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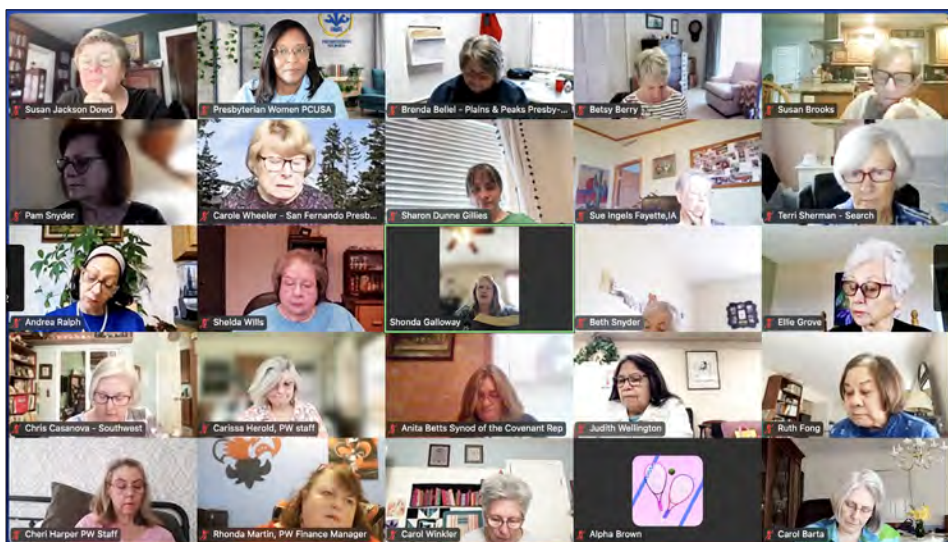
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PW Inc.'s Spring 2025 Board Meeting Highlights

by Susan Jackson Dowd



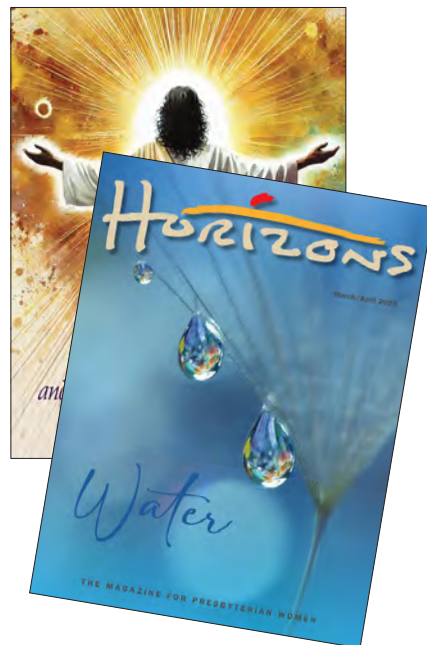
The PW, Inc., Board of Directors met via Zoom on March 29, 2025. Board member Shonda Galloway guided opening worship. Pam Snyder, PW Churchwide moderator, led the business meeting with the assistance of Kelsey Law, vice moderator.

Churchwide Gathering. Carol Winkler, 2027 Churchwide Gathering chair, provided a report on the first phase of gathering planning. The Churchwide Gathering will be held at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky, August 5–8, 2027. Voting representatives will convene for the Triennial Business Meeting on August 3–4, 2027. Planning teams and leadership are in place. The theme, scripture and logo will be available in the fall of 2025.

Actions. The Board approved membership renewal in Bread for the World; funding for Commission on the Status of Women honorariums and a PW orientation; and populating the national Presbyterian Women Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Group with Board directors rather than at-large Presbyterian women.

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Horizons Bible Study and Magazine



Subscribe (renew or give a gift subscription) to *Horizons* magazine by June 1, 2025, and receive this year's PW/*Horizons* Bible study, *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ* by Rhashell D. Hunter. A modest price increase takes effect with this study—a first since 2017. With the Bible study priced at \$14, it makes even more sense to subscribe to *Horizons*; you'll receive four issues of the magazine plus the Bible study for just \$19.95! Visit presbyterianwomen.org/ subscribe or call 866/802-3635.

A New Publishing Schedule on the Horizon(s)



Beginning in 2026, *Horizons* magazine will be published four times a year rather than five. At their May 2025 meeting, the *Horizons* Editorial Committee reviewed publishing figures and voted unanimously to recommend to the PW, Inc. