Embracing Transition
Welcoming New PW Leadership

Gracious God,
You are the giver of life,
the one who causes the flowers to bloom
and the one who made the sun to shine.
Show us your creative power as we watch spring burst around us.
Send us your mercy as we navigate life in a world with COVID-19.
Remind us that your blessings are all around us as we live each day with our eyes ever on you.
Amen.

PW Board 2020-21 at a virtual Zoom meeting.
Out of camera range: Peggy Gray, Sherri Robeson

We are grateful to the PW Nominating Committee, Ann Flanders, Niki Krenzel, co-chairs, along with Linda Alley, Marilyn Borel, Charlotte Davison and Alice Eidson, for a job well done. Pictured above is the PW 2020-21 PW Board, who will be installed as PW Board members this month. Co-Moderators Carol Solenberger and Sandra Stephens will lead us all with good cheer and passionate hearts.

In these challenging times, we took a few minutes for a virtual Zoom meeting, with each person sharing a little inspiration or a blessing for the coming days. We all felt a moment of hope connecting online.

We hope that you are also finding creative ways to spend time with your friends and family. We look forward to the day when we can all gather in fellowship with one another. As we wait and wonder, may God’s mercy, goodness and peace be with you each and every day.
Message from the Moderators

Dear Friends,

With grateful hearts, we have been privileged to serve the women of Village with the faith and trust given to us and to truly enjoy this walk with all of you. PW is a remarkable organization with an abundance of women with various gifts of servitude and dedication. The enthusiasm and generous hearts of the PW women has shown brightly throughout the year. We have loved sharing moments of friendship through so many activities and events orchestrated by our stage groups, dinner groups, Circles, book clubs, Operation Breakthrough, and Mission Sewing.

We are thankful for our PW Board plus the welcoming spirit and ray of sunshine that Rev. Sally Wright, as our Staff Advisor, has provided for our Board. It has warmed our hearts to hear the hopes and dreams for the future of PW shared by these amazing board members. We have been fortunate to have such dedicated women leading us this year.

It is with a tinge of sadness we say goodbye to leaders rolling off the PW Board this year. They are Ann Flanders, Niki Krenzel, Rebecca Seyferth, Janet Bates, Julie Foster, Leslie Conrad, Martha Tatman, Shelby Krumm, and Kathy Ray. They have been invaluable assets fulfilling the call to serve the women of Village Church.

The end of this year has not been typical; however, we feel the theme chosen surprisingly revealed itself as a fitting close ~ “Living forward in courage and hope, reflecting God’s light... reflects exactly what we are all doing.”

With truly grateful hearts, we send blessings of peace and joy to all,

Becky and Lexa
On the Horizon
Important Information for Ordering a Study Guide

Please place your order for the study guide!

We will not be placing a bulk order for the 2020-2021 Horizons Study guide, as previously published. To enhance your learning experience at your Circle Bible Study, we strongly encourage you to order a guide.

To place an order for the “Into the Light” study guide, click on this link: presbyterianwomen.org/current-bible-study. The cost of the guide is $10 (plus a shipping fee). Thank you for your flexibility!

All are welcome. Always.

PW Circles

Please look for any updates by email, including Circle Bible Study as a virtual Zoom meeting.

Questions for VOM? conradleslie@aol.com

Questions for VOA? joycebardeen@gmail.com

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Romans 12:12
Village Church may be closed as members practice social distancing, hand washing, and congregating in small groups, but for women of Mission Sewing, the work accelerated, with the shelter-in-place order. From day one, the calls for protective masks for medical and nursing care personnel flooded the internet. Sewers started trading commentary on mask design, redesign and agency requirements.

This meant sewing from home and taking a deep dive into personal fabric stashes and notions, identifying who had what and who was willing to share. Elastic for ear loops became a highly prized material, necessitating some creativity in using even shoe laces or constructing fabric strips for ties to secure the body of the mask. Floral wire, pipe cleaners, twist ties and even paper clips became hot items for use in molding around the wearer's nose. Members arranged surreptitious drops of needed materials on doorsteps, the ring of a doorbell notifying the resident of a package. Then it was time to sew.

