



# KEEPING IN TOUCH

## Presbyterian Women of The Peaks

October 2023 Edition



Fall Colors Abound

**COMING SOON! WATCH FOR YOUR FALL PACKET OF FORMS!  
SIMPLY DISTRIBUTE THE FORMS TO THE APPROPRIATE PW  
LEADERS TO FILL OUT AND RETURN BY THE DATES INDICATED.**

### PW Celebrates 35 Years – Annual Gathering an Occasion to Remember!

On September 23, with bad weather threatening, PW found a warm welcome at Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke. Attendees received greetings from Carl Utey, General Presbyter of the Presbytery of the Peaks, and Nancy Gray, Parish Associate at Second PC. Attendees were also blessed with participation by Associate Pastor, Isabella Fagiani, from Raleigh Court PC, and Associate Pastor, Janet Chisom, from Salem PC. As a special surprise via Zoom, the First Lady of Virginia, Suzanne Youngkin, conveyed a message of congratulations to PW for its continuing contributions to mission work. Meighan Sharp, keynote speaker, as well as author, visiting faculty at Hollins University, and Chair, Roanoke Arts Commission, involved attendees in a discussion of the ways in which art affects our lives.



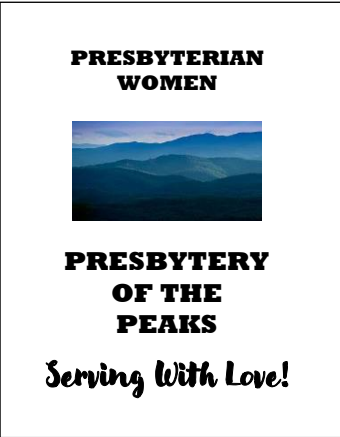
An offering was received for the Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center Capital Campaign. Some attendees asked for pledge forms to share with their congregations. A PW pledge form is included with this newsletter. This form should be used in order for PW to receive credit for the gift.

During the short business meeting, the proposed amendments to the bylaws were approved, which reduced the number of the Coordinating Team (CT) members from 14 to 12. There will now be one Neighborhoods Coordinator who will work with a Neighborhood Leader from each of the Presbytery Neighborhoods. In addition, the following leaders will serve on the Coordinating Team for 2023 – 2024:

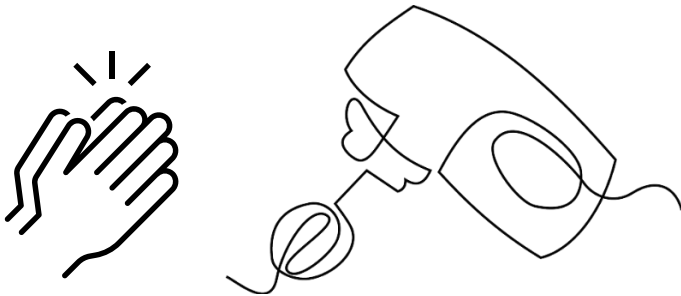
Moderator	Shelda Wills
Vice Moderator	Helen Dean
Secretary	Janet Rakes
Treasurer	Theresa Underwood
Historian	Betty Oliver
Racial Equity/Justice & Peace Representative	TBD* ( <b>Volunteer to serve!</b> )
Missions Coordinator	Diane Patty
Moderator of Search Committee	Sandra Gisiner
Search Committee Member	Gail McCullough
Search Committee Member	Cynthia Washburn
Search Committee Member	Elease Wilson
Neighborhoods Coordinator	Laura Crumbley

\*Contact Shelda Wills or Sandra Gisiner if interested in serving.

**SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR EXCITING NEWS, AS WELL AS A CALENDAR DATE ANNOUNCEMENT.**

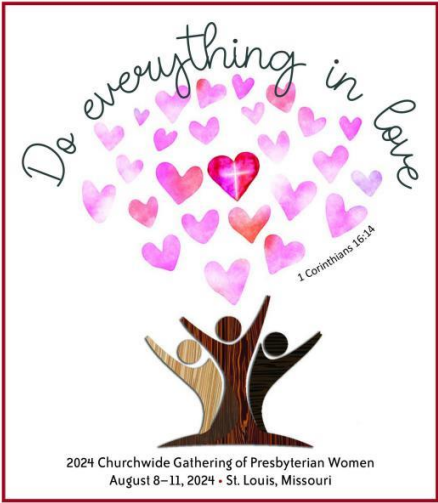


**GOOD NEWS!**  
WORK ON THE PW COOKBOOK CONTINUES,  
AND ITS COMPLETION IS PLANNED FOR THE SPRING.



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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**AUGUST 8-11, 2024**  
**2024 CHURCHWIDE GATHERING**  
**OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**  
**ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI**





**Presbyterian Women Synod of the Mid Atlantic Intent Form**

In response to the goodness of God, in celebration of the ministry of Massanetta Springs and in support of this important Campaign effort to elevate the message of Good News, I/we intend to contribute (personal, business and economic conditions permitting):

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Campaign.

Gift will be made in the following manner:

Herewith \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In equal installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

on a  monthly  quarterly  semi-annual  annual schedule

with the first payment on (date): \_\_\_\_\_

Other timetable: \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) This gift given:

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Presbytery: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Gifts may be made payable to:  
**Massanetta Springs**  
**712 Massanetta Springs Road**  
**Harrisonburg, VA 22801**

Return form to [BPA@massanettasprings.org](mailto:BPA@massanettasprings.org)  
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