Glad Tidings

The Monthly Newsletter of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay



Calendar:

August 2-5, 2018 Louisville, KY Churchwide Gathering



*The Registration closes June 7. Planning to go? – let Ellen know. If you need a registration book, Ellen has them and tickets for the synod lunch @\$22. We hope you send a representative from your church – let us know if we can help.

Aug 9, 2018

PCT 10:00 am

Good Samaritan, Pinellas Park

Feb 16, 2019

Annual Gathering



What is your PW doing over the summer:

-Circle meets every month over the summer for lunch at a different fun place for a time of sharing and fellowship.....and so we don't miss each other until September!

-We plan an inclusive activity for all circles in June and July and in August we have an over view of the Bible Study and what is planned for the year.

Use the summer to evaluate and plan activities for next year. Remember to invite other churches and presbytery leadership to your programs. Save Saturday, February 16 for our Annual Gathering.



Your Mission Pledge supports all levels of PW. Have you made arrangements to send your mission pledge, designated funds (mission projects, Cedarkirk, Beth-El, Honorary Life, Mission Haven, Columbia Friendship Circle, Least Coin, Cents-ability, etc.) to Margaret?

Order your 2018~2019 Bible Study guides and resources for God's Promise: I am with You

Leadership Development Idea: Let's have a little fun this month!!! Following are "games" appropriate as a Question of the Day to build community at a meeting or as an icebreaker. A prize for the most correct answers?

QUESTIONS

- 1. Official name for the women's group in your church
- 2. How often do PW meet
- 3. What is the PW magazine called
- 4. How many levels of PW are there
- 5. What gatherings do PW have
- 6. What year was PW started
- 7. What missions does you PW support?
- 8. What are the four main offerings taken yearly
- 9. What is the Blessing Box money for
- 10. Who is the membership of PW open to

PW Churchwide's quarterly newsletter highlights: Remember PW is the connectional arm of PC(USA) so stay connected!

Churchwide gathering registrations close June 7. Are your arrangements made?

The "dress code" for churchwide is **Black** for Thursday, Any PW shirt for Friday, **Green** for Saturday. Maybe our **Aqua** presbytery shirts Sunday or should we be personally creative?

Any ideas for the Silent Auction at churchwide from the Presbytery of Tampa Bay? Tell Ellen or Robin.

\$10 gift cards for Target, Walmart, Walgreens, or CVS will benefit 3 Louisville projects and may be sent with anyone attending the Gathering.

Mission experience trips will be one each triennium, not both. 2019 USAME is to Western New York, "Standing on the Shoulders of Empowered Women". Application is the last 5 pages of the complete newsletter and is due by August 15 to our synod moderator.

For knitters, there is a hands-on mission project "Knits for Kids". Email Katherine.reeves@pcusa.org for the pattern

There is a new booklet for new PW groups.

Check out the Justice & Peace (J&P) web page.

Mailing addressed to "PW/Women's group" are mailed to each church regularly – look for them, *read* them, pass along information.

Honor the Ruths and Naomis in your life with a card and gift to the Mission Pledge – downloadable.

Host an International Peacemaker this year - pcusa.org.

As of March 16, the only items IMA World Health are accepting are health kits and school kits. The lists of items available upon request.

Get daily news from General Assembly by signing up at pcusa.org/news

For PW emails/information let patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org know.