



2022 *Thank Offering* OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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Visit presbyterianwomen.org/thank to learn more, give online and download resources.



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Dear Friends,

Please join the Presbyterian Women Creative Ministries Offering Committee in seeking “to do good to one another and to all,” as Christ has called us to do (1 Th 5:15b–18).

Since 1888, Presbyterian women have shown deep gratitude for God’s blessings by giving to ministries and programs that lift up people and communities. Through Thank Offering grants, PWs gather their funds together and provide meaningful support to programs that provide housing for disadvantaged people, health and nutrition education, life-skills and job training and so much more.

Encourage Presbyterian women in your area to promote and celebrate the programs chosen this year for the Thank Offering.

Inside this booklet, you will find

- an overview of the 2022 recipients,
- an offering dedication service,
- suggestions for promoting and supporting the Thank Offering,
- an 11" x 17" page for use as a promotional poster or a placemat, and
- the resource flier listing all Thank Offering materials available for download and print.

Visit presbyterianwomen.org/thank for downloadable bulletin covers, bulletin inserts and videos. You can also order collection envelopes, the poster/placemat and additional booklets.

Horizons, the magazine for Presbyterian Women, publishes the Thank Offering grant recipient list and dedication service in the Summer issue. Visit presbyterianwomen.org/subscribe or call 866/802-3635 to subscribe! Print subscribers receive the annual Bible study as part of their subscription (see online for details).

Please send your Thank Offering gifts to the PW treasurer in your presbytery. Individuals can give online any time at presbyterianwomen.org/give.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of the Thank Offering and Presbyterian Women.

Blessings,

Creative Ministries Offering Committee

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Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA), Inc.



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Presbyterian women have been heeding the call to give thanks to God and “to do good to one another and to all” (1 Th 5:15) since they started organizing as aid societies in the 1700s. Over the following decades, women’s charitable groups formed in cities and churches across the country with the purpose of exercising women’s leadership as well as benefitting those in need. Today PW continues that tradition of generosity and care through giving to the Thank and Birthday Offerings.

The Thank Offering began in 1888 when Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, urged each woman to give one dollar over and above her usual contribution to the Women’s General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. A century later, the newly formed Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) adopted the Thank Offering as one of the two grant-making programs of the national organization. Since then, close to \$27 million has been granted to more than 1,600 different projects in the United States and around the world from the PW Thank Offering.

It has been nearly 125 years since Eliza asked women to give a “thank offering to her Lord” and support mission initiatives at home and abroad. Today faithful givers are still responding to her inspiring call.

In 2022 the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women reviewed 24 Thank Offering applications and selected 10 projects for funding. Eight of the projects serve people in the United States and two are international. In keeping with the Thank Offering bylaws, more than 40 percent of the selected projects are related to health ministries.



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2022 *Thank Offering* OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Grant Recipients

National

SYNOD OF THE COVENANT

Maumee Valley Presbytery
Maumee Valley Habitat for
Humanity Home Repair Ministry
Stabilizing Homeownership in
Marginalized Communities
Maumee, OH
\$30,000
mvhabitat.org

The Thank Offering grant will enable the purchase of materials such as siding, wood, paint, concrete reinforcements, doors and windows for home repair in three areas designated in the Neighborhood Stabilization Plan for the City of Toledo, Ohio. This program strategically focuses resources block by block to elevate home ownership, make critical health- and safety-related updates and support neighborhood beautification

projects. The project's goal is to lift up marginalized neighborhoods so that residents want to live in the community, families find stability and seniors are able to age in their homes.

Presbytery of Miami Valley
Presbyterian Women of
Westminster Presbyterian
Church, Dayton, OH
Tornado Survivors' Pathway
to Homeownership
Dayton, OH
\$13,000
westminsterdayton.org

In 2019, tornadoes struck central Ohio, destroying 1,500 homes—many of them subsidized rental units. Finding safe and affordable housing became a huge challenge, so a community-wide partnership was organized to provide homes for tornado-impacted families. Focusing on

renters who are mortgage ready, this project helps build, rehabilitate and sell properties to first-time homeowners, creating an opportunity for them to live safely and to build equity. The Thank Offering grant will provide supplies for building and rehabbing homes, and due to the project's financial structure, these funds will continue into perpetuity. Once a tornado survivor purchases a home, the proceeds will support the next home that is built, providing even more access to affordable housing.

