CelebReation

of Faithful Women

Presbyterian Women are planning their annual luncheon on Saturday, March 21, 2020 to celebrate the gifts of all women at Village Church. We will honor three Village on Mission Church members as PW Honorary Life Members: Dee Couch, Patty Zender Grossman, and Michelle O’Neal. We are excited to announce that our own Rev. Sally Wright will be the keynote speaker.

Sally is a native of College Station, Texas, graduating from Texas A&M University. She spent two years working with a law firm in Washington D.C. prior to feeling God calling her into ministry. She attended Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, graduating in 2012. Since then Sally has used her passionate gifts in hospital chaplaincy as well as working at national church levels and the presbytery. She came to us via Heartland Presbytery serving as Interim Acting Executive Presbyter. Thankfully, she left her heart open to the possibility of joining a parish church and is now our Pastor of Pastoral Care and PW staff advisor. Sally has enriched our community with her passion for spreading God’s light. She is always ready to listen and offer spiritual guidance.

Sally and her wife, Rev. Karen Wright, are the busy, proud, and happy parents of their twins, Lucas and Sarah. Karen is the associate pastor at Southminster Presbyterian Church.

We look forward to hearing Sally on March 21st as she is always inspirational, wise, and witty. Watch for our theme and additional information on this inspiring event coming soon.

Join us as we celebrate on March 21!
After the hustle and bustle of the holiday season it is nice to take time to reflect on our lives as we move forward into a new year. The beginning of the new year always brings with it goals that we hope to accomplish like taking more time for a walk or making healthier food choices. Another aim could be to take more time for meditation and prayer. Whatever your goals are for the year ahead, trust that all things are possible with a little determination and with God as your guide.

As we move forward into a new year, take some time to be still and know that as a child of God you are loved. Trust that He will be beside you as you live forward in courage and hope reflecting God’s light throughout the coming year.

With hope and love,

Becky and Lexa
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WWS Book Swap

Join us for one of our favorite events - the Women With Spirit (WWS) Book Swap!

Simply wrap one of your favorite books (new or used) to swap for another’s good read.

In the spirit of giving, please consider also bringing a gently used or new book (not wrapped) for a child at Operation Breakthrough, ages 3-13.

Cost is $7 per person, due by January 3. Send RSVP to shelbykrumm@yahoo.com.

Child care is available with advance reservation; contact Pam at 913-617-7381 or pam.southerland@villagepres.org by January 2.

We welcome everyone and hope to see you!
Discovering Valuable Gifts

Starting January 7, volunteers will return to Mission Sewing to refurbish the empty bins of finished products. In the calendar year 2019, sewers contributed 3460 hours to produce 6700 donated items. The Thursday group also contributed 61 Dream bags, pillowcase-like bags that foster children can use to carry their belongings.

In the new year, the Tuesday group will add an additional task of making 35 flannel robes for the teenage residents of the Avenue of Life teenage shelter. The Thursday group has renewed their commitment to Project Warm Embrace which sponsors quilt making and the making of the dream bags.

The gifts of eyeglass cases, peanut pillows and chemo caps among others may seem small. However, created in the spirit and warmth of Christian fellowship, the receivers often note the small label “Mission Sewing, Village Presbyterian Church,” and send unsolicited notes of thanks. One recent receiver wrote, “I hope you realize how valuable your gifting is to those going through chemo. The shoulder pad for the seat belt has helped me so much. My port is on the left side and allows me to drive when I have several errands to run. It prevents the seat belt from rubbing.”

STATS
Volunteer sewing 3,460 hours
Creating 6,700 items in 2019!

Epiphany (e-piph-a-ny)
(n) A moment of sudden revelation; a poignant, sudden, profound understanding of something.
PW Circle at Village on Antioch
Monday, January 13
6:00 pm
Bring a sack supper!
Enjoy fellowship before the meeting and Bible Study.

“Love Carved in Stone” Lesson Five, a fresh look at familiar scripture, the Ten Commandments.

All are welcome. Always.

