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Grace Presbyterian Women

2023 FALL GATHERING



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

Grace First Presbyterian Church

606 Mockingbird Lane

Weatherford, TX 76086

October 21, 2023

9:30-2:00

Business meeting, Installation of Officers, Offering Collection,

Keynote Speaker: Kristen Campbell, Communion Service,

Mission Tables (checks and cash accepted for supporting missions through purchases).

Lunch will be served, \$10 payable by check made payable and mailed to:
Grace First Presbyterian Church

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 Meandering for Fall, 2023

Dearest Sisters in Christ. It is a long hot summer, and spring was not kind to a number of you either, high winds, hail doing a lot of damage, then the hot started early. But, there are cool thoughts going out to All of you, also prayers for good health and the Fall coming, with cool weather.

Speaking of Fall, the Annual Fall Gathering of P.W. in Grace Presbytery will be held on October, 21st, at Grace-First Church, 606 Mockingbird Ln., Weatherford. The theme continues Peace and Justice. This is the Business meeting with election of Officers, then their installation, approve the Budget for the 2024 P.W. year. Our Keynote speaker will be joining us all the way from Oklahoma, her name is Kristen Campbell and she will speak about P.W.'s involvement on the Peace and Justice division of the United Nations, Yes, we have a voice at the U.N. There will be the usual displays, along with Rahab's Rope and S.H.E. with many hand made gift items, along with information about these great outreach programs that help women and girls in India and Pakistan get away from the sex trade and find opportunities to support themselves and families they may have. SOOO remember to bring money or a checkbook to get some Christmas Shopping done.

At the Spring Workshop I saw handmade aprons and household items with decorating items and jewelry. There will be a worship in the afternoon with communion. It will be a great opportunity to meet and greet our P.W. sisters from across the Presbytery. The Hostess's at Grace-First are looking forward to seeing you, and so is the C.T. of P.W. in Grace Presbytery.

We also have a great Bible Study from our Horizons Magazine for the 2023/2024 year, entitled Sacred Encounters—The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts. I have had the privilege of hearing from our Rev. Dr Julie Adkins gave an overview of this study and I am looking forward

to joining my local Circle for this study. The fellowship and insights from the Sisters at our time together are enriching in so many ways.

Also don't forget the 2024 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women in St. Louis in August of 2024, this is a great time for P.W. and women in general, the workshops are top notch and the plenary sessions are enriching, along with the displays and opportunities to meet P.W. from all across this country and beyond. Consider carpooling and making scholarship monies available, the Presbyterian Women will be offering funds as well as the Synod of the Sun P.W. and Churchwide. I encourage any and all, no matter the age to join me in St. Louis. Watch our Facebook page and the Innovator for updates and information.

I would like to thank the C.T. for their work through the pandemic and our slow recovery, their help and care for all of you and each other warm my heart. Some of them will be rotating off, but I pray will continue to join us at Workshops and Gatherings. A couple of them will be taking different positions on our team and I am so happy about it. If any of you feel that you would like to serve on our Team let Sherri Edwards or my self know, we will be happy to talk to you about openings. Sherri is at madsciencelady72@gmail.com and I am at mgarverhamilton@gmail.com.

See you in Weatherford the 21st of October at 9:30 AM.

In His Service,
Meg GarverHamilton

News from you...

