

First Presbyterian Church • Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Presbyterian Women

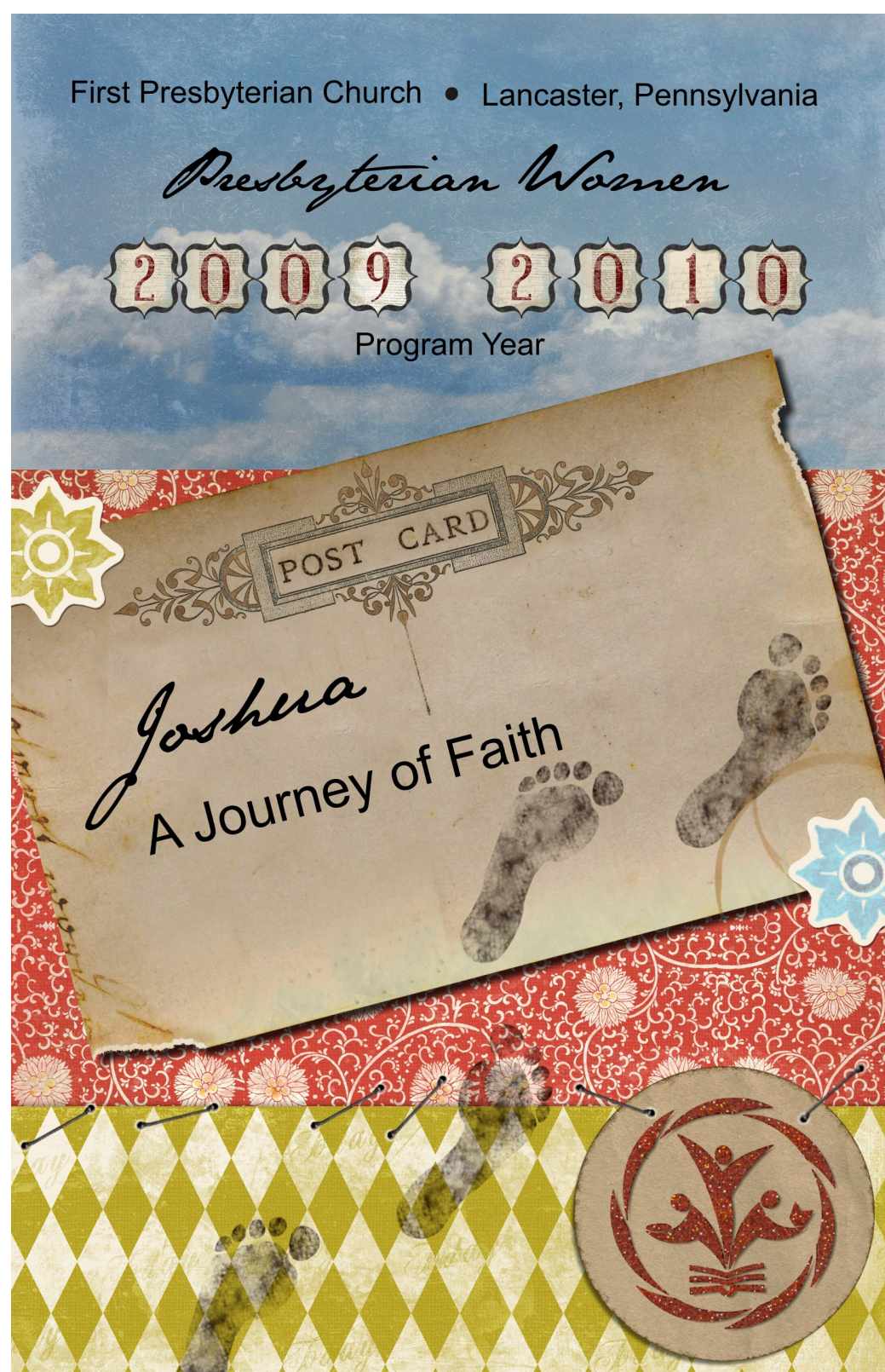
2009 2010

Program Year



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**

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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
Ms. Jacalynn McCord-Sweitzer and Ms. Jane L. Faust

2010

January	CWU Annual Gathering Parish Resource Center	1:00 pm
February 6	PWP and Moderators Cedar Grove Presbyterian Church Blue Ball, PA	9:30 am
March 5	CWU World Day of Prayer Bible Study Worship Service Highland Presbyterian Church 1801 Oregon Pike Lancaster, PA	9:30 am 1:00 pm
April 26	PW Spring Luncheon Parish Resource Center	Noon
May 1	Spring Gathering PWP Avondale Presbyterian Church Avondale, PA	9:30 am
May 7	CWU May Friendship Day	1:00pm
June 7	PW Picnic/ Installation Willow Valley North	6:00pm
June	Synod of the Trinity Gathering	

Moderator's Message

“When (the women) came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others... But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.” –Luke 24:9-11 (NIV)

Not a flattering view of women at the time of Christ’s resurrection, is it? Thankfully today, the role of the women of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is quite different. It can best be summarized in the advertising slogan of the 1960’s “You’ve Come a Long way Baby!”