As of April 15, mission sewers from the Tuesday and Thursday groups had completed and distributed 1200 masks; another 300 are in the pipeline. If one conservatively estimates one half hour per mask, the numbers represent 600 hours of volunteer sewing time. The groups also contributed to Southminster Church's campaign to donate 2000 masks to the VA in Kansas City.

Masks were donated to Sandlot, The Forum, Advent Health, St. Luke's Hospitals, Olathe Medical, KU Cancer clinics, three physician clinics, KVC, KC Hospice, Lee's Summit Hospice, John Knox Village, Village Church Food Pantry, and numerous family and friends. One request came from a woman from Martin City, the recipient of a peanut pillow in an area hospital following cancer surgery. Using the “Mission Sewing, Village Church” tiny label on the pillow, she tracked down contact information to request a mask for herself and her husband.

Given the CDC requirement that all persons over age 2 wear a mask in public, the need for masks may not abate for some time. Supplies of elastic have been replenished in area stores. Several of the sewers are dedicating the time they normally spend weekly in Room 115 to continue mask production. Now fondly dubbed, COVID-COUTURE, one member purports to being able to sew masks in her sleep given the routine nature of the task.

We are grateful to Rev. Sally Wright and Deborah White who have cheerfully served as pickup drivers for the completed masks.
Celebration of Faithful Women at VOM

The Celebration of Faithful Women luncheon scheduled for March 21 has been postponed but not forgotten. We look forward to celebrating Dee Couch, Patty Zender Grossman, Michelle O’Neal and Kelly Thomason at a later time. We will share the new date with you as soon as we are able to reschedule.

Rescheduled - Save the Date!
April 23-24, 2021

PW Spring Retreat

The PW Spring Retreat has been rescheduled for April 23-24, 2021. We are working with the Rev. Sally Wright to invite an inspirational speaker, to be announced soon. We are so disappointed to let you know that the Rev. Dr. Dee Cooper will not be able to be with us, but appreciate your understanding in these challenging days.

We thank the committee, led by Kathy Ray and Susan Satterlee, including Joyce Bardeen, Andrea Chamblin, Carrie Craig, Laura Hobbs, Kim Lorenzen, Lisa Mann, Sandra Stephens, Kim Stratton, and the Rev. Sally Wright, who have planned a wonderful experience for you. We hope you will join us next year! For anyone registered, please let us know if you did not receive your refund. For questions, please contact Susan Satterlee at sgsatterlee@sbcglobal.net or Peggy Gray at jgray23@aol.com.
The Fellowship of the Least Coin is a global, ecumenical prayer movement. It was begun in 1956 after Shanti Solomon of India challenged the Christian women of Asia and the Presbyterian Church of the U.S. to launch a project of prayer and positive action in which every woman could participate, no matter her economic position.

It is important that only the “least coin” of each currency be set aside so that even the poorest women of each country can be an equal part of this fellowship of love and care. Each time we participate we affirm our common concern for humankind and creation, as well as our desire for peace and reconciliation. The offering of least coins is used for grants to special projects of evangelism, service, ecumenical solidarity, relief and awareness-building among women throughout the world.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. John 14:27

A Prayer of Dedication

Loving Creator, we thank you for all the bountiful gifts of life. We are especially grateful for the Fellowship of the Least Coin with binds us together in love and forgiveness with Christian women around the globe. Keep us mindful of the miracles of these coins. Teach us to trust that nothing is impossible for you who can do great and unexpected things from out of the least.

Amen
Carolyn Baruch and Tami Morrow hit it off immediately when they met in the Village Choir. They became friends right away and went through new member classes together and joined Village Church at the same time in 2015. Their paths to Village were very different.

Carolyn grew up at Village on Mission, as an infant through high school. She was very active in youth group, choir and Mission trips. She remembers the positive influence of one of her leaders, Becky Blue, who was talented, had a strong faith and was interested in seeing the teenagers as people.

