

THE GENEVA LINK



Newsletter for
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

in the Presbytery of Geneva
Winter/Spring 2015



COME TO THE SPRING GATHERING **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ULYSSES** **SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015!**



On Saturday, May 2, women from Geneva Presbytery and their ecumenical friends are invited to attend the Spring Gathering hosted by First Presbyterian Church of Ulysses, 69 East Main St, Trumansburg. **The day begins with registration from 9-9:30 a.m. and the program will conclude by 2 p.m. The suggested donation for the day's activities, including a deliciously prepared lunch, is \$5.00. Mark your calendars now and plan on bringing a friend!**

Rev. Cheryl Peebles of Trumansburg will lead worship. Our program theme will be "Community Gardens—Food Production." Our speaker, Mark DeCracker of Lyons, an avid photographer and founder/board member of Trail Works, Inc. The mission of Trail Works is to develop and/or designate nature trails without barriers that everyone can enjoy, regardless of mobility. With Mark's efforts and the support of the Lyons community, Trails Works, Inc. has built the Trail of Hope (www.trailofhope.org) which is an accessible trail with themed gardens adjacent to the Lyons Community Center. In partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension's "Creating Healthy Places," school children have helped to plant beautiful flower and vegetable gardens along the trail.

During our "share" time after lunch, we will learn what other communities around the Presbytery are doing with their community gardens, as well as outreach food programs.

Your Presbytery Coordinating Team and our hostesses at Trumansburg First Ulysses hope you will join us for this day of fellowship, learning and inspiration.

Don't forget:

- Bring your CWS school and hygiene kits for collection!
- Bring your church's Birthday Offering for dedication!
- Bring news of community gardens in your area for our sharing time!
- Bring a friend!



***And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food."
(Gen.1:29)***

See last page of newsletter for registration. Registration deadline is April 22.

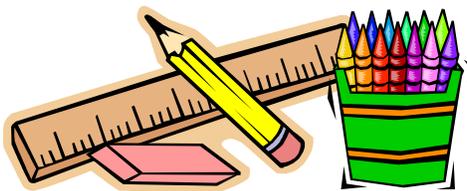
URGENT NEED FOR SCHOOL KITS

Back-to-school shopping is a rite of passage, but for many the basic necessities of school life are out of reach. **CWS School Kits** are filled with pencils, erasers, scissors, crayons and more and give children in need what they need to succeed.

To assemble a School Kit you will need:

(All items must be new)

- One pair of blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)
- Three 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (**no loose-leaf or filler paper**)
- One 12" ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
- One large eraser
- Six new pencils with erasers
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)



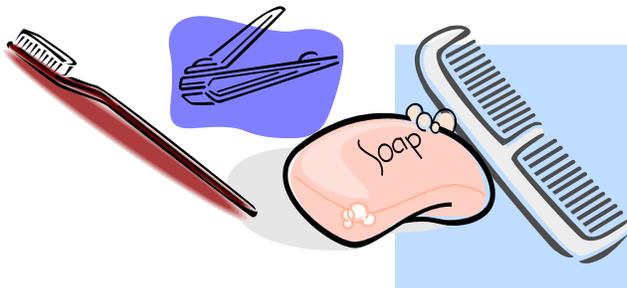
Bring your donations
of school and
hygiene kits to the
Spring Gathering,
May 2, in
Trumansburg!

In the face of natural disasters, violence, or grinding poverty, **Hygiene Kits** can mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families.

To assemble a Hygiene Kit you will need:

(All items must be new)

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb
- One nail clipper
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original package)
- Six standard size Band-Aids®



Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure, remove excess air from bag, and seal. Please **do not add toothpaste** to the Hygiene Kit. (Cartons of toothpaste that have an extended expiration date will be added to Hygiene Kit shipments just prior to shipment.) **Please do not add additional items, such as cards or toys. These will be removed by CWS before distributing.**

A donation of \$2 for each kit for shipping is also requested and appreciated—that money is to be given or sent to Treasurer Lou Tarr so your group can receive credit for the donation.



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

See Church World Service web site www.cwsglobal.org for more information.

