

Glad Tidings January 2019

Calendar:

Feb 8, 2019 **AG Registration Due**

Feb 16, 2019 **Annual Gathering**

Temple Terrace Presbyterian with St. Andy's help. Fellowship, worship, business meeting, workshops!



Arise! Shine! Your Light has Come!

Mar 7, 2019 **CT Meeting**

10:00 AM Good Samaritan, Pinellas Park

Aug 10, 2019 **Meet Eugenia Gamble**

FPC Lakeland 2019-2020 Bible Study



Oct 25-27, 2019 **Synod Gathering**

Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons, GA



It is a whole New Year! Opportunities, new directions, and possibilities abound. What are you doing different? What things in your life need to go away and what marvels will you add? Be aware and make choices for your well-being moving forward. Keep PW a part of your life. Take a few minutes and read all the attached files. PW are busy!

Interesting from the Churchwide Quarterly Newsletter:

Our moderator team has an evolving direction and focus for us.

Send your circle story – how did you get started? to Susan.Jacksondowd@pcusa.org for a new resource on starting new PW groups.

PW has consultative status with the UN – we are recognized as a **non-governmental organization!**

The Antiracism committee is now the **Racial Equality Committee.**

Two for One Gift *Horizon* subscriptions until February 1 – **get one give one and read them!**



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Our **Annual Gathering** is fast approaching. The flyer, invitation, and registration paperwork are included with this newsletter for you to download. Please share with your women and we look forward to seeing you February 16! Please bring a pair of nail clippers for the health kits we will be assembling at Epworth.

Please return the registration form to Vivian by February 8 so she can make name tags and the women at Temple Terrace can prepare for us.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The Honorary Life Membership program was established in the Presbyterian Church to honor faithful service to our women's organization and to the church. More than a thousand women (and a few men) receive this honor each year. A membership into this elite group of Presbyterian Women is given in recognition of faithful service where she is involved in some area of the church's work. An honorary life membership pin and personalized certificate are bestowed on the individual who is chosen by your PW officers to receive this award.

The symbols represented on the pin signify the caring, supportive hands who seek to build a more inclusive, caring community of Presbyterian Women. The leaf represents the growth of our personal and corporate response to Jesus Christ as we nurture our faith. The dove indicates our work for peace in our own lives and throughout the world, which is represented by the globe. At the center of the design is the cross, by which our sins are forgiven, and we are freed to live in Christ, the center of our lives. The overall design – a butterfly – is a symbol of newness in Christ.

Funds derived from the Honorary Life Memberships support the PW Leadership Development Grant Program. Grants from this program enable individuals to engage in leadership development opportunities such as the Churchwide Gathering, Ecumenical Advocacy Days and the UN Commission on the Status of Women. The funds also provide for PW Gathering scholarships.

The PW group submitting a name for Honorary Life Membership will need to send a

completed form, along with a check for the correct amount to the treasurer for PW in their presbytery, who will forward this information/check on to the national headquarters. This process generally takes about six weeks, so we encourage you to plan ahead and consider when your group wants to give this deserving honor to the individual prior to the presentation date. Just go to the website www.presbyterianwomem.org and click on Honorary Life Membership order form. Plan a special time to give a deserving person this honor for a lifetime of service to Presbyterian Women.

Blessings to all of you,

Linda Spencer, Leadership Development



Magnificent God, light of the world: You placed gifts in my heart just as you placed the stars in the sky. Lead me in offering myself so that I, like a star, might light up the world, through your beloved child Jesus Christ. Amen.

I am a spark.

I am love.

I am a shining star.

I am a gift God has given to the world.

There are plentiful gifts for the journey.

O God, help me to receive each one with an open heart.