



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Women of Westminster, welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Women!

Westminster Presbyterian Women (WPW) follows a rich heritage of women providing unique opportunities for fellowship, study, leadership, and service. Together, we devote our time, energy, and talent to the service of others. We utilize our energy and contributions in local, national, and global outreach. We seek to enrich our own lives as we search to understand what it means to be true Disciples of Christ. We invite all women of the church to join us in our quest to improve the world in which we live.

You can find more information about us:

by reading the information contained herein

by contacting one of our current members (see Member Directory, pages 18-23)

on the bulletin board across from the church library

on the web at <https://www.westminsterdayton.org/westminster-presbyterian-women>

or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/WestminsterPresbyterianWomen>

Please note:

The Westminster Presbyterian Women Yearbook (lists of names, addresses, emails, phone numbers and other personal information) may not be used for any purpose other than for official Westminster Presbyterian Women business/functions.



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Purpose

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ

Forgiven and freed by grace through faith, the central figure stands in praise.

and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves:

Rooted in faith, the trio of women emerges. The outline of the central figure forms a cross. We are engrafted in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is no longer we who live, but Christ who lives in us.

to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,

The right figure holds a book to guide her reading, studying, praying and meditating.

to support the mission of the church worldwide

The left figure reaches out to care for others as she shares, nurtures and heals. The circle represents the global community wherein we offer our gifts and talents.

to work for justice and peace,

The uplifted arms of the central figure reach out to embrace a just peace. The relationship among the three figures depicts lives of wholeness.

and to build an inclusive, caring, community of women

The three women have no distinct features. They represent all women. The shapes surrounding them express energy, strength and openness.

that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Our name, Presbyterian Women, ties us to our denomination. The Bible resembles the Bible depicted in the PC(USA) Seal.

and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

Guided by the Purpose, Presbyterian Women witnesses to the reality of God's present realm.

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2025-2026 WPW COORDINATING TEAM

The Coordinating Team (CT) is comprised of elected officers and appointed circle leaders and project coordinators, and representatives of/to linked organizations who together lead WPW.

2025-2026 Officers:

Moderator	Dominique Myers
Treasurer (2023 – 2025)	Martha Bell

Circle Leaders:

Evening Circle (Study)	Joyce Ferguson
Serendipity Circle (Study)	Candy Powers
Sunshine Circle (Study)	Julie Drumheller
Lunch Bunch (Fellowship)	Julie Drumheller

Project Coordinators:

Memorial Receptions	Julie Drumheller and Joyce Ferguson
School Kit Mission Project	Dominique Myers
Period Justice Mission Project	Dominique Myers
Pecan Sales Mission Fund Raiser	Julie Drumheller/Dominique Myers
Kroger/DLM Rewards Mission Fund Raisers	Martha Bell

Representatives of/to Linked Organizations:

WPC Staff	The Rev. Nancy Hodgkins
Presbyterian Women	Candy Powers
Church Women United	Martha Shields

WPW PROGRAM YEAR CALENDAR

Period Justice Mission Project – Dominique Myers

Year-around, free period products provided to the two schools WPC supports, Dayton YWCA, the Women's and Children's Shelter, the Castle, and WPC (in support of the staff and congregation as well as WPC visitors--worship, weddings, memorial services/receptions, tutoring, ID Ministry, Labyrinth walks, meetings, etc.)

Kids (formally School) Kit Mission Project – Dominique Myers

Annual (July – September) - 150 school kits built each year, packaged, and then dropped off at Church World Services' local pick-up point for delivery world-wide

Pecan Sales Mission Fundraiser – Julie Drumheller and Dominique Myers

Annual (October-December)

Memorial Receptions – Julie Drumheller and Joyce Ferguson

Year-around, on-demand – volunteers decorate Fellowship Hall and prepare and serve delicious foods and drink as requested by families after their loved one's memorial service.

Coordinating Team Meetings – Dominique Myers

As needed, 4th Tuesday of the month, 7 pm, via Zoom

WPW CIRCLE INFORMATION

Evening Circle meets on the first Wednesday of the month in member's homes, 7-9 pm. Those that wish to, join online via Zoom. Meetings include social discourse, an ice breaker, brief business meeting and bible study. Two exceptions are the December and June social gatherings. All are welcome, contact Joyce Ferguson at joycereliv@gmail.com for more info.

