

**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 is up and running, already serving care receivers. With holidays approaching, grief can reemerge, depression and loneliness can overwhelm, and stress can immobilize. To refer yourself or another, contact Barrett, Pat Bartee, Stephen Leader, or call the church office.

Churchwide Gathering

July 21–23, 2021

St. Louis, Missouri

Theme: “Rejoice in Hope”

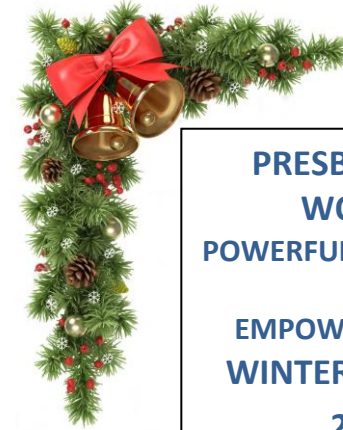
Note: If you have an idea to share or a question you’d like answered in the PW 101 series, email yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org

PW 101.12: Presbyterian Women Programming

PW 101.12—PW Bylaws ; A set of bylaws is a set of rules or guidelines established by an organization to regulate itself. Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has had bylaws since it became PW in 1988. Those first bylaws from 1988 set up a Churchwide Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women that conducted the business of Presbyterian Women and reviewed its bylaws each triennium, periodically making changes approved by voting representatives at the triennial business meeting. PW’s bylaws have been revised at least triennially since 1988.

The biggest change came in 2009, when the organization became incorporated, and a completely new set of bylaws was adopted to reflect that Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church was a corporation with a board of directors. The mission and vision of the organization did not change but the legal language defining the organization did. The most recent revision to the bylaws was approved in August 2019, when the voting representatives to the 2018 PW triennial business meeting passed changes recommended by the board to reduce the size of the board. (The national bylaws allow voting representatives to take an action without meeting between business meetings.) Because of the national Search Committee process and timeline for nominating directors for the board, the action had to occur before the fall of 2019 so that the Search Committee has time to prepare the slate for the 2021 board elections. The current board recommended eliminating five national positions beginning with the 2021–2024 triennium: one vice moderator, secretary/historian, new immigrant representative, two young women representatives. No current director will lose her position. The recommendation passed: 175 yes, 5 no, 2 abstentions. PW provides sample bylaws for PW groups at all levels of the church (search “Bylaws” at www.presbyterianwomen.org). If you are starting a new PW group, that is a good place to start.

You will also want the PW Manual: A Guide for PW Groups, available on line at www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop. Help for those new to PW! PW 101



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

**PW
CHRISTMAS HIGH TEA
AND
PROGRAM
CHRISTMAS CAROLS:
THEIR HISTORY AND
INSPIRATION
DECEMBER 15TH 4:00PM
TEA IN FELLOWSHIP
HALL
PROGRAM IN
SANCTUARY
COST \$20.
ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

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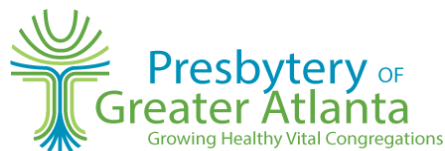


PALESTINIAN CHRISTIAN
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ALLIANCE FOR PEACE

February 9th PW Mission Lunch

*Joining Hands for Peace & Justice in Palestine,
A personal journey - Rev. Dr. Fahed Abu-Akel*

Fahed Abu-Akel is Founder and Executive Director of the Atlanta Ministry with International Students Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia. He was born in Kafr Yasif, in the Galilee, of Christian Palestinian parents. He was ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church USA in 1978 and has served on the mission staff of the First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta. Rev Fahed was instrumental for mission trips to Kenya, Haiti, Brazil, Egypt, Israel, and Palestine. He has served the Presbyterian Church in numerous executive capacities including Moderator of its 214th General Assembly, General Assembly Commissioner, board member of the National Middle Eastern Ministries Committee, and member of the Outreach, Christian Education, and Peacemaking Committees of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. He is former vice chair of its Advocacy Committee for Racial Ethnic Concerns and a past board member of the Christian Council and Interfaith Coalition of Metropolitan Atlanta. Rev. Fahed has been honored for his life-long dedication to interfaith dialogue and international understanding by many organizations. The National Conference of Christians and Jews honored him with the Clergy of the Year Award, the Arab-American Community with its Georgia Award, and the Greater Atlanta Presbytery with the 1998 Peace Making Award. Kiwanis International named him Outstanding Kiwanian and the National Presbyterian Men's Organization honored him as 2003 Man of Year. He has a BA from Southeastern University, a Master of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Divinity from the McCormick Theological Seminary. Rev. Fahed has served as Adjunct Professor of World Religions at the Interdenominational Theological Center and currently serves a member of the HCEF Advisory Board.



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

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

Our Fall Retreat was a big success. Our speaker Eleanor Barron's topic was "*Intimacy: Spiritual & Relational*". Small group interaction provided the opportunity to have meaningful discussions on the topic presented.

Our 4 circles: Book, Sunday, Tuesday and Circle of Grace are off to a good start for 2019-20.

Circle of Grace is sending cards to MVPC college students wishing them good luck in exams + a \$5 gift card. Our new pastor, Barrett Abernethy, is writing a note in the cards.

Our Sunday & Tuesday Circles will be visiting shut-ins in January to deliver Happy New Year gift bags. The bags will have numerous small items such as hand cream and note cards, etc. Our Book Circle has just reviewed the book *Educated* by Tara Westover. The Sunday & Tuesday Circles have just finished Lesson 1 from Eugenia Gamble's lesson book, "*Love Carved in Stone*". They will participate in Lesson 2 in November.

Many of our PW will partner with B'Nai Tora Synagogue to host and provide food for our Family Promise guests who will be staying with us in December.

December 15 PW will host a High Tea and Christmas program "*Christmas Carols: Their History and Inspiration*" with featured performances by our PW choir, and solo performances by our Interim Director of Music and one of our PW choir members



**2020 Conference Preview
Women's Connection**

Mark your calendars for August 14-16

Discovering Renewal 4/13-16
<https://montreat.org/events/discovering-renewal>

Arts, Recreation, and Worship 5/4-9
<https://montreat.org/events/arw20>

Worship & Music 6/21-27
<https://montreat.org/events/wm1-2020Devotionals for Your Spiritual Journey>

Clarice Pittman Elder— Resource Development

Treasures Among the Catalogs

In the pile of catalogs received recently, I came across a thin, floppy one from Cokesbury promoting, among other things, inspirational books. There were two that caught my eye. The first was *INSPIRED* by Rachel Held Evans, noted columnist. The subtitle, *SLAYING GIANTS, WALKING ON WATER AND LOVING THE BIBLE AGAIN*, was enough to spark my interest. It creatively retells Bible stories, explaining the contexts and possible interpretations. Interested?

The second book was written by all-time favorite Barbara Brown Taylor. titled *HOLY ENVY, FINDING GOD IN THE FAITH OF OTHERS*, Taylor recounts her discoveries of finding the sacred in unexpected places such as the classrooms at Baptist-oriented Piedmont College. She is such a delightful writer who uses simple, sharp phrases to get her ideas across. If you haven't read any of her work, get a copy of *HOLY ENVY* as a Christmas present for yourself.