SYNOD OF LIVING WATERS

Presbytery of East Tennessee
Habitat for Humanity of Greater
Chattanooga Area
Orchard Knob Collaborative
Chattanooga, TN
\$20,000
habichatt.org

When families lack funds to cover their housing needs, they experience poor health outcomes and lower levels of engagement in the community. The Orchard Knob Collaborative (OKC) is committed to restoring and strengthening their neighborhood by using a long-range, inclusive approach to assist low-income households with home repair. The Thank Offering grant will purchase materials to alleviate health, life and safety issues, address code violations and increase energy efficiency. By making repairs and reducing exposure to lead paint, asbestos and allergens, residents will live in safer and more inviting homes that will lead to an improved quality of life.

Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley

Presbyterian Home for Children
Union Village Capital Campaign
Talladega, AL
\$50,000
phfc.org

Union Village is an innovative program by Presbyterian Home for Children, in partnership with the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind, that turns unused farmland into much needed accessible, affordable and secure housing for adults with multiple disabilities. This supportive housing community empowers independent living and is one of the few programs designed for this vulnerable population in the United States. The Thank Offering grant will support construction of 16

tiny homes that provide special accommodations such as zero-step entry into the house and bathroom, and strategic placement of lighting and sensory-assist devices.

SYNOD OF MID-ATLANTIC

Presbytery of New Hope
Interfaith Prison Ministry for Women
Women's Reentry Project (WRP)
Raleigh, NC
\$50,000
ipmforwomen.org

The Women's Reentry Project (WRP) helps women prepare for and navigate life after incarceration by developing tools to forge new and better lives. The WRP combines housing—which is a significant barrier to successful reentry—with wraparound social and vocational support. The Thank Offering grant will help fund three forms of subsidized housing: Bridge Housing upon release from prison; Stable Supportive Housing for 12-18 months; and Independent Housing, for those who continue in the program as nonresidents. Using gender-specific, trauma-informed, evidence-based services, this program helps women achieve stability, family reunification and independent living.

SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC

Cherokee Presbytery
Cancer Navigators, Inc.
Day & Overnight Transformations
Retreats for Cancer Patients
Rome, GA
\$9,238
cancernavigatorsga.org



PW of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dayton, OH



Habitat for Humanity of Greater Chattanooga, Chattanooga, TN



Presbyterian Home for Children, Talladega, AL



Interfaith Prison Ministry for Women, Raleigh, NC



Cancer Navigators Inc., Rome, GA



C.A.M.P. University, McAllen, TX

Cancer patients classified as low income must navigate many challenges beyond their illness. They often must choose between securing food or medicine, lack reliable transportation and worry about paying everyday bills. Cancer Navigators (CN) assists medical providers by guiding patients toward a better understanding of diagnosis and care while connecting them with needed services. The Thank Offering grant will provide retreats for 60 cancer patients who do not otherwise have resources to leave for a day. Through an escape from daily life and struggles, these retreats offer patients a rare opportunity to take time for themselves and receive helpful tips and information. By spending time away with other cancer patients, retreat participants witness they are not alone in their cancer journey.

SYNOD OF THE SUN

Mission Presbytery

C.A.M.P. University

Commercial Kitchen Safety Update

McAllen, TX

\$12,370

campuniversity.org

C.A.M.P. University provides opportunities for adults with special needs to develop skills and interests that facilitate greater independence so they Can Achieve their Maximum Potential (C.A.M.P.). The Thank Offering grant will provide a safe, updated commercial gas range that will be used for teaching adults

how to follow instructions, such as recipes, and how to use various kitchen appliances. By providing cooking lessons, clients will learn to safely participate in meal preparation and eventually cook their own lunches at the university as an alternative to bringing lunches from home.

SYNOD OF THE TRINITY

Presbytery of Philadelphia

Tree of Life Church PC(USA)

Our Community Cup

Coffeehouse

Springfield, PA

\$7,000

ourcommunitycup.com

When adults with intellectual disabilities and differences reach the age of 21, many supportive programs disappear. Our Community Cup Coffeehouse provides a space for adults with disabilities, their families and caregivers to feel welcome and encouraged to grow in friendship, leadership and faith. Guests meet weekly to share a meal and participate in social activities like playing cards, coloring, singing with live music and participating in talent nights where jugglers, singers, comedians, poets, painters, fiber artists and dancers share their gifts. The Thank Offering grant will fund the use of the building, gifts for musicians, activity costs and food for a year. Since some regular funding was lost during the pandemic, this grant will allow the project to rebuild its financial infrastructure for the long term.

