



Presbyterian Women of Eastern Oklahoma
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PRESSING MATTERS

From the Moderator

Happy Prosperous 2019 Presbyterian Women of Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery!
As we jump full steam ahead toward our **July 25 – 27, 2019 PW Synod Gathering** the words of the song “This is the Moment” ring in my ears – *“This is the moment, this is the time, this is the year, this is the day, this is the hour, when all the dreaming, planning, and scheming become one.”* This IS the year of our PW Synod Gathering and this IS the time to mark your calendars so that you can register to attend this Event on the day Registrations become available on-line. You will not want to miss one hour of our Synod Gathering as we become one in fellowship with the other PW across our Synod from the Presbyteries of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas. There are so many wonderful workshops, interesting speakers and presenters planned for you to experience not only from within our Synod but also from our National headquarters in Louisville, KY and beyond! A Speaker of special note is Rev. Eugenia Gamble, author of ***Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments, 2019-2020 Horizons Bible Study***. How often are we privileged to have an in-person overview and presentation of a Horizons Bible study by the author? Please give yourself the priceless gift of attending this Synod Gathering that we, Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery, are honored to host at First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa. You will not only be enriched but blessed by all the wonderful engaging opportunities to grow as a PW of PC (USA). This IS the Moment! Seize it!

Spring Gathering, Saturday April 27, at First Presbyterian Church, Claremore is another important Event for PWEOP. We are privileged to have as our Guest Speaker Kathy White, our In-coming PW Synod Moderator, who will be installed at our Synod Gathering. Kathy, a member of First Presbyterian Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas, is presently our PW Synod Treasurer. Kathy is knowledgeable, interesting, FUN, delightful! She will share more interesting information concerning our up-coming Synod Gathering and other items which will be valuable for all of us! Come meet down-to-earth Kathy at our Spring Gathering.

When working with our PW Coordinating Team who is planning other up-coming events such as our PWEOP Fall Workshop I think of “The Train.” The train is our life. We board it and there we meet our parents. At different times in route, other people such as siblings, spouse, friends, and those we barely notice board the train. We experience joy, sorrow as well as other emotions and experiences. At various points people, including our parents, step down from the train. We too will eventually step down. What we do while on the train will be how we are remembered. What will be our legacy? Did we make a positive difference in the lives of those who traveled with us? We, your PWCT are trying to make a positive difference for PWEOP, are always open and interested in your input; and are also looking for PW who would like to board our train by serving with us on our PW Coordinating Team.

God’s Richest Blessings, Grace, Peace, and Love as we travel together throughout 2019!

Sandra Hayes, Moderator
PW of Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery

2019 Calendar of Events:

April 27 Spring Gathering First Presbyterian Church, Claremore, OK

July 25-27 Synod Gathering First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, OK

August 17 Fall Workshop John Knox Presbyterian Church, Tulsa

PREVIEW OF SYNOD GATHERING WORKSHOPS

Intro to PW - Susan Jackson-Dowd

Ministry of Presence - Laurie Kraus

Suddenly Single - Bobbie Heimbach

When Roles Reverse - Judy Harris

PW Leadership - Anne Little & Joyce Batty

Pastors & Leaders - Eugenia Anne Gamble

PW Mission Justice & Peace - Joy Durrant

Puppet Ministry - Mary Ann Sweeney

PDA Update - Laurie Kraus

Safety for the Seemingly Defenseless - Tracie Lewis

Bible Story Telling Artist - Susan Murphy

Women of Abrahamic Faiths - Sara Leavitt & Sara Rana

Grief - Diane Pennington

PW - What's New? - Susan Jackson-Dowd

Understanding Millennials - Askala Harris

Helping Others Live Abundantly - Teresa Waggener

In addition to our outstanding Guest Speakers, Worship Services, and Plenaries, there will be opportunities for Mission Projects, learning experiences, and FUN! This is going to be a successful and memorable PW Synod of the Sun Gathering!

BIRTHDAY OFFERING



When the Woman's Auxiliary became Women of the Church in 1948, and when Women of the Church joined

with United Presbyterian Women in 1988 to form Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA) in 1988, the Birthday Offering continued to be an important part of women's "second-mile" giving. While the projects and donation amounts have changed, Presbyterian Women's commitment to improving the lives of others has not. We continue to need broad, consistent support from Presbyterian women and others in order to continue funding mission projects like the ones selected for 2019.

To learn more, visit www.presbyterianwomen.org

STUDENT GRANTS

Deadline for Student Grant application is March 1st!

Churches or individuals can obtain the application and guidelines at <https://www.eokpresbytery.org/pw>

Completed application, financial information form, official transcripts, and three personal recommendation forms must be sent to the Student Grant Coordinator by **March 1st**.

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Synod of the Sun



First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa
709 South Boston Avenue
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Plan to come for stimulating learning experiences, mission projects, worship services, and fellowship!!



Rev. Katie Cummings

Rev. Cummings is senior pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Bentonville, Arkansas and currently is pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree at Austin Seminary. As the keynote speaker she will lead both worship services and will present two plenaries on the theme of "Live Abundantly in Christ" from John 10:10.



Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson

Rev. Chancellor-Watson is the associate pastor at St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church in New Orleans, Louisiana. She will assist with the worship services and will prepare the Friday and Saturday morning devotionals which will be included in the Gathering program booklet.



Rev. Eugenia Gamble

Rev. Gamble has held various positions in several PCUSA churches and is currently serving as the pastor at Nipoma Community Presbyterian Church in Arroyo Grande, California. She is author of the Presbyterian Women's 2019-2020 *Horizons* Bible study on the Ten Commandments.

