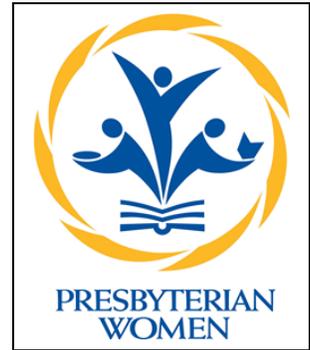


The Voice

of Presbyterian Women In the Presbytery of East Iowa Spring - 2017



MODERATOR MUSINGS

Greetings,

As your new moderator I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support and faith in me. Without you, the “boots on the ground”, there would be no need for me. So thank you.

As I begin this exciting new journey I am reminded of a favorite Scripture verse, Hebrews 12:1-2. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith..... I remember the first Church wide Gathering held in Louisville, a bus load of East Iowa Presbyterian Women attended, I had the privilege of being part of that group. The theme that year was “Surrounded by so great a cloud of Witnesses”. I didn’t really comprehend the meaning behind those verses then. I do now! I am awed, overwhelmed and humbled by this position. It is an honor to be surrounded by such a cloud of witnesses, the members of the local PWC, the officers of PWC, and the current CT members. I am especially grateful to, and for, all the past leaders that forged the path and laid the foundation for our current PWP.

We do have an awesome, hardworking, fun PWP Coordinating Team that is trying very hard to meet your needs and provide opportunities for learning, growth and fellowship. One of those events is the annual Spring Workshop. Be sure to read the article with all the details. What a great time to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. See you there.

NEWS FLASH! God works in amazing ways. I just finished writing this piece for the VOICE when the Spring Workshop committee informed me this year’s theme is “Surrounded by a Cloud of Witnesses”! Wow! Our God is an awesome God.

Blessings

Beth Jensen

Mark your calendars for the Summer Spiritual Retreat, Aug 11 & 12, Camp Wyoming. PWP hosts this retreat every three years. It is a Friday late afternoon to early Saturday afternoon event. We take over the Owl's Nest, have great food and lots of laughter. Watch for details late May.

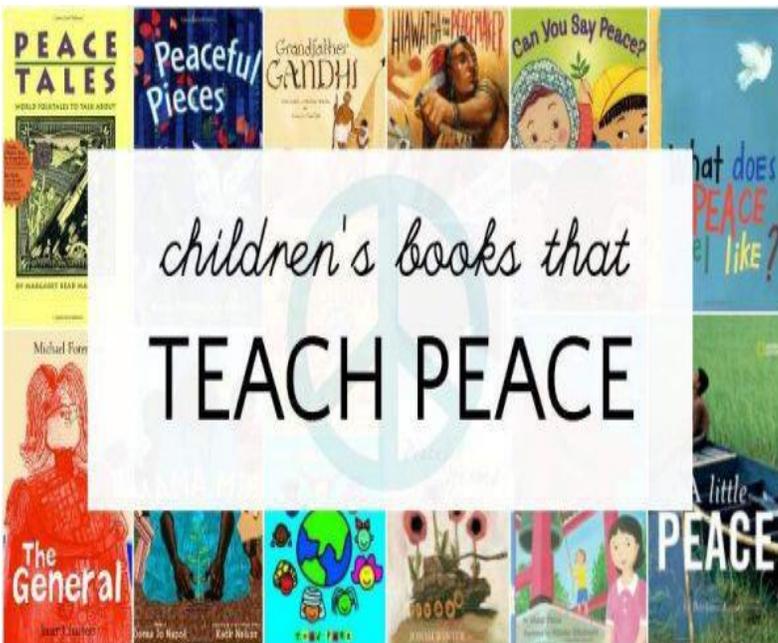


“People go farther than they thought they could when someone else thinks they can.” John Maxwell Webster’s defines encouragement as the “the act of inspiring others with renewed courage renewed spirit or renewed hope.” Think of a time of when you had a problem and you needed to talk to someone. Who was the person you thought about? Why did you choose that person and what did they do to help you? We call these people encouraging leaders. The next time you are around a group of people, take the time to reflect on who is the encouraging leader among them. What qualities do they have? Leadership can be very challenging but at the same time very rewarding when you encourage and uplift someone to a higher ground. By

encouragement, we bring a light to someone’s life. We become the messengers of hope and courage to lead the people we care about. Encouraging leadership is a process that focuses on the individual’s strength and contributions in order to drive their motivation and performance to a higher level. When people are encouraged, they feel valued and cared for. Encouraging leaders bring the best in other people. Each one of us needs an encouraging leader to be around us when we need a lift. The encouraging leader adds value through believing in our potential and provides resources to help us achieve better results. One of the best ways to think about encouraging leaders is the way they build rapport and facilitate open communication with their teams.

