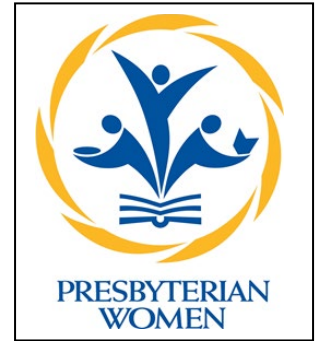


The Voice

Presbyterian Women In the Presbytery of East Iowa Fall – 2022



Dear Presbyterian Women friends,

I must first of all apologize that it has taken so long to get this information out to all of you. Our Coordinating Team has shrunk again as Marian Hart has chosen in her retirement to join a church in a different denomination and Jill Cecil's health has declined to a point where she can no longer be a part of the team. Unfortunately, we have had no "yes" answers to our invitations to be a part of the presbytery leadership of Presbyterian Women. And we have been in contact with many wonderful women. Not all of the current Coordinating Team will be able to continue.

So we are once again trying something new in terms of a Fall Gathering and Business Meeting. It will actually consist of two different meetings on different days. First, on Saturday, October 1, at 10 a.m., we will hold our Business Meeting by Zoom. You will be able to participate without even leaving your home. We will be considering some of the same kind of business to which you are accustomed. But it will be a momentous occasion because we are proposing that in the Presbytery of East Iowa there will no longer be a coordinating team of the type we have had for many years. A proposal will be presented (the plan is laid out in detail on a separate page of this newsletter) that will dissolve the Coordinating Team and replace it with three individuals who will help facilitate the ongoing ministries of the various PW groups in our local churches. One will be a representative to the Synod Coordinating Team so we can still be connected to our larger organization and receive important information and ideas from that level and the Churchwide Board of Directors. A second will function as a treasurer to receive and pass on your financial contributions to the larger church PW projects and initiatives. A third will be a newsletter editor to pass on the information you would like to share among yourselves. Look for more details in the later pages behind this one.

Now for the details of another new experience. Those of you who attended our tea parties around the presbytery in the spring were introduced to a new mission opportunity right in our backyard, The Cedar River Haven, a brand new temporary home for women who have experienced addictions to various substances or behaviors, who have succeeded in getting "clean", and need a transitional place to live and prepare themselves to move on out into the world with some rudimentary skills and experience that will give them an advantage in finding work and more permanent living arrangements. Everyone who heard

about these plans was so excited to be a part of their launching. The CT decided that instead of sitting in a pew all day, we should have a fall retreat at the Cedar River Ranch between Columbus Junction and Letts where this new facility is located. That will take place Saturday, October 8, at one of the lodges that are part of that resort.

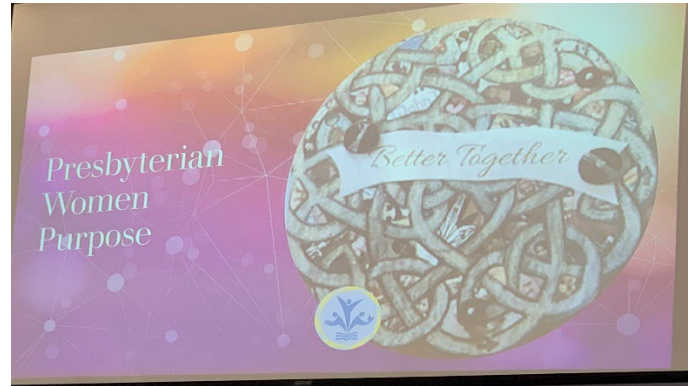
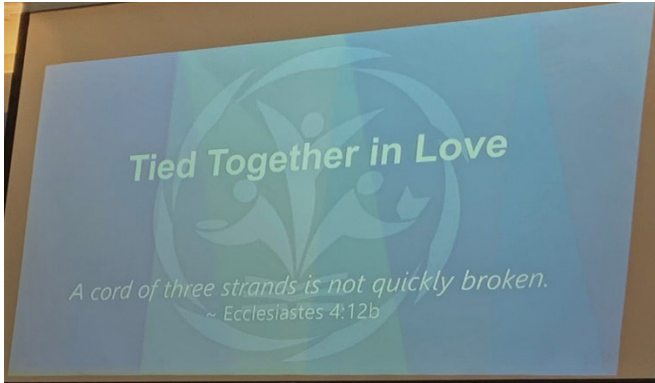
Highlights: Beth Jensen will be our speaker on the theme of Mentorship. There will be a tour of the Cedar River Haven's new building. One of the Cedar River Lodge dietary team will prepare a delicious lunch for us. A couple of art and craft workshops will be offered and we will close with worship. Included in this Voice is another page with all the details for you to participate.

