



# PW Newsbytes

News you can use from Presbyterian Women

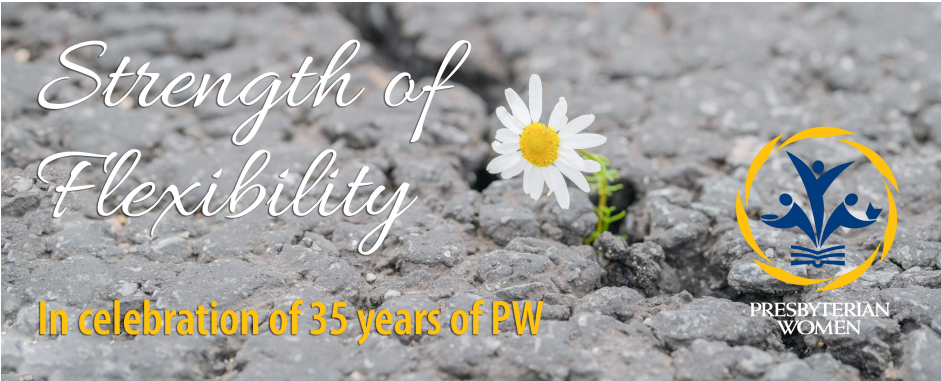
**HOW CAN YOU USE THIS NEWS?**  
Any way you want!

Forward this entire newsletter, copy and paste sections into your newsletter, or forward the following fliers to share what's new with PW!

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## AUGUST 2023 EDITION

### 2024 Annual Mission Fund



**A**nnual Fund. Mission Pledge. PW Ministry and Mission Fund. Resources to Resource. No matter how you think of it, giving to PW's Annual Mission Fund (formerly the Mission Pledge) equips participants in Presbyterian Women at all levels of the organization to do the Purpose-full work we do. Planning a Bible study? Participating in a justice and peace book group? Giving a "least coin"? Funding a Thank Offering? Attending a Churchwide Gathering? PW's Annual Mission Fund financially undergirds all we do

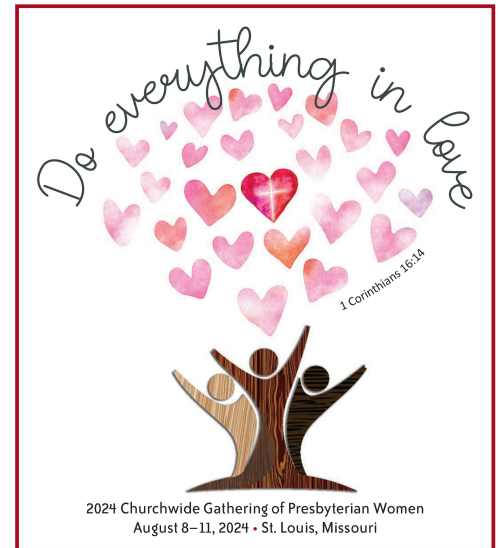
as Presbyterian Women. Please give in your PW group or as an individual. Follow your heart and give how you are called and as you have been blessed.

PW treasurers, your work keeps PW working! The 2024 Annual Mission Fund Information for Treasurers will be available by September. If you need a form or other info, contact Rhonda.Martin@pcusa.org. A treasurer-specific web page is under construction so visit and bookmark [presbyterianwomen.org/treasurers/](http://presbyterianwomen.org/treasurers/)



### Pass It On!

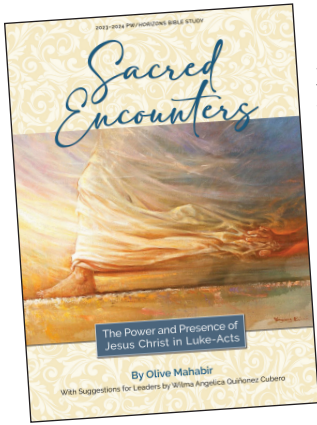
PWC, PWP and PWS newsletter editors, you are the heralds of PW communications! All content in this *NewsBytes* newsletter is freely and happily available for you to share in your PW newsletters (or feel free to share this newsletter as a whole). The full-page fliers at the end of this *NewsBytes* are also available for sharing. Either use Adobe to copy the pages you need, or go to [presbyterianwomen.org/news-events](http://presbyterianwomen.org/news-events), then to the download page for the *NewsBytes* (that offers an overview of the content) and download the separate fliers.



### Gather Around for Gathering Updates!

**"Meet Me in St. Louis" August 8-11, 2024!**  
The 2024 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women is less than a year away! Yes, that's less than a year until Presbyterian women travel to St. Louis to celebrate, learn, worship, pray, sing, laugh and even shop! "Do everything in love" is the theme and this will be an event that inspires and uplifts.

To keep you and your group in the know on this journey to St. Louis, sign up for the monthly Gathering e-newsletters (contact [Patricia.Longfellow@pcusa.org](mailto:Patricia.Longfellow@pcusa.org) or visit [presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://presbyterianwomen.org/gathering), and click the green "Stay updated" button at the top right of the page). On the 5th of each month between now and August 2024, you'll receive a Gathering Quest email with a devotion, savings tool, updates, puzzles and more! And if you use Facebook and/or Instagram, follow "PresbyterianWomenPCUSA"; once a week you will find a Gathering meme or other fun Gathering-related post to share or use in your promotions!



## Getting Ready for Your Encounter with *Sacred Encounters*

Help! I'm a Bible study leader. Where can I find resources to help me learn more about *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*?

The very best way to learn about *Sacred Encounters* is to read it, including the Suggestions for Leaders after each lesson. Visit [presbyterianwomen.org/sacred-encounters](http://presbyterianwomen.org/sacred-encounters) to order your copy of the study and find links to order, download or find the many resources below!

