



Transylvania Presbyterian Women February, 2010



A Message from our PWP* Moderator, Linda Crawford...

Greeting Ladies!

There is a definite "chill" in the air and a groundcover of white as I write this, and for those of you in the southeast part of the presbytery, you must feel as if you have been through at least two very long winters-and it is only February! But the days are getting longer, and it is SO nice to have daylight stay with us into the early part of the evening, isn't it? But the "chill" will remain for some time yet. My mother's favorite saying when I would remark about the daylight lasting longer would be, "As the days lengthen, the cold strengthens!" (That was spoken as an Ohio Yankee...) But the warmth of hot soups, the smell and heat from the logs in the fireplace, the wearing of Snuggies, turtlenecks, sweaters, and sweatshirts, sleeping under nice warm blankets-aren't these wonderful things to experience in the dead of winter?

As I look back on these words, I am reminded that, as I enjoy those varied warmths of the season-food on the table, a warm home, plenty of clothing, and the presence of friends and family, there are millions of people who do not have as many or even any of these. I can turn off the TV images of the Haitian people rioting for food, lying in makeshift beds all over, those weeping because they have no clue as to where their families are, or weeping because they may have lost most of their family. I can turn off that **TV** image-but it remains in my mind. And there is no way that I should TRY to turn it off in my day-to-day thinking. I cannot begin to fathom what it would be like to wander aimlessly, looking at so much loss one has experienced in one's life. Let us continue to seek ways that we, as PC(USA) women, can minister to those people, who, even before this disaster, were among the poorest of the poor in the world. I will be finding out ways where we can be of specific help in the presbytery, and will share ideas with you in April when we meet in Richmond.

Speaking of which-when we come together on **April 24 for our Spring Gathering at the First Presbyterian Church in Richmond**, we will be blessed to have as our guest, **Rev. Tracy Keenan**. This very talented and vivacious woman led us in music in the plenary sessions at the Churchwide Gathering last July. You "have to be there" to experience her love for Life, and especially for God, Jesus, and the Church. **Please encourage women who have not been with us to come to this special time.**

The **Spring Gathering Worship Service** is also a very meaningful one, for we recognize those women who have entered the Church Triumphant. We will also be **installing the new PW officers**, and share in **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**. And what a glorious time it will be, following the joy we will have just experienced on Easter morning! **I look forward to seeing all of you there - and bring a friend!**

Blessings,
Linda*

"PWP" = **Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery** (in our case, it's Transylvania Presbytery). This includes all women who attend Presbyterian churches, whether in an organized circle group *or not*. So be sure to post notices so that all women in your church have access to the information!

ENJOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES!

The Nominating Committee of the Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team is looking for *creative, energetic, and committed women* to become part of next year's Coordinating Team. We have a variety of positions to fill and are looking for fresh new faces and ideas as we head into the new year. Terms run from April 2010-April 2012.

The CT's main responsibility is communication among the women in Transylvania Presbytery, as well as designing, planning and implementing the semi-annual gatherings. We also collect and assemble annual reports, produce the directory, and provide updated information and support to the various circles.

This is a great place to meet women from other communities in our Presbytery. We have fun sharing ideas and learning about other women's groups. We hope God will call you to this special ministry.

For more information, contact **Sarah Cox**, sarahcox@insightbb.com or (859) 269-6648, if you wish to volunteer or nominate an exceptional woman from your area. (The new CT members will be installed at the April 24 Spring Gathering in Richmond.)

It's BIRTHDAY TIME!

At least it's **PW BIRTHDAY OFFERING TIME!** Each church is entitled to get a free packet with posters and publicity information. This annual offering is usually accepted in the Spring. There are 2 recipients for this year's offering: Kindergarten & Child Care Center, Kirkuk, Iraq and Peace Presbyterian Church, Reach-Improve-Strengthen-Empower Project, Louisville, KY. Contact: PDS (Presbyterian Distribution Service), 800-524-2612. No S&H charges on free materials (includes poster, offering envelopes, promotional DVD, dedication service, and more). **CALL TODAY!!**

Did you read Mary Weber's article in the Jan/Feb *Horizons*?

