



CONNECTIONS

*Presbyterian Women of Wyoming
Winter 2019*

Greetings Presbyterian Women!

Brrrr it sure is wintry here in Sheridan. Here's hoping you are all snuggled in and enjoying the peaceful quality of winters in Wyoming.



Things are busy and exciting here in Sheridan as we plan the events for the Spring Gathering in May and the Synod Triennial in August. These are two great opportunities to celebrate Presbyterian women, their service, their joys and challenges, and their love of Christ.

You will find information about the featured speaker Dr. Mary Neal, Hands on Mission project, lodging, and registration for the 2019 Spring Gathering in the body of this newsletter. Steve Shive, General Presbyter will be sharing on the state of Syria and Lebanon and Gail Heimback will present on the "Synod Justice and Peace: Substance Use Disorder" project. There will be Singing, Celebrating, Communion, Ice Cream Social, and Torrington will be entertaining us with a skit from Horizons. A visit to the Trails End Museum by Trolley is scheduled. Side note: this particular weekend in May Sheridan will be hosting the Soccer Tournaments so please reserve your rooms ASAP.

Also included in this newsletter you will find the flyer and registration for the PW Synod Triennial which the PW of Wyoming is sharing this year. This is in August at the Holiday Inn in Sheridan and promises to be inspiring, educational and great fun. "And yet she persisted" Women of Great Faith, Courage and Determination will feature our very own Jeri Joy who will be sharing on her USAME experience. We will meet women from our Synod which includes: Montana, Utah, Colorado, and Wyoming. Presentations on famous and infamous women of faith will be shared. A Trolley ride to the Brinton Museum for a box lunch and tour is on the menu. Husbands and significant others are invited to this very special event. The Holiday Inn is offering great reduced rates for double occupancy so please book ahead.

Jeri is attaching a Power Point that I have created on PW Goals and Dreams: Who we are. This is a power point that might be useful for groups not familiar with what and who we are, to help promote membership.

I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to meet you all at the various District events and so appreciate the amazing mission work that you do in your communities, on the national and international level. I am continually blessed by God through you and your love for each other. Till we meet again, hopefully in May, blessings to all,

Kathy Lundberg, PW Moderator, WY

From Gail Heimbeck, CCT Representative 2018-2021:

First-quarter newsletter now available for download!

Information about programs, links to resources, help for those new to PW, and much more! Catch all the latest national PW news, programs and resources. [Download the newsletter now.](#) **Pillowcase project**- PW debuts its pillowcase project for Puerto Rican children to accompany a relief effort for Puerto Rican communities still suffering from the effects of Hurricane Maria (see pg. 2 and the informative new flier/insert). **And more . . .**

- *Love Carved in Stone* study flier
- Search Committee searches
- Vice moderator mission message
- Synod gathering calendar
- Justice and peace calendar
- Stewardship news and more!

Support women's witness in the world

The Mission Pledge is PW's annual fund that makes possible every mission, program and resource of PW, including the Churchwide Gathering. [Give now](#) to support Presbyterian Women's witness in the world.

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Rocky Mountains Report to PWS Coordinating Team January 14, 2019

The PW National Board of Directors/Churchwide Coordinating Team met Sept. 19-23, 2018 in Louisville, KY. This was my first meeting as your Synod Representative. I was assigned to the Justice and Peace Committee, USAME Committee, and By-laws Committee. The Justice and Peace and USAME committees both met during the meeting. I have since participated in several meetings with these committees via Zoom.

The Justice and Peace Committee established Substance Use Disorder as our focus issue for this triennium. We will also focus on Creation Care, with Yvonne Hileman, staff, to lead this advocacy. We are working on a Toolkit for Substance Use Disorder, with lots of information and resources, to be on the PW website. J & P is encouraging women to attend the Ecumenical Advocacy Days April 5-8, 2019 in Washington, DC. "Troubling the Waters for the Healing of the World" will provide tools to the participants to be Christian witnesses to justice, peace and the integrity of creation. Visit advocacydays.org/2019 for more information and registration forms.

The USAME Committee selected the synod delegates at the September meeting for the July 12-21, 2019 trip to New York. Jeri Joy, of the Presbytery of Wyoming, will be our delegate. I will also be attending as a USAME Committee member. I know we are both looking forward to this trip and will be anxious to share what we learn when we return. The local arrangements committee has established the itinerary and made suggestions for the reading list. Final details are in the works. Please keep this trip and the participants in your prayers.

