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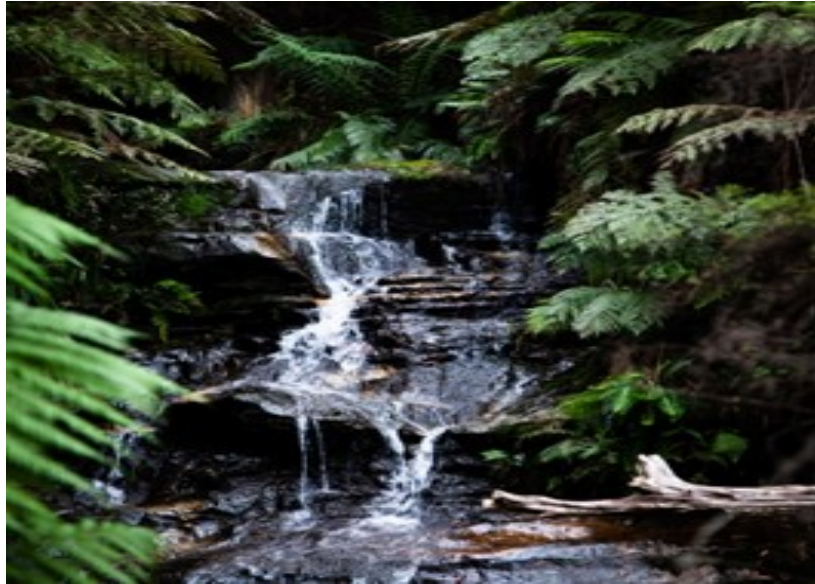
Presbyterian Women in Grace Presbytery

Karen Groman, Editor

First semi-annual issue 2023

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Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amos 5:24

Grace Presbyterian Women 2023 Spring Workshop

May 20, 2023 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Nor'Kirk Presbyterian Church
3915 Josey Lane Carrollton, TX 75007

Workshop Offerings

PW 23-24 Bible Study Preview - Led by Rev. Dr. Julie Adkins

Scripture Craft- Decoupage Doorknob Hanger

Led by Rev. Elizabeth Lockhart

Art through Time - Led by Rev. Dr. Julie Adkins

Moderator/Treasurer/Cluster Leader Training - Led by CT: Officers

Mission Table Display/opportunities to shop/Book Swap-Sale*

2023-24 PW Bible Study books available for purchase*

*Cash or checks please

Presbyterian Women



- ❖ We welcome.
- ❖ We witness.
- ❖ We work (and play!).

Putting faith in action is what we do!

www.presbyterianwomen.org

Online newsletter: <http://www.gracepresbytery.org/ministries/presbyterian-women/>



Meg's Meanderings for Spring 2023

Dearest Sisters of Christ, we are again on this journey through life with each other in P.W.

So many things have happened since I last wrote to you. I got my Citizenship, and am the proud carrier of a Voter Registration Card, and I will use it at any opportunity to do so. This means I will really do a lot closer reading of the political reports and comments that are written in publications, appear on T.V. and other places, also do a lot more praying for the return of sanity to the process and candidates, along with the public.

We are excited to bring you just ONE Spring Workshop this year, if you are interested in hosting a workshop opportunity in 2024, let us know. Anyway it will be the 20th of May at the Nor'Kirk in Carrollton. We will have the overview of the Bible Study with everyone at the same time. Julie Adkins will also have copies of the Study available for sale at the event. Betsy Lockheart will lead us in a hand on craft project that everyone will enjoy, and Julie will put on her anthropologist/historian hat and talk to us about art and the church. There will also be a workshop for Moderators and one for Treasurers, along with a time for Cluster Leaders to gather information and compare ways to try to get the information trail on track. The exhibits will be varied and worth the visit. Child care will be available for children over 3 to 6 years old.

We are still looking for members to join our Team, Lucia will be with us and you can visit with her for the job openings and requirements.

Right now our new treasurer Bettina is working on getting over Covid, as are many of our gals. Prayers go out and up for all battling any illness these days, I look forward to seeing many of you, as does the C.T. Gather the gals from your group and form carpools and see you in Carrollton.

Please remember that Horizons magazine has a lot of good ideas and information for P.W. and will accept program ideas from you, so send them in.

I trust your Lenten season will be one of soul searching and growth, as I hope mine to be, and that the Joy of Easter will remain with you long after it is over.

2 In His Service, Meg GarverHamilton

PWs in the News...

Marcia Merritt, long time Presbyterian Women member at St Andrew Presbyterian Church in Denton, Texas is celebrating her 96th birthday with a homemade cake by her great granddaughter Hal-lie. She continues to be active and very interested in all endeavors involving PW, where she served as Vice Moderator of Grace Presbytery in 1990.



photo submitted by her daughter,
Nancy Merritt Brandimarte
October 2022

“Hey! What is this PW News-Bytes all about?!”

PW NewsBytes—formerly the *PW Quarterly Mailing*—brims with “news you can use” from Presbyterian Women Churchwide! Just like the name suggests, *PW NewsBytes* is fully digital, which is good stewardship (of both finances and trees) and makes for easy sharing and a more connected PW community.

https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/download_categories/pw-newsbytes/

News from you...