*Sacred Encounters* is published in English (HZN23100, \$10), Spanish (HZN23110, \$10), ecumenical (HZN23102, \$10), large-print (HZN23150, \$15) and audio download (HZN23172, \$15). The audio edition does not include the Suggestions for Leaders.

### The print editions of the study include helpful resources.

- **About the Authors** provides introductions to Olive Mahabir and Wilma Angélica Quiñonez Cubero, the women who wrote the Bible study and the Suggestions for Leaders.
- **About the Art** highlights the artists and the art chosen by PW art director Laura Lee to illustrate *Sacred Encounters*. Consider incorporating reflections on the art into your group's discussions. Flip through the book quickly and find a piece that catches your eye. What is it about that piece of art that intrigues you?
- **Questions for group discussion and/or personal reflection** appear within the text of the lessons. When you come to a *Contemplate* box, take time to read the questions and follow where they lead.
- **The Annotated Bibliography** includes brief explanations about resources and why the author finds them helpful. Maybe you'll discover a new book that you'd like to read to learn more about the power and presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts!

### Additional resources are available to order.

- **The companion DVD** includes lesson introductions presented by the author. Study groups can use the author's introductions to begin their Bible study sessions or use them as lesson supplements. Download, HZN23104, \$20. DVD, HZN23103, \$20.

- **The charm/pendant** features the study's cover art and makes an excellent gift for leaders and others. HZN23300, \$10.

Cost items may be ordered from the PW Shop, [presbyterianwomen.org/shop](http://presbyterianwomen.org/shop) or by calling 800/533-4371. Prices do not include shipping and handling (\$6.25 minimum). International orders and orders to Puerto Rico incur additional shipping charges. Prices, availability, and shipping charges are subject to change without notice.

### Free downloadable resources are available on the PW website.

- **The workshop for leaders** offers a lesson framework and activities for introducing the Bible study to groups.
- **The promotional flier and promotional poster** can be used to advertise the study. A poster is included with each English and Large Print study.
- **The bulletin cover** can be used for a meeting or worship service when you install leaders or for another PW or church event.

### For even more resources, consider:

- **The Bible study blog**—reflections on each lesson from author Olive Mahabir, beginning in late August 2023.
- **Bible Study Resources in *Horizons* magazine**—Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins offers additional insights and reflections for Lessons 1 and 2 (Summer 2023 issue); Lessons 3 and 4 (September/October 2023 issue); Lessons 5 and 6 (November/December 2023 issue); Lessons 7 and 8 (January/February 2024 issue); and Lesson 9 (March/April 2024 issue). Visit [presbyterianwomen.org/subscribe](http://presbyterianwomen.org/subscribe) to begin or check on your subscription, or give a gift subscription!
- **Hymns for one or more lessons**—Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, PC(USA) minister of word and sacrament and hymn writer, has published *I Sing to My Savior: New Hymns from the Stories in the Gospel of Luke*, ISBN: 9798840436646, Imprint: carolynshymns. Carolyn gave PW permission to use one of her hymns on the DVD. *I Sing to My Savior* is divided into sections for each chapter of Luke. Scripture lessons, hymns and reflections are included in each section.
- **Resources in your congregations and study groups**—you!

Thank you for studying the Bible with *Sacred Encounters* and Presbyterian Women!

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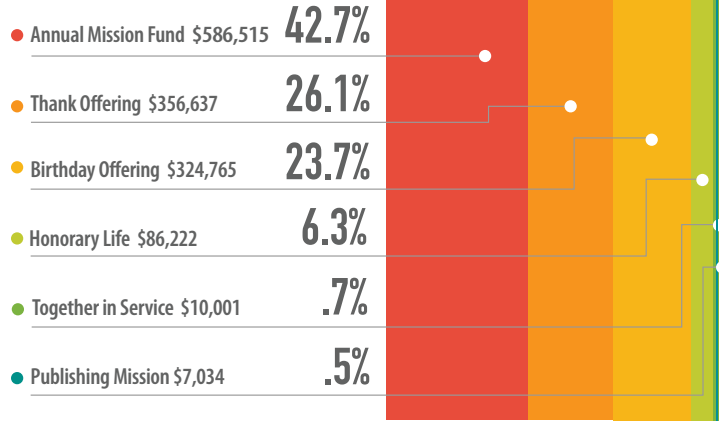
### PW Gives Day

“Strength in flexibility.” Doesn’t that describe every Presbyterian woman you know or have known? As PW (the organization) celebrates its 35th anniversary this year with that guiding theme, it seemed appropriate to strengthen this year’s **PW Gives**

**Day** with the same theme! For 2023, more than \$20,500 has been received—and gifts will continue to be accepted for a time. Visit [presbyterianwomen.org/give](http://presbyterianwomen.org/give) and select PW Gives 2023 or send a check to PW with PWG2023 in the notes line (mail to Presbyterian Women, Remittance Processing—Giving, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh PA 15264-3652). Your gifts support PW’s Annual Mission Fund.

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### PW Giving, Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2022



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### How Do You Support PW?

A pledge is a promise. Your pledge of participation in and support of our organization’s many ministries enable participants in Presbyterian Women to live fully into our PW Purpose!

Use this checklist or adapt it in a way that fits your group so that everyone’s involvement and financial support of PW is top of mind!