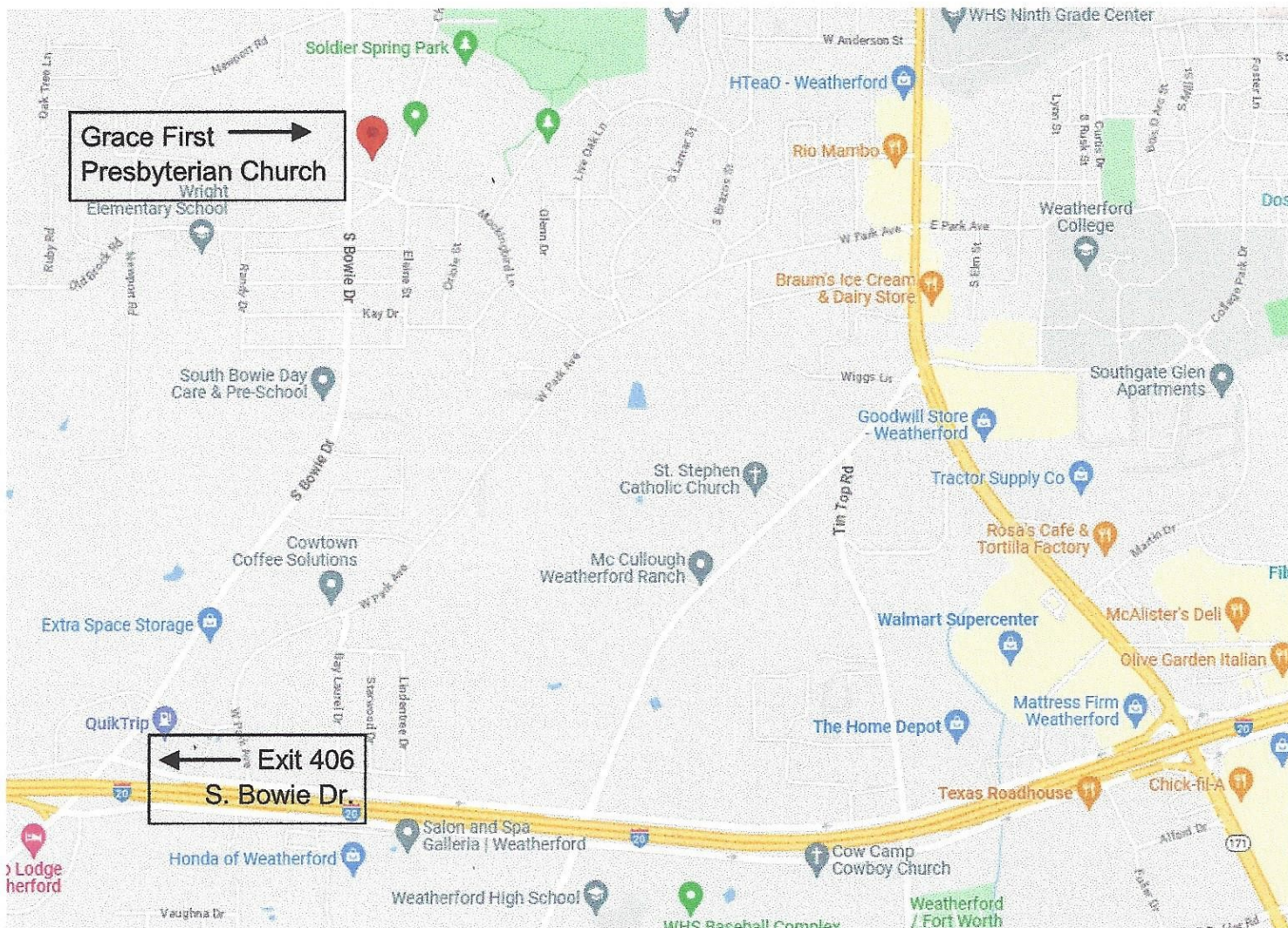
Submit articles from your women's group for the *Innovator* to OUR NEW EDITOR: Jill Bray who will be installed at the Fall Gathering! .

jmbray51@sbcglobal.net Next deadline is

February 1

We are semi-annual for publication!





Grace First Presbyterian Church—606 Mockingbird lane, Weatherford, TX 76086

Grace PW Fall Gathering Registration

October 21, 2023 9:30 am-2:00 pm

First Grace Presbyterian Church, Weatherford, TX 76086

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Home Church Name and City: _____

PW Office held: _____ Registrar: Jill Bray 817-946-8053

Registration/Lunch fee \$10 by check made payable and mailed to: Grace First Presbyterian Church PW 606 Mockingbird Lane, Weatherford, TX 76086



HAD A BLAST AT Spring Gathering at Nor'kirk in May!



