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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
of Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery

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PW PURPOSE

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves

- 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 the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witness to the promise of God's kingdom.

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From the Moderator

Dear Presbyterian Women of Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery,

Fall foliage paints the earth with its vibrant Autumnal colors, moves us toward the Seasons of Thanksgiving and Advent, and reminds us of God's numerous blessings.

A blessing Presbyterian Women share is the privilege of honoring others through the Presbyterian Women Thank Offering. It is joyful that one of the 2011 Thank Offering Grant Recipients is from our own Synod of the Sun: Transitional Living Centers of Oklahoma, Inc., family sponsorship at Lindsey House in Tulsa. Monies received from this grant will help open two apartments to families who are homeless as they work toward self-sufficiency. Hope House, Inc. of McAlester whose representative gave a presentation at the South Fall Workshop is applying for a 2012 Thank Offering Grant. Hope House also houses homeless women and their children, and strives to help the women develop work skills and further their education so they can become self-sufficient. Let us keep Lindsey House and Hope House in our prayers.

Another shared blessing is the privilege of meeting together. I hope you are enjoying *Confessing the Beatitudes* and encourage you to explore the various additional resources available to enhance each lesson of the Bible Study through Horizon's Magazine, Outlook, and the Presbyterian Women website.

I also encourage you to mark your calendars to attend the up-coming March Cluster Meetings, April Spring Gathering, and July Churchwide Gathering in Orlando, Florida.

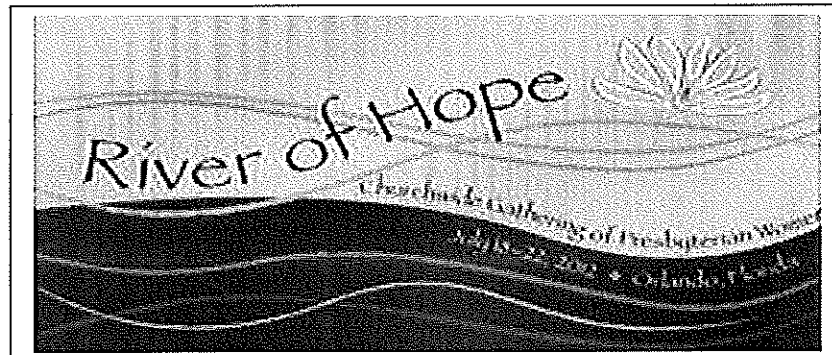
Counting my personal blessings, I am thankful for family, friends, fulfilling jobs doing what I love to do, health, and God's continual sustaining love, presence, and guidance in my life. I am thankful for *enough*. I am also *Greatly Honored* to serve as your Moderator of PWEOP working with a creative, loving Coordinating Team, and a presbytery full of dedicated, hard-working Presbyterian Women.

As we celebrate this Season of Thanksgiving, let us give thanks to the One who came to Honor and bless us all.

*Christ's Grace and Peace,
Sandya Hayes, Moderator*

Presbyterian Women Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery (PWEOP)

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Thousands of women (and a few men) will come together in Orlando for worship, music, education, community-building, and much more. Make plans to attend.



TOGETHER IN SERVICE/MISSION

**Student Grants
Due March 1**

Our students, Whitney Carr, Rachel Lastinger, Lincoln Mitchell, and Ethan Voelkers are enrolled and doing well.

In order to have money available for the second semester, please try to get your contributions for Student Grants to the PW Treasurer, Carol McMasters by the end of December.

The applications for the 2012-2013 school year are due by March 1, 2012. Send to:

Barbara Mugge,
3818 E. 76th St.,
Tulsa, OK 74136.

(918)491-6495
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*Together in
Service
mission report
Compile a list of
your 2011 mission
projects and send to
Jemi Thomas
1211 Deer Creek
Pryor, OK 74361
Share your ideas!*

THANK OFFERING 2011 goal for projects next year is \$1 million!! Please encourage your PW groups to be raising funds for this worthwhile project which supports programs providing many opportunities throughout the world. This year Synod of the Sun received three of these grants with one in Tulsa for the Lindsey House (Transitional Living Centers of Oklahoma, Inc.) providing apartments for homeless families in transitions toward self-sufficiency.

Visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank to give to the offering or find promotional resources. Thank Offering is collected in the fall of each year. 40 percent of the offering supports health ministries throughout the world and 60 percent funds new creative ideas for mission.

HORIZONS

Also check your July/August 2011 HORIZONS magazine for more information. Send your collected funds to our PW presbytery treasurer, Carol McMasters, by December 10, 2011. "For God satisfies the thirsty, and fills the hungry with good things." Psalm 107:9

Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery mission committee is asking for our help with the STOP-HUNGER NOW project. \$2500 is needed to provide rice and other food which will serve 10,000 people. The committee will be bagging this food at their next meeting on March 6, 2012. This food will be distributed worldwide.

For more information call Julie Burton at the presbytery office. Please send your check to EOP/Mission.

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Wednesday 10:00 - 4:00 p.m.;
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Mission Matters include these five main programs.

1. Together in Service
2. Global Exchange
3. U.S.A. Mission Experience
4. PW Offerings
5. Transformation in Partnership (TRIP) Program

Mission for Presbyterian Women takes many forms. PW participates in and supports Global Exchange. In October 2011 Global Exchange participants went to India and will be available to share information. Indian women will attend the 2012 PW Gathering in "exchange." Often, Mission is sharing in hands-on activities in the communities and globally.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mark your calendars and plan to attend
Presbyterian Women events!

MARCH CLUSTER MEETINGS

Theme:
Foundations of Hope

**NORTH Cluster Meeting will be March 10, 2011
at First Presbyterian Church, Sand Springs, OK.**

**SOUTH Cluster Meeting will be March 31, 2011
at First Presbyterian Church, Henryetta, OK.**

- † Both Cluster Meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m.
- † Lunch will be provided at both host churches.
Please bring \$7.00 for Lunch.
- † There will be information concerning
Churchwide Gathering at each Cluster
Meetings.
- † Points of historical interest of the areas will be
presented at each Cluster Meeting.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN 2012 SPRING GATHERING

April 28, 2012

**Southminster Presbyterian Church,
3500 S. Peoria Avenue
Tulsa, Oklahoma
(918)743-4427**

More Spring Gathering information will be
addressed in the spring issue of *Pressing Matters*.

PLAN FOR CHURCHWIDE GATHERING JULY 18-22, 2012



**GAYLORD PALMS RESORT
ORLANDO, FLORIDA**

REGISTRATION AND SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Registration costs: \$440 before May 15, 2012 and \$480 after
May 15, 2012.

Lodging will be at Gaylord Palms Resort, Orlando, FL. Check
online for additional information at by calling 888/728-7228,
ext. 8015. Or www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering.

Online registration opens December 1, 2011 on this website.
Only credit card payments will be accepted for online
registrations. You will receive email confirmation of your
online registration.

Registration by mail opens January 15, 2012.



Register by May 15, 2012, to save \$40 on full registration!

CHANGE OF OFFICERS

*Outgoing PW leaders-- please complete and submit change
of officers at your earliest convenience so that current
information will get to the appropriate person.*

*Marsha Evans, 4790 South 4401, Pryor, OK 74361-9348.
If you have questions, call or email Marsha: (918)440-
6617 Or Email: snavems@gmail.com*

**Synod of the Sun
Presbyterian Women's Gathering
July 18-21, 2013
Grace Presbyterian Church
Houston, TX
Theme: Faith Endurance Wholeness**

PWCT Meeting
January 21, 2012
11:30 am lunch
12:30 meeting

SEARCH COMMITTEE

The search committee needs suggestions for Presbyterian
Women to serve on the Coordinating Team (CT) of Eastern
Oklahoma. Four positions are open: Northeast Cluster
Coordinator Assistant, Southeast Cluster Coordinator,
Resources and Search.