Submit articles from your women's group for the *Innovator* to Editor Karen Groman .
kgroman69@gmail.com Next deadline is

August 1

We are semi-annual for publication!



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May 20, 2023

Nor’Kirk Presbyterian Church

3915 N. Josey Lane Carrollton, TX 75007

Registration Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Home church: _____

Please **mail** this form with an eight dollar check made payable to :

Nor’Kirk Presbyterian Church , Attn: Heather K., 3915 N. Josey Lane,
Carrollton, TX 75007

Or \$8.00 registration through Zelle available – select norkirkfinance@outlook.com

Deadline for registration is **May 1, 2023** Late registration is accepted if space available.

Workshops include 2023-2024 PW Bible Study Preview; Mission Craft; Art through Time; Moderator/
Treasurer/Cluster Leader Training and Mission Display Tables with some shopping opportunities.

Childcare is available for potty trained 3 years olds– through age 6.

If you require childcare please email cwadiag@gmail.com and a registration form for childcare will be sent to you.

Childcare request must be requested by May 1, 2023

Interested in desktop publishing? Looking for a new editor!

Instructions for PW Innovator newsletter editor

These instructions reflect the division of duties for the editor. The PW communications coordinator receives the Data Change Forms from moderators. She will keep the cluster leader lists updated. The communications coordinator will also be updating the Grace Presbytery PW Coordinating Team address list.

However, you as editor need to know those changes so you can add all officers to the mailing list, if possible. You will receive emails from PW who want to be added to the email notification list or the address list.

You will also be giving the Presbytery Office Technology and Media Consultant an updated email list of those PWs wanting to receive a notice by email that the Innovator is available online.

The Innovator is done on Microsoft Publisher (or another desktop publishing program) for ease of manipulating the data and saved as a **.pdf** file to email.

After you have a completed edition of the PW Innovator, email a **.pdf** file to the publisher: Integ, Leslie Mills at lmills@integdoes.com for publication. Also email her an attached excel file of updated mailing addresses for the mailing. (they will print, fold, staple, label, and mail the newsletter for us.)

Be sure to have your own addresses on the mailing list and email list to keep informed.

When women want to be removed from the email list, they can just unsubscribe when they receive the email notice that the Innovator is available.

Email the Presbytery Office Director of Communications: M.E. CLARY, Director of Communications, meclary@gracepresbytery.org, (214) 393-5601, the finished **.pdf** and updated email address list (excel file - done by quarter) for online publication.

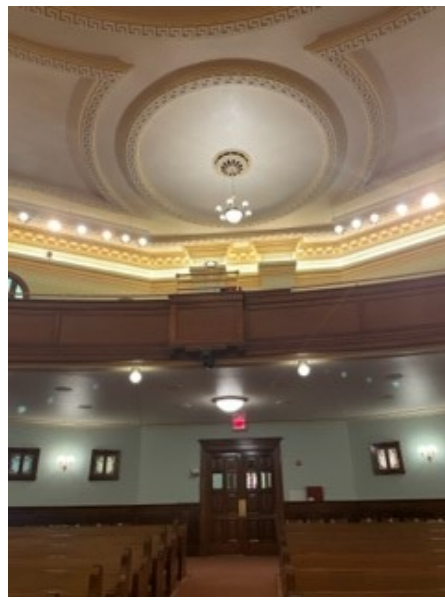
AND YOU ARE DONE...until next time.

The **PW Innovator** is **online** at <http://www.gracepresbytery.org/ministries/presbyterian-women/> It is in color and can be read online or printed out for later use.

To get your **PW Innovator by email**, notify the editor. The *PW Innovator* is **published two times a year**; first week in **March and September**. **Deadlines for submission are February 1, and August 1**. Submit to: **Karen Groman, 2009 Ruidoso Dr., Waco, TX 76712, kgroman69@gmail.com**

Notify the editor by mail or email to remove your name from the mailing list. The newsletter is available by mail, free of charge, to those without access to the Internet.

All Moderators and Circle Leaders need the PW Innovator. The Grace Presbytery Coordinating Team communicates timely information to your PW group through this newsletter.



Photos First Presbyterian Church, Dallas—Coordinating Team fall meeting

Interesting in serving? We need YOU!



End of Year Task -Don't forget: WANTED!! GRACE PRESBYTERY PW HISTORIES

So what was your PW doing in 2022? (Don't forget to turn in your PW history!) Who were your leaders? Did you have circles, special events, field trips, mission projects? We'd love to have your PW history for the record!

Please use 8x11 inch, acid-free paper, if possible. Keep it short and simple. Include your church name and address, pastor's name, presbytery, synod, the year covered (school year or calendar year), the names of PW officers or contact person and address.

Include the number of women in the church, the number of circles and average attendance, life membership pins given (and to whom), PW reading or other awards and the highlights of the past year.

Add brief information about your church: the pastor, staff, session, members, highlights.

