks goes to the Camp Story Commission who has done so much work on the camp, especially Dick Birholz and his crew. A wonderful addition for our ladies was a new bathroom in two of the cabins!

We have been making our annual Fall visits to the PW districts around Wyoming. As we write this on October 5 we have traveled to Mountain View, Encampment and Sheridan. Tomorrow we travel to Cody and then the following weekend to Guernsey. We feel energized when we meet with each of you around the state. You are doing good things and have God in your hearts. Thank you for your warm welcome to us. This is our third and final "official" visit as moderators. Next year you'll see our new moderator, Kathy Lundberg, from Sheridan. We are thrilled that she has stepped up.

In each of our visits we've been "planting the seed" for you to attend the Churchwide Gathering next year in Louisville, Kentucky, August 4-5 and the Women's Retreat at Camp Story, August 10-12. What wonderful opportunities for you to fellowship with other dedicated Presbyterian Women! I plan to go, and I know that I've heard from a few others of you who are thinking about both. I will be praying that you find the energy and financial means to travel.

Have a wonderful winter and we'll be meeting again soon.

Your sister in Christ,  
Melinda

# PWP SPRING GATHERING 2017

The Spring Gathering was held April 20-22, 2017 at First Presbyterian Church in Cheyenne. Despite a little winter like weather in the southeast corner of the state, we had a good attendance of roughly 50 PW members and guests, and certainly missed those who didn't venture out on the snowy roads.

The PWP Coordinating Team met on Thursday night and the annual Business Meeting was held on Friday. Our co-moderators, Margie George and Melinda Brazzale, did a fine job keeping us focused on the business at hand. We are starting a Camp Story Challenge to support Camp Story as our mission project in 2017-2018, and encourage everyone to give \$20 to your local treasurer to help this project along. The bylaws were changed to reflect the elimination of the District Leadership Coordinators positions. Thank you to everyone who has served in that position. This change comes about due to the numbers of PWs we have in our presbytery and as a result, the districts are smaller with fewer churches. The PWP co-moderators and local moderators will handle the planning of Fall District Gatherings. New members of the Coordinating Team were elected and installed on Saturday morning.



We had 6 guest speakers at the Spring Gathering, who shared their experiences on mission trips and updates from the PW Churchwide Coordinating Team. Rev. Steve Shive, General Presbyter, led us in a session on leading Bible studies to help us prepare for our 2017-2018 Horizons study, "Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ in Hebrews". Participants enjoyed a tour of the magnificent stained glass windows in the church, led by Maida Wadell.



Participants were able to do some hands on mission by making finger puppets to be given to Rev. Scott Parker. He uses these puppets to interact with the children he sees in a variety of schools and other settings in Lebanon. These puppets were presented to Scott when he and Elmarie visited Cheyenne this summer.

Rev. Steve Shive and Rev. Diana Hartman, Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Cheyenne, led the Friday evening worship service. The \$582 offering was given to the Unaccompanied Student Initiative for Youth.

We thank the Presbyterian Women of Cheyenne for their wonderful hospitality! Thanks to everyone who attended and to those who planned the gathering.



# CAMP STORY CHALLENGE



The Camp Story Challenge was approved at the Spring Gathering business meeting. All PW members are challenged to support Camp Story by giving \$20 to the challenge by the next Spring Gathering in Powell, WY, April 13-14, 2018. These offerings will be matched through funds from the Presbytery of Wyoming. So, your \$20 will give Camp Story \$40! We encourage everyone to support the challenge in any way you can and we invite PW groups to open the challenge to their congregations. \$2,050 has been given as of Sept. 30, 2017, which is a great start to the Camp Story Challenge.

## 2018 CHURCHWIDE GATHERING *“Arise, shine, your light has come!”*

The Gathering will be held at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky, August 2–5, 2018. Rooms start at \$144/night; suites start at \$159, both plus taxes. The registration booklet will mail with the November/December 2017 issue of Horizons. Registration will open January 15, 2018.

Louisville (the home of the 2018 Gathering) is often referred to as Derby City, thanks to historic Churchill Downs and the beautiful horse farms that dot central Kentucky. That’s why the 2018 mascot for the CWG is . . . Lilly the Filly!



Check out all of the ways you can promote attendance at the 2018 PW Churchwide Gathering in the promotional packet available on the PW website at <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/> You will find lots of clever ideas including announcements, art, games, a skit, flier, and more.

The 2018 Gathering will include a silent auction, full of exquisite handmade creations, vacation packages, jewelry and other enticing items. All proceeds will benefit the Mission Pledge, PW’s annual fund! You can contribute in two ways—donated items before the Gathering and/or bidding at the Gathering. Read more about the auction in the promotional packet.

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## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY OF WYOMING COORDINATING TEAM 2017-2018

Co-Moderator:	Melinda Brazzale
Co-Moderator	Margie George
Vice-Moderator:	Louise Semino
Secretary:	Gail Heimbuck
Treasurer:	Mable Frederick
Search Committee Moderator:	Willamae Shuler
Mission, Justice & Peace Coordinator:	Cyndi Barski
Historian:	Linda Learned
Newsletter Editor:	Gail Heimbuck
Horizons Representative:	Vacant

### PWP Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report for the 3rd quarter is:

Balance on hand on 6/30/17	\$9872.34
Receipts	\$5582.75
Disbursements	<u>\$5581.49</u>
Balance Sept. 30, 2017	\$9, 873.60

### DATES TO REMEMBER

October	Domestic Violence Month
November 1	Mission Pledge forms due to PWP Moderator
December 1	Thank Offering and Quarterly Mission Pledge payments due to PWP Treasurer, Mable Frederick Together in Service/Annual reports due to PWP Mission, Justice and Peace Coordinator, Cyndi Barski
January 15	PWP Executive Committee meets
January 19-20	PW in the Synod of the Rocky Mtns. CT Gathering
February 1	Congregational PW CT lists due to PWP Moderator
April 13-14	PWP Spring Gathering, Powell



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### *Giving an Honorary Life Membership this Fall?*

PW's Honorary Life Membership program is more than a pin, it's a program. Funds derived from Honorary Life Memberships support women's leadership development. HLM recipients join a community of women and men who have demonstrated service to the church. Download an order form from [www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving) or email [jung.winner@pcusa.org](mailto:jung.winner@pcusa.org). If you have an HLM pin that is no longer worn and can be purposed for another recipient, please complete the HLM order form and indicate that a pin is not needed. You will receive a certificate and the satisfaction of knowing that your \$95 will go far.

