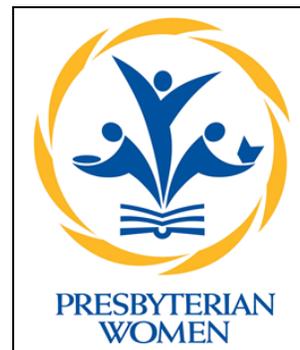


The Voice

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



MODERATOR'S MUSINGS

Greetings,

As summer gets off to an unofficial start this week-end I want to wish all of you a time of rest and relaxation. Many of you are probably saying to yourselves, "yea, right!" But, we can all take a few minutes each day to enjoy the birds, the lovely flowers and the warmer weather. We can all count our blessings and relax for a moment or two. Remember, even Jesus took time to rest.

While attending the Presbyterian Women of the Synod Coordinating Team Spring meeting I participated in a discussion about the issue of who are Presbyterian Women and what does PW look like? Now I may be preaching to the choir but I want to reiterate that all women who attend a Presbyterian Church are Presbyterian Women. There are women in our churches who are part of formally organized groups. These groups meet regularly, have Moderators, Secretaries, and Treasurers, do a mission project and say the PW purpose before every meeting. In true Presbyterian tradition they are PW but there exist nontraditional, non-formal, unorganized PWs also. These women meet for Bible study (maybe using Horizons, maybe not) these women serve funeral lunches and wedding receptions, these women get together to tie quilts and feed kids after school or during VBS, without these women the churches could not function as well as they do. These women are PW!

Central Presbyterian Church, Newhall has not had a formally organized PW for ten years but they support me, your Moderator. So when your present group no longer meets monthly, doesn't have a Moderator or decides to disband, don't! Revisualize your picture, think outside of the box and remember you all are Presbyterian Women.

Enough soap box! It is time to introduce our new Coordinating Team members who joined the team in January. I know a few fun tidbits about each one but I too am learning more about each of them.

Our new historian is also our youngest member. Rev. Sarah Hegar lives in the country north of Mt. Pleasant with her husband Rev. Trey Hegar (minister at Mt Pleasant First Pres), and son Hudson. She is an avid Iowa State Cyclone fan and dog lover. She snaps lots of pictures for us and keeps PW a presence on the Presbytery's web page.

Pat White responded to God's call by saying yes to being Cluster leader for the Southern Cluster. She too hails from southern Iowa, Fort Madison. Pat juggles many hats, working full time, volunteering and mothering. I know Pat is always up for an adventure, as the trip to Cascade for our fall board meeting will be just a "piece of cake!"

Rev. Nancy Love is the third amigo in the Ft. Madison trio (Kathleen Pilkington, search committee chair is the original amigo). Nancy is the CT's scribe. She handles the secretary duties with ease and is always johnnie on the spot. I got minutes from the Spring Workshop just days after that event. Nancy lives in the country near Crawfordsville since she is married to a farmer. I hear she also plays a mean violin.

Our very newest member is Rev. Dottie Halverson, minister at Winfield First. She felt God's nudge and said yes to be the Together in Service/Mission representative. Having just joined the team the end of April I have no fun facts to share other than she has a heart and passion for mission.

Welcome aboard ladies. We are excited to work as a team together for God's glory. Speaking of working together and being part of a team, there are still opportunities to be a Coordinating Team member. Vice moderator and Greater Gifts/SERVE liaison positions remain open. Ideally vice moderator is a three year term transitioning to moderator January 2020. BUT, it can be a year and a half term starting with Summer Board meeting Aug. 11th until Jan. 2019. Then a one year vice moderator position evolving to Moderator. It is a great way to meet and work with the Board.

Please feel free to contact me with questions, concerns, ideas or just to chat. I look forward to meeting many more of you in the coming months.

Blessings
Beth Jensen



**Presbyterian Women in East Iowa Registration Form
Summer Retreat 2017– August 11-12, 2017
Camp Wyoming – Owls Nest**

**Finding
Yourself
in
Jesus**

**No Jesus, no peace
Know Jesus, know peace**



Sometimes, we have too many choices; sometimes we have too many demands on us. It can be difficult to find ourselves or remember just who we are. Come to the PW Retreat at Camp Wyoming and find yourself in Jesus.

The cost of the Event is \$45.00, which includes overnight in the Owl's Nest facility. Supper on Friday evening; breakfast & lunch on Saturday. Opportunity to bring foods/snacks are with the Registration Forms (included in this newsletter).

We will gather and worship, have lessons and exchanges, take some time to be in the woods at Camp Wyoming and, perhaps, time for a craft. We are looking forward to great introspective times and also fun.

Arrival time on August 11, begins at 4:00 pm. Last checkout time on August 12, is 2:00 pm. The Owls Nest only has room for 30, but if you might be willing to stay in a cabin, please indicate that on the registration.

Send your name, address and contact information and registration check to :

Karen Bartel PW - PEIA
1812 W 8 St
Davenport IA 52802
brtelkrue@yahoo.com

Questions? 563-508-7698

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Special Needs: _____

Arrival time is 4 – 6 PM on Friday August 11, leave time on Saturday is 2:00 PM

There are 3-4 steps to traverse at the door, but a ramp is there to the side. If you need to not have steps, please let us know and we'll bunk you on the first floor.