The next PW Board/CCT meeting will be via Zoom Feb. 20 and 21. This will save dollars and time for PW and the board members. We will meet again in September at a face-to-face meeting.

I am truly blessed to be serving with such a great group of women who are dedicated to serving God, PW and the church. PW is looking for nominees for the next triennium for the PW National Board/CCT and if you are interested in being nominated, just let me know! I know there are many women in our presbytery who have the gifts to serve and who would be excellent nominees.

Gail Heimbeck, PW Synod of the Rocky Mountains Representative

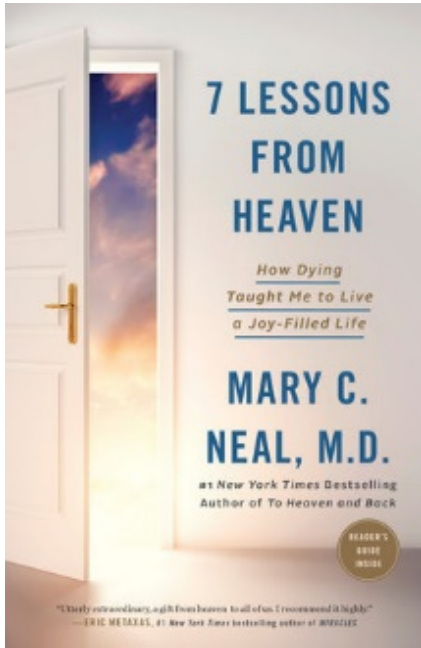
*You are invited to attend the Wyoming Presbyterian
Women's*

SPRING GATHERING 2019

Held in Sheridan, Wyoming
8am-Friday, May 3rd till Noon-Saturday May 4th

**First Presbyterian Church
2121 Colonial Drive
Sheridan, WY**

Featuring: New York Times Bestseller,
Dr. Mary C. Neal
Speaking on Saturday May 4th at 8:30am



Come join us for Informative Workshops, Speakers, Communion, and a Celebration of Spring Renewal.

Family members and friends are invited to hear Dr. Neal speak on Saturday, May 4th at 8:30am at no charge.

As this is a very busy weekend in Sheridan (think Soccer), we highly recommend you make your Hotel/Room reservations well in advance.

Registration, Friday meals, and materials: \$45.00

Saturday Sack Lunch: \$5.00

Trolley and Kendrick Museum Tour: \$10.00

Hospitality Guest Rooms will be available. Call Louise Semino (307)672-7262 for availability. Or email: Louisesemino@yahoo.com

For additional information call: Kathy Lundberg (406)580-5809 or email: Kathleenlundberg@gmail.com.

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REGISTRATION

Sheridan, Wyoming at 8:00am,
Friday, May 3rd till Noon, Saturday, May 4th

First Presbyterian Church
2121 Colonial Drive
Sheridan, WY

Name _____
Street _____
City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
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___ Registration and Friday Meals \$45.00
___ Trolley and Kendrick Museum Trip \$10.00
___ Saturday Bag Lunch \$ 5.00

Total enclosed: \$ _____

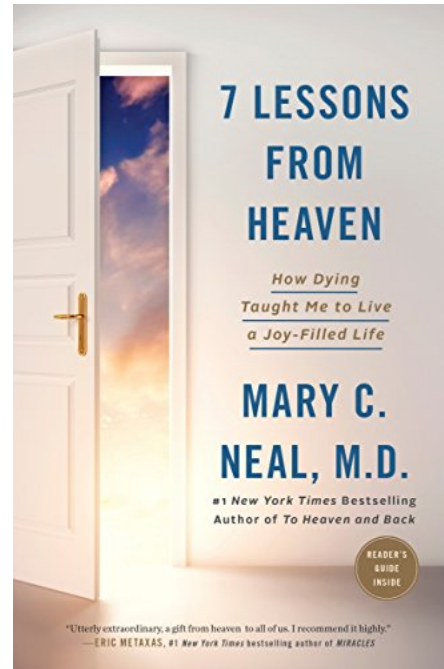
Please list any dietary or special needs:

___ I would like to have childcare
_____ Age of child (s)

Send your completed registration form with check made out for your total by April 26th, 2019