While I realize this note from me may be full of shocking information, I also have enough experience with Presbyterian Women to be confident that even in the midst of change, PWs will prevail and continue on to live out their Purpose including building community, studying God's Word, living out the mission of the church and supporting the Presbyterian Church (USA). So read the information included here and elsewhere in the newsletter, read it again, share it with the other women with whom you live and worship and learn and serve. And come join us both for the business meeting and for a wonderful day in the woods.

Co-Moderator,
Kitch Shatzer



Pictures from our Synod Gathering in Sioux City June 2022!



Every day, every session a different piece set up front, they were displayed absolutely divine!



Above left picture, back row Teresa Bartlett, Kitch Shatzer, front row Kathleen Pilkington, Beth Jensen, all have or still in PEIA PW's. Right picture, we were having a slumber party! Not really, we were counting the day's offerings, but it was a late night! Hoot Hoot!

Presbytery of East Iowa Presbyterian Women Business Meeting Saturday October 1st

ZOOM Meeting to start at 10 a.m.

Those attending will need to send your email address to Kitch by September 26th

So for this zoom meeting we will need you to do the following:

Call a meeting with your PW group

You will begin:

9:00 a.m. Offering coffee and a spread of donuts, coffee cake, muffins and fruit

9:30 a.m. Take a minute to use the ladies room & take a seat around the screen

9:45 a.m. Need your TV/screen on - bring up Zoom App

10:00 a.m. Admit yourself to the meeting, say all of our hello's great to see all of you

10:05 a.m. Kitch Shatzer will light the Christ candle, and with prayer bring us together

10:10 a.m. Devotion

10:15 a.m. Kitch will bring our meeting to order

AGENDA for the Meeting:

Announcements

Approval of 2021 Business Meeting Minutes

Report of Treasurer

Bylaws

Set aside existing bylaws

Proposed new bylaws

Decision regarding the use of existing funds

Closing

Print for October 1, 2022 ~ Zoom Meeting

Proposed new bylaws

1. There will be no coordinating team.
2. Three persons will be chosen to serve as Representative to the Synod Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team, a Treasurer, and a Communicator.
 - A. **Representative to Synod PWCT** will be responsible to be present at the CT meetings twice a year either in person or electronically. She will take information and questions from East Iowa PW groups to this group and bring back information and ideas for the East Iowa groups.
 - B. **Treasurer** will be responsible to maintain the funds that are sent on to higher levels of Presbyterian Women at the Synod and Churchwide as well as monies that are maintained at the presbytery level (e.g. scholarship funds, administrative funds).
 - C. **Communicator** will be responsible to distribute information gained from higher levels of Presbyterian Women to the East Iowa PW groups through an email newsletter at least twice a year following Synod PWCT meetings.
3. Fall and Spring gatherings will be at the discretion and initiation of East Iowa PW groups in local churches. Funds may be available from the presbytery level treasury Scholarship and Community Fund.
4. Presbytery level funds include a Scholarship and Community Fund and an Administrative Fund. Local PW groups are encouraged to pledge and contribute to these funds.
 - A. The Scholarship and Community Fund would be used for 1) scholarships to allow Presbyterian Women members to attend synod and churchwide events, or 2) gatherings among multiple East Iowa PW groups. Application for either use would be made to the treasurer and decisions about grants from the fund would be made by the three presbytery leaders.
 - B. The Administrative Fund would be used for miscellaneous expenses incurred by the leaders (e.g, postage, mileage to meetings, etc.)

Recommendation from the current East Iowa Coordinating Team regarding existing funds.

Motion: that existing funds be divided as follows:

1) current General Fund be maintained as the Administrative Fund at presbytery level following disbursement of current monies not yet paid out that came in as designated offerings and other amounts budgeted for 2022 expenses to Synod, etc.;

2) establishment of Scholarship and Community Fund at \$_____

3) division of currently invested funds between Synod of Lakes and Prairies Presbyterian Women (1/3) and Presbyterian Women Churchwide (2/3) to be designated as scholarship and leadership development funds.



**East IA Presbyterian Women
Retreat
Cedar River
Ranch Resort**

**Near Letts IA
October 8, 2022
9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**"Keynote Speaker
Beth Jensen"**

**Register with Kitch
by October 4
319-461-0266
or revkitch@hotmail.com**

Retreat at Cedar River Ranch Resort & Events Center

Saturday October 8

The schedule for the day:

9 a.m. Tours of Cedar River Ranch New Facility

10 a.m. Keynote Address & Worship with
Beth Jensen ~ speaking about Mentorship

11 a.m. Choices

Creating Prayer Blankets

M&M's Game

Noon Box lunch prepared by Cedar River Lodge catering personnel
(cost of \$15)