Questions?? Contact Lois Carter
607-742-0301 or carterlois@hotmail.com

Your PWP Coordinating Team

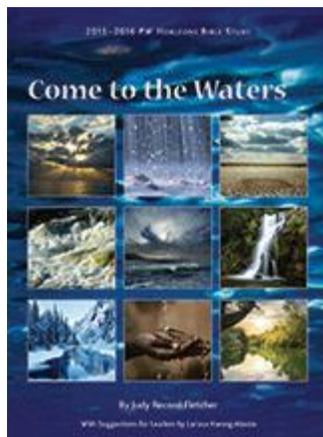
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*We welcome your input and ideas! Please consider attending the next Coordinating Team meeting! Help revitalize Presbyterian women in your church! Learn what is happening around the Presbytery and be the essential connection between your church women, the presbytery, and beyond! **The next meeting is July 29, 9:30 at Ovid Federated Church.** Contact any team member above for more information.*

NEW SUBSCRIBERS RECEIVE HORIZONS FREE!

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HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY



2015–2016 Come to the Waters by Judy Record Fletcher

Did you know you receive a free copy of *Come to the Waters* with your paid subscription to Horizons magazine? Subscribe by April 1, 2015, to receive this study. Subscribe after April 1 and receive the 2016–2017 Horizons Bible Study as part of your subscription.

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Horizons, P.O. Box 421, Congers, NY 10920-0421.

Come to the Waters - The 2015-2016 Horizons Bible Study

May 5-7, 2015, Stony Point Center

*nestled in the Lower Hudson River Valley, between New York City and West Point
17 Cricketown Road, Stony Point, NY 10980.*

Come to the Waters by the Rev. Judy Record Fletcher is the Horizons Bible Study for 2015-16. The lessons of the study feature stories and images of water in the Bible. Just as water nourishes our bodies, so the passages on water nourish our spirits. The study opens with the chaotic waters of Creation and ends with the River of Life in the Revelation to John. Baptism, the absence of water, and streams of mercy are some of the other lesson themes. Women studying ***Come to the Waters*** will have their spiritual thirsts quenched as they grow in faith and understanding.

The full program begins with dinner on Tuesday and ends with lunch on Thursday. Registration and check-in will start on Tuesday at 4:00 PM.

The registration fee of \$260 covers meals and a shared double room in one of our lodges. If requested at registration, a limited number of private rooms may be available at an additional cost. Commuter rate is \$160. Call 845-786-5674 x 107 with any questions. **Register online for the workshop at:**

www.stonypointcenter.org/horizons



TELL ME AGAIN . . .

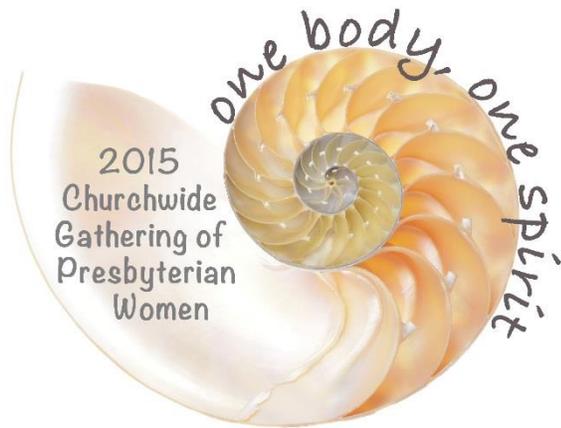
WHAT IS THE BIRTHDAY OFFERING?

The Birthday Offering is collected in the spring of each year to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. The offering funds up to five projects not included in on-going General Assembly mission support. **This year the Ministries Offering Committee chose Community of St. Therese of Lisieux and Bethesda Christian Community Center to receive grants from the 2015 Birthday Offering.** Gifts to the 2015 Birthday Offering will allow these ministries to support women in Memphis, Tennessee, and Barranquilla, Colombia, who are overcoming oppressive, violent situations. The actual grant amounts for these worthwhile programs

will depend on gifts received in 2015. The goal for the offering is \$500,000. **It is suggested women offer one cent, ten cents, or even a dollar for each year of their age.**



The offering will be dedicated at the Spring Gathering, May 2 at Trumansburg First Ulysses. You may also send your contributions directly to Lou Tarr, 0505 Waterloo-Geneva Rd, Waterloo, NY 13165 after it has been collected in your group or congregation.



