

# Presbyterian Women

*in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley  
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## *Fall Gathering*

*Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come  
Supporting Mission*

*Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley  
will gather on Saturday, October 27, 2018  
at Second Presbyterian Church, Newark, OH*

Greetings to you from the Presbyterian Women (PW) of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley. The theme for our 2018-2019 year is “*Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come*” and the Fall Gathering theme is “Supporting Mission”. Speakers will be from the WIC – Licking County Health Department and the YWCA & Newark Church joining the keynote about addressing food needs. Workshops will be on:

PCUSA Bible Studies around Hunger

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/practice-just-eating/>

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/presbyterian-hunger-program-bible-study/>

Intergenerational Game on Poverty (Ages middle school –

adults) <https://www.unitedwaydanecounty.org/wp-content/uploads/SkittlesGame.pdf>

Worship will be led by the Rev. Sarah Juist, Pastor at Hanover Presbyterian Church.

**The Mission Ingathering will be for the Choice Food Pantry as part of the Food Pantry Network of Licking County. At this time we could use the following items:**

- **Canned vegetables**
- **Macaroni & Cheese boxes**
- **Soup**
- **Ready Meals – Ravioli, Beef stew, etc.**
- **Tuna**

**Thanks. Ruth Cooper, Moderator, PW of Second Presbyterian Church, Newark**

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### From the Moderator, Charlsie Ramsey

I know the change of seasons will happen in Ohio, and I like the changing. Even so it is always sort of a surprise when the days seem to suddenly take on the feeling of fall. And as I was thumbing through my many books, this piece about a day seemed to fit in with my train of thought. I like his description of a day, hope you do, too.

“**The Life of a Day**” - By Tom Hennen, a former park ranger and poet in Minnesota.

“Like people or dogs, each day is unique and has its own personality quirks which can easily be seen, if you look closely. But there are so few days as compared to people, not to mention dogs, that it would be surprising if a day were not a hundred times more interesting than most people. But usually they just pass, mostly unnoticed, unless they are widely nice, like autumn ones full of red maple trees and hazy sunlight, or if they are grimly awful ones in a winter blizzard that kills the lost traveler and bunches of cattle. For some reason we like to see days pass, even though most of us claim we don’t want to reach our last one for a long time. We examine each day before us with barely a glance and say, no, this isn’t one I’ve been looking for, and wait in a bored sort of way for the next, when, we are convinced our lives will start for real. Meanwhile, this day is going by perfectly adjusted as some days are, with the right amount of sunlight and shade, and a light breeze scented with a perfume made from the mixture of fallen apples, corn stubble, dry oak leaves, and the faint odor of last night’s meandering skunk.”

-- And this is one of the many, many days that the Lord has made.

**Now for a request:** I serve on the Older Adult Ministry Task Team for Scioto Valley Presbytery. The National Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network (POAMN) has asked our Committee to host their 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional One Day Conference on Aging, here in Columbus on Friday, October 12, 2018, to be held at Worthington Presbyterian Church. See details on Presbytery’s web site under Events.

We need conference volunteers for the afternoon of Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> to help prepare food; and/or Friday anytime, October 12<sup>th</sup> to help cook, serve and/or cleanup. Would any of you like to help us out? You could still attend some workshops (free). Please call me (740-322-3028) or Jeannie Harsh, Executive Presbyter (614-562-1775). Thank you so much.

*Until next time: May your life be like a wildflower, growing freely in the beauty and joy of each day. -- A Native American Proverb, (“A Grateful Heart”)*

*Charlsie*

From the Vice Moderator for Studies and Spiritual Development, Juliana Boamah-Acheampong

## Serve God Continuously and Pray for your family

When we talk about family we often refer to our spouse, children, siblings and parents and extended family aunts, uncles and their offspring's. As Christians, we can say all of God's children are our family and so our church family, our school/work family, our community/country family. During the last week in August most of us were glued to our television following the biography and celebration of life of three very special people: Kofi Annan, the former UN Secretary General (first Ghanaian and African) to hold a global position; US Senator John McCain, the highly decorated Prisoner of War (POW) who became one of the most inspiring long time serving US Congressman; and Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul recognized as one of America's greatest singers in many styles—all of blessed memory. May their souls rest in the Lord's bosom.