	Plans/Programs	Prayers	Pledge/Gifts Given
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### Build a Bouquet

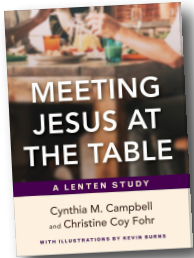
Bouquets are in bloom! PW’s “Build a Bouquet” campaign has launched and poppies and other virtual flowers are popping up in great glory! To learn more about the campaign, read an article from the March/April 2023 issue of *Horizons* or download and share a flier, both available at [presbyterianwomen.org/bouquet](http://presbyterianwomen.org/bouquet). Your gift supports PW’s **Annual Mission Fund**, honors friends, and plants poppies and petunias (to perhaps) e-grace the 2024 Churchwide Gathering!

## Digging Deeper *Sacred Encounters*' Art and Theology

Two very good opportunities can deepen your engagement with the 2023–2024 *PW/Horizons* Bible study, *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*, by Olive Mahabir. Both are highlighted on postcards included in the study, but are available outside the study as well!

First, art is an important component of *PW/Horizons* Bible studies. Each year, *PW* holds a drawing for artwork based on the study. If you wish to be included in this year's drawing, which will take place in early 2024, please send an email or letter with QLT2023 in the subject line and include your name, telephone number, email address and mailing address. Mail to Presbyterian Women, Attn. Marketing Associate, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville KY 40202-1396; or send an email to [patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org](mailto:patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org).

Next, consider giving a gift of \$50 or more to *PW*'s Annual Mission Fund; in thanks for your gift you'll receive a copy of *Meeting Jesus at the Table: A Lenten Study*, by Cynthia Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr. Fill out (and share) the flier on page 12.



### About *Meeting Jesus at the Table: A Lenten Study*

In the Gospels, a sacred encounter with Jesus often involves a sacred encounter at the table. The Gospels brim with stories of Jesus sharing meals with disciples, friends, even tax collectors and Pharisees. And Christians continue our sacred encounter with Jesus when we come to his Table, breaking bread and drinking wine in his sacred memory.

In the pages of *Meeting Jesus at the Table*, Cynthia Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr offer biblical insights along with thought-provoking queries regarding our own time, such as whom should we invite to

Sunday dinner and what it means for us, as Jesus's disciples, to provide sustenance to all who hunger and thirst.

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## Save Time and Shipping Costs

Bible studies, magazines, *PW* logo items and more—the *PW* Shop offers a wide assortment of insightful, *PW* Purpose-driven resources. Visit [presbyterianwomen.org/shop](http://presbyterianwomen.org/shop) to browse all that is available! When you place an order, before choosing a delivery address, do confirm that someone will be available to receive the items, particularly at a church or place of business.

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## Zooming in on Justice Issues

*PW* Churchwide's Justice and Peace Committee has only two more online book/film discussions this year! Participation is free, but registration is required. You will receive questions for reflection/discussion, as well as a Zoom link, 24 hours prior to each session. Visit [presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://presbyterianwomen.org/justice) to sign up today!

### September 11, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern)

*Violence Against Women: What Everyone Needs to Know* by Jacqui True (New York: Oxford, 2021)

Violence against women and girls (VAWG) is a longstanding problem that has increasingly come to the forefront of international and national policy debates and news. Yet, while we frequently read or learn about particular experiences or incidents of VAWG, we are often unaware of the full picture.

### November 13, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern)

*Wind River* (2017 film featuring Jeremy Renner and Elizabeth Olsen)

Cory Lambert is a wildlife officer who finds the body of an 18-year-old woman on a Native American reservation in snowy Wyoming. When the autopsy reveals sexual assault, FBI agent Jane Banner arrives to investigate. Teaming up with Lambert as a guide, the duo soon find that their lives are in danger while trying to solve the mystery of the teen's death.

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Oh, To Be a  
Fly(er) on the  
Church Wall

Fly(er) or flier—however you spell it, there's always news to email, mail or post. Following are just a few resources available to download (from [presbyterianwomen.org/downloads](http://presbyterianwomen.org/downloads)) and then share widely!

### 2023 Thank Offering flier

Learn more about the resources you can order or download to encourage support of the 2023 Thank Offering.

### 2023 *PW* Gives Day flier

As we celebrate 35 years of *PW*, use this flier to encourage financial support of our beloved organization.

### 2023 Justice & Peace Calendar (June–December 2023)

Keep time-sensitive justice and peace advocacy at the forefront of your and/or your *PW*'s group's witness in the world.

### 2022 Annual Report

Learn about just a few of the ways that Presbyterian Women lived out the *PW* Purpose, from congregations to churchwide!

### Lincoln Trails Women's Retreat flier

If you're in or nearby the Synod of Lincoln Trails, consider joining one of two Resilient Woman Retreats in October.

### Bible Study Gift Promotion Flier

Share the news that donors who give \$50 or more to *PW*'s Annual Mission Fund can receive a Lenten study book—an offer exclusively available through this flier!

### *Sacred Encounters* flier

Introducing the 2023–2024 *PW/Horizons* Bible study *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts* by Olive Mahabir.

# 2023 Thank Offering OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body.

*And be thankful.* —Colossians 3:14–15



## Resources to Promote the 2023 Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women

### Essentials

**Available as a download, as well!** The **2023 Thank Offering promotional booklet**, which is mailed to all 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 PWR23475; free.

**2023 Thank Offering Korean- and Spanish-language promotional booklets** Download only at [presbyterianwomen.org/thank](http://presbyterianwomen.org/thank); free.

The 11" x 17" **2023 Thank Offering poster/placemat** is versatile; use side one as a poster suitable for bulletin boards and trifolds; use side two as a placemat for dinners and tabletops. Available as singles, so order as many (or as few) as needed! Item PWR23473; free.

The **Summer issue of *Horizons* magazine** includes the grant recipient list as well as a dedication service. Item HZN23220, \$4.00. (Not a *Horizons* magazine subscriber? Call 866/802-3635 or visit [presbyterianwomen.org/subscribe](http://presbyterianwomen.org/subscribe) to subscribe.)