Study Program: "Soul Feast" by Marjorie Thompson

Leader: Joyce Ferguson

Members:

Martha Bell
Terry Biers
Jan Culver
Jennifer de Vries

Julie Drumheller
Joyce Ferguson
Pam Helsingier
Sharon Jones

Susan McCoy
Carol Self
Donna Shell

Zoom link and information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84152206445?pwd=RnllUVZQL2hubVBQTVplb3pPVWp2UT09>

Meeting ID: 841 5220 6445; Passcode: 967352

Serendipity Circle meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 pm, at members' homes in September, October, April, and May. Meetings in November, February, and March are at 6 pm, Panera Bread, 1203 Brown Street, Dayton, Ohio 45409. Social events are scheduled in August, December, and June. All are welcome. Contact Candy Powers at clatta136@gmail.com for more information.

Study Program: *From Widows to Warriors, Women's Stories from the Old Testament* by Lynn Japinga

Leader: Candy Powers

Members:

Julie Arnold
Sara Frease
Jorja Gladden
Effie Sue Kemerley
Sherri Maleki
Mary McKinley

Candy Powers
Leah Randall
Sally Swartz
Amy Tomich (Treasurer)

Sunshine Circle meets the second Monday of each month Sep-May at One Lincoln Park (9:30 – 11:00) except for Dec and Jun socials; refreshments/fellowship begin 15 min earlier. All are welcome, contact Julie Drumheller at jdrumheller@woh.rr.com for more information.

Study program: Lessons 1-4 of the 2025-2026 PW/Horizons Bible Study: *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ* by Rhashell D. Hunter, plus movies, Christmas luncheon, and End-of-Year Brunch.

Leader: Julie Drumheller

MEMBERS:

Marianne Bailey
Janie Bee
Julie Drumheller
Gail Evans
Carol Faulkner
Sally Frost

Pam Helsinger
Andrea Hirtle
Linda Lane
Judy McCormick
Dominique Myers
Carol Porter

Sally Sexton
Elaine Shawhan
Wanda Stofer
Betsy Whitney
Betty Sue Wydman

Lunch Bunch is a circle of fellowship. We typically meet the last Friday of each month at a local restaurant to enjoy lunch and conversation. All are welcome, contact Julie Drumheller at jdrumheller@woh.rr.com for more information.

MEMORIAL RECEPTION TEAM

Volunteers prepare and serve attractive and delicious foods at receptions as requested by families after their loved one's funeral or memorial service. These receptions are coordinated by WPW members, with many cooks, bakers, and servers participating.

To join this team, contact Julie Drumheller at jdrumheller@woh.rr.com or Joyce Ferguson at joycereliv@gmail.com

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN GREATER DAYTON

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.

Details about our local CWU may be found on the website: www.cwudaytonoh.org. Local CWU Newsletters are 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; offering 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/>

Please contact WPW's Key Woman, Martha Shields, martha.shields@earthlink.net for more information.

WPW SPONSORED HANDS-ON MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Kids (prev School) Kit Project – Donate or sponsor one or more kits - \$10 each

By sponsoring one or more of the 150 school kits we build/deliver to Church World Services annually, you can make a materiel difference in the life of one or more children. Our goal for 2025 is to surpass 1,000 donated kits (12 colored pencils, 1 2-pocket folder, 1 glue stick, 1 spiral notebook, 6 pencils, a pencil sharpener, a large eraser, a box of 24 crayons, a pair of scissors, a 12" ruler, and a pencil pouch packed in a 12" X 14" canvas bag).

Kids kits, one of the most asked for means of support, are distributed world-wide to school children following disasters, in need, and/or displaced for any number of reasons so that they might have the means to entertain themselves and/or return to school as quickly as possible.

Kits are valued at \$15 each and CWS asks for an additional donation of \$2 per kit to cover transportation costs; however, because we buy all school supplies during back-to-school sales, even with recent increases in prices and changes to the kit itself (we did have to buy some generic vs name brand items but quality wasn't sacrificed), we are still able to build kits and cover the cost of transportation for \$10 per kit.

To contribute to WPW's Kids Kit project, please send a check to WPC with an annotation that your donation is for WPW's School Kit Project or donate on line at westminsterdayton.org/WPW/School Kits.

Period Justice Project – Donate pads & tampons, and/or monies to buy them

New for 2025! By supporting this project, you can make a materiel difference in the lives of women and girls in need of period products.

A recent survey found that a great number of women and girls across the country struggle to buy period products. When this happens, they stay home, use products for too long, or use items not designed for that purpose. Such practices can result in infections, toxic shock syndrome, and even death.

Through this project, free period products are being provided to the two schools WPC Supports, the Dayton YWCA, the Women's and Children's Shelter, the Castle and WPC (in support of the staff and congregation as well as visitors--worship, weddings, memorial services/receptions, tutoring, ID Ministry, Labyrinth walks, meetings, etc.)

To support this Project, please drop off pads and/or tampons in the designated box next to the "School Bus" across from the office or donate monies for this project via check to WPC (with an annotation that your donation is for WPW's Period Justice Project) or donate on line at Westminsterdayton.org/WPW/Period Justice Project.