**To: PW Spring Retreat 2019, Mable Frederick,
P.O. Box 57, Guernsey, WY 82214.**

For more Info contact: LouiseSemino@yahoo.com or call: 307-672-7262



*Lodging available In Sheridan for the Spring Gathering
Please make your reservations asap
as it will be a busy time this weekend*

- Quality Inn \$99+tax 307-672-5098

- Mill Inn \$79+tax 307-672-6401

- Fairfield Inn \$199+tax 307-675-1280

Must indicate Presbyterian Women Group before April 2nd. (Double Occupancy)

- Holiday Inn \$159+tax 307-672-8931

Must indicate Presbyterian Women Group before April 2nd. (Double Occupancy)

- Comfort Inn 307-675-1101

May 2nd: \$209 plus tax, May 3rd: \$229.00 plus tax

- Or check out Airbnb in Sheridan, WY with places ranging from \$108-\$410 depending on availability.

For available Hospitality Guest Rooms with Sheridan PW's

Contact: Louise Semino (307) 672-7262 Home, (307)751-6363 Cell

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2019 PW Spring Gathering's Featured Speaker:



Dr. Mary Neal is a board-certified orthopedic spine surgeon who drowned while kayaking on a South American river. She experienced life after death. She went to heaven and back, conversed with Jesus and experienced God's encompassing love. She was returned to Earth with some specific instructions for work she still needed to do. Her life has been one filled with the miracles and intervention of God. Her story gives reason to live by faith and is a story of hope.

Dr. Neal was born and raised in Michigan and graduated from the University of Kentucky before attending the UCLA medical school. She completed her orthopedic surgery training at the University of Southern California after which she lived in Sweden, Switzerland, and Los Angeles while undergoing 1 1/2 years of specialty training in spinal surgery before becoming the director of spine surgery at USC. Five years later, she left the University for Private Practice.

She is the author of the New York Times bestseller: "7 Lessons from Heaven: How Dying Taught Me to Live a Joy-Filled Life" and "To Heaven and Back: A Doctor's Extraordinary Account of Her Death, Heaven, Angels, and Life Again: A True Story"

She currently lives and works in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, where she and her family enjoy everything the outdoor world offers, especially all forms of skiing, bicycling, boating, and hiking.

Dr. Neal will be speaking at our Gathering on Saturday, May 4th at 8:30am. Friends and family are invited to hear her free of charge.

**PW Spring Gathering 2019
Hands on Mission Project**



Sheridan Foster Parent Exchange

The Sheridan Foster Parent Exchange was founded by Carla Trier and her 8 year old foster daughter in March of 2013. A foster kid and foster parent herself, Carla saw the need to have supplies right away to welcome a child into their new surroundings. A trash bag or just the clothes on their back, the usual, are far from a way to let the healing begin.

We assist foster children and parents with the difficulties surrounding foster Care. The Sheridan Foster Parent Exchange serves foster, adoptive, and kinship parents and children on the intricate and volatile journey of foster care. So who do we help at the Sheridan Foster Parent Exchange? We help foster parents as they get new kiddos, we help foster parents who have adopted their foster children, we help parents who are reunifying with their child in foster care, we help adults who were foster children and are now parents, we help families who struggle after reunification, and we help grandparents who are guardians or parents to their grandchildren.

The Sheridan Foster Parent Exchange is this year's "Hands on Mission Experience". We invite everyone to participate by purchasing any of the following items and bringing them to the Gathering for us to put kits together for Foster Babies in need. We have invited Carla Trier to come and share her story during this time. Thank you for your kindness!!

Diaper Bag
Pack of Pacifiers
Pack of Bottles
Hooded Towel
Diaper Rash Ointment
Safety First Nursery Care Health and Grooming Kit (in 1 package, gender neutral)
Baby socks – 0-6 months
Baby wash lavender
Sensitive baby wipes



To see the website: <http://fosterhearts.com/>

The Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Rocky Mountains (PW) and the Wyoming PW invite you to attend our Triennial Gathering

**“And yet she persisted!”
Women of Great Faith,
Courage, and
Determination**



From 2 pm August 9 to noon August 11. We will meet at the Holiday Inn in Sheridan, Wyoming



- *Featuring the 2019 USAME participant: “American Women of Faith”*
- *Workshops, book discussion, creative activities, fellowship & worship*
- *Trolley Tour to the Brinton Museum, including lunch*
- *Special t-shirt*
- *Spouses are welcome!*

Registration: \$135

Early Bird Rate if received before July 10th, 2019: \$125.00

No registration accepted after August 1st, 2019.