**2023 Thank Offering bulletin cover** (8½" x 11") Download only; item PWR23476. Download at [presbyterianwomen.org/thank](http://presbyterianwomen.org/thank); free.

**2023 Thank Offering bulletin insert** Download only; item PWR23480. Download at [presbyterianwomen.org/thank](http://presbyterianwomen.org/thank); free.

**2023 Thank Offering resource flier** Download only; item PWR23474. Download at [presbyterianwomen.org/thank](http://presbyterianwomen.org/thank); free.

**2023 Thank Offering promotional video** (English, Spanish and Korean) Available on PW's YouTube channel: [youtube.com/presbyterianwomen](https://youtube.com/presbyterianwomen).

### Receiving the Offering

**Thank Offering group giving envelopes**, traditionally used in PW groups and congregations, 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 gifts as well as an area for credit card information. Available in packs of 10; item PWR20456; free.

### Two Ways to Order

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

**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](mailto:patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org) (or call 844/797-2872, ext. 8015) to ensure PW resources are mailed to the "proper" PW!

# "Strength of Flexibility"



She embodies the PW Purpose. She models grace under pressure. Difficult days and seasons do not dampen her enthusiasm in sharing the Good News of Christ. She shows up, helps, prays and provides. Inspired by others who have trod this path, she serves with kindness and is a light for generations to come. She is a Presbyterian woman.

"Here am I; send me!" (Isa. 6:8b)

On July 31, 2023, Presbyterian Women commemorates 35 years as a reunited ministry. Through these 35 years, Presbyterian women have demonstrated strength through flexibility through the freedom granted by God in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit as lived out through the 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 witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

To help celebrate this special day, will you share your stories about the women who have demonstrated strength through flexibility as a PW? Perhaps she found new ways to serve when a door was closed; overcame a personal challenge to blossom into a fine leader; or remained vigilant to find solutions for an ailing ministry or friend. Or perhaps she offered a strong shoulder during your saddest day, or stepped in when you needed an advocate.

Share your ideas and photos with [carissa.herold@pcusa.org](mailto:carissa.herold@pcusa.org). And please offer a financial gift (\$35 for 35, now there's an idea!) to support the many ministries of Presbyterian Women. Visit [presbyterianwomen.org/give](https://presbyterianwomen.org/give) and select "PW Gives" or send a check (with "PW Gives" in the notes line of the check) to Presbyterian Women, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh PA 15264-3652. Or return this form with your check made payable to Presbyterian Women.

## Celebrating 35 Years as Presbyterian Women

I look forward to another 35 years of Presbyterian Women. I offer my **PW Gives Day 2023** gift of

\$35       \$50       \$ \_\_\_\_\_

to support PW's Annual Fund, which financially undergirds Presbyterian Women.

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Comments to share:

Return your form to:

Presbyterian Women, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh PA 15264-3652



• *Working for Justice and Peace* •  
**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN J&P CALENDAR**

2023

WE ARE CALLED TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD, BY BEING GOD'S HANDS IN THE WORLD. WE ANSWER GOD'S CALL TO "DO JUSTICE, LOVE KINDNESS AND WALK HUMBLLY WITH OUR GOD" (MICAH 6:8).

Remember, every Thursday is an opportunity to participate in Thursdays in Black. See [oikoumene.org/what-we-do/thursdays-in-black](http://oikoumene.org/what-we-do/thursdays-in-black)

**JANUARY**

- **National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month—[polarisproject.org](http://polarisproject.org)**
- 6 Epiphany of the Lord
- 9 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 pm (Eastern) on *Call Me A Woman: On Our Way to Equality and Peace* by Laurie Levin (One More Page, 2021). Register at [presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://presbyterianwomen.org/justice)
- 10–16 PW Together in Action Days to End Human Trafficking, [presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://presbyterianwomen.org/justice)
- 11 National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, [traffickingresourcecenter.org](http://traffickingresourcecenter.org) or [presbyterianmission.org/human-trafficking](http://presbyterianmission.org/human-trafficking)
- 15 Matthew 25: Dismantling Structural Racism Sunday; Racial & Intercultural Justice/Presbyterians
- 16 Affirm Black Lives Matter; [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/racism](http://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/racism)
- 16 National Religious Freedom Day, [religiousfreedomday.com](http://religiousfreedomday.com)
- 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, [thekingcenter.org](http://thekingcenter.org)
- 18–25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, [oikoumene.org/week-of-prayer](http://oikoumene.org/week-of-prayer)
- 27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day; [en.unesco.org/comemorations/holocaustremembranceday](http://en.unesco.org/comemorations/holocaustremembranceday)

**FEBRUARY**

- **Black History Month; [blackhistorymonth.gov](http://blackhistorymonth.gov)**
- **National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, [teendvmonth.org](http://teendvmonth.org)**
- 1 National Freedom Day, [state.gov/national-freedom-day-deepening-our-resolve-to-fight-human-trafficking](http://state.gov/national-freedom-day-deepening-our-resolve-to-fight-human-trafficking)
- 1–7 World Interfaith Harmony Week, [worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com](http://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com)
- 12 International Day against the Use of Child Soldiers, [redhandday.org](http://redhandday.org)
- 12 Souper Bowl of Caring, [tacklehunger.org](http://tacklehunger.org)
- 12–18 National Random Acts of Kindness Week, [randomactsofkindness.org](http://randomactsofkindness.org)
- 13 One Billion Rising for Justice, [onebillionrising.org](http://onebillionrising.org)
- 13 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) Special author presentation on *What Kind of Christianity: A History of Slavery and Anti-Black Racism in the Presbyterian Church* by William Yoo (Westminster John Knox Press, 2022). Register at [presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://presbyterianwomen.org/justice)
- 22 Ash Wednesday; [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/ash-wednesday](http://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/ash-wednesday)

