



# *KEEPING IN TOUCH*

## *Presbyterian Women of The Peaks*

### *December 2022 Edition*



Hello, Peaks Presbyterian Women!

**Please join the Coordinating Team in congratulating our PW Moderator, Shelda Wills,** who is retiring at the end of the year from Christiansburg Presbyterian Church. After a distinguished career, first as a high school teacher and for the last number of years the right hand of Reverend Don Makin, Shelda will retire on December 31, 2022. Beginning January 1, you may contact her at [sheldawills@gmail.com](mailto:sheldawills@gmail.com).

**Please also join the Coordinating Team in congratulating our PW Vice Moderator, Helen Dean,** after a celebrated year serving as Moderator of the Presbytery of the Peaks in 2022.

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### **NEWS BRIEFS**

**Reminder: The Annual Peaks PW Fall Packet** was sent to each PW Moderator or Contact Person in November. It included a Financial Support Form for 2023 with a request that it be returned to Shelda Wills by November 15. If you were not able to meet that timeframe, it is not too late to submit your promise of financial support. We look forward to receiving it as soon as possible. The packet also included various forms for your treasurer, a 2023 Local PW Leaders form that is due January 31, 2023, and a PW Group/Circle Report form to record historical information for 2022 that is also due January 31, 2023.

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### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2023** (More Information to Follow)

- **April 29, 2023**                      **Peaks Spring Gathering – Location TBA, Lynchburg**
- **June 8-11, 2023**                      **Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Summer Gathering, Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center, Harrisonburg**
- **September 23, 2023**                      **Peaks Annual Gathering – Location TBA, Roanoke (Watch for Surprises!)**

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## MISSION UPDATE

**PW GROUPS HAVE CONTINUED TO RESPOND TO THE CHALLENGE TO PARTICIPATE IN A “NEW BOOK” MISSION PROJECT OF THEIR CHOICE THROUGH 2022 FOR CHILDREN IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.**



### **TOGETHER IN SERVICE – MOVING MOUNTAINS**

As the year comes to an end, PW in the congregations around the Presbytery are finishing “new book” mission projects. Below are two additional reports shared from congregations.

**Christiansburg Presbyterian Church** – After learning from an elementary school teacher, who is also a member of Christiansburg Presbyterian Church, that the Little Free Libraries in the Christiansburg area were lacking many children's books, PW members decided to take action. They began collecting books suitable for children in preschool through third grade. They also requested assistance from the congregation, and the congregation did not disappoint. When the book drive concluded, PW members were pleased to report that a total of 217 books had been collected!! The children can either keep the books they get from the Little Free Libraries, or they can return them so that other children can enjoy them. This proved to be an extremely successful mission project for all concerned!



**Fairlawn Presbyterian Church** – After a very successful book drive in Radford, PW donated 106 new children's books and \$300 to the Riverlawn Elementary School. Alice Buford, PW Moderator, presented the books and a check to Anthony Kidd, Assistant Principal, and Missie Reese, Bookkeeper, at Riverlawn Elementary School. Kimberly Sink, Principal, and Lori King, Librarian, will use the money during the upcoming Book Fair at the school. Imagine the smile on the children's faces when they are presented with one of the books.

*Sending you greetings and blessings for a very  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

*Your Coordinating Team looks forward to  
mission work and fellowship together in 2023.*