But where were you?

PW's in the News...

FPC—Athens Women of the Word Bible Study meets on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Upstairs Classroom. They studied the book “Now That Faith Has Come”, by Beth & Melissa Moore in March. They also did a Lenten study using the book “Because of This I Rejoice—Reading Philippians During Lent” by Max O. Vincent.

Blast from the past...

Have you given an honorary membership lately?

In 2013, at the Redeemer-Northwood UPW Thanksgiving luncheon, Brucene Rehkopf, was surprised with an Honorary Life membership. Brucene is a charter member of Northwood Presbyterian church and has faithfully served UPW year in and year out. She served as Moderator of UPW for many years. She helped cook for Randy Sam's homeless shelter, taught Sunday School and worked at VBS for many years. She was a faithful member of choir. Brucene helped supply items for the veterans Heros Pantry and Melissa's Domestic Violence program. She was willing to help wherever needed.

Brucene truly showed the light of Christian love and service.

Do you have deserving PW/WoW/UPW members who deserve an Honorary Membership? What are you waiting for?!

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: **Jill Bray, jmbray51@sbcglobal.net, 817-946-8053**

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.

A home away from home

Britne Hammons | FPC Tyler Communications Director

“A godsend” are the words that Cristi Tray and Katy Gowen used to describe Potter House, a mission of First Presbyterian Church of Tyler.

When Margie Chalker was diagnosed with angiosarcoma, her family began looking for places to live while she underwent treatment for cancer. “It was a godsend. It really felt that way,” stated Gowen. “It was a home away from home.”

“We wanted her close to us and able to get her to the emergency room fast if she needed,” stated Cristi and Katy, daughters of Margie Chalker. Mrs. Chalker was previously at MD Anderson in Houston receiving treatment, but a desire to keep her close to family and area hospitals was what prompted the search for Potter House.

The purpose of the Potter House Ministry of FPC Tyler is to provide low-cost temporary housing to cancer patients and their immediate families, who must travel to Tyler for outpatient treatment, and to families of NICU patients who must travel from out of town to be near their children.

Words of the wise at FPC Tyler state that a church member used a similar facility like Potter House when they were undergoing treatment in Houston. They brought the idea back of Potter House and a mission was began. The duplex was bought and restored in 2007. The Potter House Board was established in 2009 with bylaws and guidelines for occupancy. The patient had to be receiving cancer treatment. When the NICU opened at CHRISTUS, Potter House was open for parents of NICU babies. According to records, the average stay is about eight weeks.

A home away from home is exactly how Mrs. Chalker felt while staying at Potter House, according to her daughters.



“I think what makes Potter House stand out is that it felt like home. Mom had stayed at Hospitality House here in Tyler, and that seemed like an old hotel,” stated Cristi. “We were so grateful to stay there, but Mom said it felt cold. Potter House became like a home to all of us. It was a warm, inviting environment and there were a lot of personal touches throughout the property that felt like you were actually at home. Not only did Potter House welcome my mother to stay, but after her death, our Dad got to stay a few extra weeks to help get his feet back under him.”

Efforts to turn Potter House into a home away from home will finally accumulate on March 25, during an Open House of the newly restored property. Potter House has been repainted and completely gutted and updated with brand new appliances, windows, new kitchens and bathrooms and more. The outside property also received a facelift, with a new gazebo, landscaping and railings. Grandchildren, family and loves ones were frequent visitors to Potter House during Mrs. Chalker’s stay as well as congregational members.

“Mom started going to Bible Study and met a lot of friends there. They prayed for her and that gave her a lot of comfort, those personal prayers for our Mom will never be forgotten. She was given gift baskets and Christmas gifts and other little things that really showed how much everyone cared. The generosity was out of this world and the church went above and beyond for us. We are thankful to Potter House and the Presbyterian Church of Tyler,” said Katy.