PW Circles
January 14
Village on Mission
7:00, 9:30 am
12:00, 7:00 pm
Village on Antioch
January 13
6:00 pm

Questions for VOM?
conradleslie@aol.com

Questions for VOA?
joycebardeen@gmail.com

Mark your calendars for this powerful event that brings women of all ages together to grow spiritually, connect with new and old friends, and unplug from the chaotic world we live in. Our guest speaker, the Rev. Dr. Dee Cooper will share her understanding of how play and connection are a vital component of our spiritual lives. In a world that tempts us with comparison and judgment, Rev. Dr. Cooper will teach us how our role as faithful women is to lead by encouragement. Rev. Dr. Cooper is a speaker, therapist, coach, explorer and wild animal lover, all of which led her to start her own company. She is known for her big energy and heart, and works with those who want to soar into possibilities or dive into the unknown. Following her keynote, small workshops will provide an opportunity to continue the discussion as we get to know each other and create meaningful relationships.

Ticket sales will go on sale at the end of February 2020.
MORE INFO: villagepres.org/pw

go on... grab a friend and encourage them to join you
The time is ALWAYS right to Do what is right. “
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Lunch Between Circles
If you made a reservation by January 1, we look forward to seeing you on January 14 for Lunch Between the Circles.

Plan to join us in February too. For questions, contact your Circle Leader or Lesile Conrad at conradleslie@aol.com

VOA Fellowship Dinner
Monday, January 27
Panera Bread
6800 W. 135th

Questions?
kellythomason61@att.net

Presbyterian Women 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
* to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promises of God’s Kingdom
Join WOW for lunch January 21!

After a brief hiatus during the holiday season, Women of Wisdom (WOW) will begin the new year dining for lunch at one of their favorite restaurants, Café Provence. We’ll meet at noon on Tuesday, January 21. Café Provence is located at 3936 West 69th Terrace in the Prairie Village Shops.

If you’re not familiar with this award-winning Prairie Village restaurant, you will love its warm and friendly atmosphere. Café Provence serves exquisite French cuisine, prepared with seasonal, local ingredients. As they say, “the food speaks French.”

And if WOW is new to you, Women of Wisdom is the third of the PW stage groups. We welcome women of all ages, particularly women who are empty-nesters. We enjoy fellowship and conversation in addition, of course, to the delicious food. If you attend regularly, we welcome you back in the new year. If you are new to Village, or just haven’t joined us for a WOW event, we would warmly welcome newcomers. Give me a call if you have any questions about WOW.

Please RSVP by January 20 to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com or 913-209-9608. We would love for YOU to join us, and you’re welcome to bring a friend.

Vous êtes invité au Café Provence!

The spring session of reading will begin on March 25, 2020. Plan to join us!

Making a difference, one child at a time.
“Advent: A Holy Invitation” was the theme for this year’s annual PW Advent Celebration, where room was made for all. Over 335 women were welcomed for fellowship, Christmas Punch and delicious savory appetizers, as well as dessert truffles created by Chef Emily in the festively decorated Friendship Hall.

PW Moderators Becky Anderson and Lexa Carr as well as Advent Celebration Co-Chairs Rebecca Seyferth and Carol Solenberger ushered in the celebration.

As is tradition, this year’s Presbyterian Women’s Honorary Life Memberships were announced. PW’s 2020 Life Members are Patty Zender Grossman, Dee Couch and Michelle O’Neal from VOM and Kelly Thomason from VOA. These beloved women have shared their faith and their hearts with Village church.

Our fellowship time during the Advent Celebration was followed by a beautiful and holy service in the sanctuary led by the Reverend Sarah Are, who spoke on the theme of the Angel Gabriel and Mary’s response. Sarah encouraged us to show up to and respond to the Holy Invitation that presents itself to us through Christ today during this Advent Season. Karli Cabrera’s rendition of “Breath of Heaven” by Amy Grant echoed this response.