The common thread in these three unique persons is each one of them lived by some virtue which enabled them to devote their talents, time and treasure to serve the community and to make the world family more humane. *"To live is to choose, but to choose well, you must know who you are and what you stand for, where you want to go and why you want to get there"*, says Kofi Annan. A twin, Kofi Annan innately believed he must share and care for others as he shared his mother's womb with his twin sister. *"Always moving on and not focusing on yesterday .... I serve my country"*, says John McCain. *"Being a singer is a natural gift. It means I'm using it to the highest degree possible, the gift that God gave me to use. I'm happy with that"*, says Aretha Franklin. As a faithful Christian, do you have a quote or creed that distinctly defines you?

In the Bible we learned how Daniel endlessly served and trusted God despite being thrown in the lion's den. *"May the king live forever! My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found."* (Daniel 6:21-22).



If we trust in God, then we must persistently do the right things for our family, friends and neighbors because God will never forsake us. It is easier said than done so let us practice beginning every day and every activity with prayer and devotion. Our Lord will surely renew our spiritual strength to realize the ordained path for our Christian life.

**Juliana**

From the Vice Moderator for Justice and Peace, Karen Hjelm

## Sustainable Development Goals

The Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including those related to poverty, inequality, climate, environmental degradation, prosperity, and peace and justice. The Goals interconnect and to leave no one behind, it is important that we achieve each Goal and target by 2030.

**Goal 1:** End poverty in all its forms everywhere. Poverty is more than the lack of income and resources to ensure a sustainable livelihood. Its manifestations include hunger and malnutrition, limited access to education and other basic services, social discrimination and exclusion as well as the lack of participation in decision-making.

According to the Ohio Poverty Report of 2018, 1,645,000 people in Ohio are poor. That is 14.6 per cent of people in Ohio are poor. The National rate is 14.0 per cent. Poverty rates throughout the world are much higher. We are supposed to be an affluent society, so why are the poverty rates an affluent society so high?

Presbyterian Churches have programs that provide some help to those in poverty. Deeper knowledge of the why of the poverty rates might help us to take more effective action. At Covenant we have tried twice to hold a "Poverty Simulation" but we have not been able to recruit the numbers to sustain this learning experience. What are the reasons for this? Apathy, fear?

### Goal 2: Zero Hunger

It is time to rethink how we grow, share and consume our food. If done right, agriculture, forestry and fisheries can provide nutritious food for all and generate decent incomes, while supporting people-centered rural development and protecting the environment.



Right now, our soils, freshwater, oceans, forests and biodiversity are being rapidly degraded. Climate change is putting even more pressure on the resources we depend on, increasing risks associated with disasters, such as droughts and floods. Many rural women and men can no longer make ends meet on their land, forcing them to migrate to cities in search of opportunities. Poor food security is also causing millions of children to be stunted, or too short for the ages, due to severe malnutrition.

A profound change of the global food and agriculture system is needed if we are to nourish the 815 million people who are hungry today and the additional 2 billion people expected to be undernourished by 2050. Investments in agriculture are crucial to increasing the capacity for agricultural productivity and sustainable food production systems are necessary to help alleviate the perils of hunger.

Many Presbyterian Churches have food pantries, and many have Community Gardens. This is a step in helping to alleviate hunger. The Presbyterian Hunger Program is looking into the amount of food that is wasted in our country. Our churches can do more. In a state as wealthy as ours why do 1 in 5 children struggle with hunger. Childhood hunger affects the children for the rest of their lives.

Please educate your congregations on the Sustainable Development Goals of 2030. Understanding the issues is one step in a path to understanding and action.

### Karen

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From the Vice Moderator for Mission,  
Beth Malchus-Stafa

My focus this year is on hunger. Something to think about: Many of our community's social problems that have the common risk factor of hunger. For example:

- Health - hunger affects pregnancy by increasing a child born prematurely, brain development, food insecurities are disproportionately affected by diet-sensitive chronic diseases such as diabetes and high blood pressure. For children - risk of chronic illnesses like asthma and anemia.
- Education - hunger affects concentration, children feeling stigmatized and shamed, behaviors of anxiousness and irritability that affect the school environment. School readiness and brain development.

Our next gathering will be focused on Hunger.  
WHY?

I recently heard Heath Rada's, 221 PCUSA Moderator [youtube video](#). Rada was interviewed about his thoughts regarding hunger and the dream to end hunger in the world.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0LQVTHii7rI>

Quoting him: “We are called by Jesus to work on Hunger issues. And, **We** are a church of justice and compassion.” We are living in serious times and priorities seem to be upside-down. But, I believe we as a church with God’s help can make a difference. Heath Rada also called us to pray daily to God about hunger. The following is a prayer from Bread for the World.

