



Jubilee!

2008 - 2009

Presbyterian Women

Organized 1931

Reorganized 1951, 1958, 1988

First Presbyterian Church

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Now to him who, by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

~Ephesians 3:20—21



The Presbyterian Women Logo

- In our logo, the circle represents the church worldwide where women offer their gifts and talents in the midst of global community.
- The shapes forming the circle show energy, strength and openness. The three women have no distinct features and represent all women.
- The central figure stands in praise, forming a cross as she reaches to embrace a just peace for the world.
- The right figure holds a book to guide her reading, studying, praying or dedicating.
- The left figure reaches out to care for others as she shares, nurtures and heals.
- The words, “Presbyterian Women” and the Bible, which resembles the one in the Presbyterian Church (USA) seal, tie us to our denomination.



The Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church

140 East Orange Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17602
(717) 394-6854
www.firstpreslanc.org

Statement of Purpose

Forgiven and Freed by God in Jesus Christ and Empowered by the Holy Spirit, We Commit Ourselves:

- *To nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study*
- *To support the mission of the church worldwide*
- *To work for justice and peace*
- *To build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church [USA] and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom*

Membership

The members of the organization are those who have indicated their willingness to accept the purpose of Presbyterian Women and who contribute to its work through service and/or gifts. All members shall be divided into groups called “circles.” PW intentionally seeks the membership of women from all racial and ethnic groups so that it may reflect a vision of the whole church as a community of mutual interdependence in which diversity contributes to wholeness.

Past Presidents of Women's Organizations In First Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Women's Organization (PWO) 1951—1958

Mrs. John Gordon [Elizabeth]
Mrs. Kenneth Lyon [Kathryn]
Mrs. John F. Myers [Pauline]
Mrs. Joseph E. McSparran [Mary]

United Presbyterian Women (UPW) 1958—1988

Mrs. Edwin G. Fiedler, Jr. [Elizabeth]
Mrs. Christian S. Wenger [Helen]
Mrs. Robert W. Stevenson [Dorothy]
Mrs. William J. Poorbaugh [Anne]
Mrs. John M. Lyall [Eleanor]
Mrs. David L. Prosser [Constance]
Mrs. Charles C. Shuman [Abbie]
Mrs. George F. Sheraw [Tippie]
Mrs. Harry R. Kulp [Jane]
Mrs. Roger S. Reist [Diana]
Mrs. William W. Adams [Susan]
Mrs. Robert J. Stewart [Virginia]
Mrs. John B. Reid [Anita]
Mrs. Harry G. Collins [Harriett]
Mrs. Richard E. Grant [Caroline]

Presbyterian Women 1988—Present

Mrs. William J. Brown [Nancy]
Mrs. William A. Gibson [Betty]
Mrs. Robert S. Oneil [Eleanor]
Mrs. Charles A. Erisman [Mildred]
Mrs. Dwight E. Faust [Jane]
Mrs. Joseph F. Blake [Joan]
Ms. Hester J. Long
Ms. Beth Manners
Ms. Jacalynn McCord

Important Dates *continued*

April 20	PW Spring Luncheon Parish Resource Center	Noon
May 1	CWU May Friendship Day Bethel AME 450 E Strawberry St Lancaster, PA	1:00 PM
May 2	Spring Gathering Wayside Presbyterian Church 600 Stony Battery Rd Landisville, PA	9:30 AM
June 1	PW Picnic/Installations Willow Valley North	6:00 PM
June 11—15	Triennial Churchwide Gathering Louisville, Kentucky	

Moderator's Message

Jubilee!

Jubilee—from the Hebrew word yobel, meaning “ram’s horn” or “trumpet.” The trumpet was to be sounded on the Day of Atonement, a day of penance, which began a fiftieth-year celebration of the exodus, the Hebrews’ escape from slavery in Egypt. On the day of jubilee all debts would be forgiven, property would be returned to its original owners, and the land would be allowed to lie fallow. Our word for celebration—jubilation—comes from the word *jubilee*.

As all women of PW study the gospel of Luke 2008—2009, let us all celebrate the unique aspects of Jesus’ life and his teachings.