**MARCH**

- **Women's History Month, [womenshistorymonth.gov](http://womenshistorymonth.gov)**
- 3 World Day of Prayer, [wdp-usa.org](http://wdp-usa.org) or [worlddayofprayer.net](http://worlddayofprayer.net)
- 5 Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday, [pcusa.org/women](http://pcusa.org/women)
- 5–11 PW Together in Action for Women's Empowerment, [presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://presbyterianwomen.org/justice)

- 6–17 UN Commission on the Status of Women, [unwomen.org/en/csw/csw67-2023](http://unwomen.org/en/csw/csw67-2023)
- 8 International Women's Day, [internationalwomensday.com](http://internationalwomensday.com) or [un.org/en/observances/womens-day](http://un.org/en/observances/womens-day)
- 12 Self-Development of People Sunday, [presbyterianmission.org/sdop-sunday](http://presbyterianmission.org/sdop-sunday)
- 13 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) *Climate Justice: Hope, Resilience and the Fight for a Sustainable Future* by Mary Robinson (New York: Bloomsbury, 2018). Register at [presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://presbyterianwomen.org/justice)
- 20 Mr. Rogers Day, [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/theology-formation-and-evangelism/office-of-christian-formation/mr-rogers-day-resources](http://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/theology-formation-and-evangelism/office-of-christian-formation/mr-rogers-day-resources)
- 20 International Day of Happiness; [daysoftheyear.com/days/international-day-of-happiness](http://daysoftheyear.com/days/international-day-of-happiness)
- 22 World Water Day, [worldwaterday.org](http://worldwaterday.org)
- 25–31 National Farmworker Awareness Week, [saf-unite.org/national-farmworker-awareness-week](http://saf-unite.org/national-farmworker-awareness-week)
- 31 National Farm Workers Day, [nationaltoday.com/national-farm-workers-day](http://nationaltoday.com/national-farm-workers-day)

**APRIL**

- **Sexual Assault Awareness Month; [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sexual\\_Assault\\_Awareness\\_Month](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sexual_Assault_Awareness_Month)**
- Ecumenical Advocacy Days; [advocacydays.org](http://advocacydays.org)
- 7 Good Friday; [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/good-friday](http://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/good-friday)
- 7 World Health Day; [who.int/campaigns/world-health-day](http://who.int/campaigns/world-health-day)
- 8 International Romani Day; [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International\\_Romani\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Romani_Day)
- 9 Easter; [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/resurrection-lord-easter](http://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/resurrection-lord-easter)
- 18 Holocaust Remembrance Day, [ushmm.org/remember/days-of-remembrance/resources/calendar](http://ushmm.org/remember/days-of-remembrance/resources/calendar)
- 21–27 National Agriculture Week; [iatp.org](http://iatp.org)
- 23 Earth Day; [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-day-sunday](http://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-day-sunday)
- 24 Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day; [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/churchcalendar/armenian-genocide](http://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/churchcalendar/armenian-genocide)
- 26 Denim Day; [denimdayinfo.org](http://denimdayinfo.org)

**MAY**

- **Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; [asianpacificheritage.gov](http://asianpacificheritage.gov)**
- 1 May Day; [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International\\_Workers%27\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Workers%27_Day)
- 2 National Teacher Day; [nea.org](http://nea.org)
- 1–7 PW Together in Action Days for Children's Literacy; [presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://presbyterianwomen.org/justice)
- 4 National Day of Prayer; [nationaldayofprayer.org](http://nationaldayofprayer.org)
- 8 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) on *The Cry of Tamar: Violence Against Women and the Church's Response* by Pamela Cooper-White (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress, 2012). Register at [presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://presbyterianwomen.org/justice)
- 13 World Fair Trade Day; [wfto.com](http://wfto.com)

- 13 Stamp Out Hunger drive; [about.usps.com/corporate-social-responsibility/nalc-food-drive.htm](http://about.usps.com/corporate-social-responsibility/nalc-food-drive.htm)
- 14 Mother's Day; [presbyterianmission.org/story/a-prayer-for-mothers-day](http://presbyterianmission.org/story/a-prayer-for-mothers-day)
- 21 Intercultural Church Sunday; [pcusa.org/resource/intercultural-ministries-19226](http://pcusa.org/resource/intercultural-ministries-19226)
- 22 International Day for Biological Diversity; [cbd.int/db](http://cbd.int/db)
- 28 Pentecost; [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/pentecost](http://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/pentecost)
- 29 Memorial Day; [presbyterianmission.org/story/may-30-2022](http://presbyterianmission.org/story/may-30-2022)

## JUNE

- **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month**; [archives.gov/news/topics/lgbt-pride-month](http://archives.gov/news/topics/lgbt-pride-month)
- 2 National Gun Violence Awareness Day; [wearorange.org](http://wearorange.org) or [nasponline.org/research-and-policy/policy-matters-blog/national-gun-violence-awareness-day](http://nasponline.org/research-and-policy/policy-matters-blog/national-gun-violence-awareness-day)
- 18 Father's Day; Men of the Church Sunday; [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/men](http://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/men)
- 19 Juneteenth; [presbyphl.org/what-is-juneteenth-resources-for-formation-education-and-gospel-witness](http://presbyphl.org/what-is-juneteenth-resources-for-formation-education-and-gospel-witness)
- 20 World Refugee Day; [un.org/en/observances/refugee-day](http://un.org/en/observances/refugee-day)

