

The Pitcher



**Dedicated to the dissemination of news for Presbyterian Women
Of the North Alabama Presbytery**

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Greetings from your North Alabama PW Moderator:

The Annual Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of North Alabama will be held September 9, 2008, at Faith Presbyterian Church in Huntsville. This is YOUR gathering, a special time to learn, to share, to worship, and to enjoy fellowship with friends both old and new.

A very hearty THANK YOU goes to all the ladies of the Faith Presbyterian Church of Huntsville for hosting this event. We are grateful to Trinity Presbyterian Church of Huntsville for providing refreshments to be enjoyed at registration.

Special guests include Rev. Houston Hodges, Parish Associate at Big Cove, and Rev. Jaina Anderson, Associate Pastor at Athens First who will present an introduction to this year's Horizon Bible Study, *Jubilee, Luke's Gospel for the Poor*. Rev. Robin Palmer will provide an update on the Presbyterian Children's Home, and Lucille Adams and Stella Wilson will introduce the Prayer Shawl Ministry which is to be one of our Together-In-Service emphasis programs this year.

You will receive a letter of invitation from Marilyn McGhee, Moderator of Faith PW, and registration information from your cluster leader. Please be sure every woman in your congregation knows that this Gathering is for her. May we all enjoy this day as we sing and pray, worship and work, meet new friends and strengthen old friendships.

God bless you one and all ! *Lucy Harris*

Upcoming Dates To Remember

Triennial Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, Ky will be July 11-15, 2009. It's time to start making plans to attend next year's Churchwide Gathering. This is not an event just for leaders....it is a time for every Presbyterian Woman to get together to study, learn, celebrate and worship. Details will be in the Sept/Oct issue of Horizons. Please encourage women in your congregation to make plans to attend.

Next year's AL/MS Conference will be held July 21 - 24, 2009 at First Presbyterian Church, Starkville, MS. I hope everyone will make plans to attend. More information will be available at Spring Gathering.

Triennial Synod Gathering in Huntsville, AL, June 3-5, 2010. First Presbyterian Church in Huntsville has been chosen as the host church for the next Triennial Synod Gathering. I think this is the first time North Alabama Presbytery has hosted this event, and we are very honored to have been selected. Stella Wilson of First Huntsville represents us on the planning team for this event. It will be our responsibility to assist her in any way necessary to make the best impression possible. Past Triennial Gatherings seem to get better with each event so we will be challenged, but should have no difficulty demonstrating the hospitality that is inherent in North Alabama Presbytery

Happy Birthday, PW!

Celebrate by Highlighting Your History

July 1, 2008, was the 20th birthday of Presbyterian Women! Presbyterian women's organizations are as venerable as the Presbyterian Church itself, and now it's time to celebrate the last 20 years as PW, a product of PC(USA) reunion. If you haven't planned a celebration or gathered your PW history, here are some resources to help.

www.pcusa.org/pw/anniversary

www.pcusa.org/pw/resources/historian-wkshp.pdf

www.pcusa.org/ideas/05fall/tipsforteaching.htm

www.pcusa.org/pw/leadership/workshops/historians.pdf

We had very good participation in leadership training this fall. If you were unable to attend, printed information that was distributed at that session will be available at Fall Gathering. I'm currently trying to set dates for Spring and Fall Gatherings for 2010. If your church has not hosted a Gathering recently, I hope you will consider volunteering for a future date. If it is inconvenient for you to have the event at your church, we could arrange to meet at Camp Maranatha. If your church is too small to accommodate us, please consider helping one of the larger churches with refreshments. Please contact Lucy Harris if you can host one of these Gatherings.

Hello LWW Friends,

Living Waters for the World is featured in this month's (August) issue of *Horizons*, the magazine of Presbyterian Women, PC(USA). This excellent article, written by Presbyterian Voice editor

Janet Tuck, profiles the hands-on work of several LWW volunteers who are also members of the Presbyterian Women (PW) organization.

The partnership LWW shares with PW is special – simply put, if it were not for PW, LWW would not be where it is today. Their financial support at key times during the life of this project have sustained us and propelled us forward, and their work in spreading the word about LWW has been a key factor in our growth. And now, they have published an article about PW members who are participating directly in the LWW effort to provide clean water to communities in need.

Now, that's a partnership!

Steve