Carolyn graduated from KU with a degree in Music Therapy and lived and worked in Chicago for 15 years. When she returned to Kansas in 2003 she joined the Presbyterian Church of Stanley (now VOA). When the church split, she came back to Village. Carolyn and her husband Jeff own a medical website design company. Their son Bryan is a sophomore at JCCC and will attend KU in the fall to finish his degree in Marketing. Carolyn is a very social person and loves going to Jazzercise every day. She also loves to travel and meet friends for dinner and drinks.

Tami was raised Southern Baptist and attended Nall Avenue Baptist Church for many years. Tami began attending VOM in 2013 after reconnecting with Music Director Mark Ball, a friend from college. Mark invited Tami to attend a few rehearsals of the Village Choir to see what she thought. Tami felt that she was destined to be a part of the group and has been a proud member of Alto Nation ever since.

Since graduating from William Jewell College, Tami has had a dedicated career in the field of Community Education. She is currently Workforce and Community Education Coordinator at Metropolitan Community College of KC. She enjoys attending local fine arts performances with friends and traveling with her husband John. At home she can be found nurturing her thriving garden whose abundance she freely shares with family and friends.

Tami and Carolyn sing in both the Village Choir and Chamber Choir at VOM as well as groups outside of Village Church. According to Carolyn, when sitting together in choir, she and Tami learned how well their voices blended and said “We need to do a duet!” During the summer months when the summer choir only sings for one service at VOM, Tami and Carolyn pick out and practice pieces to sing during worship. They’re happy to sing at both VOM and VOA and look forward to when life returns to a normal where they are able to do that.

Carolyn never expected to feel as connected to Village Church as she has in the last month. She looks forward to Sunday mornings when she watches the service in her pj’s with a cup of coffee; really being able to reflect on the message and how it can help during these trying times. She loves the music in the services too, getting to hear Nathan and Becky Bliss and the strong message in their music. Connecting with choir friends through Zoom Happy Hours has been great! Carolyn appreciates all Village is offering during these unordinary days.

What Tami is enjoying most about this stay-at-home time is the chance to get a taste of retirement. She is a year or two away from retiring and after years of leaving the house to work, has wondered what it would be like to be home 24/7 with her husband. She’s happy to say that it’s going great and they’re both enjoying it! A benefit of the time at home is a chance for more physical activity such as daily walks, something new for them.
During this quarantine time, being in the highest danger zone for this virus, everything on my calendar is cancelled; I have not left the house to go anywhere in 35 days. I have looked at this as a gift from God to slow down, releasing me from the feeling of obligation to do everything on the calendar, taking more time to rest and relax. Gone is the hectic race of everyday life. I have enjoyed being home, relaxed in my pjs, slippers, with no makeup, and no hair curling. I can actually take the time to walk around the block and witness God’s creation as the world opens up in spring beauty.

I realize how little we need, that what we have is enough, and what is important is human connection, the love of people, our friends and neighbors, and our families. I’m thankful for the many ways we can find the ability to communicate and show love to one another - even with social distancing. I’m grateful to our church for the many ways we are still able to worship and connect with one another.

I regret very much and grieve those who are ill or have lost friends or family members. I regret not getting to experience so many of the events that have been cancelled. But, with God’s help, we are managing just fine, and this slowdown is, for me, an unexpected gift. Marvie Sneegas

In this season of “social distancing” and slowing down, we have been given the gift of time and space for connecting with God, for noticing nature and the change of seasons, for appreciating our loved ones who we cannot hug, and for just “being.” For me, journaling can take on several different forms. I often write a prayer to God, pouring out my heart to Him, thanking Him for my blessings, sharing my anxieties and concerns and lifting up those on my heart who are in need. Lately, my journaling has also incorporated scripture reading and prayer. I have enjoyed having a little structure to my Sabbath time, utilizing my journal to communicate with God in both sharing what is on my heart and also listening to what He has to teach me and what He is calling me to. I have 5 different sections to my journaling: choose a verse from my daily scripture reading, ask God to speak to me through that verse, confession, expressing gratitude to God, and lifting up others to God in prayer. Susan Satterlee

