

KINDRED SPIRIT

Newsletter for Women of the Presbytery For
Southern New Jersey
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Message from the 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, coordinate mission projects, and plan events. The Board meets over Zoom. If your church isn't represented on the Board, we'd love to have you join us.

Our past three Gatherings have been joint ventures co-hosted in conjunction with host church events. **Would your church consider inviting the PWPFSNJ to participate jointly in your upcoming Spring Gathering??** Our goal is to rotate our gatherings in varied areas of our large presbytery.

Our Fall Gathering is scheduled for October 21 from 9:45 a.m. – noon over Zoom. We hope to reach women from throughout the presbytery with an inspirational and Biblically based program featuring guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Inga Brockington.

We will also bid farewell at this Gathering to our retiring Executive Presbyter, Rev. Dr. Debby Brincivalli. Rev. Debby has been a long-time supporter of Presbyterian Women. Please join us to show your love and appreciation for this wonderful woman, one last time.

The **Folder of Facts** will be updated this fall. You can make the FOF team's life easier by filling out the form on **PAGE 5**.

Your church office will get a copy of the Annual PW Mission/Pledge form in October from PW National. Please return the completed documents to Donna Croker our PW Presbytery Treasurer. **(See PAGE 9)**

Grace and Peace,
The Coordinating Team for PWPFSNJ
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SAVE THE DATES

October 21 from 8:45 am – 12:00 pm

Zoom Fall PW Presbytery Gathering—(see next page for details)

October 27 – 29

Women's Fall Retreat at Camp Johnsbury, Frelinghuysen Township, NJ

A Fruitful Life: Abiding in God's Grace Across the Seasons (PAGE 8)

August 8 – 11, 2024

PW Churchwide Gathering in St. Louis, Missouri. Details to come (PAGE 7)

December 31, 2023—Deadline for next Kindred Spirit Newsletter!!

FALL GATHERING—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST ON ZOOM 8:45 – NOON

“DO EVERYTHING IN LOVE” 1 Corinthians: 16:14



Join women from around the Presbytery For Southern New Jersey for a Biblical based message of hope and growth and challenge. This is all about women helping women. *

Inspirational speaker, Rev. Dr. Inga Brockington, Executive Director of ***The Good News Home*** in Flemington, NJ is our featured speaker.

ABOUT GOOD NEWS HOME

The mission of the Good News Home is to provide a comprehensive long and short-term residential substance abuse treatment program that offers a professional, faith-based, non-denominational approach, focusing on healing the total woman utilizing Christian 12-steps, addiction counseling, life skills and spiritual counseling to overcome chemical addiction, with integrated treatment as appropriate for clients who have been diagnosed with co-occurring disorders.

The purpose of our program is to rehabilitate women who have life-destroying problems associated with substance abuse. The Good News Home provides support to women to become mentally sound, emotionally balanced, socially adjusted, physically well and spiritually alive.

Special Guest: Executive Presbyter, Debby Brincivalli

Program: Rev. Dr. Inga Brockington, Executive Director of ***The Good News Home***

Video Update from Churchwide Leadership—Triennium

Inspirational Women’s Choir

Fellowship and Shared Prayer

Mission Update

A short Business Meeting

*Presbyterian Women Churchwide has chosen “Violence Against Women and Children” as the Social Justice theme for the 2024 Triennium.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsd-mvqzItH9YI4Y6LgRe8Jaorv5IRWtO>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Church News—Sharing Ideas—Sharing Mission

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

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN LAUREL SPRINGS

Everyone is getting really excited as Fall is soon to be upon us and a new PW 2023-2024 Season will be starting. On Sunday, September 10th, 2023, after the 11:00pm service all are invited to have brunch hosted by the PW Executive Board. We will be having fancy pancakes, sausage, orange juice, coffee, and tea.

PW is selling MUMs again this Fall as well as RADA Cutlery. We will also participate in Boscov's annual "Friends Helping Friends" shopping pass program on October 18th, 2023 from 8:00 am – 11:00 pm.

