



KEEPING IN TOUCH

Presbyterian Women of the Peaks



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The PW Coordinating Team of the Presbytery of the Peaks publishes a monthly newsletter in order to keep in touch with Presbyterian Women during this season of isolation and uncertainty due to the COVID-19 virus. We will present a topic of interest each month and ask that you share the newsletter with your ladies about what is happening in the Peaks in support of Presbyterian Women.



Presbyterian Women are remembering . . .

The voting representatives to the 2000 Churchwide Business Meeting of Presbyterian Women unanimously approved a resolution declaring Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) an antiracist organization and reaffirmed Presbyterian Women's 1997 commitment to strive to eradicate racism. Today, we talk about these commitments in terms of practicing cultural proficiency, practicing cultural humility, and striving for racial equity.

Presbyterian Women Churchwide has created the following set of guidelines regarding what a culturally proficient identity means. These guidelines should shape the interactions of all PW groups.

Presbyterian Women is a community where

- all persons are treated with respect,
- all gifts are valued and encouraged, and
- diversity is a gift to be valued.

Presbyterian Women is an organization that

- enables and facilitates effective interaction in a diverse working environment,
- nurtures the best performance and fullest contribution of each member of the community, and
- works in a collegial style.

Participating in Presbyterian Women means we are people who

- willingly examine our own cultural norms and standards and
- are free to be heard for who we are.

As an organization committed to cultural humility, Presbyterian Women works intentionally toward transforming culture by

- becoming self-conscious critical practitioners of culture,
- understanding the dynamics of power in an organization,
- learning how to create an environment that is welcoming to diversity and to change, and
- increasing its commitment to becoming an inclusive, caring community.

(from PC(USA) PW website)

We ask that each of our churches remember this, and if you need support from me to help you in any way, please feel free to call me at 434-793-0409, or e-mail me at eleasewilson@comcast.net.

Please be safe, and may God Bless each of you.

El ease Wilson, Racial Equity/Justice and Peace Representative
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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

How are your women's groups staying in touch? Are your women working on a mission project or a service project? Send your comments to Diane Patty at dpatty@vt.edu, and we will include some of your ideas in the newsletters to encourage other groups.

Update from Mary Peterman, Old Brick Presbyterian Church, Radford – The main project at Old Brick, the church as a whole, is to collect food and deliver it to the Shelter House for college students at Radford University. Please keep Old Brick's pastor, Robert Morris, in your prayers. He had heart surgery and is doing well.

SEND YOUR FAVORITE RECIPES FOR THE COOKBOOK

Several months ago, we announced that the Coordinating Team is gathering recipes for a cookbook we are assembling. We would like to include your favorite recipes. Include your name, phone number, and church in case we have questions about the recipe. Please send recipes to Theresa Underwood at: P.O. Box 733, Buchanan, VA 24066, or e-mail tundwood@aol.com. The deadline to submit recipes is December 15. We are excited about producing a cookbook, and we are looking forward to receiving your favorite recipes.

SAVE THE DATE

The Peaks PW Annual Gathering will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2021.
Additional details will be announced later.

We look forward to sharing Peaks PW news with you over the coming months!

Keep in touch! Have a blessed season.