International

HAITI

**Synod of the South Atlantic
Presbytery of Tampa Bay**
Village Partners International
and Mombin Crochu Hospital
Addressing Chronic and
Recurrent Malnutrition
Mombin Crochu, Haiti
\$47,887
villagepartnersinternational.org

As earthquakes, drought, political instability and Covid-19 threaten local food supplies in Haiti, this project will help prevent deaths and address root causes of severe malnutrition for rural, exceptionally poor families in Mombin Crochu. The grant will address several areas: Increase interactions between children with severe malnutrition and clinical providers; educate physicians and nurses to support critically ill children; purchase

equipment needed for severely malnourished children and create an emergency stockpile of supplies; provide educational events with communities and families; establish nurseries of Moringa oleifera and Liane panier, plants used as nutritional supplements, for families to cultivate in home gardens for personal consumption and income generation.

LEBANON

**Evangelical Synod of Syria
and Lebanon**
National Evangelical
Presbyterian Church in
Rabieh, Lebanon
Contact and Resource Center
(CRC)
Enhancement of Women with
Physical Challenges in
Rural Areas
Tanourine, Lebanon
\$49,995
[facebook.com/
RabiehEvangelicalChurch](https://facebook.com/RabiehEvangelicalChurch)

The Contact Resource Center (CRC) helps people with disabilities in Lebanon to retain their full human rights and to work towards becoming self-supporting. Rural families may leave their villages looking for safety and seeking work. With the Thank Offering grant, the CRC will equip physically challenged and low-income women with skills to generate income and remain in their own communities. Workshops will be offered to 60 women in 20 villages for sewing and quilting classes, meal sharing and worship. By empowering marginalized women, often considered as dependents for life, this training will offer them a means of independence and the opportunity to enjoy the respect and inclusion they deserve.



Tree of Life Church PC(USA), Springfield, PA



Village Partners International and Mombin Crochu Hospital, Haiti



Contact and Resource Center (CRC), Lebanon

Do Good, Rejoice, Pray and Give Thanks

Dedication Service

by Sue Mummert

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Leader: As we light this candle, let us remember the presence of Jesus Christ, your holy Wisdom and your eternal Word made flesh to us. Amen. (*Light the Christ Candle.*)

Call to Worship (from 1 Thessalonians 5:15b–18)

One: Always strive to do what is good.

All: We will rejoice always.

One: Always strive to do what is good.

All: We will pray continually.

One: Always strive to do what is good.

All: We will give thanks in every circumstance,
for each other and for all.

One: This is God's will for us in Christ Jesus.

Hymn Suggestions*

"We Give Thee but Thine Own" (GtG 708)

Meditation

In Paul's letter to the Thessalonians, we read that he admonishes all to be kind, to be joyful, to pray continually and to give thanks in all circumstances, according to God's will in Christ. After hearing these words, you may ask yourself, "How can I be thankful in every circumstance I encounter?" Is it possible to be thankful for a natural disaster? Or a war? Or a health diagnosis such as cancer, or Lyme, or Covid-19? Linda B. Harter, a Presbyterian pastor of blessed memory, was always quick to point out that Paul says *in* all circumstances, not *for* all circumstances.

We can always find something, possibly hidden temporarily, to be thankful for. That frightening health diagnosis may bless you with the discovery of how many faithful and kind friends you have to support you. Perhaps that period of your life could force a reevaluation of your priorities.

So, what are you thankful for today? Family? Friends? Faith? You probably can write out a long list. But what about dirty dishes? Consider them as a remembrance of having food on the table. Dirty laundry? They point to your blessing of clothes to wear. Pile of utility bills? They show that you have a home to care for—a place to rest your head in safety.

We know that many people at home and around the world struggle. What can folks who are not as fortunate find to be thankful? One answer might be support from Presbyterian Women. Gifts to the Thank Offering change lives and help transform whole communities. Our greatest expression of thanks to God for all our blessings is to pass them along to others.

Before Jesus faced his trial and crucifixion, he said to the disciples, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13:34–35). What better way to live out our discipleship and thank God for the many gifts we have received than to show our love for one another through giving? When we share the blessings we have received with others, we are blessed twice. And God smiles.