Mary wrote a wonderful article about the lovely crocheted necklaces she has been selling – and encouraging others to make and sell – to support Living Waters for the World, our Synod Mission Project. (p. 31)

Mary will finish her 3-year term as PWS (that's PW in the Synod) Moderator this summer. Many thanks to Mary for all she has done and continues to do for Presbyterian Women and for so many others! We are so very proud of you, Mary!! (PS, she's also a new grandma!)

[check out the next page for information about *Horizons* from Barb Snyder!]

REMINDERS

- Send all your offerings to our PWP Treasurer, Juanita Callahan, PO Box 106, Jackson, KY 41339. juanitakc@bellsouth.net. Please attach remittance form (Page 51 in directory) or specify fund on check so amount can be placed in category you intended. Thanks.
- Send the names of women in your church who have joined the **Eternal Circle** from January 1, 2009 to Dec. 31, 2009, to Juanita by March 31st so names can be included in the Spring Gathering program.
- Mission Reports**, due March 1, 2010, to Margaret Knapp, 310 Pigeon Ct., Harrodsburg, KY 40330. or e-mail upcharrodsburg@bellsouth.net. Form is on pages 43-44 of directory.
- Church history reports** (Jan.1-Dec. 31, 2009) Should be sent to Linda Davis @ Columbia Theological Seminary and to Sue Baker, POB 119, Brooksville, KY 41004, 606-735-2330. See p. 42 in last year's directory for more information & the form.

CHANGING TIMES FOR HORIZONS MAGAZINE!

Beginning January 1, 2010, *Horizons* magazine and Bible Study has been forced to increase its prices for the first time in a decade. A one-year subscription to the magazine has increased to \$24.95 (from \$18.00); two years to \$44 (from \$32) and three years to \$63 (from \$45). The regular print Bible Study book will increase to \$8 each (from \$6). A copy of the Bible Study book continues to be included with a subscription to *Horizons* magazine. Bulk rates will still be available (two to four subscriptions to one address). *Horizons* now accepts advertising as a way to boost revenue and give readers the opportunity to learn of services or products of interest. An ecumenical Bible Study is now available for non-PCUSA readers.

As you probably know, times are difficult for publishers of newspapers and periodicals. That *Horizons* has a consistent readership speaks volumes about the value of the publication and the loyalty of Presbyterian women. This fairly small price increase and the continuing loyalty of *Horizons'* readers (plus a modest increase in new readership), will keep *Horizons* on the horizon.

New subscription forms will be available at the Spring Gathering (April 24). If you wish to subscribe before then, call 866 802-3635.

2010 – 2011 HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY

Though you may not have reached the half-way mark in the current Bible Study on *Joshua*, it is not too soon to think about the new Bible Study, which will be available for delivery in March. Barbara Rossing is the author of the 2010-2011 study, entitled "JOURNEYS THROUGH REVELATION: APOCALYPTIC HOPE FOR TODAY." Barbara Rossing is a professor of New Testament at the Lutheran School of Chicago. She is a fervent environmentalist, as those of us who heard her at the Churchwide Gathering are aware. She will share a hope-filled vision of the book of Revelation which will speak to us and guide our choices as we find ourselves in the midst of the urgent crises of our day.

If you subscribe to *Horizons* magazine by March 1, you will automatically receive this study. To place your order for Bible studies and Bible Study materials, call Presbyterian Distribution Service at 800 524-2612. The regular print English edition is \$8. Prices do not include shipping and handling (10% of order, \$5.25 minimum).

Thanks to Barb Snyder, *Horizons*, Resources member of the PWP Coordinating Team for these two articles.

