

Westminster Presbyterian Women Newsletter

(WPW of Dayton, Ohio) Volume 6: Issue 1

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:

First, let me once again thank our 2021-2022 WPW Moderator, Jennifer de Vries! She truly did an amazing job leading WPW over this past year when so many accommodations had to be made to keep this organization moving forward amid COVID 19 concerns. As an example, the way she managed to lead the Spring Gathering from outside of Ohio was truly inspiring to watch. Thankfully, Jennifer has agreed to serve on the CT for one more year and has volunteered to take charge of writing, publishing, and disseminating the WPW Newsletter, for which I am immensely grateful!

So, who am I?

I am a daughter, sister, wife, mother, retired federal civil servant, and disciple in training. I was born in France, raised and married (to Tom) in Virginia, and served the USAF at bases in Virginia, Florida, Texas, New Mexico, and Ohio. Throughout my 40-year civil service career, I served in a number of increasingly responsible contracting and acquisition program management positions in support of multiple critical systems acquisitions.

Along the way, I became a mother (Jen was born in Texas and Lisa was born in New Mexico), and I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from The University of Tampa and a Masters of Public Administration degree from the University of Dayton.

I have been an active church member throughout my life, first in the Catholic Church, then in a non-denominational Protestant Church, and finally in the Presbyterian Church USA. An ordained Elder in the Presbyterian Church USA since 1986, I served as an Active Elder for three terms at First Presbyterian Church, Fairborn, where I also led the Christian Education committee and served as a Christian educator and youth leader.

At WPC, I served on the Mission committee and taught elementary-aged children in Creation Station. Additionally, I have and continue to serve on the Fellowship Committee and Labyrinth Team in addition to developing and teaching the MADD Camp Christian Education curriculum. I have also served as a member of WPW's Project Blessing and Come to the Table mission teams, and as WPW Secretary and Vice-Moderator. I am currently a member of the Sunshine Circle and I have and continue to lead WPW's School Kit mission project.

What called me to WPW was its emphasis on mission, both hands-on and through donations of monies to charities working to make the world a better place, locally and throughout the world. I look forward to working with WPW's Coordinating Team and all of you. If you have any questions or concerns about WPW, please feel free to ask.

Dominique Myers

WPW CELEBRATES
Not One but TWO Thank Offering Grants
\$28,000 in Grants!

WPW has much to celebrate!

We donate every year to our Thank Offering making lives better for women, children, and people in need in the U.S. and abroad.

We took it a step further in 2017, and applied for a grant sponsoring The Castle in Centerville, a haven for individuals with chronic mental illness. It's a safe place that they can visit and socialize. The Castle also provides a peer-to-peer program where a member can be placed with a mentor to guide with decisions or any needs that they need help with. This was a new program in 2017 and to help get it started we suggested that they apply for the Thank Offering grant and we would sponsor. Lo and behold The Castle got the grant. It was for \$15,000.

This was a big deal! 70-90 applications come in for these grants. The criteria need to match perfectly. One key element is that it needs to be a new program, 1 to 3 years old, and it needs to benefit and enhance the lives of those it serves. As a sponsor we need to have a written endorsement from the Moderator of the Presbyterian Women in the congregation of a local church, the Moderator of the Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery, or the Moderator of the Presbyterian Women in the Synod. The Thank Offering grant is given by the Presbyterian Women Creative Ministries.

In 2021 we applied again, as a new program was handed into our laps. The new program was presented to us by our main speaker, Sally Dyer, at our 2021 Spring Gathering. This program is the Tornado Survivors Pathway to Homeownership (PHTO). More info at <https://bit.ly/3wpftzw>

The Tornado Survivors Pathway to Homeownership helps individuals who lived in the Dayton areas hit by the 2019 Memorial Day, 15+ tornados. The destruction hit a lot of apartments. It took a problem and made it an opportunity where displaced renters, with a high percentage in the neighborhoods are renters, could make a change in their lives by receiving direction in applying for loans for homes with "good bones" that are newly remodeled or freshly built. The homes are priced at an affordable rate and matched to the market value of the neighborhood.

Westminster Presbyterian Women, Sally Dyer, and the Tornado Survivors Pathway to Homeownership applied for the Thank Offering grant and received full endorsement from Pat McBride, Moderator Synod of the Covenant - Presbytery Women, a special extra letter from Terry Kukuk, the Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley.

The 2022 Thank offering grant for Tornado Survivors Pathway for Homeownership was for \$13,000.

It is a great blessing to receive one grant but for a church to receive 2 grants is rare and a double blessing!!!!

