

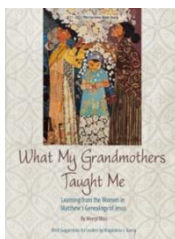
**Presbyterian Women
Presbytery of the Peaks
July 2021 Newsletter**



A REMINDER – The Peaks PW Annual Gathering will be held in person this year at Trinity Ecumenical Parish (40 Lakemount Drive, Moneta, VA 24121) on Saturday, September 25. We are working to have a great Gathering, and we will be installing **our new Moderator, Shelda Wills**. Please continue to watch for more exciting news about the Annual Gathering. We are so looking forward to seeing you on **September 25, in Moneta, Virginia – lots of room to spread out!**



Trinity Ecumenical Parish



The *Horizons Bible Study* is now available for ordering. The 2021-2022 study, written by Merryl Blair, is entitled ***What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus.***

The Peaks PW Coordinating Team wishes to keep you informed concerning activities at the Churchwide level. Even though the 2021 PW Churchwide Gathering has been cancelled, the Business Meeting and a Churchwide Gathering Event will still take place. The following material, taken from the Presbyterian Women website, provides some information for you.

Online Churchwide Gathering Event and Business Meeting

PW's Triennial Business Meeting:

When is the Business Meeting?

The Business Meeting will be online August 4, from 1 to 3 p.m. ET and August 5, from 1 to 3 p.m. ET.

How do I watch the Business Meeting?

Observers may watch a livestream on Presbyterian Women's Facebook page. Go to [PW's Facebook page](#) just a few minutes early, or whenever you can join on August 4 and 5, from 1 to 3 p.m. ET, each day! Consider a watch party with your PW group!

Voting representatives are receiving communication via email about training for the meeting. If you are a voting representative and have not received an email about training and registration for the Business Meeting, contact [Patricia Longfellow](#).

What happens at the Business Meeting?

PW's Business Meeting is where your voting representatives will make decisions about PW for another faithful triennium. Not just business, the Business Meeting is truly a star-studded event! Presbyterian luminaries such as Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson; Nancy Taylor of the Presbyterian Historical Society; PW enthusiast and past GA Co-Moderator Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri; and, of course, PW's very own outgoing and incoming moderator team will sparkle and bless!

Online Churchwide Gathering Event:

When is PW's Online Churchwide Gathering Event?

The Online Churchwide Gathering Event will be August 5, 4 to 6 p.m. ET. (It will begin after a one-hour break following the conclusion of the Business Meeting at 3 p.m.)

How do I watch the Online Churchwide Gathering Event?

The Online Churchwide Gathering Event will be held on Zoom, as well as livestreamed on Presbyterian Women's Facebook page. Zoom's capacity is limited, but the livestream on Facebook is open to all. Go to [PW's Facebook page](#) just a few minutes early, or whenever you can join on August 5, 1 to 3 p.m. ET!

How can I share this news with others?

Tell your friends to visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering. Copy or adapt this page to share in your newsletter or on your website, with [the logo for the Online Churchwide Gathering Event](#).

What will happen during the Online Churchwide Gathering Event?

The online event will include plenary and worship. During plenary, Irene Pak Lee, associate pastor at Stone Church in Willow Glen, California, will offer a keynote.

You'll also hear from PW/*Horizons* Bible study authors, present and future!

- Merryl Blair, author of *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus* (2021–2022 study)
- Carol Bechtel, author of *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight* (2022–2023 study)
- Olive Mahabir, author of *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in the Gospel of Luke* (2023–2024)

You'll hear about programs and resources that Presbyterian Women cherish and see messages of hope and thanks from individual Presbyterian Women, PW groups, and PW's ministry partners.

During worship, Rev. Diane Moffet will preach, and Austin College will provide music. Communion will be celebrated as we Rejoice in Hope, newly confident in God's promise to guide and support us and our PW community that strengthens us.

About the Gathering:

Held every three years, PW's Churchwide Gathering is an event that celebrates and can deepen your engagement in all that Presbyterian Women does. Participants enjoy workshops, tours, forums, resource gathering (and shopping!), plenary sessions with inspiring speakers, worship, and more. We will meet in person in 2024 – stay tuned!

PW's triennial Business Meeting (held just before the Gathering!) is where the voting representatives decide the budget, leadership, and programmatic emphases for the next triennium.

To ask a question or to learn more about the Churchwide Gathering or the Business Meeting, contact [Susan Jackson-Dowd](#).

**We hope you will join us for the Online
Churchwide Gathering Event and
Business Meeting!**