People feel they can make a positive difference in their organization as leaders encourage more and more. Human behavior is a social behavior which is influenced by the relations with others. People want to be part of something bigger than themselves. People believe they are fulfilled, valued and self-actualized when they feel encouraged to be part of a worthwhile journey. To be an encouraging leader, we must learn the ways in which people feel accepted. People can only get a feeling of acceptance by belonging to something they value through their daily contributions. To be an encouraging leader, it is crucial that you have meaningful and motivating beliefs about human behavior. You begin to notice as you help individuals move from “I can’t”

to a more powerful state of “I will.” Many people are unhappy and sometimes discouraged. They lack the ability to grow and the courage to face the challenges in front of them. Encouragement helps someone to take risks toward a positive change because humans have the capacity for constructive change in their lives. Encouragement always makes a positive impact on someone’s life. A word of encouragement can have powerful last impact to drive better commitment and help people reach their full potential. When encouraging leaders help people feel more valuable, capable, and motivated, we see their lives change for the better and reach their potential. “People go farther than they thought they could when someone else thinks they can.”
John Maxwell



Let's begin the new year with an inspiring list of books about peace, shall we? Goodness knows we need it. These picture books teach children about peace through a variety of approaches. Some use poetry and metaphor, some are direct, others ask questions and some profile peacemakers. A few books also mention war, but for the most part these are peace books, not books about the horrors of war. With our emphasis on children's literacy, this could be a helpful website:
<http://www.whatdowedoallday.com/books-about-peace>



**"A CLOUD OF WITNESSES"
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF EAST IOWA
2017 SPRING WORKSHOP
SATURDAY - APRIL 29, 2017
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WINFIELD, IOWA**

The theme of the day is "A Cloud of Witnesses" and will feature key-note speaker Mary Ann Pedde, Domestic Violence Advocate and Rev. Aimee Goldmeyer as worship leader. Among the workshops available will be Rick and Annette Fulton--Mission: Mobility, as well as a workshop on the 2017-2018 Horizons Bible Study.



“A Cloud of Witnesses”

Directions to PWP 2017 Spring Workshop

**First Presbyterian Church
302 South Locust Street
Winfield, Iowa 52659**

Coming north on US 218 turn left on IA 78 E/130th Street

**Coming south on US 218 turn right on IA 78 E/130th Street
After turning on to IA 78, go 5.2 miles, take slight left towards
South Locust, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile on South Locust, church is on right**

**Coming north on US 61 turn right on Co. Road G62 in Wapello, drive to North
Locust to 302 South Locust - Church will be on your left.**

PLEASE PARK IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

9:00 to 9:30 a.m. Registration/Fellowship

9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**We'll do the Book Exchange again. Please bring a book(s) and --
take a book, or two, or three, this seemed to go over well last spring.
This will replace our literature table.**

PWP EAST IOWA 2017 SPRING WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

"A CLOUD OF WITNESSES"



PW/Church Name: _____

Church/City: _____

Names of those attending: (please print)

Number of lunches needed _____ x \$5.00 = Total Enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Winfield PW

We will need child care for:

_____ children below age 5 _____ children ages 5 to 8 _____ children over age of 8

We have the following nutritional needs:

Please send form to / or email to:

Mail: Tana Jennings
310 W Pearl
Winfield, IA 52659
319.257.3266

email: mtrikiowatelcom.net
(Mary Kilpatrick)

Little Creations will be going to "The Family Connection" in Mt. Pleasant

News from Bdecan Presbyterian Church Kids Winter Wear Giveaway 2016

We had a wonderful time at the Kids Winter Wear Giveaway on November 22nd. We gave out winter clothing to about 55 boys and 45 girls. We usually have enough coats, hats, and gloves for most of the kids, but the boots and snow pants usually go right away. This year we challenged our supporters to give, or give money to purchase enough full winter wear outfits for 50 boys and 50 girls. It was a large goal, and you all responded in a huge way. We went above and beyond our goal, thanks to you. Because of your generosity, more kids were able to get more winter wear from us this winter than in past years. Some of the families that came to get winter wear may not have been able to provide these items for their kids without your help. A few of the parents came up to me to let me know how important this event was, and how thankful they were for what we were giving away. We could not do this event each year without the help of many people. Thank you all so much.



PW's in East Iowa sent money toward this project, and others, in 2016.

Find out more at <https://www.northernplainspresbytery.com/bdecan-ministry-team>

PWPCT Opportunities!!!

The Search Committee is looking to fill the following positions:

Together in Mission – coordinates the mission projects

A Search Committee position – helps find talented ladies to serve on the PWP Coordinating Team

Vice Moderator – serves in place of the Moderator if necessary and coordinates Communications

A SERRV Coordinator – works with the provider organization to have the SERRV products available at the Spring and Fall Events

Save the date for the 2018 Churchwide Gathering!

The 2018 Churchwide Gathering will be held August 2–5, 2018 in Louisville, Kentucky! Planning is underway, so stay tuned for the Gathering scripture, theme, logo, speakers, program highlights, opportunities for connection and renewal, and so much more!

And while those details are being worked out, follow along with Gathering emails (one a month!) with reflections, free downloads, fun ideas and more! If you're not receiving PW emails, contact Patricia Longfellow to be added to the email list patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org

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Please forward to the members of your PW or make copies of this *“The Voice”* to give those in your PW group each a copy. Urge them to share it with others. Don’t keep this info a secret!!

Please keep your PW or Women’s group contact current as changes occur during the year. Contact PWP Moderator Sharon Getty (sagetty@yahoo.com) at 2716 Thorn St, Bettendorf, IA 52722 - 563-355-8991.

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