

# 2024

## *Birthday Offering*

OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



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**The Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women** was born in 1922 when Hallie Paxson Winsborough challenged members of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States to give a penny for each year of her life as a "birthday gift." Hallie encouraged the women to offer "a penny for every year you have lived, and if that is a secret, bring a dollar!"

As members of the Creative Ministries Offering Committee, we are happy to introduce you to the projects chosen for grants this year and we ask that you share this information far and wide. Thank you for your continued prayers, celebration of our recipients, and support for our long PW tradition of giving!

Blessings,

*Creative Ministries Offering Committee*

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Launched in 1922 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the Birthday Offering is a time-honored annual tradition for Presbyterian Women. Over the last century, these grants have funded more than 200 major projects that continue to provide medical care, education, shelter, food, and support for people most in need at home and abroad. PW honors this legacy by celebrating women's giving today and looking towards the future. By providing grants to projects like Bethel Hills and Café Ginkgo, Presbyterian Women continues to faithfully serve our neighbors, support inclusive communities and witness to the promise of God's never-ending work in the world.

Support the Birthday Offering so that organizations like the ones selected for 2024 will continue to offer love, reassurance, kindness and provide for little ones (Gen. 50:21). Give through your PW group or at [presbyterianwomen.org/give](https://presbyterianwomen.org/give).





**Advocates for Community Choice dba Bethel Hills  
Villa 5 Apartments and Recreation Area**

**Marthasville, Missouri**

**Bethelhills.org**

**\$123,500**

Many adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) experience difficulties finding appropriate and affordable housing and often struggle to make friends and thrive in the wider community. Many are placed in nursing homes, boarding homes, with aging parents or in other environments that are expensive and isolating. Bethel Hills addresses the unique needs of individuals with I/DD by providing a safe and loving place that takes into consideration their physical, emotional and spiritual needs in an environment where they can flourish.

By renovating a villa into four accessible apartments for eight individuals, this project will provide housing that takes into consideration specific needs unique to the residents, such as addressing acute sensitivity to sounds, bright light and certain colors. The new recreational area will offer space for art and music therapy and other leisure activities for people with and without intellectual/developmental disabilities. With the Birthday Offering grant, Bethel Hills will expand its mission to provide supportive, faith-based, inclusive community where all are accepted and valued.





### **Shawnee Presbyterian Church**

#### **Café Gingko**

Louisville, Kentucky

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\$150,000

Shawnee Presbyterian Church serves as a welcoming beacon of light for their community in Louisville. Located in an economically disadvantaged area where single mothers and children face challenges of food insecurity, the church started addressing this need in August 2019. The small yet dedicated congregation began serving free dine-in meals at Café Gingko, named for a ginkgo tree located at the building's north entrance. On average, 30 meals were served at Café Gingko each Monday. In 2020, the pandemic put a stop to the program.

At present, the need for healthy food and fellowship continues to grow. With the Birthday Offering grant, Café Gingko will be able to reopen with a renovated kitchen and expanded capacity to provide meals. Improvements to the fellowship hall will allow the church to offer enriching activities: tutoring for elementary ages, Gingko Play Zone, financial literacy classes and Mama-to-Mama parenting workshops. The members of Shawnee Presbyterian Church will reach out and serve their beloved community with resilience and strength—just like the ginkgo tree outside their door.



# Have No Fear, For God Provides

## Dedication Service

BY HARDIE FRANKEL

### Call to Worship (from Psalm 55)

One: Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea.

**All: Cast your cares on the LORD and you will be sustained.**

One: As for me, I call to God and the LORD saves me.

**All: Cast your cares on the LORD and you will be sustained.**

One: Evening and morning and at noon I cry, and the Holy One hears my voice.

**All: Cast your cares on the LORD and you will be sustained.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

### Hymn Suggestions\*

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" (GtG 444)

"There Is a Place of Quiet Rest" (Near to the Heart of God) (GtG 753)

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### Meditation

In this reading from Genesis, we encounter Israel's family as it is facing a turning point. Jacob, the leader of the clan, has died. Joseph, his brothers and the members of his household have all gone to Canaan to bury Jacob as he had requested. The brothers are concerned. While their father was still alive Joseph had forgiven them and treated them kindly. But now that their father is gone, would Joseph change his mind? Would he hold a grudge against his brothers and pay them back for the cruelty they had shown him when they were all younger?

We all have fears that plague us. Worries and concerns can preoccupy our thoughts. That is just natural. Where we turn for our hope and security is crucial. Joseph's brothers knew full well that even though years had passed, Joseph would be justified in holding them accountable for the injustice that they had shown him. They knew that they deserved punishment. However, when Joseph heard his brothers' concerns, instead of retaliating, he quickly offered them comfort: "'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them" (Gen. 50:19–21).

We never know how God will use us to help another. Having a safety net brings hope and provides a sense of security. Gifts that you make to the Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering help alleviate the fears and insecurity that many of the most vulnerable experience each day. This year's grants fund two programs that will ensure safety and stability through new housing, fellowship, meals and other kinds of support for people in need.

The grant for Bethel Hills will help provide supportive housing along with social and recreational opportunities for adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

Here they can live, learn and worship together. This unique living option fills a serious gap in care for adults with disabilities and provides a community where all are valued, and every person is respected and acknowledged as a child of God.

