

Presbyterian Women

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.

Coordinating Team:

Position	Early 2019	Late 2019
Moderator	Diane Dowling	Christy Stacey
Vice Moderator	Christy Stacey	Pat Faragasso
Treasurer	Denise Vandiver	Denise Vandiver
Secretary/Historian	Louise Sadler	Marlyn Weinell
Morning Circle Chair		Maree Peacock
Evening Circle Chair		Denise Pentecost
Women of the Word Circle Chair		Nancy Henning
Circle of Friends Chair		Kay Lachat

Gatherings, Celebrations and Congratulations:

- **113th Annual Gathering of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery:** at the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Pensacola. Lafayette had 7 women in attendance.
- **Dogwood Acres Retreat:** March 8-10, 2019. Twenty-two (22) hearty souls roughed the elements in comfort and luxury while relaxing, eating delicious food, and growing closer to God and each other.
- **Spring Gathering:** April 28, 2019. Denise Pentecost presented the PC(USA) symbol, its components and their meaning. There were approximately 35 attendees.
- **Fall Gathering:** September 22, 2019. Lunch was catered by the PW Leadership team. A Bible Fashion Show (based upon an article in a recent Horizons magazine) provided the entertainment. We also installed new officers. There were over 40 women there.
- **2019 Honorary PW Life Membership Award Recipients:** Janet English and Mabel Huffman.
- **Memorials:** The Presbyterian Women of Lafayette celebrate the lives of four women who shared our love of and commitment to Jesus Christ. The saints who died in 2019 are: Beverly Thayer, Evalyn Owens, Lula Fallin and Jean Johnson.

Prayer and Bible Study:

- The 2018-19 Horizons Bible Study: "God's Promise: I am With You" by Amy Poling Sutherlun, and the 2019-2020 Horizons Bible Study: "Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments" by Eugenia Anne Gamble were used by the Morning and Evening Circles.

- The Circle of Friends' Bible Study included "The Story" by Randy Frazee and "You'll Get Through This – Hope and Help for Your Turbulent Times" by Max Lucado.

Together in Service (Missions)

- **Save The Closet.** Two car-loads of clothing were collected and donated to recipients in areas of the State impacted by Hurricane Michael.
- **Operation Christmas Child** (sponsored by Circle of Friends) resulted in 170 shoe boxes!!
- The Circle of Friends, in partnership with Capital City Christian Church, hosted a luncheon for homeless women, sponsored by **Chelsea House**. They also made 10 gift bags to distribute. They also prepared and contributed 50 beautiful centerpieces for the **Good Samaritan** Annual Fundraiser.
- We raised over \$1,100 for PC(USA) by setting up an alternate Christmas gift market using the **Presbyterian Giving Catalog**.
- **Crafts for Missions** continued their good works this year by providing hand-made items to both Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Operation Christmas Child (shoebox ministry).
- In addition to our continuing support of Presbyterian Women through the Presbytery of Florida, the Synod of South Atlantic and the Presbyterian Church (USA) Worldwide; and contributions to the Birthday Offering, Thank Offering, and the Fellowship of the Least Coin; the women of Lafayette responded with generous spirit in support of:

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| • E.C.H.O. | • Music with A Mission |
| • Mission Haven | • The Kearney Center (Homeless Shelter) |
| • Dogwood Acres | • Pregnancy Help & Information Center (PHI) |
| • Refuse House | • American Bible Society |
| • Chelsea House | • Big Bend Kitchen and Restaurant Supply |
| • Thornwell Home & School for Children | • Tallahassee Senior Center |
| • Marianna First Presbyterian (Michael) | • The Salvation Army Christmas Angel Tree |
| • UKirk at FSU | • Presbyterian Disaster Assistance |
| • . . . and other acts of kindness, love and generosity. | |

Respectfully submitted,

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