## JULY

- 2 Immigration Sunday; <http://loga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/immigration>
- 4 Independence Day; [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/independence-day](http://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/independence-day)
- 10 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) on *Beautiful Country: A Memoir of an Undocumented Childhood* by Qian Julie Wang (New York: Random House, 2021). Register at [presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://presbyterianwomen.org/justice)

## AUGUST

- 6 Hiroshima Day; [pda.pcusa.org/pda/resource/hiroshima-day-prayer](http://pda.pcusa.org/pda/resource/hiroshima-day-prayer)
- 9 International Day of the World's Indigenous People; [un.org/en/observances/indigenous-day](http://un.org/en/observances/indigenous-day)
- 15 Day of Prayer for the Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula; [pcusa.org/resource/sunday-prayer-worship-for-peaceful-reunifica-78123](http://pcusa.org/resource/sunday-prayer-worship-for-peaceful-reunifica-78123)
- 19 World Humanitarian Day; [worldhumanitarianaday.org/](http://worldhumanitarianaday.org/) or [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World\\_Humanitarian\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Humanitarian_Day)
- 20 Public Education Sunday; [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/child](http://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/child)

## SEPTEMBER

- **National Hispanic Heritage Month [Sep 15–Oct 15]**; [hispanicheritagemoth.gov](http://hispanicheritagemoth.gov)
- 1 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation; [creationjustice.org/world-day-of-prayer-for-the-care-of-creation.html](http://creationjustice.org/world-day-of-prayer-for-the-care-of-creation.html)
- 3 Season of Peace begins; [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/season-peace](http://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/season-peace)
- 4 Labor Day; [tvi.org/resources/plan-labor-day-service](http://tvi.org/resources/plan-labor-day-service)
- 8 International Literacy Day; [en.unesco.org/commemorations/literacyday](http://en.unesco.org/commemorations/literacyday)
- 11 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) on *Violence Against Women: What Everyone Needs to Know* by Jacqui True (New York: Oxford, 2021). Register at [presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://presbyterianwomen.org/justice)
- 17 Global Week of Action Against Gun Violence begins
- 21 International Day of Peace; [presbyterian.typepad.com/peacemaking/2010/08/celebrate-the-international-day-of-peace.html](http://presbyterian.typepad.com/peacemaking/2010/08/celebrate-the-international-day-of-peace.html)

- 22 Native American Day; [pcusa.org/site\\_media/media/uploads/nativeamerican/pdf/celebratingnativeamericanday.pdf](http://pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/nativeamerican/pdf/celebratingnativeamericanday.pdf) and [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Native\\_American\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Native_American_Day)

## OCTOBER

- **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**; [ncadv.org/take-action](http://ncadv.org/take-action); [nomore.org](http://nomore.org); [presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://presbyterianwomen.org/justice) or [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/phewa](http://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/phewa)
- **Fair Trade Month**; [fairtradefederation.org/celebrate-fair-trade-month](http://fairtradefederation.org/celebrate-fair-trade-month)
- **National Disability Employment Awareness Month**; [dol.gov/agencies/odep/initiatives/indeam](http://dol.gov/agencies/odep/initiatives/indeam)
- 1 World Communion Sunday; [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/world-communion-sunday](http://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/world-communion-sunday)
- 9 National Indigenous Peoples' Day; [presbyterianmission.org/story/celebrating-indigenous-peoples-day](http://presbyterianmission.org/story/celebrating-indigenous-peoples-day)
- 11 International Day of the Girl Child; [unwomen.org/en/news/in-focus/girl-child](http://unwomen.org/en/news/in-focus/girl-child)
- 11 National Coming Out Day; [hrc.org/resources/national-coming-out-day](http://hrc.org/resources/national-coming-out-day)
- 15 Children's Sabbath: Educate a Child, Transform the World; [pcusa.org/news/2015/8/14/educate-child-transform-world](http://pcusa.org/news/2015/8/14/educate-child-transform-world)
- 16 World Food Day; [fao.org/world-food-day/home/en](http://fao.org/world-food-day/home/en)
- 24 United Nations Day; [un.org/en/observances/un-day](http://un.org/en/observances/un-day)

## NOVEMBER

- **Native American Heritage Month**; [archives.gov/news/topics/native-american-heritage-month](http://archives.gov/news/topics/native-american-heritage-month) or [nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov](http://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov)
- 6–12 Children's Book Week; [everychildareader.net/cbw](http://everychildareader.net/cbw)
- 12 Hunger and Homelessness Sunday; [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger](http://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger)
- 13 World Kindness Day; [randomactsofkindness.org/world-kindness-day](http://randomactsofkindness.org/world-kindness-day)
- 13 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) on *Wind River* (2017 film featuring Jeremy Renner and Elizabeth Olsen). Register at [presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://presbyterianwomen.org/justice)
- 20 Universal Children's Day; [un.org/en/observances/world-childrens-day](http://un.org/en/observances/world-childrens-day)
- 23 Thanksgiving; [americanindian.si.edu/sites/1/files/pdfeducation/thanksgiving\\_poster.pdf](http://americanindian.si.edu/sites/1/files/pdfeducation/thanksgiving_poster.pdf) or [presbyterianmission.org/resource/just-living-alternative-thanksgiving-ideas](http://presbyterianmission.org/resource/just-living-alternative-thanksgiving-ideas)
- 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; [un.org/en/events/endviolenceday](http://un.org/en/events/endviolenceday) or [unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action](http://unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action)
- 25–D10 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence; [unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action](http://unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action)