Prayer of Dedication

Sovereign God, we humbly bring these gifts as part of our Thank Offering. We honor you for all your blessings and hope to pass them along to those who have been chosen by Presbyterian Women as recipients of these gifts. We are united with women around the country in thanking you and doing our best to bless others as you have blessed us. May your love grow and spread with the dedication of these gifts to the service of your people. May hope grow and thankfulness increase as needs are met. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Hymn Suggestions*

“Let All Things Now Living” (GtG 37)

“Now Thank We All Our God” (GtG 643)

Closing Prayer

Gracious and loving God, creator of all good things, we praise and thank you for the amazing gifts you have showered on us. You are an awesome God! We know

that sometimes our blessings are hidden temporarily, and we forget to thank you when we find them.

Sometimes we receive mixed blessings. Sometimes we take for granted our daily blessings. Open our eyes to all these gifts and gently nudge us to thank you every day. Help us to share with others as we have much to be thankful for. Bless those who will receive the Thank Offering and may these gifts bring light, hope and joy to many lives. We pray in the name of your precious son, Jesus. Amen.

(Extinguish the Christ Candle.)

Sue Mummert serves as the Synod of the Trinity representative to the Board of Directors of Presbyterian Women.

* Hymns marked “GtG” are from *Glory to God* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2013)

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PROMOTING THE THANK OFFERING

In your PW group

- Download and print materials such as bulletin covers and inserts for free at presbyterianwomen.org/thank.
- Order poster/placemats and offering envelopes at presbyterianwomen.org/thank.
- Show the Thank Offering promotional video, available on the PW YouTube channel at youtube.com/presbyterianwomen.
- Make a presentation at your fall gathering.
- If you do not have regular gatherings, ask each circle to receive the offering once a year around Thanksgiving.

In your church

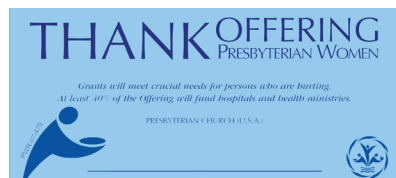
- Promoting the Thank Offering to the entire congregation!
 - o Get session approval.
 - o Make the Thank Offering announcement during worship and ask givers to put money in a basket specifically for the offering or give online at presbyterianwomen.org/give.
 - o Use the Thank Offering bulletin cover for worship and include the Thank Offering bulletin insert.
 - o Include an announcement in your church newsletter about the Thank Offering and how it helps change lives. Use an example from this booklet.
 - o Display the Thank Offering poster in a prominent place.
 - o Hold a special event, like a Thanksgiving meal, where you receive the offering.
Use Thank Offering poster/placemats at the tables.
 - o Host a Thank Offering gathering on your church lawn—or perhaps drop off a fall treat (and giving envelope) to the home of PW participants.

In your presbytery and synod

- Include information about the Thank Offering in your newsletter.
- Send a special email encouraging local PWs to participate.
- Give a presentation about the Thank Offering at your fall gathering.
- Host a speaker from an organization in your area that has received a Thank Offering grant (contact PW's Mission Associate at cheri.harper@pcusa.org).
- Use the Thank Offering poster/placemats at a synod or presbytery meal.

WAYS TO SUPPORT THE THANK OFFERING OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle or group gift

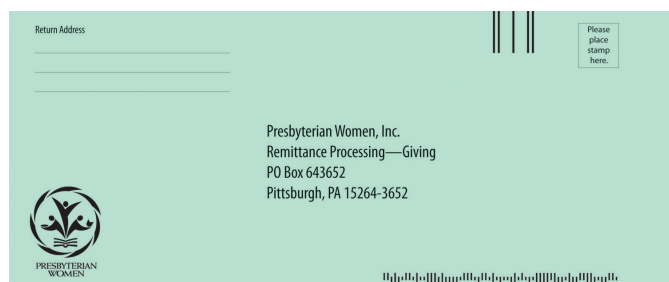


Circle members and other PW group members traditionally support the Thank Offering by donating cash or check in the PW group setting. Envelopes to receive these gifts are available free of charge in packs of 25 from the PW Shop (presbyterianwomen.org/shop; item PWR16479) or the PC(USA) Store (800/533-4371).

