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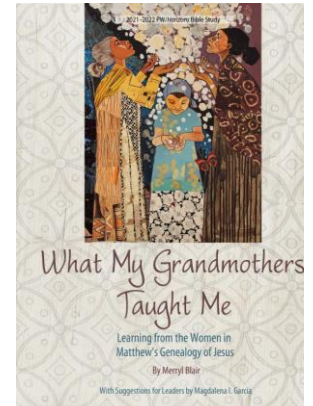
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Horizons Bible Study Group

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The Presbyterian Women of Giddings Lovejoy have begun the 2021-2022 Horizons Bible Study – What My Grandmothers taught me; The Women in the Genealogy of Jesus. Some of those Grandmothers include Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary. The study began in September, with one study per month. We hope you will try to join us and others from around the Presbytery for this study, by Merryl Blair (with suggestions for Leaders by Magdalena I. García.) Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary— Matthew names these women for a reason. How might Jesus have heard the stories of his grandmothers? What might the young Jesus have felt, as he heard about his family? What might the stories of these women have added to his sense of identity, as part of a particular family in a particular time and place? And what can Jesus's grandmothers-of-the-faith teach us? By exploring these stories together, we will have a richer idea of what the good news is! It's not too late to join in the study, and If you are interested in the study, please contact Cheryl Rainey at ambroandro@hotmail.com.



2021-2022 Annual Yearbook Now Available

The Annual Yearbook for PW of Giddings-Lovejoy can now be found on the PW webpage. The new electronic format will make it easier to update and will allow easier access. If you have questions about the directory, please contact Penny St. James at pearobins@aol.com

1. Go to the PW Webpage <https://qlpby.org/services/presbyterian-women/>
2. Click on the link for the directory

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Join PW Advocacy – Apply to be a Delegate for CSW



In 2022, thousands of advocates for gender justice will gather online for the 66th Commission on the Status of Women. Would you like to join Presbyterian Women's delegation?

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women. Each annual session of the Commission focuses on a specific priority theme and a review theme.

The focus of the 66th session of the Commission is achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies, and programs. The review theme is women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work. Throughout the Commission there will be opportunities to engage in advocacy efforts, to plan and participate in worship services, to attend and lead educational events, and to share these experiences using social media and other communication tools. Delegates are expected to participate in some manner in all four of these—advocacy, worship, education, and communication while participating in the Commission and the Forum. Learn more or apply to join the PW delegation.

Please note: The deadline for applications is December 10, 2021! [Apply now.](#)

PW's 2022 Annual Fund

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit." – John 15:5

Dear PW Sisters, Greetings!

A PW friend of mine shared with me that stewardship is not about more people to donate more money, but rather more people enjoying the community that arises from working on shared purpose. I think that summarizes PW's Annual Fund very well! We are forgiven, free and called by God to participate in God's cosmic mission. We can take a step toward it through Presbyterian Women uniting around the PW Purpose. By living out our commitments in Jesus Christ, we become actors in God's stories, we build relationships along the way, and we participate in life-changing transformations. The pandemic helped us see life and ministries in new ways. I am proud that PW Sister not only continued to support each other during the pandemic, but also through PW's Birthday and Thank Offerings, supported organizations in the U.S. and abroad that are striving to bring more love and abundance to this world. I am also grateful that the events of 2020 motivated so many to work for racial justice and equity, and to focus more intentionally on building the "Beloved Community."

I invite you to be part of Presbyterian Women's continuing stories of faith, relationships and transformations all made possible by the Annual Fund.