For a second year we continue to support the **Military Support Group of New Jersey** as one of our Missions by collecting items for the servicemen and women along with their families. The congregation has been very supportive of this mission.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MOORESTOWN

On Monday, Sept. 18 at 7:00 p.m., Presbyterian Women will launch their program year with the Fall Gathering. The group will meet in Miller Commons. ALL women are invited - and encouraged to bring a friend or neighbor. Coffee, tea, and desserts will be shared.

Arlita Winston will be introducing the engaging new Horizon Bible Study "Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts."

Presbyterian Women at FPC Moorestown have options for serving and learning. In addition to Bible study, we decorate the Chrismon Tree at Christmas, we participate in service projects to support organizations that meet the needs of women and children in crisis. Come for some dessert and visiting prior to the program. You don't need to be a member of a circle to come, but if the study interests you, you will meet the Circle leaders and hear about the options for meeting times and places.

FIRST PREBYTERIAN CHURCH IN HADDONFIELD

PART 1: We had a recent planning session. We are excited about the items we hope to schedule during the year. Here is your first look:

- ❖ Woman's Breakfast or lunch
- ❖ Mahjong Class
- ❖ Quilting & Craft classes
- ❖ Pisanki Egg Decorating class
- ❖ Baking & Cooking class
- ❖ Equal Exchange - coffee & chocolate
- ❖ 3 Circles that meet on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday

- ❖ Sewing projects- dresses to Kenya
- ❖ Pet care- volunteering in a shelter
- ❖ Strawberry/Berry Festival w/music
- ❖ Used jewelry sale
- ❖ Book Groups that meet only 3 sessions
- ❖ Join the African American church for shared activities
- ❖ Grandparent/Grandchild activities
- ❖ Pickle Ball Fun
- ❖ Paint & Take class
- ❖ Yoga Class
- ❖ Walking with Linda Hess + adding a “Senior Stroll”

PART 2: At FPC Haddonfield PW will be starting our blood pressure checks on the 1st Sunday of the month after church. Nurses and other medical personnel from the church will be performing these checks.

PW will have a table at Interfaith Caregivers Holiday Fair on Dec.2 in the parking lot next to Interfaith Caregivers and First Presbyterian Church. We will be selling Equal Exchange products and the profits will go to missions. Another table will be selling quilts, blankets and other handmade items made by one of our women's circles. We also sell Equal Exchange products on Sundays after church.

Trinity Presbyterian Church in Cherry Hill

We are excited at the start of a new program year. The theme for this year is inclusion. Everyone is welcome to join PW in any capacity they choose, whether that be through joining a circle, forming a new circle, or attending events only. We really want to see Trinity's PW expand. Trinity's Vision and Values includes the following statement: "... we respond by offering our time, talents, and treasure as a dynamic sacrifice in gratitude to the loving and caring God." What better way to demonstrate this than through active membership and participation in Trinity's PW and, more specifically, through participation in a small group circle.

The ministries served by our circles are many and our contributions are quite significant and quite amazing. We do A LOT of good, both for our local ministries as well as national and foreign ministries. Our Bible studies help us pull even closer to God as we read and discuss the word at our meetings.

Here are some upcoming events we are planning: **FALL GATHERING** on October 10th and **Christmas Dinner and Worship** on December 5th. We are also very excited to have – **THE NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP** - back on our schedule for the first time since 2019! It is on October 18th.

Your Church

There are over 50 churches in our presbytery. Please add your news and events to our newsletter. Limit articles to around 200 words or send a photo of your group or activities with a caption.

PW Presbytery For Southern New Jersey
We need updated information for our Folder of Facts

Respond to: jenny.lou.stark@gmail.com with questions.

Church Details

Church Name:

Church Address:

e-mail Address

Phone Number:

Best contact

Name and e-mail:

Other Contact

Name and e-mail:

Questions

Question #1: Do you have an organized women's group or circles?