Memorial Receptions – Bake cookies, set up the room, prepare food and drink, serve attendees, clean up afterwards

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To join this team, please contact Julie Drumheller at jdrumheller@woh.rr.com or Joyce Ferguson at joycereliv@gmail.com

Pecan Sales Mission Fund Raiser – Spice nuts, label bags, weigh and bag spiced nuts, fill orders, distribute orders/sell pecans after worship

We order pecans directly from Whaley's Pecans, and they are sent to us fresh off the pecan trees in Troy, Alabama. They arrive just in time for holiday baking and gift giving. WPW has been using the sale of pecans as a mission fundraiser since 2016. The proceeds from the sale support local and global mission projects. The amount ordered each year has increased as our church members appreciate the freshness and quality of the pecans. Where we started with less than 300 pounds, our last order was for 624 pounds. We started with selling only mammoth halves and pieces. We added spiced brown sugar/cinnamon and roasted herb several years later.

To join this team, please contact Julie Drumheller at jdrumheller@who.rr.com

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH PW's GLOBAL MISSIONS

Celebration Giving:

The PW Mission Pledge is an annual pledge to Presbyterian Women that is over and above tithes and other support to the church. This is accomplished at Westminster through our Dedicated Giving and Circle giving. Contributions to the Mission Pledge fund the work of PW at all levels and the mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Without the mission pledge, the church's ministry in the world would noticeably shrink. For more than 25 years, Presbyterian Women has been on the move, fulfilling the PW Purpose around the world.

Birthday Offering:

The Birthday Offering is a special offering collected in the spring of each year to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. No giving guidelines are suggested other than "give as you are blessed." The offering funds up to five specific projects that are not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support.

Thank offering:

The Thank Offering is a PW offering collected in the fall of each year that gives women a tangible way to express their gratitude for the special blessings in their lives. At least 40 percent of this offering supports health ministries throughout the world. The remaining 60 percent is used to fund new creative ideas for mission.

Fellowship of the Least Coin:

The Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC), started in 1956 by Shanti Solomon of India, has always been a prayer movement, without emphasis on the amount of money collected by women offering their country's least coin (in the U.S., a penny) for each time they pray for peace, justice, and reconciliation among families and communities worldwide. As a result, the FLC does not publicize the amount of money collected. The FLC Grants, awarded through Church Women United, can be viewed in the November/December issue of Horizons magazine. (Note: Monies collected are forwarded to Church Women United in Greater Dayton to be sent to the national CWU organization)

OTHER GLOBAL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)
Church World Service
Heifer International
PC(USA)
General Assembly Mission Council World Mission
Synod of the Covenant
Presbytery of the Miami Valley – Presbyterian Women (PW)

LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Kroger Community Rewards Program:

WPW is in competition with other tax-exempt groups for a portion of \$1.25 million dollars per quarter each year. Sign up at krogercommunityrewards.com and enter the code WC213 and confirm WPW.

Dorothy Lane Market Good Neighbor Program:

Those who have a DLM card or register for one can earn monies for WPW's mission by linking the card to WPW, account 211.

The following items are collected each Sunday morning in the Narthex:

Metal can pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House - aluminum pull tabs from any container (soda pop, soup, pet food, etc.)

Digital hearing aids and eyeglasses for the Lions Club

Each circle supports one or more local missions. You are also invited to assist local missions directly. Some of their needs include:

Artemis, 310 W. Monument Ave., 937-461-5091

Agency assists domestic violence victims

Needs: any type of phone, computer or accessories

Care House, 741 Valley St., 937-512-1670

Child Advocacy Agency

Needs: travel size personal care items, craft items, juice boxes and snacks

Clothes that Work, 1133 Edwin C. Moses Blvd., 937-222-3778

Assists adults to obtain work by dressing appropriately

Needs: business attire clothing for men and women, clean, pressed, and on hangers.

Dayton City Jail, 41 N. Perry St., 937-225-4160

Need: Bibles

Domestic Violence Shelter (YWCA), 41 W. Third St., 937-222-6333

Emergency shelter for battered women

Needs: toiletries, period products, disposable diapers, bottles, pacifiers

Mercy Manor, 25 Grosvenor Ave., 937-268-0282

Provides a safe, spiritual residence for homeless women with histories of addiction, incarceration, and/or abuse while they re-establish themselves

Needs: casual clothing for women, laundry soap, kitchen paper products

Samaritan Health Center, 921 S Edwin C Moses Blvd, 937-461-1376

Formerly known as the Samaritan Homeless Clinic.

Provides “complete package” health and wellness services regardless of ability to pay.