1 p.m. Choices

Shape Paintings

Hiking/Exercise/Laughing Yoga

Drum Circle

2 p.m. Closing Songfest

Register by calling or emailing Kitch Shatzer by October 4

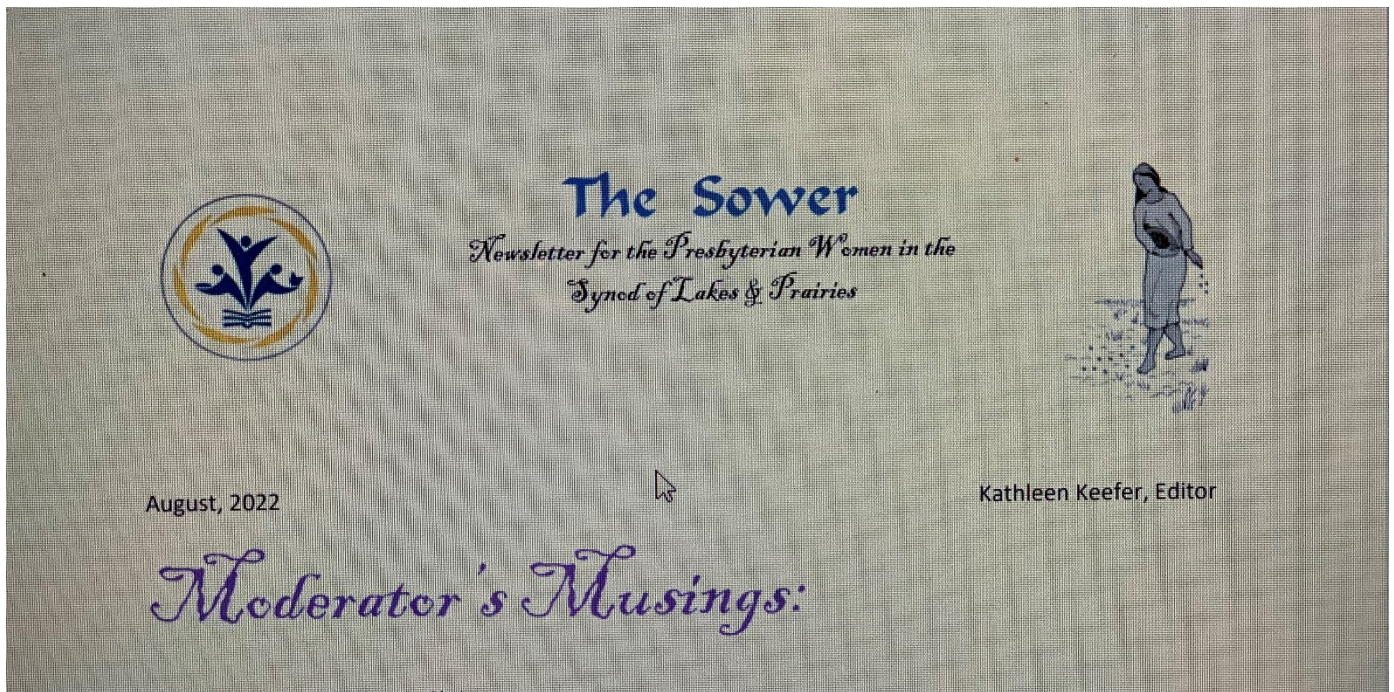
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Address for:

Cedar River Ranch & Events Center

2798 Casey Ave,

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Please find attached to this email, a copy of THE SOWER, which is a newsletter for the Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Lakes & Prairies.

This issue introduces Louis Van Poll as the new Synod Moderator. She has Moderator's Musings that are very interesting. Also, this issue has so many things that our PW have been working on, have completed, information that can be used in our own PW's. This includes, PW Mission Opportunities – Together in Service – “Gift of the Heart” Kits (PDA/CWS), Welcome Backpacks (CWS), Clean Prescription Bottles, Mats and Pillows, knitting for Knit4Peace, Hats Not Hate (Anti-Bullying campaign), Little Dresses, Britches for Boys and Sani Panis for Africa.

Info of what the Twin Cities area PW has done since they have started meeting in person, creating a logo, having their first Fall Gathering in three years.

2023 USA Mission Experience to Arizona and the Border Region registration
(needs to be in by November 1, 2022)

Who are our Thank Offering recipients will be, National and International.

Introduces the 2022-2023 PW Horizons Bible study, Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight, by Carol M. Bechtel.

Join the Justice and Peace Book Discussion Group



2022 Thank Offering

The PW Thank Offering began in 1888 when Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, urged each woman to give one dollar over and above her usual contribution to the church. Since then, the offering has supported 1,600 different projects in the US and around the world.

Ten projects have been selected for funding in 2022. For more information on the recipients, read the Summer 2022 issue of Horizons magazine or go to <http://ow.ly/68yH50K8JF0>

Promotional videos available on the PW YouTube Channel at <http://ow.ly/SfiK50K8JEX>

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Save the Dates in 2022

Fall Gathering – by ZOOM – Oct 1st

Need to send email address to Kitch by Sept. 26th

Fall Retreat at Cedar River Ranch – Oct 8th

Reservation to Kitch by Oct. 4th

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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
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