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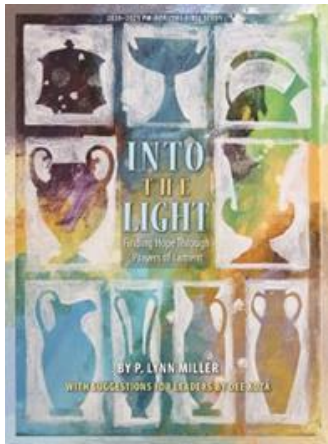
Presbyterian Women of the Peaks



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The PW Coordinating Team of the Presbytery of the Peaks is beginning 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.

For **September**, we share information that we have received about the new **Horizons Bible Study**.



The 2020–2021 PW/*Horizons Bible Study, Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament*, art and text by Lynn Miller and “Suggestions for Leaders” by Dee Koza, revives lament as a proper theological response to the difficult situations of our world.

One of the foundational points of the study is that, in scripture, lament usually leads to hope. After crying out to God, the one who laments remembers God. And while that does not fix things in the moment – the injustice, the loss, the wrong still exist – the one who laments is strengthened to face the world and to hope.

When we lament, we move from suffering to faith. In our faith, there is hope. We lament in order to hope. Recovering lament may be one of the church’s most timely gifts to the world. Explore lament with PW!

Study books are available on the website - <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/product/into-the-light-finding-hope-through-prayers-of-lament/>. The cost of the study book is \$10. Go to [YouTube Videos Lynn Miller Bible Study](#) to see Ms. Miller present an introduction to each lesson.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU – How are your women’s groups staying in touch? Are your women working on a mission project or 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.

Annual Gathering held each year in September has been postponed due to COVID-19. We hope to meet in April 2021. Keep watching for details in upcoming newsletters.

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

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