

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

## Calendar:

March 1, 2018 PCT 10:00 am Good Samaritan, Pinellas Park

May 3, 2018 PCT 10:00 am Good Samaritan, Pinellas Park

<u>August 2-5, 2018</u> Louisville, KY Churchwide Gathering



\*The Registration booklet is now available. Planning to go? – let your liaison know. We are making group plans!

Updated **historical report forms** are still being collected and compiled by Gina who will use them to compose the presbytery report and send the whole group to Columbia Theological Seminary archives for posterity. You may also mail or email them to:

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## **Moderator's Corner:**

About 60 women had a wonderful day at our Annual Gathering in Crystal River on February 17. Our thanks go to Carolyn Hoskins and Sharon Paup, the comoderators of the PW group there, and all of the other women who assisted in worship and serving lunch. We collected \$339 to help with the scholarships for the women attending the Churchwide Gathering in August. We were honored to have Rev. Libby Shannon, the Moderator of the Tampa Bay Presbytery, lead us in a Bible Study about how to prepare and lead a Bible Study for our own groups. Our next Annual Gathering will be on Saturday, February 16, 2019. We have not determined where the Gathering will be but I encourage you to put that date on your calendar so that you won't miss it. Hope to see you there, if not before.

~Ellen Stoup, Moderator

We are currently interviewing and chatting with women to fill the open coordinating team positions. If you would like to talk or recommend someone, please contact a member of the coordinating team

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Registration books for the August 2-5 **Churchwide Gathering** are available and registration opened January 15. If you or some women from your church are planning to go, let us know as we try to coordinate travel plans.

The actual Churchwide Gathering begins with dinner on Thursday, August 2 at 5:30 pm and ends with worship around 10:15 on August 5.

Due to flight plans, some of us will be staying over until an evening Allegiant flight on August 6.

\*Tickets for the Synod of South Atlantic lunch are \$22 and Ellen has them. This is not on the registration form.

For more information, talk with someone who has been to a Gathering of PW – it is an amazing experience.



## **Leadership Development Idea:**

As you "search" for the next leaders, update your job descriptions so they match the expectations. "Search" for interested, devoted women – some who may not have served and some that have been resting.

Plan a day to thank retiring leaders, gather all together and evaluate what you have been doing. Dream about future plans, write them down, and pray about which ones are good for your group. Take time to think and pray.

Write down what you are thinking and plotting. Let everyone know. Enjoy the process (don't rush it) and the journey together.

If you need training or other help, use your coordinating team!

As Easter approaches, are you preparing with a lenten something? Look for the next newsletter a day or two after Easter - celebrate the season and the holiday. Some of us are planning to attend the Good Friday service by Mickie & crew on Gulfport Beach. Grab a chair and sunhat and join us.

