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At second opening make a Michigan U left and proceed to church on North side of Lafayette.

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West: I-94 East to I-75 South, exit at Lafayette, travel service drive to Lafayette St.; turn left and continue past St. Aubin St.

At second opening make a Michigan U left and proceed to church on north side of Lafayette.

**PWPD Gathering
May 2, 2018**

9:30 AM through Lunch

Program

**Overview of the 2018/2019
Horizon Bible Study**

**God's Promise: "I will be with you"
"I am with you"**

**Reservations for Lunch \$8.00 by Friday,
April 27**

Call

Jaquelyn Jackson 313-895-2809

or

Mary Muldrow 313-899-0146

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PWPD has a new T-Shirt!

Cost \$15

Sizes available: Small to 3x

Your order must be in by **May 15**

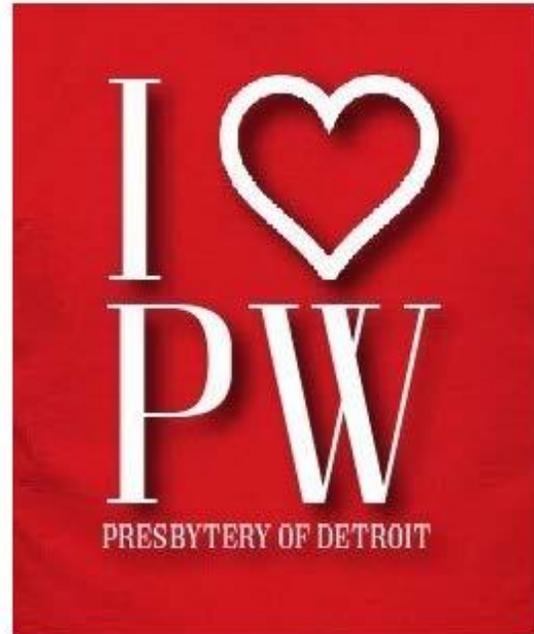
Send order with \$15 payment to

Pat McBride

15540 Garfield

Allen Park, MI 48101

Checks written to: PWPD



We will wear these at the PW Churchwide Gathering on Friday, August 3.

Anyone can order one!!!

PWPD T-Shirt ORDER FORM

ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY MAY 15

Individual and Group Orders welcome.



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

CHURCH: _____

Mail this form and payment to:

Pat McBride
15540 Garfield
Allen Park, MI 48101

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO PWPD

Quantity	Size
	Small
	Medium
	Large
	X-Large
	XX-Large
	XXX-Large

SHIRT TOTAL: _____

x \$15

AMOUNT DUE: _____



Dear Sisters in Christ,

Here we are into April, but it is still cold out. The weather lately has been erratic the past couple of months. One day it is warm and the next it is cold again. Although we can't count on the weather we can count on God. God is always there for each of us, we just have to listen to the Lord. Sometimes it is hard to hear what the Lord is saying to us. Our lives are so busy that we sometimes don't have time to sit and talk with God. That is what the PW Women's Retreat is always about. It is a time to give ourselves a breather from our busy lives and listen to God and feel refreshed at the end of the retreat. This year's retreat was a wonderful event. Our keynote speaker was Renee Warman and she was wonderful. The theme was "I am His", from Psalm

139:14. It was a great retreat and a reminder that we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

At our May Gathering we will hear the overview of the 2018-2019 Bible Study "God's Promise." We will also be dedicating and collecting the Birthday Offering, recognizing Honorary Members and the Installation of Officers.

I hope that many of you will be going to the Churchwide Gathering in August. There are scholarships available for those who need the funding. It sounds like a wonderful 4 days with women from around the world. The theme is "Arise, shine, your light has come!" There are many Options that you can choose from. There are also tours that you can take. If you need a registration booklet please let me know at the May Gathering, I will have some with me.

I have another poem from Helen Steiner Rice called "Giving is the Key to Living"

So let us give ourselves away
Not just today but every day.
And remember a kind and thoughtful deed
Or a hand outstretched in time of need
Is the rarest of gifts, for it is a part
Not of the purse but a loving heart.
And we who give of ourselves will find
True joy of heart and peace of mind.

Here is a prayer for each of you. Lord, whatever talent you have given to me, let me willingly share it with others. Help me to discover the service you desire for me to do and for which, I was created to do. Amen.

Grace and Peace, Janet Morton, PWPD Moderator

STUDIES/SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Horizon Bible Study Booklets, God's Promise: "I am with you", for 2018/2019 have been ordered and will be distributed at the May Gathering. The regular print copies are \$10 and a limited number of large print are \$15. Please contact Kari Gorman if you have any questions.

Article included by Joan Lockard per Kari Gorman, Vice-Moderator of Committee

MISSION COMMITTEE

For Presbyterian Women, springtime means it is **Birthday Offering** time. Your gift to the 2018 Birthday Offering will help children and families in three projects.

Cottage Village, a Tiny-house Community for Low-income Residents – OREGON. This grant will be used to help build 13 tiny houses and a central shared-use area that will serve as a compassionate and protective community for vulnerable rural citizens.

Village of Grace Center for Physical and Spiritual Health - HONDURAS. Originally built by Presbyterian mission co-workers, this retreat center will be managed by Presbyterian women in Honduras and will provide hospitality for retreats, workshops, and mission teams visiting the country.

The Dwelling Place – MINNESOTA. The Dwelling Place was established in 1998 in the Twin Cities as a shelter for women and children escaping a violent partner. Housing, education, food, clothing and counseling support will be increased by the addition of a new building.

Read more about these projects in the January/February issue of Horizons or at <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/pw/>

If you don't already participate in the Birthday Offering in your own PW or Circle, you may donate when we give our Birthday Offering at the May PWPD Gathering.