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WPW School Kit Project 2022

Looking for a mission project that reaches out to those in need near and far? This might be just what you're looking for. Westminster Presbyterian Women (WPW), ably assisted by the campers who participated in this year's Music, Art, Dance, and Drama (MADD) Day Camp, built 150 school kits which will be delivered to our local Church World Service (CWS) school kit collection point in September for distribution worldwide.



Through this project, CWS gives children in disaster areas, impoverished communities, and refugee camps the basic tools for learning. School kits, each of which includes a pair of scissors, three 70-count bound notebooks, a 12" ruler, a hand-held pencil sharpener, a large eraser, six new, unsharpened pencils, and a box of 24 crayons, stored in a 12"X14" canvas bag, are the most requested item they provide.





Each kit is valued at \$15, plus CWS asks that a \$2 processing fee per kit be included to cover shipping costs. This fee helps offset the cost of renting space on trucks, boats and planes, paying for gas, insurance for each shipment and other delivery fees. However, because all supplies were purchased during this summer's back-to-school sales, we built and will cover the processing fee for \$10 per kit. We would very much appreciate church-wide sponsorship, and ask that you consider sponsoring one or more school kits this year. Sponsorship is easy, you can donate on-line through WPC's website (WPW/School kits) or send a check to WPC, marked "School Kits". Please be assured that each kit you sponsor will be most appreciated by the lucky child who receives it.

Dominique Myers, School Kit Mission Project Leader

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 at Spring Gathering) 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



WPW DELIVERS HOUSEWARMING GIFTS

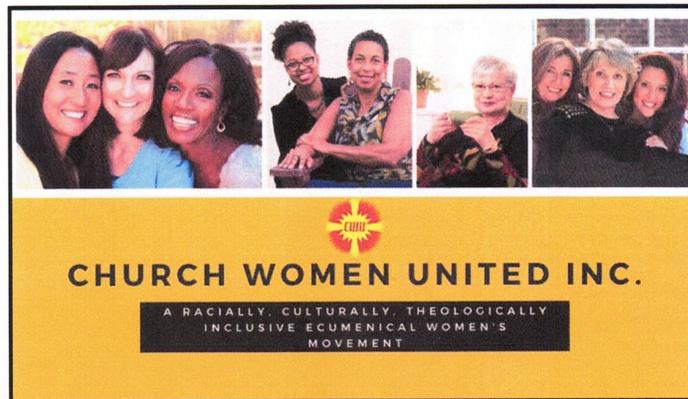
WPW collected donations at the Spring Gathering 2022 to purchase a housewarming gift for the first-time homeowner of the Tornado Survivors Pathway to Homeownership. WPW raised \$200 to put toward a Home Depot gift card plus a house plant. Thank you to all who supported this effort.



In June, Sally Dyer, Jenne Gross and Candy Powers took our housewarming gifts over to Eleesha, who just moved into her new home two days before. Eleesha's home is the first one built in the Tornado's Survivors Pathway to Homeownership project. Eleesha was gracious about the gifts and very thrilled and excited about her new home.

Church Women United in Greater Dayton: 2022 - 2023

Church Women United is a national ecumenical Christian women's movement representing Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and other Christian faith communities. Founded in 1941, as the United Council of Church Women, this organization has local and state units across the United States. The Dayton unit of CWU has approximately 300 members who are members of about 25 churches in the greater Dayton area. Each church has a Key Woman as the representative. Between 10 and 25 members of Westminster have annually chosen to support CWU with their memberships.



Locally, CWU supports such organizations as Mercy Manor (<https://mercymanor.wixsite.com/mercymanor>), Dayton International Peace Museum, Good Neighbor House, Homefull, DayBreak, Greater Dayton Christian Connection, and many more! We are the “pass-through” for Fellowship of the Least Coin, UNICEF, and other collections. We also support and encourage Church World Service projects; last year we donated 179 Hygiene Kits and 238 School Kits for a total of 417 kits -- including a group of 150 school kits that happened thanks to the major efforts of WPW’s Dominique Myers! For more details about what these kits entail, please see the Summer 2020 WPW Newsletter <https://www.westminsterdayton.org/westminster-presbyterian-women>.

