



KEEPING IN TOUCH

Presbyterian Women of the Peaks



April 2021 Edition

Please share this newsletter with your ladies about what is happening in the Peaks in support of Presbyterian Women.

ANNUAL GATHERING

Saturday, April 24, 10:00 a.m.

Virtual Gathering

Enter the meeting by no later than 9:45 a.m.

Listed below are instructions for accessing the virtual gathering. Please share this information with the ladies in your church.

INVITATION VIA ZOOM TO THE APRIL 24 PEAKS PW ANNUAL GATHERING:

Helen Dean is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE PEAKS

Time: April 24, 2021, 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89808752020?pwd=WEFH5nMzb1RyYjV2d29pbnI5VkRXQT09>

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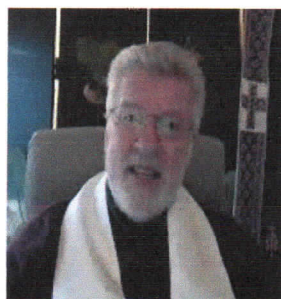
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The program includes discussion of a change in Peaks PW Bylaws, approval of the proposed budget for 2021, a service of remembrance to honor ladies who passed away in 2020, and election and installation of Peaks PW Coordinating Team members.

We are pleased to announce that Ruling Elder Elona Street-Stewart, Co-Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), will be our guest speaker. The Rev. Dr. Carl Utley, General Presbyter of the Presbytery of the Peaks, will install Peaks PW Coordinating Team members.



Elona Street-Stewart is a descendant of the Delaware Nanticoke Tribe and is the first Native American to serve as a Moderator of the PC(USA), as well as the first to serve as a Synod Executive in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). A Ruling Elder and a longtime staff member of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies, she has served in the synod since 1994. Before taking the position, she had been the synod's Associate for Racial Ethnic Ministries and Community Empowerment. We are excited that she will be our speaker for our April 24 Annual Gathering. Looking forward to seeing you!



The Rev. Dr. Carl Utley will install the new members of the Peaks Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team. He has been in the Peaks for seven years, starting with his interim pastorate at Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church from January 2014 until August 2015. He then served as interim at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Roanoke from January 2016 until April 2017. He served as Transitional General Presbyter from May 2017 until his recent appointment to the permanent position of General Presbyter of the Presbytery of the Peaks. We thank Dr. Utley for his involvement with and support of Presbyterian Women!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO YOU THE WEEK OF APRIL 19. You will need this information for the Gathering on April 24.

PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S HOME OF THE HIGHLANDS

Many Presbyterian Women's groups and your churches support the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands, Inc. (PCHH) in Wytheville and the services they provide for children at the residential living facility. Billy Rice, Executive Director, has updated us on the activities at PCHH. **Please see the next page for Billy's report.** For additional information about the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands, please contact:

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Wytheville, VA 24382

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PCHH Over 100 Years of "Giving Children Hope and Purpose for the Future."

Billy Rice, Executive Director



Greetings from the Children's Home! I want to give you an update on how things have gone here during the pandemic. The campus has been closed to visitors since March of 2020 in an effort to ensure the safety of our children and staff members. There has

been only one case of COVID-19 among our staff and none for our children, so we have been successful in that area. We hope to be able to open up the campus soon and hope that some of your groups will take the time to visit us!

One of the biggest adjustments we needed to make over the past year is handling virtual education for our children. We quickly realized that we needed to upgrade our Internet capacity to give our children smooth and uninterrupted service. We upgraded to fiber optic cable and it has been an excellent investment. Virtual education is here to stay in some form, and our connectivity will allow us to be ready for whatever our children need in this area.

We could not make investments such as this without the generosity of our supporters, and the Presbyterian Women continue to be an integral part of our ministry. During 2020 we received \$10,432 from 39 different PW groups across Virginia. This does not include the in-kind gifts, such as food and supplies, which many PW groups bring for our children. Your faithful love and generous support is a blessing in our children's lives, and I ask that you continue to make our ministry a priority in 2021. We pray that everyone stays safe and well, and look forward to the day when we can see each other face to face!

Billy



DID YOU KNOW...

Over 865 residents have lived at the Children's Home since 2000

Six (6) of our ten (10) buildings are over fifty-five (55) years old

Approximately 90% of the children who enter our care are victims of domestic violence

Most of the children coming into care are an average of two (2) years behind in their school grade

Approximately 75% - 80% of the children in Southwest Virginia are affected by opioid abuse

Parent opioid addiction in Southwest Virginia has increased 500% in the last few years and greatly impacts their children

PCHH provides ministry to both girls and boys allowing us to keep siblings together and an easier path to family reunification

We need your love & support!

YOU COMPLETE OUR MISSION...



Scan to watch a full length video on our ministry



SEND YOUR FAVORITE RECIPES FOR THE COOKBOOK

We are still taking recipes for the cookbook we are assembling. Please send your favorite recipe(s) to Theresa Underwood, P.O. Box 733, Buchanan, VA 24066, or e-mail tundwood@aol.com. Include your name, phone number, and the name of your church, in case we have questions about the recipe. Invite others in your church to send recipes, also.

The recipe below has been submitted for inclusion in the new cookbook. **Janet Rakes** of Blacksburg Presbyterian Church sent in the recipe and shared that the dish was served at Camp Hat Creek at a Peaks PW Coordinating Team retreat a few years ago. Enjoy baking!

Carrot Souffle

Serves 8 but easily doubled, etc., to serve 32

2 pounds carrots, chopped
½ cup melted butter
1 cup white sugar
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 eggs, beaten
1 teaspoon confectioners' sugar
for dusting

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add carrots and cook until tender, about 15 minutes. Drain and mash. To the carrots add melted butter, white sugar, flour, baking powder, vanilla extract, and eggs. Mix well and transfer to a 2-quart casserole dish. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar. Bake 30 minutes.

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.

*We hope you and your family are well
and staying safe!
We look forward to being together
in person soon.*