

Calendar:

Jan 3, 2019 **PCT 10:00 am**

Good Samaritan, Pinellas Park

All are welcome!

Feb 16, 2019 **Annual Gathering**

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



Arise! Shine! Your Light has Come!

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



The Presbytery Coordinating team is looking for and interviewing a Secretary/Historian to nominate and elect in February. There will be some amendments coming for your prayerful consideration next month.

Our Annual Gathering is Saturday, February 16 at Temple Terrace Presbyterian. A poster and registration form are attached with this newsletter. Please encourage your women to attend. Learn something and catch up with old friends.

COLUMBIA FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

PRAYING ENCOURAGING PROVIDING

Come See Columbia Day is April 25, 2019

Columbia Friendship Circle began when the spouses of two seminary professors encouraged other Atlanta wives to contribute one dollar each to help the seminary. From that small group, Columbia Friendship Circle has grown to include all who participate in the Presbyterian Women's organization throughout the synods of South Atlantic and Living Waters. Churches from other denominations are also welcome to join.

Our mission continues today in three ways: (1) pray for students, faculty, staff and all members of the seminary community; (2) encourage men and women to consider Christian ministry; (3) provide financial assistance through selected projects that help meet the seminary's needs.

In recent years support has focused on scholarships for students with families and fellowship awarded to outstanding

graduates. This year our synods were able to give financial assistances to four students attending Columbia Seminary who have young families. Students sometimes find seminary a challenging and difficult choice to follow God's call as there are raising their families while studying to become the Christian leaders of tomorrow in shaping God's kingdom. Without these scholarships, many of the candidates would struggle to meet their financial obligations while preparing for graduation and following God's call to bring His message to the church at large.

Columbia President Leanne Van Dyk stated, "We live in a rapidly changing world and that makes seminary education more important than ever. Thoughtful, dedicated pastors are more important than ever. And that makes individual donations more important than ever. Thank you for your support!"

We ask all our Presbyterian Women's Circles to prayerfully consider supporting our seminarians as you plan your giving for the 2018-19 year.

For questions, information, or brochures, email Valrie Thompson (mail to: ThompsonV@CTSnet.edu).



Northwood - Our PW is having a Christmas brunch on Dec 4 with Pastor Chris teaching lesson 4 from our Horizon Bible study. Women from each circle are lighting the Advent candles on Dec 16. We are staying involved!

FYI

Our website – pwtampabay.com

Margaret Shaw is the treasurer. Reply to this email for a current remittance form. (The current one is dated 12-17 in the bottom right corner.) Try to send a check every quarter. Thank you!

Facebook with us as Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay

Please send your quarterly remittance this month and remember the presbytery Mission Pledge which allows us to continue to offer meaningful programs for all.

Livin' in a Florida Wonderland

(Tune of "Walkin' in a Winter Wonderland")

Palm Trees wave, are you listenin'?
In the pool, water's glistenin'
A beautiful site, we're happy tonight
Livin' in a Florida Wonderland.

Gone away is the blizzard,
Here to say is the lizard,
A warm sunny day, we like it that way,
Livin' in a Florida Wonderland.

On the beach we'll have a picnic.
Turtles, sand, sun, and St. Nick.
Christmas dinner is an old tradition,
It's grouper and stone crabs by the ton.

Later on we'll perspire.
As temperatures rise even higher,
A warm sunny day, we like it that way,
Livin' in a Florida wonderland!

Merry
Christmas