[www.bfw.org](http://www.bfw.org)

**Dear God,** we prayer today for

- Children in the U.S. and around the world whose families suffer from food insecurity, especially during this school year, during the weekend when a school lunch is not provided,
- Parents struggling to make ends meet, that they would find a steady and sufficient source of income to provide food for their families
- The Church, that we would be the hands and feet of Jesus in our respective neighborhoods to those suffering food insecurity.
- Our nation's leaders, that they would value nutrition programs and consider them a priority in their agenda.

## Beth

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### TREASURER’S REPORT

BEGINNING BANK BALANCE:	\$ 4012.83
INCOME/DEPOSITS	
3rd QUARTER MISSION PLEDGE	\$ 3295.64
3rd QUARTER MISSION PLEDGE	\$ 2022.75
SUMMER GATHERING LUNCHES	\$ 420.00
SUMMER GATHERING OFFERING	\$ 517.25
DONATION/ANONYMOUS GIFT	\$ 300.00
VOIDED CHECK #1842/ Winter Gathering/Waverly	\$ 50.00

TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 6605.64
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$ 10618.47

#### EXPENSES/CHECKS

SUMMER PACKET POSTAGE	\$ 55.00
SUMMER NEWSLETTER PRINTING	\$ 97.05
2018-2019 YEARBOOK DIRECTORIES	\$ 250.00
SUMMER GATHERING	\$ 740.00
P.W. PCUSA HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP	\$ 95.00
ANONYMOUS GIFT/Rev. Ramsey for Worldwide Gathering	\$ 300.00
PRESBYTERY OF SCIOTO VALLEY/3rdQUARTER	\$ 247.60
SYNOD OF THE COVENANT/3rd QUARTER	\$ 247.60

#### PW in the PC (USA) (3rd Quarter)

Mission Pledge	\$ 1980.80
Birthday Offering	709.50
Thank Offering	1924.80
Least Coin	113.09
TOTAL PW 3rd Quarter	\$4728.19

TOTAL EXPENSES:  
\$ 6760.44

CHECKBOOK BALANCE September 15, 2018  
\$ 3858.03

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Shuster, Treasurer

**Please remember that 4th Quarter Payments are due  
December 5, 2018**



Clergywomen recognized attending the August Gathering: Rev's: Jeannie Harsh, Sarah Juist, Ann Palmerton, Charlsie Ramsey, Joan Bollinger, and Becky Hart. Annie Melick had to leave before the picture was taken.

Have you gotten the latest news from Presbyterian Women – nationally? Don't miss it. Click here:

<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/quarterly-newsletter-third-quarter-2018/>

Do you know what happened at the Churchwide Gathering? Who went from Scioto Valley?



Nancy Shuster, Jeannie Harsh, Martha Pool, Juliana Boamah-Acheampong, Betty Kennedy, Judy Oeder, Susan Imel, Judy Pflaumer, Desiree Youngblood, Ann Walker, Charlsie Ramsey, Louise Davidson.

**New Officers for PW Churchwide**, elected for 2018-2021:

Jyung In Lee, Moderator (middle)  
 Jo Ann Burrell, Vice Moderator for Mission Relationships (left)  
 Joy Durrant, Vice Moderator for Justice and Peace Concerns (right)



*Presbyterian Women understands that scripture asks us to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. As such, Presbyterian Women provides information about justice and peace and ministry to inform mission and community-building work.*

**What's all the hub about sexual misconduct?  
 What can you do?**



Creating Safe Ministries:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/legal-resources/creating-safe-ministries/>

The Presbytery also has a Healthy Boundaries Policy -

<https://psvonline.myworshiptimes31.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/81/2017/12/Healthy-Boundaries-approved-document-11182017.pdf>



*PW PSV  
will meet at  
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October 27, 2018*

Directions:  
Take 161, which changes to 37 Newark. Take ramp for OH-13 – Mt. Vernon Rd. going south. Turn left on W. Locust St. (Exxon on the corner) Keep straight on E. Locust St. Turn right onto N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Turn right onto E. Church St.

<b>Registration Deadline:</b> Friday, October 19, 2018	Names of those coming from your church
Cost per person is \$10.00	
PLEASE PRINT	
NAME _____	
HOME ADDRESS _____	
PHONE _____	
CHURCH _____	
	<b>Use other side for additional names</b>
Special dietary needs: ___Vegetarian___Diabetic___Low Sodium___Allergies	
Total # coming _____	Total amount enclosed \$ _____
Please send registration to: Nancy Shuster, Registrar/Treasurer, 3660 Colonial Drive, Hilliard, Ohio 43026 or call her at 614-519-9755 or email her, <a href="mailto:nandshu@aol.com">nandshu@aol.com</a>	(Make check payable to PWPSV)

