

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

AN INVITATION

One of the most iconic posters in American history was created over a hundred years ago during World War I by James Montgomery Flagg. It's a picture of a commanding Uncle Sam pointing his finger and urging men to enlist in the war effort. Large letters scream I WANT YOU to help during those trying times.

Presbyterian Women are not making large posters or using the Army's tactics in any way. Instead, we would like to send a big invitation to all the women of our church to join in the fellowship which comes with membership in our PW.

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The origins of the PW go back to the Ladies Aid Societies of the 1800s which became the Women's Association in the 1940s. In 1945 the Association was made up of twenty Circles averaging twenty-five members each. Then, in 1988 the name of the Women's Association was changed to Presbyterian Women. The group continues today with its original purpose – to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, to support the mission of the church worldwide, to work for justice and peace and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens our Church and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

However, times have changed since that time when many women were homemakers and the groups played an important role in their lives. Today, women work outside the home, they are on the session, represent various committees in the church and can be the pastor of the church. Their needs have changed. Many still want the support of other women in the church but that might not necessarily mean attendance at the Presbyterian Women's Circle meetings.

If you find that becoming a member of a Circle is not possible in your busy life, consider becoming a Sustaining Member who helps to support the organization monetarily. Maybe you'd rather be an Assistant who gives your help from time to time throughout the year, helping in ways which fit into your schedule. In any of these ways, you can enjoy the camaraderie and satisfaction which comes with membership and our PW becomes more viable with your presence.

Come to our table on Rally Day. You'll be able to talk with members and officers, see examples of work done in the Circles and learn more about our missions and goals. **And please**, bring your questions and suggestions about how we can become a more meaningful organization **for you**. Carol Carty, our membership chair, will be happy to talk with you, answer your questions and suggest a Circle for you or perhaps help you organize a group of your friends. She can be reached at 856-858-6442.

Expand your horizons. Join us in Fellowship.

OUR BIBLE STUDY FOR 2019-20

LOVE CARVED IN STONE

Our Bible study will give us a fresh look at the Ten Commandments. We will look at the commandments as “words” in their Biblical context and then consider how Jesus lived out those words. With this background, we will be able to discuss how we are affected and how the words speak to us in our own lives.

The author, Eugenia Gamble, is a pastor who has served the church for more than thirty years. Her writings are accompanied by art which has been chosen specifically to go with the accompanying lesson.

HERE COMES SEPTEMBER

The new season is almost here. The PW Coordinating Team will meet on Tuesday morning, September 3, at 9:45 in the Hospitality Center. Circle 1 will open its new season on Tuesday morning, September 17 at 9:30 in the Hospitality Center. Circle 3 will meet at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, September 17 at the home of Carol Carty, 1021 Merrick Avenue in Westmont. Circle 4’s first meeting of the new season will be held in the Hospitality Center at 7:15 PM on Monday evening, October 14 with Susan Leach as the Hostess, 856-910-8733.

PW OFFICERS 2019-2020

Co-Moderators	Judy Grantham and Susan Smith
Recording Secretary	Virginia Ritchie
Corresponding Secretary	Joan Miller
Treasurer	Janice Ulmer
Assistant Treasurer	Susan Leach

CIRCLE LEADERS

1M – Janice Ulmer

3M – Neva Bosch, Carol Carty, Peggy Spellmeyer

4E – Joan Walden, Sally O’Brien, Ginny Ritchie