

Westminster Presbyterian Women Newsletter

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Presbyterian Women's Purpose:

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves:

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- to support the mission of the church worldwide,
- to work for justice and peace, and
- to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

A Message from the 2022-2023 WPW Moderator:

So, what is Presbyterian Women?

Presbyterian Women (U.S.A.) (PW) is an inclusive and caring community of women, committed to working toward God's promise of wholeness for all people.

For most women, connecting with Presbyterian Women happens through participation at the congregational level, i.e., Westminster Presbyterian Women. However, one can also connect at presbytery, synod or churchwide levels. Regardless of the level at which you choose to participate and/or the work or ministries you choose to support, please know that your contributions matter as we seek to bring about more just and equitable world. Please join me in this effort to work with purpose for all that PW stands for and help carry out God's mission by praying, participating, and supporting WPW's work.

All that we do as an organization and as a community is guided by PW's Purpose (see above). And anyone who supports this Purpose in any way is participating in Presbyterian Women. So even if you've never heard about us, there's a good chance you're already supporting us—in spirit or in action! Thank You for that! But if you aren't already actively participating in our fellowship, I invite you to consider doing so. To learn more, come to the upcoming WPW Summer Picnic or a Circle meeting, or reach out to any one of our members or look up Presbyterian Women PCUSA.

Although Presbyterian Women are aligned under a shared Purpose, we are each afforded the opportunity to live into that Purpose in our own, unique ways. Some of us find ourselves particularly drawn to one or two points of the Purpose, while others seek to fulfil all of the points. There is no single path. But whether you are an active participant, interested in learning more about WPW, or simply have a desire to support PW's work, please consider responding to the enclosed call for mission support. Thank you!!!

Blessings,

Dominique Myers

We aren't having a Spring Gathering this season, but you can still support the PW Birthday Offering, which is traditionally collected at this event.

For more information— see the facing page and you can also check out this video:

<https://youtu.be/FDOKs8O1Ot4>

Save the date for a picnic hosted by WPW for all the women of the church, and kids are welcome!

July 22, 2023

Lunchtime

Location to be determined

2023 Presbyterian Women *Birthday Offering* Recipients



Making Miracles Group Home

Phase II Group Home

makingmiraclesgrouphome.org

Tallahassee, Florida

\$150,000

Making Miracles Group Home (MMGH) helps young mothers break the cycle of abusive relationships, addiction, incarceration and early motherhood—a repeating pattern that is difficult to break and overcome. Since its inception in 2010, MMGH has served over 100 women and their children by providing a one-year, live-in program designed to support young mothers and help them develop skills to live independently and care for their children.

Current eligibility criteria require residents to be pregnant and/or have a single child up to age three, but mothers who have a single child older than age three or multiple children often seek help. With the Birthday Offering grant, MMGH will purchase a second group home to serve an additional five families who are at risk of experiencing homelessness. With loving support and tools to establish stable, permanent housing, these families can look forward to a hopeful and successful future.

Berhane Yesus Elementary School

Kindergarten School Construction

berhane-yesus.info

Dembi Dollo, Ethiopia

\$99,400

Berhane Yesus Elementary School, located in the western highlands of Ethiopia, seeks to change lives by sharing the “Light of Jesus” and by providing the best possible educational experience for the children of Dembi Dollo. Berhane Yesus provides children with the possibility of a better future by preparing them for a rigorous high school education and a life of Christian service. The school is the first entry point to education for children of subsistence farmers, migrant workers and displaced groups of people.

This K-8th grade school has been serving the community and been a part of the Presbyterian Church in this rural community since 1921. A kindergarten was added to the school in 2012, but with no available space for class, the children met in the chapel. Over the years the number of kindergarten students has increased and now space of their own is not only needed but is required by the government to remain open. Western Wollega Bethel Synod provided land for the classroom and the Birthday Offering grant will provide all necessary funding for its construction.

Westminster Presbyterian Women Mission Projects

We are in different times and we are not always meeting face to face.

As a result, mission needs are going unmet.

Please consider making a donation to or any or all of the following opportunities to make the world a better place:

AMOUNT

Dedicated Giving (given annually)

Goes directly to mission projects locally, nationally, and globally.

Ninety-seven percent of WPW income is used for mission. Mission is our mission.

Birthday Offering (collected in the Spring)

Since 1922 Presbyterian Women have contributed more than \$36 million to help improve lives at home and around the world.

Thank Offering (collected at Fall Gathering)

Since 1988 Presbyterian Women have granted more than \$26 million to nearly 1700 different projects worldwide.

School Kits

WPW builds and delivers to a Church World Service (CWS) drop-off point 150 school kits at the beginning of every school year. CWS then collects, processes, ships, and delivers these kits to children in disaster areas, impoverished communities, and refugee camps world-wide. Although each kit is valued at \$15, because we purchase all supplies during back-to-school sales, we build and cover CWS' processing fee (\$2 per kit) at a cost of \$10 per kit.

Number of School Kits @ \$10 per kit _____ =

TOTAL

Name: _____

Donations may be made online via the church website under WPW (make note in box on right to which fund you are donating), via placing this form and a check payable to Westminster Presbyterian Women or WPW in the offering boxes located in the church in the narthex and by the elevator, or you can mail this form with a check payable to Westminster Presbyterian Women to Martha L. Bell; 436 Brookside Drive; Dayton, OH 45406

Did you know?

Did you know the pop top “pull tab” was invented in Dayton by Ermal “Ernie” Frazee?

Ermal “Ernie” Frazee was born in Muncie, Ind., in 1913 and later moved to Dayton, Ohio. He started a career as a machine tool operator and thanks to a small loan from his wife, formed the Dayton Reliable Tool Company in 1949.

After forgetting a “church key” can opener during a picnic in 1959, Frazee had to use his car bumper to open his drinks. Frazee thought there had to be a better way to open cans and developed a pull-top style pull tab.

Frazee applied for and was granted a patent in 1967. He ended up modifying his original invention and patented the first push-in and fold-back tab in 1977. It has become known as the “Pop-Top” and is the primary design still used on canned beverages today.

The pull tab changed the way consumers open aluminum cans forever.

Those discarded pull tabs also can change lives, by being donated to the Ronald McDonald House. Ronald McDonald House collects aluminum pull tabs from any container (soda pop, soup, pet food, etc.) and works with Franklin Iron and Metal and First Street Recycling in Dayton to turn those tabs into money for families of hospitalized children

<https://rmhcdayton.org/service-opportunities/pull-tabs/>

Why do they only collect the tab?

“Tabs are more sanitary and easier to store than whole cans in our limited space.”

You can drop off pull tabs at the Ronald McDonald House (555 Valley Street, Dayton - across the street from Dayton Children’s Hospital) or you can put your pull tabs in the WPW mailbox in the church office



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