



Connecting Link

Winter 2024

As you know last spring the Presbyterian Women of the Upper Ohio Valley took a leap of FAITH, and continued without a Moderator. Perhaps a few words from Habakkuk will help us maintain that faith. Chapter 3 starting with verse 3. God is coming again from Edom; the Holy God is coming from the hills of Paran. His splendor covers the heavens, and the earth is full of His praise. 4. He comes with the brightness of lightning.....5. He sends disease before Him and death to follow, 6. When He stops the earth shakes.. Yes Habakkuk had faith that God would return to earth, and He did! We have faith that God wants us to continue to serve His church with our mission work, our teachings of His word and our support to all brothers and sisters. May we continue to have our Savior lead us. If you feel lead or you know someone that would be a good Moderator please contact our search committee chair Janice at 740-733-8536.

Spring Gathering

We will be meeting at Steubenville First Westminster on April 13, 2024, which is located at N. Fourth St. Steubenville, Ohio 43952.

Registration and light refreshments will begin at 9:00 A.M. with worship, business meeting and the program to follow. We will be done by 12 noon.

Remember we had no meeting last fall, so let's spread the word so that we can gather in fellowship with all our sisters and begin this year with a bang!



2024 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women
August 8–11, 2024 • St. Louis, Missouri

Churchwide Gathering

From PW Gathering Quest Presbyterian Women's Churchwide Gathering (CWG) is celebrated every three years! In 2024, the CWG will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, August 8–11. Plenary and large-group sessions will be held at the America's Center Convention Complex. Gathering attendees will receive a special conference rate for hotel rooms at the Marriott St. Louis Grand (across the street from the America's Center), which will house other Gathering programming and opportunities (i.e., shopping and dining!). Save these dates, share these dates, and plan to joyfully join Presbyterian Women in an exciting, faith-filled time of renewal, connection, and fun. An online option will be available, as well, with a select menu of options. Gathering registration opens March 2024. Visit presbyterianwomen.org/gathering for full details. And don't forget to share your enthusiasm for the Gathering on social media! #PWGathering #2024ChurchwideGathering

Reminder to all of our treasurers

Please use the form provided when sending in your quarterly pledge, if you need this form email jamesalcinda@gmail.com and she will email you one. Also note in the memo line of your check, or a separate note with amount and where you designate it, this will allow Catherine to get all the money in the correct accounts. Please mail all support to:

Catherine Maxwell at 66300 Dixon Hill Rd. Bellaire, Ohio 43906

Budget Concerns

Our Contingent offering is suffering, perhaps due to low attendance at meetings, and then no fall workshop, but funds are needed to maintain our budget. Perhaps your group would consider sending 2\$ per member or a donation to aide this situation. That would also go to Catherine, marked as contingent. Thank you!

Mission Opportunities in Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery

1. Domasi Presbytery building projects in Malawi, work needs done at the presbytery office, and they are building a grain mill, we are collecting money for both, (Domasi in the memo line)
2. Laughlin Memorial Chapel and The Neighborhood House (The Shack) both in West Virginia, both working with children, after school and summer programs. (LMC in memo line) or (Shack in memo line)
3. Steubenville Urban Mission Ministries in Ohio (UMM in memo line)
4. Casa Materna, a prenatal clinic and birthing center in Solola, Guatemala.

This is the new Synod of the Trinity Mission Project for 2024.

They are serving women in a rural region of San Juan La Laguna and nearby towns. Providing a birthing center, prenatal clinic, post-partum care as well as other women related services. The funds collected will support programs that not only save lives during emergency medical pregnancy situations but also through social and spiritual programs. Also, this grant will aid in providing salaries to some indigenous women who work on this all-female team as they do this essential work within their community. Included are 2 pages that you can print as a 2-sided trifold to share with your women to promote this new project. (CM in the memo line)

financial support to any of these mission projects can be sent via check to our treasurer Catherine Maxwell.

P.S.

Those who want the newsletter via 'snail mail' that donation will be collected at the Spring Gathering April 13th. Also, if you have not sent in your history reports and or directory information please do so ASAP.