PW in the Congregation treasurers, please receive your circles'/congregation's Thank Offering gifts and send to your PW in the Presbytery treasurer.

PW in the Presbytery treasurers, please send your Thank Offering gifts with your presbytery's other quarterly contributions to Presbyterian Women Remittance Processing, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652. If you need a remittance form, contact Rhonda Martin at Rhonda.Martin@pcusa.org.

Individual gift



If you are giving outside a PW circle, use the individual giving envelope. You may give by check or credit card with this envelope, and you will receive a tax receipt for your gift. Fill out the envelope completely, including your presbytery and synod so they will receive credit for your gift. Envelopes are available free of charge

in packs of 10 from the PW Shop (presbyterianwomen.org/shop; item PWR20456) or the PC(USA) Store (800/533-4371).

Tip: Distribute these envelopes to your congregation for even wider support of the Thank Offering.

Online Giving

Make a Donation →

Make a secure online gift at presbyterianwomen.org/give.

QR Code giving



Give to the Thank Offering through the QR Code on the cover that you can scan with a smartphone or device. Leaders and planners can share the QR Code at virtual gatherings.

We don't want to miss anyone!

Help us keep contact information current. When leaders, such as treasurers and moderators in your congregation, presbytery and/or synod change, please let us know. Email changes to patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org



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See the Summer issue of *Horizons*

magazine for a list of this year's

recipients. Please give so that more

Thank Offering grants can be awarded

next year, and promote the 2022

offering using the available resources.

Resources to Promote the 2022 Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women

Essentials

Available as a download, as well! The 2022 **Thank Offering promotional booklet**, which is routinely mailed to all PC(USA) congregations and PW leaders, includes grant recipient summaries; a dedication service; a greeting from the Creative Ministries Offering Committee; ideas to promote and support the Thank Offering; a poster/placemat; and promotional resource flier. Item PWR22475; free.

2022 Thank Offering Korean- and Spanish-language promotional booklets

Download only; item PWR22475. Download at presbyterianwomen.org/thank; free.

The 11" x 17" **2022 Thank Offering poster/placemat** is versatile: use side one as a poster suitable for bulletin boards and trifold; use side two as a placemat for dinners and tabletops. Available as singles so order as many (or as few) as needed! Item PWR22473; free.

2022 Thank Offering bulletin insert

Download only; item PWR22480. Download at presbyterianwomen.org/thank; free.

2022 Thank Offering bulletin cover (8½" x 11")

Download only; item PWR22476. Download at presbyterianwomen.org/thank; free.

2022 Thank Offering resource flier

Download only; item PWR22474. Download at presbyterianwomen.org/thank; free.

2022 Thank Offering promotional video

(English, Spanish and Korean) Online only. Available on PW's YouTube channel: youtube.com/presbyterianwomen.

Receiving the Offering

Thank Offering group giving envelopes, traditionally used in PW circles and congregations, are available in packs of 25. Item PWR16479; free.

Individual giving envelopes are PW's "multipurpose" envelopes. These #10 green envelopes include an attached slip that allows an individual (or group) to choose where to direct her gifts as well as an area for credit card information. Available in packs of 10; item PWR20456; free.

More to Explore

The **Summer 2022 issue of *Horizons* magazine** includes the grant recipient list as well as a dedication service. Item HZN22220, \$4.00. (Not a *Horizons* magazine subscriber? Call 866/802-3635 or visit presbyterianwomen.org/horizons to subscribe.)

Two Ways to Order

- Shop online at presbyterianwomen.org/shop (type "Thank Offering" in the search box).
- Call 800/533-4371, Monday–Friday, 10 AM–5 PM ET.

Note: Prices do not include shipping and handling (based on weight of order; \$6.25 minimum). International orders and orders to Puerto Rico will incur additional shipping charges. There are no shipping charges for free/promotional offering materials.

Have a PW leadership change? If so, contact patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org (or call 844/797-2872, ext. 8015) so she can ensure that PW resources are mailed to the "proper" PW!



To view the free **2022 Thank Offering** promotional video,
go to PW's YouTube channel: youtube.com/presbyterianwomen.

To order additional copies of the booklet or poster/placemat, call 800/533-4371
or visit presbyterianwomen.org/shop.

To download the flier, bulletin cover and bulletin insert, go to presbyterianwomen.org/thank.

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