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16

Emily Nietering,
Vice Moderator, Mission

JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMITTEE

ANOTHER ACT OF GUN VIOLENCE WITH NO RESOLUTION IN SIGHT

14,000 EMPTY SHOES MAKE A POINTED STATEMENT AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

Besides the marches staged by young people and their supporters in March to get the attention of the lawmakers to enact stronger gun violence prevention measures, one of the most visual means of getting their attention was dreamed up by a creative mind. Participants in the project were able to gather 14,000 pairs of shoes to represent every child killed by gun violence since the massacre of 26 children and teachers at Sandy Hook, CT in 2012. They were scattered on the lawn of the capitol. Hopefully, Congress gets the message: "Enough killing, take action, and enact laws that will prevent any more tragic loss of innocent lives."

Pam Frucci, Vice-Moderator
Justice & Peace Committee

THE SECOND MILE CENTER OF DETROIT

"By now, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you." Psalm 39:7

Spring is in the air and we encourage you to partner with us in making children's dreams come true this summer. The center intends to raise \$20,000 this year to support our summer programs. . We implore your generosity. Be encouraged to invest in a God-centered mission center. So let's not put limits on what we can do with God's grace.

We encourage you to send a letter asking 15 family/friends/church members/women's group and your Mission Committee to donate money for this worthy cause.

These revenues support our 2018 Summer Program, which includes Monday through Friday free lunches, vacation Bible classes, jewelry, sign mime, woodcraft, wood burning, water games, reading classes, sports challenge, camping, Synod Mobile Health Fair and an outdoor fair.

Please make checks payable to: "The Second Mile Center" and send your donations directly to: The Second Mile Center, 18391 Morang Drive, Detroit, Michigan 48205. Please mail your donations by June 20, 2018.

SYNOD HEALTH FAIR

This summer we need well over 100 volunteers for the July 17th Synod Mobile Health Fair held at The Second Mile Center from 1-8 p.m. The event starts at 1 p.m. consider being a volunteer, but please let us know your shift request. We have four shifts; **1.** Set-up shift—10 a.m.-1 p.m. (Able bodies, some heavy lifting may be required), **2.** Fair shift 12:30-4:30 p.m. **3.** Fair shift from 4-8 p.m. and **4.** Clean-up shift from 8-9 p.m. or later, if necessary.

The Lord is our Hope and we praise God for all of you, your gifts, talents and prayers.

God bless,

Ruth Azar, Executive Director (313) 245-5252

CHURCHWIDE

Dear Sisters in Christ,

The Churchwide Gathering is quickly approaching. The PW of Synod of the Covenant (SOC) is going to host two women from Indonesia. The Rev. Neil and Rev Lenny are coming a week before the Gathering and staying with Presbyterian Women in the Columbus Area. Rev. Desiree Youngblood was one of our synod's representatives to the Global Exchange in Indonesia. She also ministers in an Indonesian Presbyterian church in Columbus area. This church will be the main hosts for the two women. Rev. Lenny knows both English and their language, so translation will not be a problem.

Desiree and her church are in the process of making arrangements for the women while they are here. They would also like them to be able to come up to Detroit for maybe a day and see what we have. I am looking for anyone interested in joining me in this adventure.

Also, there may be program in the Indonesian church that explains their culture and they will serve lunch with Indonesian food in Columbus. All Presbyterian Women in our Synod will be invited to attend this gathering. I will let you know more about it as I learn of their plans.

I have also been contacted by a PW sister from Ohio looking for a ride to the Churchwide Gathering. She lives between Toledo and Cleveland and could meet whoever would give her a ride near I-75. She will be going down on Aug 2 (Thursday or the first day of the gathering). If you can help her out, please contact me and I will get you connected with each other.

I recently attended the Synod Assembly meeting. At this meeting the Synod voted to give PW SOC \$3,000 to use as scholarship to assist women to be able to attend the Churchwide Gathering. The application will be available on PW SOC website and included in this Prism.

I hope I will be able to share the experience of attending the Churchwide Gathering with many of you.

Yours in Christ,

Pat McBride

Moderator of Synod of the Covenant Presbyterian Women.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE SYNOD OF THE COVENANT
Scholarship Application Form
2018 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women
Louisville, Kentucky—August 2-5, 2018

Instructions:

This application must be complete in order to be considered for funding.

Applications must be submitted, or postmarked, no later than May 5, 2018. (number of scholarships are limited, dates of application will be considered)

Mail or e-mail completed application to: Pat McBride, 15540 Garfield, Allen Park, MI;
Patmcbride0804@gmail.com

If you have questions, e-mail or call Pat at 313-732-5871

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____ Home Church _____

Home or Cell Phone _____ Presbytery _____

1. Have you attended a Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women before? Yes No.

2. Why do you want to attend the 2018 Churchwide Gathering? (Check all that apply)

Spiritual Renewal PW Training Leadership Development Global Awareness

3. Check all categories that describe you. clergy/lay pastor student PW Disability

On a separate sheet, respond to items 4 and 5.

4. Describe your PW activities and attendance at gatherings in the last two years.

5. Would you be willing to share your experiences at the CW Gathering with other Presbyterians? If so, what are some ways you might do this.

6. What is the grant amount you are requesting? _____ (Maximum \$300.00)

7. Are you receiving other financial support to attend the Gathering? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please describe:

The following is to be completed by the person endorsing the applicant (Moderator of Presbytery PW or PW Church Moderator or Clergy)

Endorser's Name _____ Email _____

Telephone _____

Why do you think this applicant should be considered for a grant?

If applicant receives a scholarship award and does not attend the Churchwide Gathering, she will be obligated to return the funds to PWSOC.