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: Call Meg Garver Hamilton, 214.632.7003
- For the Archivist Special Collections, John Bulow Campbell Library, Columbia Theological Seminary, PO Box 520, Decatur, GA 30031



2024 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women's 2024 Churchwide Gathering will be held in **St. Louis, Missouri, August 8-11, 2024**. Save these dates, share these dates and plan to join Presbyterian Women from around the country.

The 2024 PW Gathering will be an exciting, faith-filled time to renew our connections within and across PW groups from across the country. Join us to be invigorated, equipped for your PW life, welcomed into community by hundreds of other PWs, and empowered to *"Do everything in love."*

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Leaders needed!

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



In Memorium
MISSING KATHY

Kathy Moriarty—wife to Mike, excellent musician, Presbyterian Women moderator, leader of Bible Study, resources champion, friend and so much more. Kathy passed from this life suddenly overnight in “her chair.” That was a shock. She was beautifully memorialized at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth where she faithfully served as organist for 48 years!

I met Kathy when I first served on the Grace Presbytery Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team in the early 2000’s. She was always there, active and faithful. Kathy modeled Jesus’ abiding love for others. She earned her Master of Divinity, which I didn’t know until her Memorial Service. Kathy was an accomplished musician and knew her hymns. She was Bible-smart and a wonderful teacher.

I will remember Kathy’s smile and faithful presence. She will continue to inspire as we do God’s work in the church and through Presbyterian Women. Thank you, Kathy, for all the memories and for showing us how to live.

In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Rev. Dr. Lucia Kremzar
Search Moderator,
Presbyterian Women of Grace Presbytery

2024 Churchwide Gathering News

We are on our way to the 2024 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women!

The planning process is in full swing, so do stay informed (and share, share, share) by reading and forwarding the newsletter; bookmarking the Gathering website (presbyterianwomen.org/gathering); printing and distributing the Save-the-Date cards, checking in on PW social media; and more! Help promote the 2024 Gathering:

- Write a reflection (poem, haiku, skit) on the Gathering scripture (“Do everything in love,” 1 Cor. 16:13–14) and email carissa.herold@pcusa.org or mail to Carissa Herold, Presbyterian Women, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville KY 40202-1396.
- Share a Gathering memory!
- Make a list of friends to invite.
- With your group, consider encouraging and/or funding Gathering participation for a “new” PW (or two). Let us rejoice in the promise of being together in faithful community

PW Downloadable Resources

From Horizons Bible study resources, Birthday and Thank Offering resources, Mission Pledge resources, and more Numerous free downloads are available here. Additional items are available for purchase in the store. <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/spring-summer-2023-resource-catalog/>

Find us on
Facebook!



Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA)
Presbyterian Women of Grace Presbytery

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



Presbyterian Women
Of Grace Presbytery *Innovator*
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Address correction requested

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

2023 Mark your calendars!

September

- 1 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
- 4 Labor Day
- 11 Discussion—*Violence Against Women: What Everyone Needs to Know*
Register at presbyterianwomen.org/justice
- 17 Global Week of Action Against Gun Violence begins
- 21 International Day of Peace
- 22 Native American Day

October

- Domestic Violence Awareness Month—Fair Trade Month—National Disability Employment Awareness Month
- 1 World Communion Sunday
- 11 National Day of the Girl Child—National Coming Out Day
- 15 Children's Sabbath
- 16 World Food Day
- 21 Grace Presbytery PW Fall Gathering!

November

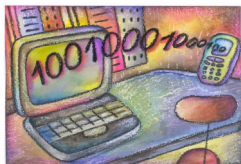
- Native American Heritage Month
- 6-12 Children's Book Week
- 12 Hunger and Homelessness Sunday
- 13 World Kindness Day 23 Thanksgiving (USA)
- 13 Discussion- *Wind River* Register at presbyterianwomen.org/justice
- 20 Universal Children's Day
- 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- 25– Dec. 10 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence

December

- 1 World AIDS Day
- 5 International Volunteer Day
- 10 International Human Rights Day
- 18 International Migrants Day
- 25 Christmas
- 12 Days of Christmas to January 6!



See <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/?s=justice+and+peace+calendar> for the complete calendar



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.