Notes:

Question #2: Might your church host a PW Gathering? (Fall or Spring/Weekend or Weeknight)

Notes:

Question #3: Would your PW, women's group, or Minister participate in an upcoming Gathering Event?

Notes:

Question # 4: We are considering forming a Zoom Women's Bible Study Group. Would your church be interested in participating?

Notes:

Additional Notes

PW Resources



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. The Newsletter is packed with 14 pages of information and ideas.

[https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/PW-NewsBytes-August-2023.rev .pdf](https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/PW-NewsBytes-August-2023.rev.pdf)

Everything you ever wanted to know about—PW.

Presbyterian Women ESSENTIALS



A Guide for PW Groups
2023 edition

PW Essentials is a 48-page document outlining everything PW. Information for congregations, presbyteries, synods, treasurers, mission and more. Share this with friends. It is packed with interesting and helpful info.

<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/pw-essentials-a-guide-for-pw-groups-2023-edition/>



Stay “In the Know” about PW’s 2024 Churchwide Gathering

The 2024 PW Churchwide Gathering is a year away! Come to St. Louis for this triennial event that begins with dinner on Thursday, August 8, and ends with morning worship on Sunday, August 11, 2024. “Do Everything in Love,” is the theme of the Gathering and plenary speakers, workshop leaders and programming will highlight ways we can share God’s love with the world.

Three registration options are available—something for everyone!

Full Registrant—\$450

A full registration is your ticket to community, learning and worship with PW siblings from across the country, participation in up to six workshops from inspiring leaders, shopping, three provided meals, book groups, opportunities for spiritual development and the incomparable energy of more than 1,000 PWs gathering to “Do everything in love.”

One-Day Registrant (Friday or Saturday only)—\$150

Enjoy the day’s plenary sessions, provided meal of the day and select from the day’s programming options. Attend up to three workshops, visit the exhibit hall, bookstore and join any of the daily programming.

Online Registrant—\$150

Slide up to your computer (or grab your smart phone!) to take in the large-group plenary sessions, worship and select workshops.

Registration will open March 2024.

Make sure you’re in the know on the Gathering and all PW happenings by signing up for PW emails. Send an email to patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org with the subject “add me to PW emails.”



Women's Fall Retreat – A Fruitful Life: Abiding in God's Grace Across the Seasons

No matter where we are along the journey of life and faith, God meets us. Together we will share and explore how God has been with us over time and how God is partnering with us in the present, inviting us to plant, nurture, and harvest love, hope, and justice in this world.

- Join us for this full weekend retreat during peak foliage season at one of New Jersey's most esteemed retreat centers.
- Plan to enjoy comfortable lodging (featuring Tempurpedic mattresses that adult guests love!); delicious meals; time for fellowship around the campfire; activities like hiking, boating, and zip-lining; opportunities for massages (cost not included under the retreat fee); and, most importantly, the change to rest, refresh, rejuvenate, and renew.
- The retreat will start with dinner at 6pm on Friday, October 27th and end with lunch on Sunday, October 29th.
- Housing is on a first come, first served basis, with choices of lodging and rooming preferences. Please note, only a limited number of single rooms are available for this retreat.

Housing options and fees:

Private room w/ private bathroom in Cedar Meadow Lodge (can add a roommate if you wish, second person pays lodge price – email us): \$245

Private room w/ shared bathroom in Lodges A, B, C (limited availability): \$210

Shared room w/ shared bathroom, Tier 1: \$185

Shared room w/ shared bathroom, Tier 2: \$155

Saturday only, Tier 1: \$65

Saturday only, Tier 2: \$45

Every fee includes programming and meals from Friday dinner through Sunday lunch. Tiered pricing options offer you a choice in what to pay – experience will be the same.

To Learn More visit Camp Johnsonburg's website: <https://www.campjohnsburg.org/events/womens-fall-retreat/#>