The Registration Fee of \$45 mostly covers the overnight stay. We will eat at the Owls Nest with food prepared there. If you would like to contribute some of the food items, please note the enclosed list of food items needed by our Kitchen Manager. The Owl's Nest is limited to 30 people. If you would be willing to stay in a cabin, please indicate that.

Please return this information by email or the form by snail mail to:

Karen Bartel

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Davenport IA 52802

563-508-7698

bartelkrue@yahoo.com

Checks must be mailed.

Presbyterian Women in East Iowa Summer Retreat Menu

Friday Evening, main dish: Chicken-Rice Casserole

Sides: check if you would like to bring something.

Bag of Salad Mix _____ Tomatoes _____

Fruit Salad _____ Jello Salad _____ Dessert _____

Other _____ Assorted Salad Dressings _____ What?

Snack: not everyone needs to bring a snack item.

Suggestions: popcorn, cookies, bars, chips, or items you like best _____

Saturday Morning, main dish: Egg & Ham Casserole

Sides: check if you would like to bring something.

Bread for toast _____ Jelly _____ Butter _____

Orange Juice _____ Fresh Fruits _____ 1 Gal Milk _____

Saturday Lunch, main dish: Sandwiches & Salad

Sides: check if you would like to bring something.

Bag of Salad Mix _____ Hard Boiled Eggs _____

Bacon Bits _____ Shredded Cheese _____

1/2 lb sliced Ham _____ 1/2 lb sliced Chicken/Turkey _____

Sliced Cheese _____ Bread _____ Chips _____

Please feel free to bring your own if you like something other than mayo & mustard on your sandwiches.

Other: Paper Towels _____ Napkins _____ Paper Plates _____

Coffee & Tea will be provided; if you want soda/pop or other please bring what you want.

Please return this form with your registration /or contact Roberta House.

roberta_i_house@yahoo.com or call 563-263-8000 / while at Camp Wyoming, she will use her cell 563-260-0012

Save the date for the 2018 Churchwide Gathering! Reflecting on light

As this Gathering Quest nears we are asked to reflect on light, perhaps we should consider light's partner, darkness, as well.



Our Gathering theme is, "Arise, shine, your light has come!" based on Isaiah 60. And the Gathering logo—the image of a towering sunflower, head tilted toward the sun—is one that joyfully inspires. But night walks and a gifted-with-a-green-thumb mother-in-law helped me discover that many flowers wait for the night before opening their petals. These include the (aptly named) moonflower and the night-blooming narcissus. Night gardens, according to a quick Internet trip, are a "thing." And the zoo docent in me can confidently share that many of God's creatures are crepuscular and nocturnal, designed to be most active during twilight and night, respectively.

Our takeaway may be this: no matter how or whether the world around us is illumined, our Creator has made a wondrous world, indeed, a wondrous universe. Let us, like the night-blooming narcissus, open to the nighttime world to discover or rediscover the world in this way. Just remember to turn off the porchlight on your way out.

If you're not receiving PW emails, contact Patricia Longfellow to be added to the email list patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org

PW is working on a new website: <https://www.pwpcusahorizons.com/>

Work is underway to create a new and improved website for Presbyterian Women. The new site will merge content from Presbyterian Women's website (these pages!), the Horizons Magazine and Bible study website and the Gathering website.

Kathy Busch, Union Presbyterian Church in Lost Nation writes:

We will be having the Annual Salad Supper on June 7 and Karen Bradway will have the program on "Living and Learning on the Navajo Reservation." The Salad Supper starts at 6:00 p.m. with the program following the meal. There is no charge. kabusch46@netins.net
What an opportunity!!!

Sarah Hegar, our Historian writes: I want to share an opportunity with you.

There's a network in our Presbytery that is working to build a boys school in Pakistan – they've already worked on a girls school. The director of that school, Veda Gill, will be here in June and we are working on lining up events or lunches and dinners for her to speak. Presbyterian Women came up in conversation and they are particularly looking for breakfasts or lunches during the week of June 25-30.

She is currently lined up to speak in Mount Pleasant, Muscatine, Iowa City, and Cedar Rapids. If any of your PW's are meeting that week and need a speaker this would be great! Or if we could somehow spread the word to other PW's within the Presbytery that we think might have an interest. I've just gotten involved with this group and I am becoming more and more invested in the work that they are doing.

If there are any questions please let me know. Thanks and peace, Sarah

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shegar@peia.org
319-217-9444

Mary Kilpatrick from the Winfield PW writes:

What was lost is found:

Someone left a notebook here at the church they had purchased for \$14.00 at the Fair Trade table at the Spring Workshops. Mr. Ellie Pooh's recycled paper. Picture of a giraffe on the front. Please contact me if it belongs to you. Thanks so much. Mary mtrik@iowatelecom.net



The Bdecan Mission Project that is the current mission of PW in East Iowa sends along this Thank-You!!

The East Iowa PWP Fall Gathering will be held on Oct. 7th at Cedar Rapids Christ Church from 9:00 to 2:30. The theme will be "Let Justice Roll Down" with the speaker being Sue Medsker-Nedderman who went to USAME (Mission Exchange) in the San Francisco Bay Area as our rep from The Presbytery of East Iowa. Sue will speak about her experiences there as they discussed issues of justice. You can read more about this experience in the Jan./Feb. issue of Horizons magazine. Please mark your calendar for Oct. 7th. There will be more information in the August VOICE.

The Voice

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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 Beth Jensen (bejensen@live.com) at 6719 25th Street, Van Horne, IA 52346 - 319-223-5742.

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