June 18-21, 2015
Minneapolis, MN
Hyatt Regency

What is the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women?

The Gathering, held once every three years, is an opportunity for Presbyterian women from across the country (and around the world!) to gather for worship, education, community-building, fun and renewal. Participants will enjoy workshops, tours, and forums with inspiring speakers and worship. PW’s triennial Business Meeting takes place the day before the Gathering (6/17-6/18) where budget, leadership and programmatic emphases will be decided. *Mary Cree from Park Presbyterian in Newark is our designated voting representative for Geneva Presbytery.*

Themed “One Body, One Spirit,” the 2015 Gathering will explore 1 Corinthians 12:12–27:

“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”

*Registration details are available in the Nov/Dec 2013 Horizons, and online at:
<http://www.pcusa.org/resource/2015-pw-churchwide-gathering-registration-booklet/>*

The Synod of the Northeast is offering \$250 scholarships for first-time attendees. The application form is available on the PWSNE website: pwsne.org/scholarships.htm.

*A small group of women from Geneva Presbytery are making plans to attend the Gathering.
Contact Virginia Champlin to coordinate travel & accommodation plans.
danvirginia@aol.com or 585-526-5841.*



Can’t go this year? Consider sending a \$10 Target gift card with someone going. The gift cards will benefit the American Indian Family Center in St. Paul, a program which provides services to Native American women during the prenatal/postnatal periods. Gift cards will be collected at the registration area and dedicated during a worship service at the Gathering. The Churchwide offering recipients will be ECPAT (Ending Child Prostitution and Trafficking) and Hogar Clara Lair (a women’s shelter) in Puerto Rico.

PROPOSED PW PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA BUDGET FOR 2015

Receipts (anticipated):

From local PWs for Churchwide	\$4,500.00	
PW in NE Synod	1,000.00	
PW in Geneva Presbytery	1,200.00	
Thank Offering	1,500.00	
Birthday Offering	1,200.00	
Fellowship of the Least Coin	500.00	
Memorials	50.00	
Honorary Life Memberships	100.00	
Resources	100.00	
Church World Service	150.00	
Gatherings	100.00	
Other Gifts (Courtesy	-0-	
<u>Savings Interest/Dividends</u>	<u>-0-</u>	
Total Anticipated Receipts	\$10,400.00	



Expenses:

Support PW Churchwide	\$4,500.00	
in NE Synod	1,000.00	
Thank Offering	1,500.00	
Birthday Offering	1,200.00	
Fellowship of the Least Coin	500.00	
Memorials	50.00	
Honorary Life Memberships	100.00	
Church World Service	150.00	
From support of PW in Geneva Presbytery:		
Administration Presbytery PW	200.00	
Resources	100.00	
Gatherings/Day of Inspiration	150.00	
<i>LINK</i> /Directory Printing and Postage	100.00	
Camp Whitman	500.00	
Scholarships	300.00	
<u>Cluster Leaders</u>	<u>50.00</u>	
Total Anticipated Expenses	\$10,400.00	





On the 25th day of every month,
Observe Orange Day
 As part of the United Nations International campaign to end violence against women and girls.
 Learn more at <http://endviolence.un.org/orangeday>.
 Raise awareness!
The date of November 25 was chosen to commemorate the Mirabal sisters, three political activists from the Dominican Republic, who were brutally assassinated in 1960 during the Rafael Trujillo dictatorship (1930-1961).

Mark your calendars now!

FALL GATHERING
Camp Whitman
 On Seneca Lake

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2014

One Body, One Spirit

*A sharing of the events from
 the PW Churchwide Gathering*

*More information coming in the
 Fall Geneva Link newsletter*

In Memoriam

Entered the Church Triumphant

Sylvia Belle Harding
(10/4/1924—12/6/2014)

Majel Ann Pentz
(5/25/1936—1/12/2015)

*Recognizing the passing of
 faithful members of the
 Geneva Presbytery Coordinating
 Team for many, many years. They
 are sadly missed.*

NEWS FROM CAMP . . .