(see page 9 for a journaling primer)

We are all ordinary. We are all boring. We are all spectacular.
We are all shy. We are all bold.
We are all heroes. We are all helpless. It just depends on the day.
~ Brad Metzler

My friend sent this quote today. I don’t believe in coincidence. Nothing in the history of our world, that we can all remember, has ever felt like it knocked us down to such an even playing field all at the same time. One day I feel all of those things and another day none of those things. Of course there are always those with advantage and disadvantage, but seemingly less so in this moment. Nothing has put human-kind so in its place all at once, worldwide. It’s so clear. Neighborhood, state, country, and border; none of our man-made barriers can save us. All are vulnerable at the same time and in much of the same way. At the core we realize the individualism we have celebrated as making us strong and successful is more of an illusion. We are alone and we are miserable, we are aching to reunite. We need each other. The world must work together, in unison, to survive and thrive. Helping ourselves is no longer enough. It never was. But now there’s physical proof with masks, gloves, portable morgues and mass graves outside wartime. What’s real and what matters is suddenly very clear. When money alone can no longer solve a problem the haves and have nots are rowing, together, upstream. Of course there will always be those who start on third base and others outside the park. But at the end of the day, if those closer to winning don’t help those unable to buy tickets, we all lose. And we all know it. At the end of the day, fifteen layers deep, we are all utterly human, vulnerable, and alike more than different. We all feel bold at times, helpless sometimes, courageous sometimes. I lean on faith, family, dear friends, nature, music and light. I lean on the word of hope and the promise of a new day. Julia Scammahorn
Discover Spirit Within

A Journaling Primer
by Susan Satterlee

1. TODAY’S SCRIPTURE READING
- Read a passage and choose a verse that resonates with you

2. LORD TEACH ME TO...
- Reflect on the scripture
- Listen for what God is teaching
- Is there new insight?
- Is God calling you to action?
- Are there ways you need to change?

3. I CONFESS
- Pause your writing
- Ask God for insight
- Be honest
- Be a quiet listener
- Ask for forgiveness
- Pray to improve

4. GRATEFULNESS
- List what you are grateful for
- Praise His goodness, provision & steadfast presence

5. I LIFT UP...
- Place before God those on your heart
- Ask God to lead you, change you, use you

I will not be shaken.
Psalm 16:8

Celebration of Faithful Women
Date to be Announced

VOA Spring Luncheon
Saturday, September 19

PW Spring Retreat
April 23 & 24 in 2021!

Gentle Yoga
Katie Hurcomb is taking yoga to Zoom! Join in her weekly Gentle Yoga, Core strength, and Fascia Therapy classes by emailing her at Hurkate@gmail.com!
Last fall we enjoyed reading, singing, and getting to know two classes from Operation Breakthrough during the six-week session. Some of the highlights included a farm animal day courtesy of the preschool and trick-or-treating around the church offices. Thank you to all who volunteered to read and to those who contributed books to make this program possible.

When we said good-bye to the children in October last year, we of course had no idea our little reading buddies would not return this spring. We pray they and their families are well and that they will be able to begin kindergarten on schedule this fall.

The next session of the reading program is scheduled to start September 23, 2020, at VOM, when we hope to see all our wonderful volunteers return.

If you are interested in signing up or have questions, please contact: Cindy Whitham cwhitham@aol.com or 913-262-3062.

Amazing Graces
Painting Party postponed until fall. Stay tuned for information!

The more we love, the better we are; and the greater our friendships are, the dearer we are to God.

Jeremy Taylor

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

* 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
* To nurture our faith through prayer and Bible Study
* To support the mission of the church worldwide
Welcome Rev. Lynn Miller, author of the 2020-2021 PW Horizons Bible Study. The study revives lament as a response to difficult situations in our world. The one who laments remembers God, and in scripture, lament usually leads to hope. Hope implies movement: both God’s inherent movement toward justice and our movement toward God. Recovering lament is a timely gift to our world.

