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**PW**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**TEA**  
**AND**  
**PROGRAM**  
**DECEMBER 15TH**

**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.**

The Stephen Ministry of Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church was commissioned on July 7, 2019. Four members of the Day Circle and the Circle of Grace serve as ministers along with two others who have served our church as elders. One member is bilingual, which allows us to offer care from a Hispanic perspective. One member is male. Having the Stephen Ministry available for long-term but temporary issues gives a new layer of depth to the church's congregational care. Please utilize this team when you need someone to walk with you through a difficult time.

**Note: If you have an idea to share or a question you'd like answered in the PW 101 series, email [yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org](mailto:yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org)**

**PW 101.11: Presbyterian Women Programming**

Presbyterian Women's work is meant to fulfill the PW Purpose. Each mission and ministry of PW is aligned with at least one of the points of the Purpose.

Take, for example, Horizons magazine and Bible study (critical pieces of the publishing ministry of PW). These nurture faith and build community. They also support and work for justice and peace. In fact, all aspects of PW's publishing mission, including PW's website, social media and e-blasts build community, nurture faith, support mission, witness for justice and peace, and strengthen the PC(USA) by promoting the programs, resources and connectionalism of the church. Here are the overarching programs of PW and the points of the Purpose that they help fulfill.

- **Celebration Giving**—Supporting mission, building community. Includes Birthday and Thank Offerings; ecumenical prayer and offering partners; annual fund (Mission Pledge) giving; and extra giving opportunities such as Together in Service Puerto Rico.
- **Publishing Mission**—Building community, nurturing faith, working for peace and justice, supporting mission, strengthening the church. Includes Horizons magazine, the Bible study, website, PW social media, quarterly newsletter and email communications.
- **Mission Matters**—Supporting mission, building community. Includes mission trips, Together in Service (the hands-on component of PW mission), the Offerings (grants program) and disaster-relief trips/training.
- **Justice and Peace**—Working for justice and peace, building community, strengthening the church. Includes Together in Action days, J&P Links (newsletter), Courageous Conversations, participation in Ecumenical Advocacy Days and UN CSW, and more. You do not have to actively engage in all of PW's programming to be considered a PW. But there are so many ways to engage that all women in the church can engage in some way—using the Horizons Bible study. giving to support the structure of PW through the annual fund (Mission Pledge), holding a "Tea for Peace," hosting a conversation about substance use disorder, supporting the Birthday and Thank Offerings, and organizing women to work in a soup kitchen or women's shelter.



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

**PW in the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta**  
**PW Fall Workshop**

**Saturday, September 28**  
**from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM**  
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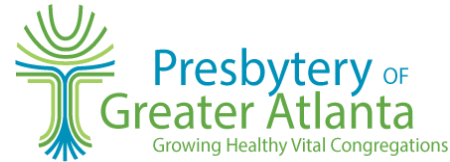
**Clairmont Presbyterian Church**  
**1994 Clairmont Road**  
**Decatur, GA**

**MESSAGE FROM HOST**

**Please join PW of the Presbytery in our Fall Workshop. Our theme is Matthew 25 which is a newly incorporated theme for PC(USA).**

Some of our Speakers are:  
Street Grace, La Gonava. Rev.Dr.Fahed Abu Akel,  
AMIS, Peacemaking, Taking Care of Yourself  
Cost is \$15 - a great investment for your learning.  
Send check to Barbara Willson at 6447 Sycamore  
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<http://www.atlpcusa.org/pw.html>

**Mount Vernon District Report**  
**Fall 2019: Sarah Chalpan, Moderator**

- We are sponsoring a Fall Retreat on October 6 after church for all women of the church to be held at Lost Corner Preserve in Sandy Springs. Our featured speaker is Eleanor Barron. Lunch will be provided.
- On August 25 there will be a churchwide Fall Kick-Off Barbecue to welcome our new pastor, Barrett Abernethy, who will be installed during the worship service. MVPW will make available for purchase our Horizons Bible Study lesson books, "Love Carved in Stone".
- Our Honorary Life Recipient for 2018-2019 is Anne Baynham. She has worked tirelessly in many areas of PW for more than 20 years.
- Two of our circles will be studying the Horizons Bible Study, "Love Carved in Stone", for the 2019-2020 year. Our Moderator and our Search Committee Chairperson attended the Columbia Seminary Lifelong Learning Workshop on August 5-7, which was led by the author, Eugenia Gamble.
- Our outgoing Resource Development leader, Dee Bradford-Smith, has agreed to continue to produce and publish our quarterly newsletter for MVPW. This has been a great way for us to let all the women of our church know what is going on in our Presbytery as well as some of our churchwide activities in which MVPW participate and sponsor.

**How about Intimacy: Relational and Spiritual**

First and foremost, I am Meg's mother. Bill and I have been married 52 years. He is a PCUSA pastor and retired in 2008 after 27 years as head of staff at Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church, Knoxville. I have a masters degree in counseling and for 10 years was college counselor at the Webb School of Knoxville. I am an elder, a leader in Stephen Ministry and Grief Share, a chancel choir member, and frequent coordinator for weddings. I have three children - all married - and seven precious grandchildren!

Or you can just say Meg's mom from Knoxville!



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**The MVPC Presbyterian Women**

**Fall Retreat**

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

Box Lunch Served

Speaker – Eleanor Barron

- With our Residual Funds we were able to give to Columbia Friendship Circle, Clifton Night Shelter, Mission Haven and Family Promise. On behalf of our Circle of Grace, we gave to Street Grace and Drake House. We were also able to provide gas cards for Family Promise.
- Many of our PW were able to host and provide food for our Family Promise guests who stayed with us from July 13-July 21.
- We would especially like to thank our interim pastor, Susan Haynes, for her participation and support for our ideas and programs.

**Devotionals for Your Spiritual Journey**  
**Clarice Elder – Resource Development**

It's amazing what you can learn from reading catalogues, not what's for sale but interesting side notes. Take this one for example - it's a simple centering exercise taken from "Quiet Spaces, Prayer Interludes for Women" by Patricia Wilson.

"Cup your hands and imagine that you are holding a small seed in them. When you look at the seed, you have no idea what will come of it - whether it will be a beautiful blossom, a small insignificant weed, or a giant tree. This seed symbolizes the possibilities that lie in this day."

This year I hope to bring a different devotional booklet to each of our CT meetings so you can get a look at what's out there in the world of resources. "Quiet Spaces" will be the one for August.

**<https://bookstore.upperroom.org/Promotions/Catalogs.aspx>**