## DECEMBER

- 1 World AIDS Day; [presbyterianmission.org/resource/presbyterian-aids-awareness-sunday-worship-materialia](http://presbyterianmission.org/resource/presbyterian-aids-awareness-sunday-worship-materialia)
- 5 International Volunteer Day; [un.org/en/observances/volunteer-day](http://un.org/en/observances/volunteer-day)
- 10 International Human Rights Day; [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human\\_Rights\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_Rights_Day)
- 18 International Migrants Day; [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International\\_Migrants\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Migrants_Day)
- 25 Christmas; [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/nativity-lord-christmas](http://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/nativity-lord-christmas)





“Empowered by the Holy Spirit,” Presbyterian Women continues its commitment to prayer and Bible study; supporting mission; working for justice and peace; and building a beloved community that strengthens our church and world. This annual report provides a snapshot of Presbyterian Women in service in 2022, a year that required courageous **BOLDness!**

**B**

**B is for Bible study.** Presbyterian Women’s annual **PW/Horizons Bible study** is award-winning and rare! PW publishes one of the few mainline denominational women’s studies. Used by PW groups, PC(USA) adult Sunday school and Bible study groups as well as ecumenical partners, the insightful and beautiful studies are easily adapted for many purposes. Rosalie Hemingway of Valarie Presbyterian Church in Albany Presbytery, shares that Presbyterian Women leads one church service a year that draws inspiration from a PW Bible study—an ongoing tradition since 1998!

In the 2022–2023 **PW/Horizons Bible study**, *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God’s Gift of Rest and Delight*, Carol M. Bechtel encouraged readers to move from busyness to embracing the many restorative aspects of Sabbath.

**O**

**O is for Organized.** PW is organized at all levels of the church: from the heart of our organization—the church group—to national leadership and all points in-between. PW is connected and connectional and ever at the ready to lead with the care that the Spirit puts on our lives and hearts.

“Reconnecting and renewal” were top of mind and heart for PW in 2022. **Synods** gathered; some online (Mid-Atlantic, Living Waters); others in-person or hybrid (Lakes and Prairies, Sun, Covenant, South Atlantic). **Hispanic Latina PW** came together (“a dream come true” shares Margarita Reyes, pastor and attendee) for Encuentro X. **Local PW groups** gathered, too.

**L**

**L is for Leaders.** Presbyterian Women remains the largest PC(USA) mission partner and Presbyterian women—individually and as a faith community—increasingly provide guidance and direction in all that matters to the church. Although many may not “see” all that PW does, the organization’s faithful witness is felt at home and around the world.

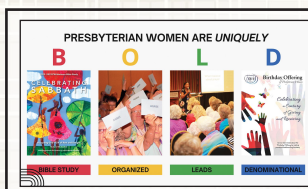
PW leads, indeed, but where to begin? In our **communities and regions**, PW is there! In **pulpits, board rooms, session meetings, hospitals, food banks, living rooms, bedside and schools**, PW is there! PW advocates for women and children at the **United Nations Commission on the Status of Women**, awards grants to worthy projects and ministries, and is active in ecumenical witness through the **Fellowship of the Least Coin and World Day of Prayer**.

Learning about issues of consequence prepares PW to lead. In 2022, **PW’s Justice and Peace reading group** tackled vital subjects, including economic, racial, immigration and reproductive justice, as well as the death penalty. Over the year, more than a thousand PWs from across the nation joined these discussions via Zoom.

**D**

**D is for Denominational.** Presbyterian Women is the women’s organization of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Our congregational, presbytery, synod and national networks, our ecumenical and international connections, and our commitment to mission and advocacy are rooted in our denomination.

In 2022, PW and the PC(USA) renewed a **longstanding covenant** based upon shared beliefs, complementary visions and commitments, common history and a relationship of mutual respect and cooperation. And in 2022, PW affirmed the PC(USA)’s stance on **reproductive justice** (see [presbyterianwomen.org/roe](http://presbyterianwomen.org/roe)). PW also adopted an **antiracism** policy created by the **Diverse Voices Table** in response to a recommendation of the 224th General Assembly.



“PW are uniquely **BOLD**” is a short yet powerful two-minute video that highlights the unique and important witness that PW brings to the church and world. Available on PW’s YouTube channel, the video debuted at the 225th General Assembly (2022), and is an excellent tool for showing why Presbyterian Women matters.



McCleary House offers temporary housing for individuals experiencing homelessness.



Insulating and weatherizing the home was vital for Maine winters.



Both of the homes bathrooms were renovated and a new water heater was installed.

## PW'S MISSION OF CARE

Imagine facing imminent homelessness. Now imagine facing imminent homelessness with three young children, including an infant and a toddler, just before Christmas, with the nearest "rough and tumble" shelter a 35-minute drive (if you had a car) from your hometown. Thankfully, **McCleary House in Farmington, Maine**, helped this young family find a safe place to rest their heads and provided services and care for independent living.

**McCleary House Transitional Housing** received an \$80,000 Birthday Offering grant from PW in 2022. This grant provided needed funds to renovate McCleary House to provide shelter and a safe space for psycho-social, educational and vocational support for individuals experiencing homelessness. "Without your support," shares Christopher L. Lisele, executive director of McCleary House, "this wouldn't have been possible."

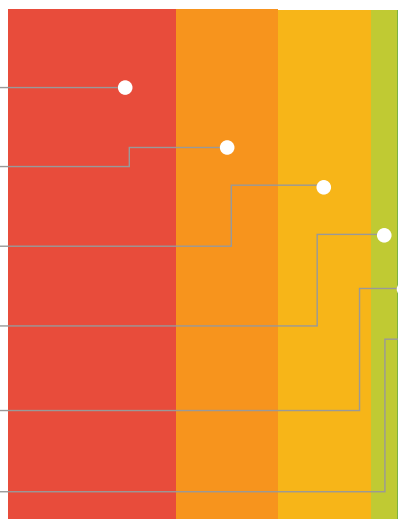
PW's 100 years of Birthday Offering has awarded more than \$30 million in grants. In 2022 alone, PW granted \$185,000 to two projects through the Birthday Offering (and \$289,490 to ten projects through the Thank Offering). Need continues as does PW's generous response.