The grant for Café Gingko will renovate the kitchen and fellowship hall at Shawnee Presbyterian Church in Louisville so members can provide a nutritious Monday meal to help mothers and their children at the start of the week. The refurbished space will serve as an outreach center to this under-resourced community by sponsoring activities and ongoing programs such as tutoring and organized play for children, and workshops on financial literacy and parenting for adults.

### Prayer of Dedication

Protector God, you are ever mindful of the needs of your children. You have called your people together and shown us the way to care for each other. By your grace help all who find refuge at Bethel Hills and Shawnee Presbyterian Church to live in peace and unity within these households of faith. May they be encouraged to grow in your spirit and to seek your will. May the gifts we receive this day bring peace and comfort to their lives. Amen.

### Charge and Benediction

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. To God be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen and Amen.<sup>1</sup>

### Hymn Suggestions\*

"Give to the Winds Thy Fears" (GtG 815)

"Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries" (GtG 653)

Hardie Frankel is the Living Waters synod representative to the Board of Directors of Presbyterian Women.

### Notes

1 *Book of Common Worship* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2018).

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

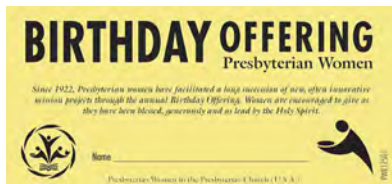


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## SUPPORT THE BIRTHDAY OFFERING

### Group gift



PW group members can support the Birthday Offering with cash or checks. Envelopes to receive gifts from a group are available free of charge in packs of 25 from the PW Shop ([presbyterianwomen.org/shop](http://presbyterianwomen.org/shop); item PWR12501) or the PC(USA) Store (800/533-4371).

**PW in the Congregation treasurers**, please receive your Birthday Offering gifts and send to your PW in the Presbytery treasurer.

**PW in the Presbytery treasurers**, please send your Birthday 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](mailto:rhonda.martin@pcusa.org) or 844/PW-PCUSA (844/797-2872), ext. 5596.

### Individual gift



If you are giving outside a PW group, use the individual giving envelope. You may give by check or credit card with this envelope and 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 to receive these gifts are available free of charge in packs of 10 from

the PW Shop ([presbyterianwomen.org/shop](http://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 Birthday Offering.

### Online Giving

[Make a Donation →](http://presbyterianwomen.org/give)

Make a secure online gift at [presbyterianwomen.org/give](http://presbyterianwomen.org/give).

### 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](mailto:patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org).

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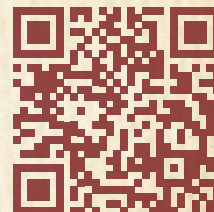
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Since 1922, Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering has helped fund mission projects that improve lives. This year's Birthday Offering recipients are:

**Advocates for Community Choice**  
**dba Bethel Hills**  
**Villa 5 Apartments and Recreation Area**  
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## Resources to Promote and Receive the 2024 Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women

### *Essentials*

The **2024 Birthday Offering promotional booklet**, which is mailed to PW leaders, includes grant recipient summaries; dedication service; promotional resource flier; instructions for giving. *Available as a download in English, Korean and Spanish as well!* Item PWR24451; free.

The 11" x 17" **2024 Birthday 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 PWR24453; free.

**2024 Birthday Offering promotional flier** (8½" x 11")  
Download only; item PWR24457.

### *Receiving the Offering*

**Birthday Offering group giving envelopes**, traditionally used in PW groups and congregations, are available in packs of 25; item PWR12501; 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.

**2024 Birthday Offering bulletin insert** — Download only; item PWR24450; [presbyterianwomen.org/birthday](http://presbyterianwomen.org/birthday).

**2024 Birthday Offering bulletin cover** (8½" x 11") — Download only; item PWR24452; [presbyterianwomen.org/birthday](http://presbyterianwomen.org/birthday).

**2024 Birthday Offering promotional video** (English, Spanish and Korean) — Available on PW's YouTube channel: [youtube.com/presbyterianwomen](http://youtube.com/presbyterianwomen).

### *More to Explore!*

The **January/February 2024 issue of Horizons magazine** includes the grant recipient list as well as a dedication service. Available to order January 2024; item HZN24200 \$4.00. (Not a *Horizons* magazine subscriber? Call 866/802-3635 or visit [presbyterianwomen.org/horizons](http://presbyterianwomen.org/horizons) to subscribe!)

***Messages of Reconciliation and Hope: 75 Years of Birthday Offerings, 1922–1997***, by Catherine Stewart Vaughn. Item PWR00507, \$3.00.

### *Two Ways to Order*

- Call 800/533-4371, Monday–Friday, 10 AM–5 PM EST.
- Or visit us online at [presbyterianwomen.org/shop](http://presbyterianwomen.org/shop) (type "Birthday 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) so she can ensure that PW resources are mailed to the "proper" PW!



## Promotional Video Online!

To view the free 2024 Birthday Offering promotional video in English, Korean and Spanish, go to PW's YouTube channel: [youtube.com/presbyterianwomen](https://youtube.com/presbyterianwomen).

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