Look at any active, life-changing ministry in the church and you’ll find women involved at every level. Many Presbyterian Women have participated in one ministry or more in the past, and continue to be actively involved in the life of the church. Their love and commitment to Christ and the church are uncompromising.

With PW’s own mission firmly grounded in the love of Jesus Christ, this visionary and inclusive community has consistently reached out to support women locally and worldwide and witness to the promise of God’s kingdom.

The Coordinating Team 2009 – 2010

Co - Moderators

Jackie McCord-Sweitzer
Jane Faust

Vice Moderators

Jean Brondyke
Carolyn Bare

Secretary

Brenda Heebner

Treasurer

Mildred Erisman

Coordinator of Studies and Program

Joan Stemen

Coordinator for Mission Interpretation

Carolyn Bare

Historian

Betty Gibson

Leaders of Circles (See pages 4 and 5)

Coordinating Team Meetings

August 17, 2009	NOON - Jackie's Home
October 5, 2009	1:00 PM - Parish Resource Center*
January 4, 2010	1:00 PM - Parish Resource Center*
March 1, 2010	1:00 PM - Parish Resource Center*
May 3, 2010	1:00 PM - Parish Resource Center*

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

2009-2010 Important Dates

2009

September 16	CWU Fall Gathering (business session) Parish Resource Center	9:00 am
October 10	PW will join "Spaghetti for the Soul" with Kathy Troccoli and Ellie Lofaro Calvary Church 1051 Landis Valley Road Lancaster, PA	10am—5pm
October 17	PW Presbytery A Day of Mission "Why is Immigration Important to Us as Presbyterians?" Oxford Presbyterian Church Oxford, PA	9:30- 3pm
October 24	CWU Bible Study/Retreat Westgate Baptist Church 2235 Old Harrisburg Pk. Lancaster, PA	9:00 a.m.—3:00 pm
November 6	CWU World Community Day "Piecing Earth Together" (focus on environment) Refreshments and 10,000 Villages display and sales <i>Refreshments following program</i> Otterbein Methodist Church 20 E. Clay St. Lancaster, PA	1:00 pm—3:00 pm Noon—1:00 p.m.

Standing Committees

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.*

Search CommitteeCoordinating Team

Studies and ProgramJoan Stemen

Fellowship Committee

Sewing CoordinatorKathy Wilson

Church Women UnitedJean Brondyke and Jane Faust

Horizons MagazineJoan Stemen

Presbyterian & Ecumenical Officers

Presbyterian Women in Donegal Presbytery

Moderator - Kristen York Gerling

PW Synod of the Trinity

Moderator - Mary McElroy

Church Women United

President - Joyce Saegar



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
Jackie McCord-Sweitzer

Bible Study : Shared by Members

Mission: Tana Pratt

Fellowship: Nancy Frick
Linda Young

Treasurer: Jackie McCord-Sweitzer



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

Leader: Eileen Johnson

Bible Study: Carolyn Bare

Mission: Maira Cleaver

Fellowship: Peg Ellis

Treasurer: Mary Lou Hare

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 – Knitted caps, baby gowns, blankets and quilts are sent to specific missions of PC (USA). Sheets are given to the Long Home. 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: Bess Hunt

Bible Study: Betty Gibson
Bess Hunt

Mission: Elsie Hamilton

Fellowship:

Treasurer: Mildred Erisman



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

Leader: Marg Garling

Bible Study: Shared by members

Mission: Jean Brondyke

Fellowship: Ruth Russell

Treasurer: Alice Sempsrott

Bible Study

Joshua – A Journey of Faith

The book is not historical narrative so much as theology. It is about God and how God relates to God's people at a crucial time. TRUST and OBEY are the key words. At last Israel is about to enter Canaan, the Land of Promise (or the Promised Land?). The book gives very important instructions not only for their survival but for their identity as people who live for God. They are told to remember their history; that from the covenant made with Abraham, through deliverance from slavery, God has been faithful. God is trustworthy. In contrast, history has shown the Israelites to be complaining, frightened, and prone to disobedience, so obedience is crucial especially as they mingle with the gods of other cultures. TRUST GOD AND OBEY THE LAW GIVEN TO MOSES "do not turn to the right hand or to the left"

In our study we will be putting the traditions of Joshua into conversation with our own experience. Be sure to read about the author who comes from the culture of the Middle East, lives in Lebanon, has seen wars over land and the displacement of indigenous people. This perspective is a valuable dimension to the study of Joshua.

Mission Study

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

Our study this year will focus on excerpts from the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook.

2009/2010 Proposed Budget

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Income:

Benevolence	\$4,000.00
Operating (Fellowship)	\$1,972.00
Total Income	\$5,972.00

Expenditures:

Benevolence	\$4,000.00
Presbytery of Donegal Dues	
Total Benevolence.....	\$4,000.00

Operating (Fellowship)

Dues	
Church Women United	\$175.00
PW Donegal Presbytery	\$120.00
PW Synod	\$17.00
Total Dues	\$312.00

Other

Program (Horizon Books, Study Supplies, Speakers)...	\$500.00
Leadership (Conferences/Training).....	\$500.00
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.....\$5,972.00

"Off Budget" Items

Hershner Fund for Local Mission Projects	\$7,412.29
Kepler Fund International Projects	\$606.82