There are five at-large gatherings scheduled for 2022 -2023: World Community Day (November 5 at 1:30 p.m.), Christmas Celebration Recognizing Church Staff (Sat., Dec. 10 at 2:00 p.m.), Emma Murray Prayer Breakfast (March 14 at 9:30 a.m.), May Friendship Day (May 20 at 1:00 p.m.), and Human Rights Celebration (June 10 at 1:00 p.m.) All are free except for the Prayer Breakfast (\$10). The Key Women meet six additional times per year at the **CWU Board meetings** (fourth Tuesdays at 1:00) in August, September, October, February, April, and May; in 2022-2023, they will be held at Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church. Each board meeting typically features a speaker from one local mission. Although called “Board meetings,” these six gatherings are open to ALL who would like to attend, not just the officers and key women; they are full of interesting info. about local missions! (During COVID, the meetings took place *via* Zoom – including the speaker presentations.)

Basic or support membership fees are just \$5 basic membership or \$20 supporting membership — with no obligation to attend meetings. CWU appreciates the support of our WPW members! (See the membership form on the next page.) For more information, visit the local website (below) or contact Westminster’s Key Woman, Martha Shields (martha.shields@earthlink.net).

CWU Website: Details about our local CWU may be found on the website: www.cwudaytonoh.org. (Please stop by the Photo Gallery!) **CWU Newsletters:** Local newsletters are typically mailed four times a year: July, October, February, and April. The newsletters are also posted in full color on the website. <https://www.cwudaytonoh.org/newsletters.html>.

The national CWU unit offers many opportunities for our members. The website is dynamic; it offers frequent updates on women’s issues and international concerns (prayers for Ukraine, Disaster Relief, National Farm Worker Ministry, poverty, and more. For example, **WinWednesdays** is an opportunity to meet virtually (*via* Zoom) for one hour (noon – 1:00 p.m.) to discuss social issues and concerns to help redress the global and national problems. Visit this national website for more information: <https://www.churchwomenunited.net/>

Questions: Please contact WPW’s Key Woman, Martha Shields *via* email: martha.shields@earthlink.net.

NOTE: The check for your membership should be made out to “Church Women United in Greater Dayton.” The form and your payment should be mailed to Westminster’s CWU Key Woman: Martha Shields, 2882 Stone Mill Ct., Beavercreek, OH 45434-6277.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN GREATER DAYTON

Membership form for July 2022 — June 2023

(Please return this form with payment to your church's Key Woman)
Questions?? Contact Cecelia Long at cealong48@gmail.com or 937-972-7045.

Please Print:

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact phone: _____ Email: _____

Church or Organization: _____

Denomination: _____ Key Woman: _____

Please Circle one of these following payment options:

BASIC DUES: \$5.00 _____
(Newspaper printing/mailling costs)

SUPPORTING DUES: \$20.00 _____
(\$5.00 Basic dues and \$15.00 donation to CWU's ministry.)

OTHER: \$5.00 + donation = \$ _____
(\$5.00 Basic dues and donation to CWU's ministry.)

For CWU / Officer Use Only:

Certified by Treasurer:
_____ Date: _____

Certified by Membership Chair:
_____ Date: _____

Total amount submitted: _____ Check # _____ Cash _____ Other _____

Were you a CWU member last year? Yes _____ No _____ In years past? Yes _____ No _____

KEY WOMEN: Please mail the membership form and payment to: Judith S. Philpot, Treasurer CWU, 310 Burgess Ave., Dayton, OH 45415. Please include the church and individual membership forms as well as the membership list. All forms are located on our website:

https://www.cwudaytonoh.org/rresources.html. REMEMBER: Memberships in Church Women United in Greater Dayton are only \$5 which includes subscription to the Newsletter. If anyone wishes to make additional contributions to the projects supported by CWU in Greater Dayton, contributions are welcomed and can be sent anytime to the Treasurer.

Join a Circle!

Westminster Presbyterian Women currently has four circles.

If one strikes your fancy, please join!

If you have an idea for a new circle—contact Dominique!

New circles are always welcome!

Lunch Bunch

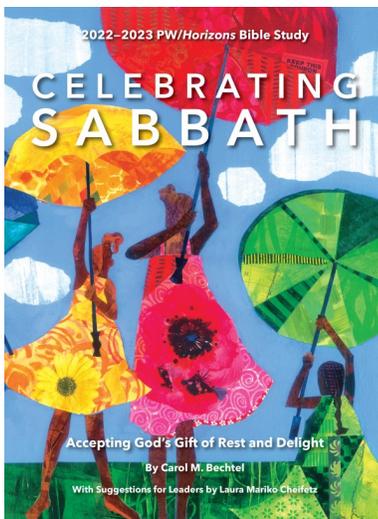
This circle is a circle of fellowship!

They typically meet the last Friday of each month at a local restaurant to enjoy lunch and conversation!

