

## Quarterly Newsletter for Presbyterian Women Leaders "PW 101" Series

If you are so moved to share an idea or two that you think should be part of this series, please [email carissa.herold@pcusa.org](mailto:carissa.herold@pcusa.org).

### **PW 101.5: The PW Circle Revisited**

PW 101.2 introduced the idea that PW groups at the congregational level consist of circles. The circle is the foundation of all that PW does. PW 101.4 introduced the idea that PW is connectional and that the PW in the Congregation (PWC) is connected to PW at each level. To elaborate: The PWC group informs and responds to the ministry of PW at all levels of the church: local, presbytery, synod and churchwide. The PWC has representation and contact with the PW in the Presbytery (PWP); the PWP connects to PW in the Synod (PWS); and the PWS connects to PW Churchwide. Information and programming moves in all directions through-out the structure, with local and regional work impacting national work, and national work informing regional and local work. There is good work happening in PW all of the times, from the mission of a local church in Boise to the fulfillment of a Thank Offering grant in Sudan!

*In 1988, Christie Loney wrote:*

The circle can be a place that challenges us to stretch beyond our known limits. Within the confines of a loving, accepting community we can take risky steps, fail and not feel foolish. This enables us to move beyond the safe place, reach out to others and have our faith tested. In the circle, Christian leadership is born, nurtured and sent forth into ministry. Maybe you are a young woman, a woman in her mid-life crisis, a businesswoman, a working mother, a single parent, an elderly woman; each of you has a place in a circle. A local church may have a number of circles, each one unique and different. Yet a commonality binds them together.



**\*Save the date! \*The Presbyterian Women's Retreat will be on April 10!  
The retreat will be held at Lost Corner in Sandy Springs.**

How to Find Lost Corner:

Lost Corner Nature Preserve is located at 7300 Brandon Mill Road. It is at the intersection of Dalrymple Rd/Riverside Drive and Brandon Mill Rd.

The City of Sandy Springs has turned this beautiful 24 acre preserve into a usable recreation area for residents to enjoy the property, including the community garden with 60 beds, nature trails, and a historic meeting place.

Located in the heart of Sandy Springs, Lost Corner has a unique history as a working farm, dating back to the settlement of the area in the mid 1800s and the Civil War. Lost Corner Preserve is home to a charming turn of the century bungalow. From the large main room & oversized fireplace, wood panels & floors, arched doorways and transom windows, the home will take you back 100 years. The foundation of the house served as a homestead in the 1800s when the McMurtry family settled there.

The Miles family purchased the property in 1913, and from 1916 to 1924, they built the craftsman bungalow on top.



## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

**POWERFUL KNOWLEDGE TO  
EMPOWER WOMEN**

**SPRING QUARTER 2018**

Mount Vernon Presbyterian Women continue to meet as two traditional and three non-traditional circles. In January and February, our agenda included:

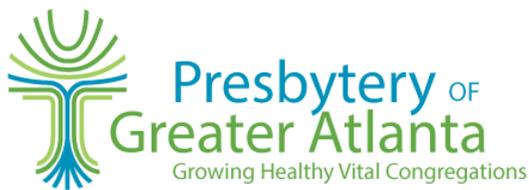
\* Fifty six people, including some men, attended our annual Missions Lunch after the 11 O'clock service on February 1<sup>st</sup>. A detective and a victim's advocate from the Sandy Springs Police Department raised our awareness about human trafficking in Atlanta and in Sandy Springs.

\* PW hosted a reception for the Youth Program Reunion Weekend on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. The weekend honored our youth program and Youth minister, Elizabeth Small, and her twentieth year as leader.

\* We enjoyed having Gwynne Mesimer, our District 1 leader; join us for our monthly Coordinating Team meeting.

***Presbyterian women are always encouraged to give as we are blessed!***

See [www.presbyterianwomen.org/missionpledge](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/missionpledge) for more information.



<http://www.atlpcusa.org/pw.html>

## Mount Vernon District Report Spring 2018: Pat Barte, Moderator

In December we held our annual Christmas Dinner and Program. Since the event is PW's Christmas gift to the women of the church, there was a churchwide invitation to all women and we also invited our office staff. The dinner was prepared by the Mount Vernon School chef and his staff. One of our members, Maggie Shirley, brought her seventh grade ukulele music students from Atlanta Academy to perform for us and to read selected scripture passages. Our offering went to support the Community Assistance Center which serves needy families in North Fulton and the Santa Shop at the International Women's Center.

In January we joined two neighboring Jewish women's organizations and Peachtree Presbyterian Church and collected and sorted jewelry in good condition for the Mother's Day Shoppe to be held in May at four nearby public schools with high free lunch populations.

Our new Knitting Circle contributed home-made items for the Homeless Christmas tree in the narthex.

Our youth distributed these on their trips downtown to feed the homeless.

**PW Celebrates 30th Anniversary  
2018 Churchwide Gathering of PW  
August 2-5, 2018 in Louisville, KY**

## MVPC PW 63 Years Strong! Linda Bhame, Spiritual Growth

From its' early days PW has been busy with outreach work. During the 1960s and 70s we participated in White Cross Sewing Projects. This was a group that began in WW1 helping the Red Cross and after the war was taken as a project for church women. We met in Fellowship Hall and made bandages, small blankets, and baby clothes which were sent to missionaries.

Another project was with the women's prison in Atlanta. Believe it or not we went to the prison and taught the women there to make crepe paper flowers to decorate their dining hall!

### WHAT WE ARE READING

#### Everyday Simplicity

Robert J. Wicks

#### If God Is Love: Rediscovering Grace in an Ungracious World

Philip Gulley

#### Living the Psalms

Charles R. Swindoll

#### My Utmost for His Highest

Oswald Chambers

#### Porch Talk: Stories of Decency, Common Sense and Other Endangered Species

Phillip Gulley

#### Through My Eyes

Tim Tebow

Montreat is pleased to offer personal Sabbath rates for individuals and families seeking respite from their busy lives and hectic schedules.



### Arts, Recreation and Worship May 7-12, 2018

The Arts, Recreation and Worship Conference is an experiential 5-day event focused on recreation, worship, community, creativity, and the arts. It is designed for those who want to deepen their creativity, broaden their leadership skills, and experience personal spiritual renewal. ARW welcomes pastors, educators, youth workers, church volunteers, camp and conference professionals, and recreation workers of all denominations.

### Women's Connection 2018, Through the Valley

**August 10-12, 2018** will seek to be a time for women to find encouragement, empowerment, connection, comfort, and challenge. We will do this through powerful and authentic worship led by women, providing space for honest and faithful conversation, and allowing time for discernment and renewing rest.

<http://www.montreat.org/women>



\*LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL\*

April 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>

Immersion: An Invitation to a Deeper Spiritual Life

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