- Registration includes Friday Dinner, Saturday Breakfast/Dinner, Sunday Breakfast/Lunch
- T-shirt and trolley tour are extra

Make your own room reservations! Special room rates at the Sheridan Holiday Inn for attendees: \$89 plus tax, per night double occupancy, over 2 people per room: \$10.00 additional per person. Call the Holiday Inn Convention Center (307)672-8931 to make room reservations Ask for “PW Triennium Special Rate”

For more information and to receive a registration form, contact:
Kathy Lundberg (406)580-5809 or Kathleenlundberg@gmail.com

**Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Rocky Mountains (PW) and the Wyoming PW
Triennial Gathering: “And yet she persisted!”
August 9th-11th, 2019, at the Holiday Inn
Sheridan, Wyoming**

REGISTRATION

Name(s): _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip code: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Presbytery: _____
Driving: _____
Flying (need airport pickup and delivery)? _____

Food allergies/sensitivities/Special diet:

Registration fees (includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast/dinner, Sunday breakfast/sack lunch) Early Bird: \$125.00 After July 10th: \$135.00

DOES NOT INCLUDE HOTEL

Early bird (if received before July 10, 2019) #persons _____ \$ _____

Registration (after July 10, 2019)

(No registration available after August 1st) #persons _____ \$ _____

Trolley Tour and lunch at Brinton Museum

(\$20 per person) #persons _____ \$ _____

Triennial T Shirt

(\$10.00 per) SM__ LG__ XL__ XXL__ XXXL__ \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Make checks payable to PW Synod of the Rocky Mountains. Mail completed registration to: Kathleen Lundberg, Triennial Gathering 2019, 933 Werco Ave, Sheridan, WY 82801

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn in Sheridan. Special room rates for attendees: \$89+ tax per night, per room, double occupancy. If there are over 2 people per room add \$10.00 per person. Call: Holiday Inn Convention Center (307)672-8931 to make room reservations Ask for “PW Triennium Special Rate”

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News from PW's around the State:

Cody: Cody Presbyterian Women enjoyed our annual Love Feast on February 6 with a tasty luncheon including strawberry cake and strawberry swirl cheesecake, favorite Bible verses about love and lesson six in our "I Am With You" study book. This year we are welcoming several new ladies to our PW.

Mountain View: The ladies in Mountain View kicked off the New Year with the Horizon Bible Study, *God's Promise—I am with you*. Then as is their tradition Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday was observed. They sponsor a potluck with a best soup contest. Participants vote for their favorite soup by placing a donation in an empty soup can located in front of the "best" pot of soup. The money is donated to the local food pantry. The meal ended with a couple of games of Bingo and lots of laughter.

Sheridan: PW honored five women at the January meeting with a memorial service. Single pink roses represented each woman. Memorial candles were lit as each woman's name was read. The candles remained lit during the meeting. Before reciting the Lord's Prayer in unison, the candles were extinguished one at a time by individual members who came forward to remember special friendships.

Greetings from your sisters at the First Wyoming United Presbyterian Women {The longest church name ever}. This winter we participated in the Thank Offering, assisted other members in decorating the church for Christmas, made lots of cookies for the Christmas Cantata performance and also took cookies to the VA Hospital in Cheyenne. Our Christmas tea was a success with lots of goodies and even tea. This year we included the whole congregation in our Baby Shower for Mary (we collect baby items and take them to the Public Health Nurses for the *Best Beginnings Program*). The Public Health nurses gave a presentation at our tea, and talked about the programs available to the residents of Goshen County. We welcomed Carolyn McBurney to our membership and to the coordinating team. We are looking forward to the district meeting in Cheyenne this month and Spring Gathering in May. And through all of this our Bible Study and fellowship and support of each other keeps us together, learning and being spiritually renewed and cared for.

This spot reserved for other PW's in the State and their news. Be sure to get information to Jeri Joy, redheadgolfer1815@juno.com. We all want to know what's happening☺

PW PURPOSE:

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 (USA) and witnesses to the Promise of God's Kingdom.*