Contact Julie Drumheller for information: jdrumheller@woh.rr.com

Evening Circle

This circle meets on the first Wednesdays at 7pm from September to June. They will be hybrid meetings! You can participate in this circle in person at church in the West Parlor or via zoom, link emailed to participants.



This group will be studying the 2022-2023 PW/ Horizons Bible Study: *Celebrating Sabbath— Celebrating God's Gift of Rest and Delight* by Carol M. Bechtel

Supports: Mercy Manor and Samaritan Health Center

Co-leaders:

Susan Day greymaster95@gmail.com

Kathleen Lauri-Lewis greymaster98@yahoo.com

Serendipity Circle

Meets second Wednesdays at 7 pm at members' homes.

If pandemic or bad weather interferes with their meeting they resort to Zoom doing a virtual meeting.

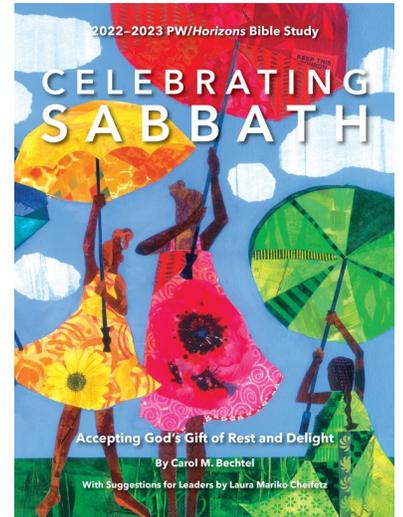
Supports: The Castle and The Foodbank

Study program: 2022-2023 PW/Horizons Bible Study—*Celebrating Sabbath -Celebrating God's Gift of Rest and Delight* by Carol M. Bechtel

Co- Leaders:

Candy Powers clatta136@gmail.com

Barbara Wilson bobbiewilson3@aol.com



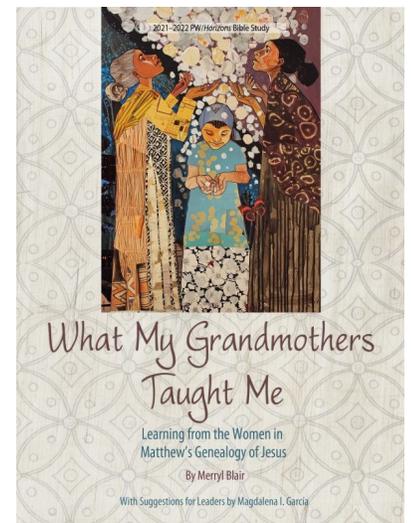
Sunshine Circle

Meets second Monday of each month Sep-May, 9:15-11 am in the West Parlor

Study program: *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus* by Meryll Blair (the PW study guide from 2021-2022)

Supports YWCA Shelter

Leader: Julie Drumheller jdrumheller@woh.rr.com



Who's who?

Your coordinating team for 2022-2023

Immediate Past Moderator (2022 - 2023)	Jennifer de Vries
Moderator (2022 - 2023)	Dominique Myers
Vice-Moderator (2022 - 2023)	Position open
Secretary (2022 – 2024)	Mary McKinley
Treasurer (2021 – 2023)	Martha Bell
Publicity (2022 – 2024)	Jennifer de Vries
Local Mission (2022 – 2024)	Position open
Global Mission (2021 – 2023)	Skylar Gladden (finishing the 2nd year of the term)
Studies / Spiritual Development (2021 – 2023)	Sandy Vining
Justice and Peace (2021 – 2023)	Elizabeth Herr
Search Committee (2021 – 2023)	Jean Bindeman
Search Committee (2021 – 2023)	Position open
Search Committee (2022 – 2024)	Sara Frease
Search Committee (2022 – 2024)	Position open
Church Women United Key Woman	Martha Shields

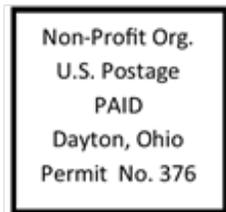
WPW Coordinating Team Meetings **for 2022-2023**

25 October 2022
22 November 2022
28 February 2023
28 March 2023
23 May 2023

All upcoming WPW Coordinating Team meetings will be on ZOOM at 7 pm
Meetings are open to all, not just members of the coordinating team! Interested in joining us?
E-mail Dominique at dbm54@outlook.com and she'll make sure you get the zoom link!

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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

The Fall Gathering will be a hybrid meeting - held in person and via ZOOM on September 21 - mark your calendars!!

The Rev. Dr. Richard Baker will present an introduction to the Horizons Bible Study for 2022-23

Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight

Details and registration on the church website!