The Coordinating Team 2008 – 2009

Co - Moderators

Jackie McCord-Sweitzer..... 284-4016
Jane Faust..... 464-6744

Vice Moderators

Jean Brondyke..... 464-6758
Carolyn Bare 464-1191

Secretary

Brenda Heebner 397-9162

Treasurer

Marijane Landis 872-5395

Coordinator of Studies and Program

Joan Stemen 872-8536

Coordinator for Mission Interpretation

Eileen Johnson 464-0403

Historian

Betty Gibson 391-3667

Leaders of Circles (See pages 4 and 5)

Coordinating Team Meetings

August 18, 2008	NOON - Jackie's Home
October 6, 2008	1:00 PM - Parish Resource Center*
January 5, 2009	1:00 PM - Parish Resource Center*
March 16, 2009	1:00 PM - Parish Resource Center*
May 18, 2009	1:00 PM - Parish Resource Center*

*Location: Parish Resource Center
633 Community Way, Lancaster, 299- 1113

2008-2009 Important Dates

2008

September 12 CWU Fall Gathering 9:30 AM
(business session)
Parish Resource Center

September 20 Fall Resource Gathering 10:00—3:00 PM
Leacock Presbyterian Church
3181 Lincoln Hwy East
Paradise, PA

October [TBA] CWU Bible Study Retreat 9:30-2 PM

October 27 PW Fall Gathering Noon
Parish Resource Center

November 7 CWU World Community Day 1:00 PM
“God’s Wisdom Sets Us Free”
Fellowship tea following program
Willow Street UCC
2723 Willow Street Pk
Lancaster, PA

2009

January 14 CWU Annual Gathering 1:00 PM
Parish Resource Center

February 14 PWP and Moderators 9:30 AM
Wrightsville Presbyterian Church
205 N 2nd Street
Wrightsville, PA

March 6 CWU World Day of Prayer
Bible Study 9:30AM
Worship Service 1:00 PM
Lancaster Church of the Brethren
1601 Sunset Ave
Lancaster, PA

continued

Giving Opportunities

[All money should be collected by each circle treasurer and then given to the PW treasurer]

Celebration of Mission:

Presbyterian Women in First Church Lancaster is part of the Unified Budget of the Church, to which we each pledge annually. We do, as an organization, pledge a specified amount to be channeled through PW for the mission of the Presbytery and Synod levels.

We also budget for our own operation expenses (see page 7).

Celebration of Creative Ministry

Thank Offering – Fall collection

This offering continues the 100-year-old tradition of the former United Presbyterian Women’s organization and will be used for a number of smaller projects. 33% will go for Health Ministries. *Money should be collected and turned in by December 1.*

Birthday Offering – Spring (May) collection.

This offering, begun in 1922 on the 10th anniversary of the beginning of “Women of the Church” (the organized women’s group of the former “southern” stream of our reunited church) will go to not more than five predetermined projects. *Money should be collected and turned in by April 15.*

Celebration of Christian Community

Fellowship of the Least Coin – is a worldwide offering of the “least coin” of each country, set aside with prayer for peace and justice. Most Circles participate monthly. The money is presented each year at the May Friendship Day Service of Church Women United and then forwarded to a common fund which aids peace projects all over the world. *Money should be collected and turned in by April 15.*

Standing Committees

Search CommitteeCoordinating Team

Finance Committee.....Marijane Landis

Studies and ProgramJoan Stemen

Fellowship Committee

Sewing Coordinator Kathy Wilson

Church Women UnitedNancy Frick and Linda Young

Horizons Magazine Joan Stemen

Presbyterian & Ecumenical Officers

Presbyterian Women in Donegal Presbytery

Moderator - Kristen York Gerling - 610-869-9029

PW Synod of the Trinity

Moderator - Mary McElroy– 740-769-7549

Church Women United

President - Joyce Saegar - 898-3185



Circles

The membership is divided into small groups called “circles.” Each circle has a leader plus other appointed “key” women.

Ruth Circle (1) - Meets the Third Monday at 7:00 PM

Co-Leaders: Kathy Bartels 738-3054
Jackie McCord-Sweitzer .. 284-4016

Bible Study : Shared by Members

Mission: Tana Pratt 394-2853

Fellowship: Nancy Frick 626-4164
Linda Young..... 569-2506
Linda Worrell

Treasurer: Marijane Landis..... 872-5395

Rachel Circle (3) - Meets the Second Monday at 1:00 PM

Leader: Eileen Johnson..... 464-0403

Bible Study: Carolyn Bare 464-1191

Mission: Maira Cleaver 464-5689

Fellowship: Peg Ellis..... 517-3319

Treasurer: Mary Lou Hare 464-2022

Global and Local Mission Interests

Ruth Circle

Global – Simoo/Maasai, Kenya

Local – Clare House, a refuge for women and single mothers

Rachel Circle

Local – Mom’s House – a daycare center for moms that are full time students, working for a degree from high school, technical school, or college