Jyungin Lee
2018-2021 Churchwide Moderator

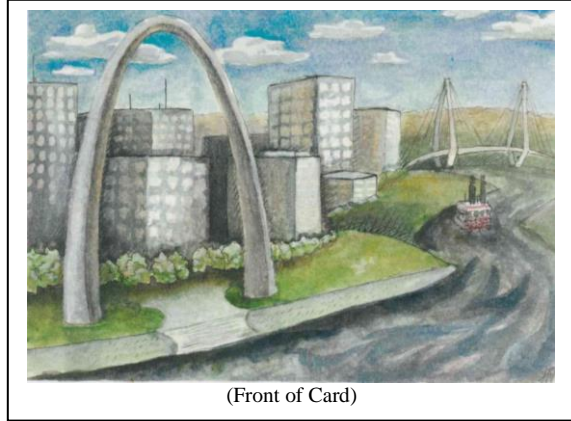
For more information on PW's Annual Fund [Click Here.](#)

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PW Note Cards Now Available for Purchase

The Presbyterian Women of Giddings Lovejoy are offering bundles of premium note cards for sale. A bundle of five is only \$5. Proceeds will be donated to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The outside is a drawing of the St. Louis riverfront which includes the iconic Gateway Arch. The inside is blank for you to write your own personal message.

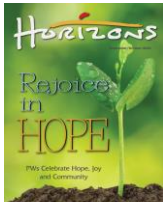
These beautiful note cards were to be sold at the National PW Churchwide Gathering which was to be held in St. Louis, in August. However, due to the pandemic it had to be moved to an online format.



(Front of Card)

Just in time for the holidays, these cards would make great stocking stuffers!

Get yours today by contacting the Presbytery office for at 314.772.2395.



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Dear Lord,

I pray to You my Father above, that You influence all decisions. I, my Family and my friends make today. You're our pillar of support and we want you to support us throughout the day by giving us the capacity. God we need You to back all actions and decisions that surround us today. Let positivity follow us, oh Lord. And allow us the wisdom to avoid any negative occurrence in our time of need. We thank You, Lord, for gracing us with Your presence.

Amen,
--Anonymous

Source Cited: <https://www.womansday.com/life/inspirational-stories/g28783957/daily-prayers/?slide=10>



PW MISSION

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.

We welcome your comments and suggestions. If you have an upcoming event that you'd like included in the Linkletter please let us know. Thank-you!

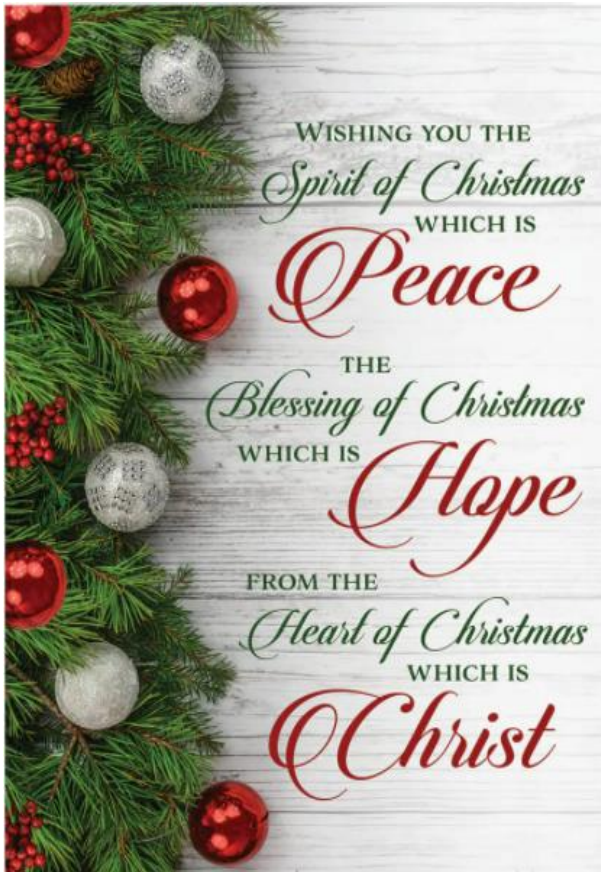
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Have a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!



May this wonderful season fill your life with every good and perfect gift bestowed from God above.

Merry Christmas!

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