HAPPENINGS IN OUR PRESBYTERY

Day of the Dead

One of the PW circles from First Presbyterian Church in Bartlesville had a Day of the Dead party on October 28, 2018. Day of the Dead is a Mexican party to celebrate and remember their ancestors. At this party circle members watched the movie Coco and brought Mexican food to enjoy. They also brought pictures of their families and talked about their own ancestors.

Alzheimer's Program

At the April PW circles gathering at First Presbyterian Church in Bartlesville, Bill Dausses, a member of our congregation, talked about how to prevent and how to beat Alzheimer's. From information he had researched and presented, there are three ways to prevent Alzheimer's and one way to prevent and beat Alzheimer's.

- 1) Get eight hours of sleep each night. During REM sleep your cerebral fluids, which are a natural lubricant, carry away beta amyloids, which are the main component of the amyloid plaques found in the brains of Alzheimer patients.
- 2) Get plenty of physical activity such as walking or working out.
- 3) Practice good eating habits. Sugar is not your friend.
- 4) Learn something new every day and repeat it often. This builds new synapses. This step has been proven scientifically to prevent and beat Alzheimer's.

It was an interesting presentation and gives us something to think about and some steps to take for good health.

Raising Money for Mission

On Saturday, October 27, 2018, the Cherokee Nation hosted a craft sale in Nowata in which the Bartlesville First Presbyterian PW participated. We also had a booth at the Dewey craft sale on December 8, 2018. Through these sales, we raised funds to purchase feminine products for the CONCERN pantry and The Lighthouse, our homeless shelter. These are products needed by women and rarely donated.

Project Underwear

John Calvin Presbyterian Women collected new underpants, pull-ups, band-aids, baby wipes, and socks which were donated to Skelly Elementary School. They collected over 200 pieces of clothing to help the children stay warm and study hard! The items were collected in a Little Yellow School Bus in Fellowship Hall. Monetary donations were also accepted!

The Meal

The Meal is a community dinner offered by the members of First Christian Presbyterian Church of Pryor, OK. It is free to the community and strives to bring the community together once a week. The tradition is close to 10 years old. The Meal is held every Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 pm. An invitation is extended to all!

Advent Celebration

The McAlester PW hosts yearly an Advent Celebration which consists of a 30 minute worship service and refreshments. Dec 13, 2018 April Brown, the church organist, presented "Joy Beyond Circumstance" for the PW and guests.

MISSION

PW Circles send to Charlotte Pauley a copy of completed or on going mission projects from 2018. Our Mission Coordinator will acknowledge the circles at Spring Gathering.
dcpauley@att.net

SEARCH COMMITTEE

Greetings! It is time to find a new Moderator for EOP-PW! Duties include leading Coordinating Team and PW meetings such as Spring Gathering and Fall Workshop. It may require some travel. Co-coordinators are also a possibility.

Please prayerfully consider how you may serve our Presbyterian Women. Contact Julie Burton at julie.a.burton@att.net.

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Registration Volunteers

Contact Sally Judge to volunteer for registration duties for the Synod Gathering in Tulsa. We will need 2-3 people manning the registration tables on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. You will check off names, hand out bags and name tags. The shifts will be an hour. You will not miss any of the scheduled events of the Gathering.
sal@rjudge.net or 918-424-8555.

Synod Search

It is time for the Search Committee for Presbyterian Women Synod of the Sun Coordinating Team to begin its work so we will have a slate of officers to present at our March 28 meeting. We need your help getting nominations for the following positions:

Mission Interpreter
 Historian/*Horizons* Representative
 Leadership Coordinator-Elect
 African-American Coordinator
 Justice and Peace Coordinator
 Search Team member

The Nomination Forms can found at <http://www.sospwconnect.com/synod-search-biographical-form/> or be requested from Ruth Anne Camp at rajcapc@aol.com or Ruth Anne Camp, 1035 Dudley Road, Kilgore, TX 75662.

TELL YOUR STORY

PW staff requests stories, photos and videos of Presbyterian Women “in action” that can be shared on our website, in Horizons magazine, and through PW social media. The stories can be about outreach, starting a circle, or general activities. Stories can be sent to Yvonne Hileman (yvonne.hileman@pcusa.org) or Sharon Gillies (sharon.gillies@pcusa.org) ; photos or videos can be sent to Laura Lee(laura.lee@pcusa.org) or Stephanie Morris (stephanie.morris@pcusa.org)

The Mission Relations Committee needs your help with articles. All PW are encouraged to provide mission content for the PW Website and Quarterly Mailing, and Horizons. Stories from local PW's are encouraged! Follow-up stories from previous Birthday and Thank Offerings recipients are an excellent resource. A list of EOP area recipients is provided below. Inspire other circles. 500 words would be great. Don't worry about your grammar or writing abilities, that is why they are called editors. Send stories to Cheri Harper cheri.harper@pcusa.org

Birthday Offering

Goodland-Hugo 1976 \$116, 910

Thank Offering

Alzheimer Unit-Muskogee 1991 \$20,000

Okmulgee County Adult Day Care Center-Okmulgee 1991 \$15,000

Design for Tomorrow Capital Campaign Muskogee-Tulsa 1992 \$10,000

All Options Clergy Counseling Program-Tulsa 1994 \$6,000

Court Appointed Special Advocates of Muskogee-Muskogee 1998 \$4,040

Transitional Living Centers of Oklahoma-Tulsa 2011 \$32,000

Kendall Whittier Inc., Emergency Food Pantry-Tulsa 2013 \$10,000

A full list can be found at https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/what_we_do/support-mission/

The PW 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.

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