Hannah Circle

Local – Tabor Community Services—a non-profit housing and consumer credit counseling organization with a mission to rebuild communities by helping families find housing and financial solutions

Sarah Circle

Global – Rodney and Sharyn Babe in Haiti, and Maasai, Kenya

Local - Domestic Violence Shelter for Abused Women

Local Projects and Services

Label Collection – Campbell products bar codes and logo are collected in a special box above the mail cubicles. These are sent to the Menaul School in Albuquerque, New Mexico for the purchase of equipment.

Alpha Club – Once a year PW provides refreshments for the regular meeting of this group that helps those recovering from mental illness.

Sewing – Each year PW women spend a day sewing at Lancaster General Hospital. A yearly sewing assignment from the Church-wide Presbyterian Women is also fulfilled. The garments are sent to specific missions of the PC(USA).
Contact: Kathy Wilson 394 -5043

Celebrations – Circles participate in the three celebrations of Church Women United in Lancaster County: World Community Day; World Day of Prayer; and May Friendship Day.

Christmas Gifts – Each circle donates elastic waist pants and pullover tops for Clarks Summit and Danville State Hospital patients. These are due in November.

Health Kits – Each circle bundles and ties a bath towel, hand towel, washcloth, soap, comb, toothpaste and a toothbrush. These are distributed to migrant ministries, Manos, Vantage House, Lancaster County Council of Churches, and Domestic Violence Shelter for Abused Women. These are due at the end of April.



Circles
(continued)

Hannah Circle (4) - Meets the Second Tuesday at 9:30 AM

Co-Leaders: Bettie Dupree.....393-9550
Alice Lovatt.....392-0042

Bible Study: Betty Gibson.....391-3667
Bess Hunt665-5066

Mission: Elsie Hamilton.....464-3616

Fellowship: Alice Lovatt.....392-0042

Treasurer: Mildred Erisman.....392-2872

Sarah Circle (6) - Second Wednesday at 9:30 AM on 3rd floor, Willow Valley North

Leader: Alice Sempsrott.....464-6344

Bible Study: Shared by members

Mission: Jean Brondyke.....464-6758

Fellowship: Ruth Russell.....464-6216

Treasurer: Peg Byers464-6542

Bible Study

Jubilee! Luke's Gospel for the Poor

This year's study on the Gospel of Luke is called "Jubilee!" because it begins not with the story of Jesus' birth but with his inaugural sermon in Nazareth, the day he stood up in the synagogue, read from the scroll of the prophet, Isaiah and announced that the long-awaited "year of the Lord's favor" had now begun with him.

This study identifies the Gospel of Luke with its illustrations of the jubilee, people responding to Jesus with words of praise and the event being seen by eye-witnesses. Let us rejoice in Jesus' words of jubilee!

Mission Study Pennsylvania

"Mission is bearing witness to God's love for the world in Jesus Christ"

PC USA Study Catechism

Our study this year will focus on members of Presbyterian Churches all across Pennsylvania who are going into communities to reach people in need.

2008/2009 Proposed Budget Presbyterian Women First Presbyterian Church

Income:

Benevolence	\$5,000.00
Operating (Fellowship).....	\$1,992.00
Total Income	\$6,992.00

Expenditures:

Benevolence	\$5,000.00
Presbytery of Donegal Dues	
Total Benevolence	\$5,000.00

Operating (Fellowship)

Dues	
Church Women United.....	\$175.00
PW Donegal Presbytery	\$140.00
PW Synod.....	\$17.00
Total Dues.....	\$ 332.00

Other

Program (Horizon Books, Study Supplies, Speakers)	\$600.00
Leadership (Conferences/Training).....	\$600.00
Involvement/Action.....	\$75.00
Triennial Fund	\$135.00
Sewing Project.....	\$50.00
Yearbook and Office Supplies.....	\$200.00
PW Luncheon	\$200.00

Total Other **\$1,660.00**

Total **\$6,992.00**

"Off Budget" Items

Hershner Fund for Local Mission Projects	\$8,355.06
Kepler Fund International Projects.....	\$1,406.82