Rev. Lynn Miller, author and artist, is a minister of Word and Sacrament in the PC(USA). She received her MDiv from Union Presbyterian Seminary and the DMin from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in conjunction with University of Aberdeen in Scotland. She has served as a workshop leader, graphic designer and keynote speaker for conferences on theology, worship, spirituality, education and the arts.

### PW Horizons Bible Study Workshop

**Into the Light**

BY P. LYNN MILLER

WITH SUGGESTIONS FOR LEADERS BY DEE KOZA

**Saturday, August 15, 2020**

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

$20/person

(includes continental breakfast and lunch)

Friendship Hall

Village Presbyterian Church

6641 Mission Road

Prairie Village, KS 66208

Include an extra $10 to buy the Horizons Bible Study Guide. Unable to attend? Guide ($10) may be purchased at [presbyterianwomen.org](http://presbyterianwomen.org).

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For Questions please contact:

Laura Hobbs, Adult Ministry Coordinator

at 913-671-2333 or [laura.hobbs@villagepres.org](mailto:laura.hobbs@villagepres.org).
May you...

With love from Women of the PW Coordinating Team

- Find peace in knowing that we are all God's children. May you find joy and welcome each day as a blessing.
  - Mariann Sun

- Find joy in the journey.
  - Niki Krenzel

- Feel peace and joy even in the midst of chaos.
  - Leslie Conrad

- Wait for God in the silence.

- Remember when life gives you reasons to break down and cry, you must show life that you have a million reasons to smile and laugh.
  - Martha Tatman

- Take the time today to go on a walk in your neighborhood. You'll see things you've never seen before, think new thoughts and maybe even run into a neighbor that you haven't talked to in a while.
  - Janet Bates

- Be blessed in being the blessing another person needs.
  - Joyce Bardeen

- Be kind.

- Feel the breath of God deep in your lungs.

- Remember your baptism as you wash your hands.

- Be still and know that God is in control.
  - Dee Gourd

- Hold tight to God's love for you.
  - Nancy Cantril

- Feel God's abundant blessings lift your heart and guide your feet! May you connect with your neighbor and allow your hearts to touch, even if your hands cannot.
  - Nancy Cantril

- Be of good cheer.
  - Linda Alley

- Be blessed with patience, the power of prayer & peace.
  - Linda Alley

- Remember, God knit you together in the womb.

- Feel God's warm embrace.

- Feel the breath of God deep in your lungs.
... feel God’s grace in your life everyday.  
Janice Gill

... be surrounded with joy, peace, laughter and love.  
Becky Anderson

... be sustained by God’s gift of friendships, both old and new, as you navigate through this time of separation  
Ann DeFeo

... sing a song every day… a childhood song, a love song, a hymn. Just sing!  
Judy Cooper

... remember to take deep breaths and be still, to know this trial will one day pass. It is not a forever thing.  
Cheryl Brady

... know God holds you in the palm of His hand.  
Marilyn Borel

... be blessed  
Shelby Krumm

...see the flowers blooming!  
Carol Are

... be thankful for health, hope, courage, endurance, prayer, and the value of love and human connection.  
Marvie Sneegas

... find ways to nurture yourself and those around you during this uncertain time.  
Lexa Carr

... find God’s beauty in the quiet of our “new” world.  
Carol Solenberger

... always seek joy in things around you.  
Kathy Ray

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Ann DeFeo

... find a new way to practice simplicity that brings contentment to your soul.  
Carol Are

... always remember the rainbow, and may you have strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow.  
Laura Langdon

... find ways to nurture yourself and those around you during this uncertain time.  
Lexa Carr

... feel God’s presence this day & every day in your walk of life.  
Lexa Carr

... find God’s beauty in the quiet of our “new” world.  
Carol Solenberger

... be a blessing!  
Marvie Sneegas