

# Presbyterian Women (PW): Purpose, Community, and Mission

## The Purpose of PW:

*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 (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom!*

## Who and What We Are

**Presbyterian Women** is a welcoming community open to all women in our church—no membership needed. Join us for fellowship, friendship, Bible Study and mission opportunities at any time. We gather regularly to strengthen our bonds and nurture faith.

There are **Gatherings/Salad Luncheons** four times a year in October, December, March, and May. Everyone is invited to these gatherings to enjoy friendship, delicious food, and a brief program.

Our **Circles**, which are small groups for women, meet four times a year in November, January, February, and April. These groups focus on fellowship and Bible study. Please refer to our [Calendar of Events](#) for more details and specific dates.

**Annual Fundraisers**, along with Bible Study, are a cornerstone of Presbyterian Women, with proceeds directly supporting our mission programs. One highlight is the **Fall Pecan Sale**—be sure to order early, as these pecans are very popular and available only while supplies last.

Another key event is our **Annual Social Event**, held on a Monday in January at 1:30 pm. Proceeds from this event support Presbyterian Women mission programs, many of which are local. Some of these missions are: Homeless Education Project (Charlotte Co), Operation Christmas Child (shoebox gifts for children around the world), CARE, Misión Peniel, Immokalee Friendship House, A.N.A.'s Friends (abandoned children), Valerie's House (Grief support for children), Duvall Homes (disabled adults), and Thornwell Home (children in crisis).

Through meeting together and supporting our mission programs over the years, we develop deep and meaningful relationships, truly becoming "Sisters in Christ." Our core commitments are to nurture faith, support missions, and build a caring community of women.

## Special Offerings

Presbyterian Women participate in several special offerings through the National Organization of Presbyterian Women:

- **PW Thank Offering** – Funds national and international grants; at least 40% support health ministries around the world, and 60% fund new creative ideas for mission.
- **PW Birthday Offering** – Provides funding for up to five grants each year, focused on health, education, economic development, and the needs of women and children.
- **International Fellowship of the Least Coin** – At every Gathering/Luncheon and Circle meeting, “Least Coins” are collected as a symbol of prayer. These donations join with others from around the world to provide grants supporting projects for women and children globally.
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### Peace River Presbytery Events:

- Annual Gathering and Spring Retreat
- Women’s Autumn Retreat
- Synod of the South Atlantic Triennium retreat

Join us for a meeting, Bible study, or luncheon.

## Presbyterian Women Officers

| Position                     | Name              |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Moderator                    | Bette Coopland    |
| Vice-Moderator               | Mary Snodgrass    |
| Post-Moderator               | Joyce Pacifico    |
| Secretary & Yearbook Chair   | Jeri Warner       |
| Treasurer & Pecan Sale Chair | Carol Ott         |
| Publicity                    | Ellen Mogensen    |
| Membership                   | Brenda Tankersley |
| Sunshine                     | Fran Clymer       |
| Historian                    | Karen Poquette    |
| Programs & Missions          | Joyce Sluzewski   |
| Operation Christmas Child    | Barb Lohff        |

## Circle Information

Meetings in November, January, February and April

| Circle Name | Leader                          | Day and Place                   |
|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Eve         | Karen Poquette & Mary Snodgrass | First Wednesday morning at BSPC |
| Rachel      | Judy Darrell & Barb Lohff       | First Monday afternoon in homes |