Needs: travel size or larger personal care items, to include period products

The Castle, 133 North Main Street, Centerville, OH 45459 937-433-3931

A gathering place of trust and friendship that supports people with mental illness and disorders to achieve their highest level of competence and independence.

Needs: food, monies for transportation and supplies, aluminum cans (recycle for cash)

The Food Bank, 56 Armor Pl., 937-461-0265

Primary source of food for hunger relief network in the Miami Valley through the acquisition and distribution of food to agencies that feed hungry people throughout Montgomery, Greene, and Preble counties

Needs: non-perishable foods or cash to buy food items.

OTHER PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

Being part of a connectional church, we are part of the PW Presbytery of the Miami Valley, PW Synod of the Covenant, and PW Churchwide.

Presbyterian Women, Presbytery of the Miami Valley
www.miamipresbytery.org

PW Synod of the Covenant
www.synodofthecovenant/presbyterianwomen.org
<https://www.facebook.com/synodpw>

Churchwide Presbyterian Women
www.presbyterianwomen.org
www.facebook.com/presbyterianwomenpcusa

WPW STUDY RESOURCES

The 2025-2026 PW/Horizons Bible Study: *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*, by Rhashell D. Hunter

Horizons (The Magazine for Presbyterian Women)/Bible Study
<https://www.pwpcusahorizons.com/> or call 866-802-3635

Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/>

Westminster Resource Center (Library)

Learning Resource Center
Southminster Presbyterian Church
7001 Far Hills Ave., Dayton, OH 45459
937-433-1810
Email: library@sminster.com www.sminster.com
Quarterly Newsletters
<http://www.pcusa.org/browse/resourcesresource/tag/quarterly%20news/>

Tools for Leaders
<http://pma.pcusa.org/ministries/pw/leadership/>

Presbyterian Women on the web <http://pma.pcusa.org/ministries/pw/about/>
or, call 844-PWPCUSA (844-797-2872)

PW on Twitter www.twitter.com
Sign up, then search for PWPCUSA and “follow”

PW on Instagram – www.instagram.com
Sign up, then search for Presbyterian Women PCUSA

PW on Pinterest www.pinterest.com
Sign up, then search for Presbyterian Women

PW on YouTube www.youtube.com/presbyterianwomen
Subscribe to YouTube to see the latest PW videos

PW on Flickr www.flickr.com/photos/presbyterianwomen
PCUSA’s store www.pcusa.org/store
Order PW resources through the online store or by calling 800-524-2612

Past Moderators

2022-2025	Dominique Myers
2021-2022	Jennifer de Vries
2020-2021	Jorja Gladden
2018-2020	Pat Torvik
2016-2018	Sandra Vining*
2014-2016	Joyce Ferguson
2012-2014	Betty Hoevel
2009-2012	Julie Preisser
2007-2009	Marjorie MacKeown*
2005-2009	Jane Rininger*
2003-2005	Pat Torvik
2001-2003	Sharon Jones
1999-2001	Ruth Price
1996-1999	Betty McCready*
1994-1996	Linda Lane
1993-1994	Mim Clute*
1991-1993	Mrs. Robert W. Chambers (Enez)*
1989-1991	Mrs. Lawrence Durnell (Mae)*
1987-1988	Mrs. Margaret Neff*

*Deceased

Past Presidents

1985-1986	Mrs. Delmar Reagan (LaDonna)*
1983-1984	Mrs. Lawrence Hadlock (Pauline)*
1981-1982	Mrs. David Clute (Mim)*
1980	Mrs. John M. Gogle (Mickey)*
1977-1979	Mrs. Leonard C. Cato (Helen)*
1975-1976	Mrs. George L. Yingling (Mary)*
1973-1974	Mrs. Harry E. Kohl (Dorothy)*
1971-1972	Mrs. Thomas C. Kennedy (Mildred)*
1969-1970	Mrs. John M. Gogle (Mickey)*
1967-1968	Mrs. Alison S. Kline (Louise)*
1965-1966	Mrs. Robert F. Freeman (Ruth)*
1963-1964	Mrs. Aaron S. Cook (Lois)*
1962	Mrs. Ernest W. Kruse (Murl)*
1961	Mrs. Robert Grannis (Katherine)*
1959-1960	Mrs. Kenneth Evans (Margaret)*
1957-1958	Mrs. J. Herbert Halderman (Dorothy)*
1955-1956	Mrs. Melvin Oosting (Julia)*
1954	Mrs. John D. Coleman (Betty)*
1952-1953	Mrs. S. Norman Park (Harriet)*
1950-1951	Mrs. John Ballentyne (Aileen)*
1948-1949	Mrs. C. B. Small (Frances)*
1946-1947	Mrs. Hugh Ivan Evans (Edith)*
1944-1945	Mrs. William Hackney (Maude)*

*Deceased