Imagine not having a maternity ward, a hospital, a place to recuperate from abuse, enough to eat? Presbyterian Women **BOLDly** meets the needs of God's people in difficult circumstances while providing faithful women a way to joyfully connect in all seasons, including fun seasons! Glenda Watts shares in the June 2022 Presbytery of Heartland newsletter that she has been active in PW since 1975 and shares that she continues this walk as "I have learned so much and been transformed by being a part of Presbyterian Women." Through decades of faithful experience, Glenda shares her heartfelt enthusiasm and wisdom: "If you are asked to accept an office in PW, just say yes! Or better still, volunteer! You will enhance your soul, deepen your intimacy with Christ, and enrich your relationship with others."

Presbyterian Women is connected and connectional and our networks are strong and informed! Take for instance: McCleary House is in Farmington, Maine. Thanks to a PW newsletter, a couple from California volunteered at McCleary House and "were instrumental in completing" several painting projects!

## PW Giving, Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2022

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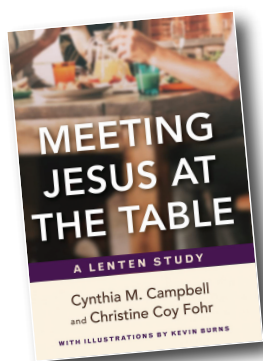
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In the Gospels, a sacred encounter with Jesus often involved a sacred encounter at the table. The Gospels brim with stories of Jesus sharing meals with disciples, friends, even tax collectors and Pharisees. And Christians continue our sacred

encounter with Jesus when we come to his Table, breaking bread and drinking wine together.

In the pages of *Meeting Jesus at the Table*, Cynthia Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr offer biblical insights along with thought-provoking queries regarding our own time, such as whom should we invite to Sunday dinner and what it means for us, as Jesus's disciples, to provide sustenance to all who hunger and thirst. Author Magrey R. deVega shares, "Reading *Meeting Jesus at the Table* is like going on a glorious progressive dinner. At each stop, we gather at a different table with Jesus, learning how to love, serve, and expand the hospitality of God's grace to others. Each chapter is like the perfect bite: delicious and satiating, insightful and nourishing."

Cynthia Campbell is former president of McCormick Theological Seminary and retired pastor of Highland Presbyterian Church in Louisville, Kentucky. Christine Coy Fohr is pastor of Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church in Louisville.

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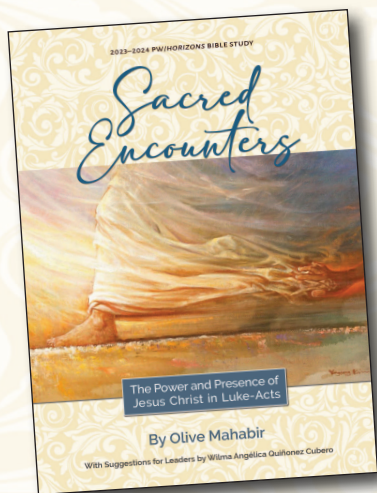
Introducing the 2023–2024 PW/*Horizons* Bible study

# Sacred Encounters

The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts

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## About the Authors



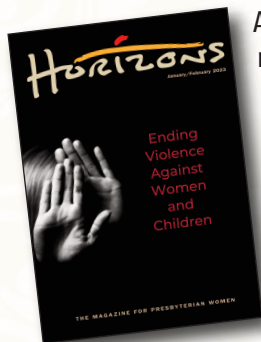
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#### Elizabeth's Sacred Encounter

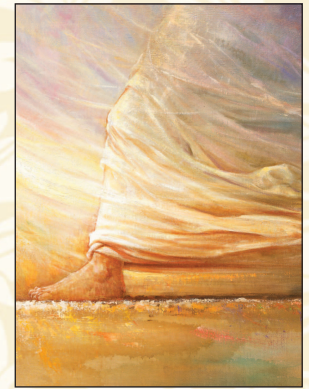
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Lesson Two

#### The Exorcism in Gerasa

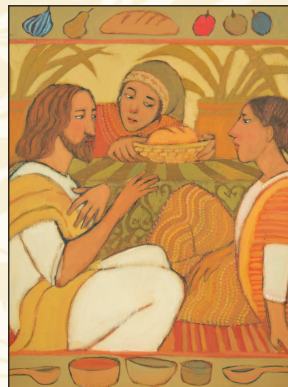
Scripture: Luke 8:26–39



Lesson Three

#### A Bleeding Woman Encounters Christ

Scripture: Luke 8:43–48



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Mary and Martha  
Encounter Jesus

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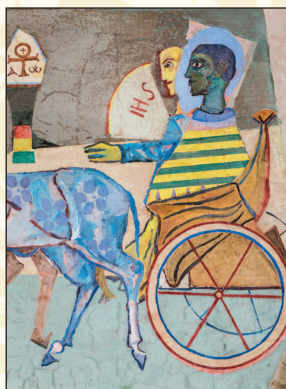
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A Person with Leprosy  
Encounters Jesus

Scripture: Luke 17:11–21



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A Person with a Physical  
Disability Encounters Jesus

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Lesson Seven  
An Ethiopian Eunuch  
Encounters the Good  
News of Jesus

Scripture: Acts 8:26–40



Lesson Eight  
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Through the Work  
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