



# *The PWSnews!*



*News from the Presbyterian Women of the Synod of the Trinity*

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## ***PW Fall Gatherings Information***

At the PWS CT meeting two weeks ago, I issued a call for information about our PW Fall Gatherings that we could share with each other. As of October 1, I only received information on 1 other Fall Gathering, which I am sharing here. If you would like to send me your Fall Gathering information, send it to [bbstammerjohn@gmail.com](mailto:bbstammerjohn@gmail.com) and I'll try to do an update.

Thanks so much,

## ***Washington Presbytery Fall Gathering***

**Thursday, October 12, 2023 9-Noon**

The Washington Presbytery PW Fall Gathering will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at **Faith U.P. Church (900 E. Beau Street, Washington.)** Registration will begin at 9:00 AM. The program will begin at 9:30 AM. We plan to end by Noon. The theme is "Share Your Love" based on 1 Corinthians 16: 14 "Do everything in love." (NIV)

Join us for fellowship, sharing about our Presbyterian Women's mission and activities, here in Washington Presbytery, across the Synod of the Trinity and Churchwide! The Gathering is open to all women in our Presbyterian congregations.

There will be time to share the activities your PW or mission group is doing in your congregation and community and hear about happenings in other groups. We'll finish with the installation of new Moderator and Vice Moderator, and a Blessing of the Hands worship service led by CRE Linda Mankey (CRE). Special music will be provided by Rev. Ben Scott to celebrate our reformed heritage.

The Fall local mission project is Resurrection Power, Inc., a faith-based residential recovery program that serves both women and men. Sarah Angelo, Executive Director of Resurrection Power will be the featured speaker. Let's share Christ's embracing love with the women of Resurrection Power's "Trinity and Resurrection Houses" by bringing your donations of towels, gloves, socks and hand soaps/lotions (such as 'Bath & Body' type items - but please - no alcohol ingredients). As these women work through recovery and go about work, schooling, volunteerism we can walk with them.

There is no charge to attend. But bring some dollars with you. We will have several items for a chance raffle \$1 for 1 ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets. There will also be collection baskets for the PW special funds - Hunger, Mission and Contingent.

Pre-registration is not required, but you can email [bbstammerjohn@gmail.com](mailto:bbstammerjohn@gmail.com) for a heads up if you like.



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## **Shenango Presbytery PW Fall Gathering**

**Saturday, October 14, 2023**

Come to First Presbyterian Church, New Castle, on Saturday October 14, 2023 for worship, business meeting and information from the synod and presbytery, share in fellowship and an interesting simulation and discussion around our theme, Love Your Neighbor. We will be learning how First Church and the ministerium in New Castle are working to meet the needs of neighbors and the use of Blessing Boxes. These boxes contain items needed by homeless like water, plastic bags, hats and gloves and nonperishable items. Please bring an item or tow for the Blessing Boxes.

Our program "Who is your Neighbor" will be presented by Mary Alice Lightle who is moderator of Presbyterian Women in East Liberty Presbyterian Church. Mary Alice Lightle is the former Vice Moderator for Issues, Presbyterian Women in Pittsburgh Presbytery and formerly served on the Nominating Committee of PW in the Synod of the Trinity. She is the daughter of a mother who was raised in a town that may have been a station on the Underground Railroad and father who grew up in Sundown Town.

"Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison...?" That is the question asked by both the righteous and the accursed at the Final Judgment described in Matthew 25. In this presentation, we will explore the connections among racial equity, hunger, poverty and wealth. Using the Racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation, we will take an historical tour through wealth building in the United States. We will pause on 13 federal policies that accelerated or impeded progress in wealth building based on race. We will learn how the racialized impacts of these laws determined access to opportunity, resources and power for generations and what we can do to change them. The Racial Wealth Gap Learning simulation is a joint effort from Bread for the World and NETWORK. Bread for the World is a grassroots Christian Advocacy group founded in 1974.

The PC(USA) was a founding partner. Presbyterian Women, Inc. is also a partner of Bread for the World. This simulation and discussion can change people's hearts and minds. It is hoped that, by becoming more aware of structural inequality, participants will be inspired to advocate for policies that undo or reduce disparities.

Registration will be at 8:45 am. The program will end with a lunch which is \$10.00 per person. Come and bring your friends.

We will be receiving the Do Without Offering and Thank Offerings, an offering and donations for Blessing Boxes and Root International.

Registration to the Fall Gathering is due by October 8, 2023 to Susan Black, Vice Moderator, at 45 Lynn Way, Grove City, PA 16127. Phone number is 724-372-4374 and email is [susangblack45@gmail.com](mailto:susangblack45@gmail.com). Cost is \$10.00 per person.



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## **PW Resources Online**

Did you know that there are various resources for your PWP, Congregation and Circle online? You can find help & ideas, Horizons Bible Study resources, and sign up for news and information on the PW website at <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/>

AND - Join the PW Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/presbyterianwomenpcusa>  
PW is also on **You Tube** and **X (formerly known as Twitter)** with links on the website

## **2024 PW Churchwide Gathering** **Save the Date - August 8-11, 2024 in St. Louis, MO**



Countdown to Churchwide Gathering with information on registration, hotels, etc.

<https://www.2024pwcwg.org/>