More resources and helps for your PW:

Check out the Presbyterian Women website, www.pcusa.org/pw for lots of ideas and information you and your women can use. Birthday offering materials are listed. There is a link to the PW *Horizons* site which offers good helps for this year's Bible study on *Joshua*. And don't miss all the Bible study aids and useful articles in every issue of *Horizons* magazine. The dedication service for this year's Birthday Offering is on pages 24-25 of the Jan/Feb 2010 issue.

For more help, contact your PW Cluster Leader. She will be glad to visit with you and your women as you continue your work in God's service.

Some PWP Coordinating Team officers: Moderator-Linda Crawford, 859 543 9545; Social Justice-Betty Hubbard, 859 523 8984; PW Cluster Leader Coordinator-Sarah Cox, 859-269-6648 (call Sarah to get names and contact info on your cluster leader); Newsletter-Karen May, 859 223-5434. See contact info for some other officers in articles in this newsletter. We have a great team!! But not much space left here!! ☺ ☺

STAMP OUT HUNGER!

Once again the many, many, MANY stamps that so many of you have contributed have raised money to alleviate hunger in Transylvania Presbytery. The annual December auction of the Henry Clay Philatelic Society resulted in **\$131 going directly into the Transylvania Presbytery Hunger Fund. Yeah!!**

Thanks to Wayne Gnatuk for sponsoring this project and to Buddy Coleman for being this year's "auctioneer" while Wayne was out of town on business. This project incorporates the "needle in the haystack" principle of finding some "treasures" among the regular stamps. Old, unusual and international stamps are always a hit, as well as stamp collections! We appreciate so much the generosity of the HCPS! Thank you!! Thanks to Wayne and Buddy!!

Bring used postage stamps (**but NO NON-PROFIT STAMPS**, please!) to the Spring Gathering (Apr. 24) in Richmond. **Please collect them in see-through gallon-sized Zip-Lock bags.** Bring them to any PW or Presbytery Gathering. Karen May will pick them up, combine them and get them ready for next December's auction! Thank you!!

NEWS TO USE:

**Transylvania Presbyterian Women SPRING GATHERING, Saturday, April 24, 2010,
@ First Presbyterian Church, Richmond, KY. Everyone is invited!!**

**Presbyterian Women in the Synod (KY, TN, MS, AL) Gathering, June 3-5, 2010,
in Huntsville, AL. Everyone is invited!! Registration fee is \$115; deadline is
May 15th. Lodging arrangements to be made at area motels. Scholarships information will be
available at Spring Gathering!**

**Transylvania Presbyterian Women FALL GATHERING, Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010
@ Camp Burnamwood. Be sure to get this date on your church calendar!**

Work is in progress to have Transylvania PW directory on the Presbytery's web-site as well as send newsletter, flyers, etc.. It is hoped this will give you current information as well as cut down on cost of postage and paper. However, newsletters and flyers will continue to be available through the mail if you would like.

If you did not fill out a form at Fall Gathering, won't you please send e-mail to Juanita at juanitakc@bellsouth.net, call 606-666-5445, or notify by mail to POOB 106, Jackson, stating your preference? Thanks.

Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday

March 7, 2010, is the designated day for this Celebration of Gifts of Women in the church. Since 1993 this day has been on the church calendar. Resources for worship and program ideas can be found @ www.pcusa.org/women, in the Nov/Dec 2009 issue of *Horizons* magazine, and from PDS, 800 524-2612.

What ways can your women highlight the work of women in your church? Women may be church staff, members, and/or those involved with PW. A worship service? A luncheon? A special event to which everyone is invited? Bulletin inserts, at the least? Talk with your pastor about featuring this special event at a time convenient with your congregation. You can be creative and think of ways to bring the work of women to the fore. And it's also a good time to publicize the work of your local Presbyterian Women, as well as PW in the Synod and Churchwide!! Don't miss an opportunity to share our wonderful news!