It was a delight to have Aaryn Frick light the Advent Candle, and to be led by the Reverends Sally Wright, Melanie Hardison, Hallie Hottle and Sarah Are in the reading of the liturgy.

The Lord’s supper was served by intinction as Dr. Elisa Bickers led us in “O Come O Come Emmanuel” and “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent”.

Women of all ages gathered and left inspired and prepared to welcome the Holy One of Israel once again into their hearts, minds and spirits this season. There was cause for celebration, indeed!
Did you ever wonder about Stage Groups and where you fit in? This is a question many ask especially when a stage group has an invitation for all Village women. The truth is all women are welcome at any event sponsored by a stage group, but depending on your age you might feel more comfortable in a particular group.

The words “stage group” originated when women in various stages of life wanted to connect with other faithful women with similar interests. For example, Women with Spirit started as women with young children, Amazing Graces were women with older children or empty nesters and Women of Wisdom were women who were grandmothers or retired…..dare we say mature women. Out of each of these groups sprouted Bible studies, prayer groups, book clubs and dinner or lunch groups. Also, each stage group hosts at least two events a year to gather as a whole unit in fellowship with each other.

In theory one might move from one stage group to another as our “stage in life” changes. However, that is not how it has evolved. The women in each stage group have developed lasting friendships and spiritual support among the group and want to stay as a group no matter the age or stage of life. Of course, this makes it very hard for someone new to figure out where they fit in. We are continuing to try and find a better way to communicate this. Anyone on the PW Board would be happy to help you find a connection.

We are also seeing an opportunity to begin a new stage group for young women with small children and young single women too. The PW Board would love to help establish a new group, send us your ideas! It just takes a few women to get started, and the rewards continue to grow over the years. The bonds made in these groups are lovely and cherished and building blocks to a deeper faith.

If you have questions about participating in a group or if you would like to help start a new young group please contact co-moderators Becky Anderson, becky.anderson418@gmail.com, Lexa Carr, lexalcarr@gmail.com or The Rev. Sally Wright, sally.wright@villagepres.org.
Gentle Therapeutic Yoga
This is small group training that resembles physical therapy mixed with yoga. This class is wonderful for keeping you strong and pain free. Must be able to get up and down off the floor with ease. Try a free class before you commit. Must reserve your free class by TEXTING Katie Hurcomb at 913-244-5623.

Mondays and Wednesdays
Youth Loft
1:30-2:30 pm
$50 = 4 classes per month
$96 = 8 classes per month

Yamuna Body Rolling
This class focuses on self-administering deep tissue massage to work out the adhesions in fascia. This is an amazing system of healing. Come see what it’s all about! TEXT Katie Hurcomb at 913-244-5623 to reserve your visit.

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Page Turners
Calling all Bookworms, Bibliophiles, and Readers of all interests! All are welcome to join the group for lively discussions of books selected by consensus from a variety of sources. Page Turners meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. in room 127.

Our January book is THE SOUL OF AMERICA: the Battle for our Better Angels, by Jon Meacham. The Pulitzer Prize winning author helps us understand the present moment in American life and politics by looking back at critical times in our history when hope overcame division and fear.

For more information contact Judy Lockett at judylocket5@gmail.com or Barbara Lee at 217-891-3557 or lhlee@att.net.

Books With Spirit
Books with Spirit is going to meet in January (date and location TBD) to discuss Robin DiAngelo’s White Fragility. Beyond that, we will likely read Gilead for an early spring discussion, but no details yet.

For questions, contact Laura Langdon at reelbeachy@hotmail.com.

Amazing Graces Book Club
We are meeting on January 8 to discuss our book list for 2020. Contact Sara Wallace at swallace01@gmail.com for meeting location and to be added to the monthly email distribution list.

PW Book Clubs

PW Alive Now
Alive Now is a Bible Study for women who are early risers. We meet each Wednesday from 8:00 to 9:30 am in the Heritage Dining Room.

We study a passage of scripture and we are a support group for one another, often spending as much time sharing and caring for each other’s needs. If you would like more information, contact Judy at judycooperjc@gmail.com.