



KEEPING IN TOUCH

Presbyterian Women of The Peaks

August 2022 Edition



Hello, Peaks Presbyterian Women!

**WOMEN IN THE PEAKS ARE DOING A NEW THING!
IT'S A HYBRID ANNUAL GATHERING!**

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2022
10:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.**

IT'S YOUR CHOICE.

**JOIN US IN PERSON!
WE WILL BE AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1215 VES ROAD, LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA.**

OR

**JOIN US VIA ZOOM!
ENJOY THE GATHERING FROM YOUR OWN LIVING ROOM.**

(Reply to jimjanetrakes@comcast.net with your email address. The link will be sent to you prior to the event.)

No matter what you choose to do, being together will be awesome.

Our theme this year will be “Shining in the World to Make a Difference,” and we will hear from Reverend Dr. Diane Moffett, who is the President and Executive Director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Reverend Dr. Carl Utley, the Peaks General Presbyter, will bring us greetings from the Presbytery. We will also be joined by Reverend Dr. Nancy Dawson, Parish Associate at First Presbyterian, Lynchburg; and Reverend Clayton Rascoe, Executive Director of Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center.

We will hear the latest updates from our PWCT leaders, celebrate the lives of PW who passed away in 2021, and have a short business meeting to approve the budget and elect new leaders for the coming year.

MISSION UPDATE

THROUGH THE YEAR 2022, WOMEN IN THE CONGREGATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTINUE RESPONDING TO THE CHALLENGE MADE BY THE PW MISSIONS COORDINATOR TO PARTICIPATE IN A “NEW BOOK” PROJECT OF THEIR CHOICE FOR CHILDREN IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

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TOGETHER IN SERVICE – MOVING MOUNTAINS

Congregations are asked to report their “new book” mission projects to the Missions Coordinator to be shared with other PW groups. In addition to those projects previously reported, below are two project accounts:



First Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg – PW collected 65 children's books and 23 adult books for the PW of the Peaks Mission Challenge!

Members replenished Little Free Libraries (LFL) at Bedford Hills, Linkhorne, and Dearington Elementary Schools, as well as Savoy Street/Blackwater Trail and Miller Center at Lynchburg Parks & Rec. Members also took books to the Jubilee Center for their reading program. Children there are read a book every day.

Members may want to continue this project. They have books and can divide up the libraries for monitoring and possibly include several other LFL.

High Bridge Presbyterian Church, Natural Bridge – PW stepped up to the Peaks challenge and collected over 150 books for Dwinnie’s Kids.

Dwinnie is a member of High Bridge and a very active teacher of several schools in the county with approximately 40 children. She is in charge of the Rockbridge County preschool program.

The books were presented to Dwinnie during a Sunday Worship Service. Several weeks later, she shared a display showing her presentation to the children, who were delighted to take reading material home for the summer.

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION CORNER

Beginning with this newsletter, we are creating a charitable organization news corner.

Presbytery of the Peaks Presbyterian Women will occasionally include information in its newsletters submitted by organizations that may be of interest to its constituency. Thank you for supporting organizations that support PW.

PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN’S HOME OF THE HIGHLANDS, INC.

Submitted by Dale Yontz, Development Director



We live in a society today where so many of our children hurt. So many of them can’t believe that anyone cares about them. They feel alone and neglected and are scared about what their future holds for them. Your prayerful support for our ministry gives us hope in knowing that someone cares for our children. We strive daily to help them overcome the hurt they are feeling from thinking that no one cares about them.

We have enjoyed a wonderful summer here at Presbyterian Children’s Home of the Highlands, thanks to the support from our donors who do truly care for our children. We all want more than anything to see them overcome the feeling of loneliness and know that they are loved. It is a joy to see them blossom as they realize that the past they were forced to face is not their future. There is a better way of life!

One of our favorite quotes is “Children are like wet cement; whatever falls on them makes an impression.” We hope that their time with us at PCHH makes a positive impression that will make a difference in their lives. Our mission is “giving children hope and purpose for the future.” God Bless each and every child that enters our doors.

Again, please continue to pray for this ministry and the children we serve.