Camp Whitman 2015 Wish List

- Construction Paper • **WHITE T-SHIRTS** • RIT dye • **scissors** • straws • **googly eyes** • **MASKING TAPE** • scotch tape • small glass jars • shaving cream • **liquid water color paint** • finger paint • 3 gal. buckets • paper plates • **origami paper** • colored copy paper • balloons • popsicle sticks • **SIDEWALK CHALK** • ping pong balls • ball pump • cast iron Dutch oven • hot glue sticks • **ELMER'S GLUE** • **staples** • glitter • turn-crank ice cream maker • rock salt • **KAYAK PADDLES** • 14 ft. boat & 60HP motor with trailer • **golf carts** • silverware • Tupperware • microwave oven • **extension cords** • surge protectors • toothpaste • toothbrushes • **WATER SHOES** • towels • travel size shampoo & soap • **Target gift cards** • BJ's gift cards • **AMAZON.COM GIFT CARDS**



WHITMAN HIRING FOR SUMMER

Camp Positions available include:

Program Coordinator (for adults/youth with Developmental Disabilities)

Camp Nurse	Aquatic Director
Lifeguards	Camp Counselors
Head Cook	Assistant Cook
Prep/Cook/Dishwasher	

Spread the word and encourage qualified applicants to call the Presbytery at (315) 536-7753 or visit campwhitman.org website for more information and job descriptions.

Camp Whitman Open House & Chicken BBQ

Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake
150 Whitman Road
Penn Yan, NY 14527

Saturday, June 6, 2015
12:00 noon - 4:00 PM

Come and see what Camp Whitman has to offer. Explore the trails and visit the waterfront. Guided Tractor-pulled wagon tours will be available.

Chicken BBQ dinners \$9.00 & halves \$6.50
available until sold out!

Reservations are not required.

Camp Whitman Sunday!

Make Sunday, April 26, 2015 "Camp Whitman Sunday" at your church!

IDEAS FOR WORSHIP—INVOLVE CAMP IN WORSHIP—SHARE YOUR STORIES OF CAMP WHITMAN—REACH OUT TO YOUR COMMUNITY ABOUT CAMP—DONATE ITEMS ON THE CAMP WISH LIST—DONATE WHITE T-SHIRTS OF ANY SIZE—OR DEDICATE A SPECIAL OFFERING ON THIS SUNDAY!

Camp is building faith. Camp is an energetic and loving adventure. Camp is where relationships are nurtured and acceptance is practiced.

Camp is Our Church's Local Mission!

Come to the

Presbyterian Women of Geneva Presbytery



Spring Gathering

Saturday, May 2, 2015

9:30 am - 2 pm

First Presbyterian Church of Ulysses

69 East Main Street

Trumansburg, New York

Community Gardens—Food Production

Registration & Coffee:

9:15 a.m - 9:45 a.m.

Worship and Communion Leader:

Rev. Cheryl Peeples of Trumansburg

Program Speaker:

Mark DeCracker of Lyons, founder of Trail Works, Inc.

- Communion Worship
- Collection of CWS Health & School Kits
- Dedication of the Birthday Offering
- Presentation of 2015 Budget
- Commissioning of Attendees & Voting Delegate to Churchwide Gathering

Please let us know you are coming by pre-registering!

(See back for form)

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yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth,

and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. (Genesis 1:29)

(please register by April 22, 2015)

Registration Form for May 2, 2015 Geneva Presbytery
Spring Gathering in Trumansburg, NY



Name: _____

Address: _____

Church: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Special Dietary or Other Needs: _____

Mail registration to:

Attn: Bobbie Farrell
First Presbyterian Church of Ulysses
69 East Main St.
PO Box 597
Trumansburg, NY 14886

**See YOU at the
Spring Gathering!
Invite a friend to
come with you!**

Check Enclosed (\$5 donation suggested, payable to FPCU).

Or register by email to Bobbi Farrell: jftburg@aol.com
(Please provide the above requested information.)

Or register by phone: Church Office 607-387-8185 (leave a message)

Call the church (607) 387-8185 or Bobbi Farrell 607-387-5408 for more information.