

**Mount Vernon Presbyterian Revives  
Stephen Ministry - Pat Bartee, Leader**



**Mission Statement**

**The Stephen Ministry Team will be the AFTER  
people, expanding care beyond the challenging  
event and having a person to journey with you and  
share the burden as you come back to wholeness.**

Stephen Ministry training is ending in June and Stephen ministers will be commissioned on July 7, 2019. The training prepares laypeople with improved caring tools, extra knowledge about grief, loss, depression, and chronic illness, and teaches spiritual disciplines that keep participants grounded in faith. Beginning in mid-July, one may request a Stephen Minister through our pastor.

(Note: This is the tenth in the series but we are calling it 101.8, since we skipped 101.8 (oops!). If you have an idea to share or a question you'd like answered in this series, please email [carissa.herold@pcusa.org](mailto:carissa.herold@pcusa.org).

**PW 101.8: Resources for Presbyterian Women**

PW resources are available in many forms, some for purchase, some free to download or view, and even some to wear or share. Everything that PW offers—from video introductions for the Bible study (the annual companion DVD), to Glimpses in Time videos (available on PW's YouTube channel), even items such as PW pins and aprons—promote and support Presbyterian Women at all levels of the organization. Here is your guide to finding the resources you need.

- The free catalog, Resources for Presbyterian Women is available for download; this resource brims with items to consider, order and download; because the catalog is downloadable, the content is current. Visit [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org) and type “resource catalog” in the search box to find the most up-to-date edition.

- Browse free downloads at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads).

- Visit the online PW Shop ([www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop)) to explore and order!

- Horizons is the magazine of Presbyterian Women; a subscription to Horizons includes six issues of the award-winning magazine and the annual Bible study (mailed in March each year); to subscribe, call toll-free 866.802.3635; visit [www.presbyterianwomen.org/horizons](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/horizons); or mail your \$24.95 check for a one-year subscription to Horizons/Presbyterian Women, PO Box 421, Congers NY 10920-0421. This resource is also available as a digital-only subscription (Bible study not included).

- Visit the online PC(USA) Store, [www.pcusastore.com](http://www.pcusastore.com), to order denominational materials, Westminster John Knox Press and Flyaway Books titles, and children's curriculum. And if you are there to order the Book of Order, feel free to add PW items to your shopping cart while you're at it! (You may order your PW and PCUSA goodies by telephone as well; call toll-free 800.533.4371, Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.)

As you plan PW events in the congregations, presbyteries and synods, you will want to provide PW resources that interpret the mission and programming of Presbyterian Women, that support the life of PW, provide access to the nurturing publications of PW, and celebrate the community of PW. Contact [carissa.herold@pcusa.org](mailto:carissa.herold@pcusa.org) for guidance in sourcing your event.

***Synod of South Atlantic—October 25–27, 2019;  
Epworth by the Sea, GA; theme: “Love Carved in  
Stone”; Eugenia Gamble, 2019–2020 PW/Horizons  
Bible study author, keynote speaker***



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN  
POWERFUL KNOWLEDGE TO  
EMPOWER WOMEN  
SUMMER QUARTER 2019**

**For the beauty of the earth  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love  
which from our birth  
Over and around us lies.  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise,  
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the wonder of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale,  
and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon, and stars of light.  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise,  
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

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## MVPC PW 65 Years Strong!

Linda Bhame, Spiritual Growth

### Presbyterian Women at MVPC 2010-2019

Horizons Bible Study has been the usual study course for PW, yet in 2018-2019 we looked for other items of interest for the Circles. Under the title *LOVING GOD IN DIFFERENT WAYS* we asked members of the church staff to provide us with monthly programs. These included church music, community service, missions, Christian education, Presbyterians Today, and our personal spiritual journey. We loved the response of our church staff and Circle members to these presentations.



**\*Save the Date! \***

### **The MVPC Presbyterian Women**

#### **Fall Retreat**

**Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 12:30 – 4:00pm**

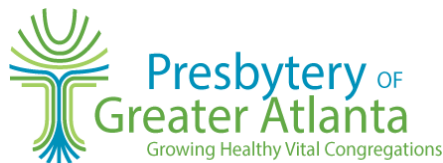
**Box Lunch Served**

**Speaker – Ellen Barron**

**Lost Corner Nature Preserve in Sandy Springs**

**7300 Brandon Mill Road**

**Intersection of Dalrymple Rd/Riverside Drive and  
Brandon Mill Rd.**



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

### Mount Vernon District Report

#### Summer 2019: Sarah Chalpan, Moderator

- Community Missions sponsored a neighborhood Children's Easter Party for the Mt. Vernon neighborhood across from the church. Families and friends from our church and the neighborhood were invited. We collected gas cards for the *Drake House*, which provides short term crisis housing for homeless single mothers. CM also sponsored clothing donations from our church to *Becca's Closet*, an organization where donations go to teenage girls who cannot afford a party/prom dress.
- World Missions received the PW Birthday Offering at a special speaker event on May 5.
- Spiritual Growth: The speaker for our May 5 event was Daphne Reiley, co-author of the book, *A Tapestry of Love*. Her theme for the event was "Weaving A Spiritual Tapestry". The event was held after church and a light lunch was provided. All women of the church were invited. In April our interim minister led our Day and Sunday Circles. Her topic was based on "Presbyterians Today: Issues That Unite and Divide Us". She also shared the survey findings from Presbyterian leaders on measuring a church's vitality.
- Our Resource Development Leader provided a list of daily devotion books our women may be interested in reading over the summer. She has also provided links for our members to keep abreast of opportunities. available to us throughout the year. The Mount Vernon

Quarterly Newsletter she has published will be available in June.

- Our Summer Salad Supper was held on June 11. The installation of PWCT Officers for 2019-2020 was conducted. Our Honorary Life Membership Award was given. All women of the church were invited.
- Our Circle of Grace which meets monthly in members' homes had its last meeting for 2018-2019 on Sunday, May 19. Their Christian devotion time and fellowship has been well attended all year.
- Our Book Circle concluded its last meeting in May for 2018-19 reviewing the Book *The Women in the Castle* by Jessica Shattuck.

#### New Officers Installed for 2019-2020

**Vice Moderator – Ann Williams**

**Treasurer – Sylvia McAdam**

**Secretary – Gail Williams**

**Community Mission – Pat Davis**

**Search Committee – Jeanne Gilliland**

**Resource Development – Clarice Elder**

**Historian – Alma Dowdakin**

#### ***Create a Summer Staycation Retreat!***

**Pat Davis is reading *Breaking Free Day by Day* by Beth Moore. Her favorite place for devotions in summer is her screened porch with a good cup of coffee first thing in the morning.**

**Sarah Chalpan is reading *The Cup of Our Life* by Joyce Rupp. She reads in her sunroom in her favorite chair, her rocking chair.**

**Pat Bartee is reading *Daily Light for Every Day* by Anne Graham Lotz - Scripture for each day, morning and evening passages. She reads it usually in the morning in a comfortable chair with a view of her hummingbird feeder outside.**

**One of Sylvia's all time favorites, read several times, is *Simple Abundance* by Sarah Ban Breathnach.**