Make three copies:

- For your files (you may want to include photos and more detailed information there)
- For the Grace Presbytery historian: Eva Riggs, 4329 Quail Hollow Road, Fort Worth, TX 76133 (817-300-4772)
- For the Archivist Special Collections, John Bulow Campbell Library, Columbia Theological Seminary, PO Box 520, Decatur, GA 30031

PW Gatherings 2024 PW Churchwide Gathering

Save the date for the **2024** Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women! Presbyterian Women from near and far will gather **August 8-11, 2024 at the Marriott St. Louis Grand in St. Louis, Missouri.**

Watch presbyterianwomen.org/gathering for updates!



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Our Purpose

**Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ,
and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we com-
mit 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 (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom



PWs in the News...

At the December meeting of the **Central Presbyterian Church, Waxahachie**, PW Bible Study meeting, members wanted to deliver small Christmas Trees and treats to CPC members who have difficulty getting to worship service. This has been a PW practice for many years, until the pandemic. At our December meeting small trees were bought and decorated and handmade Christmas cards were finished after our usual Bible study. Appointments were with the 13 on our Christmas list and we had wonderful visits at each home.

Shirley Williams is Polly Williams' mother and a friend to Grace Presbytery. She welcomed us in and we learned that she is sometimes able to get out with help of family and friends. She enjoyed attending the Waxahachie Symphony Christmas concert with Presbyterian friends. We hope to see Shirley in worship from time to time.

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Another sweet lady will be 90 soon and we learned that she was expecting a visit from her daughter. She welcomed us into her beautiful home and said that she is just grateful to be able to exercise and drive to appointments. She hopes to come back to worship soon.

Some were in care homes and it was so good to have a visit with them..

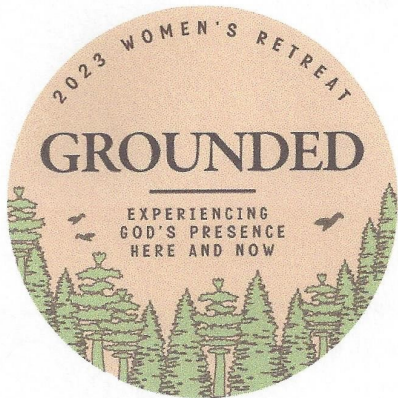
One gentleman was eager to tell us about the deer that we saw near their place between Forreton and Milford.

PW women plan to continue the practice of Christmas visits with our shut-in members every year in the future. The friends we visit seem to love the attention from their home church and PW enjoys to time spent with them!



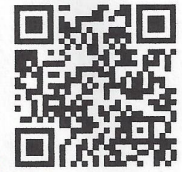
Gilmont's Women's Retreat

April 28-30, 2023



God calls us to be grounded: to root down, remember we are created good, to be planted in the here and now, and to give thanks for what is.

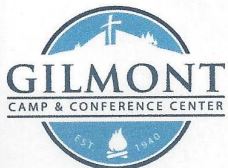
Come and experience the joy of being grounded, and learn practices for grounding yourself in God's presence each and every ordinary day.



Scan for more information!



Meet the keynoter:
Rev. Jessie Light-Wells serves as the Campus Minister and Executive Director of UKirk SMU, the PC(USA) campus ministry at Southern Methodist University.



Learn more and register at Gilmont.org/mens-retreat or Gilmont.org/womens-retreat
(903) 797 - 6400 | info@gilmont.org | Gilmer, TX

We need information from your women's group! Send us news of what you have been doing for the next issue. Deadline is August 1!



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Thursdays In Black <https://www.oikoumene.org/search?keywords=thursdaysinblack&f%5B0%5D=language%3Aen>

2023 Mark your calendars!

MARCH Women's History Month • Birthday Offering of PW

3 World Day of Prayer
5 Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday,
8 International Women's Day
20 Mr. Rogers Day

APRIL Sexual Assault Awareness Month

7 World Health Day
8 International Romani Day
9 Easter
22 Earth Day

MAY

1 May Day
2 National Teacher Day
4 National Day of Prayer
13 World Fair Trade Day

14 Mother's Day
13 World Fair Trade Day

20 Spring Workshops, Nor'Kirk PC, Carrollton
29 Memorial Day

JUNE

2 National Gun Violence Awareness Day
18 Father's Day; Men of the Church Sunday
19 Juneteenth
28 Pentecost

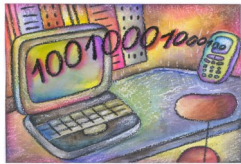
JULY

4 Independence Day
15 Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team meeting at Presbytery
Mission Center in Irving

AUGUST

9 International Day of the World's Indigenous People
19 World Humanitarian Day

Plan NOW for Fall Gathering—October 21



Ways to Stay Connected

Patty Heeter, Communications Coordinator

To find information, stay connected, and up to date you can go to gracepresbytery.org, click on Ministries, then Presbyterian Women. Here you will find links to resources, forms to be submitted, past issues of the *PW Innovator* and upcoming events.

Our Grace Presbytery PW Facebook page that can be found by logging into your Facebook account and searching for "**Presbyterian Women of Grace Presbytery**". Feel free to invite all of your PW friends to join and post pictures and information about what your local group is doing. We will also use this page to post reminders about upcoming events.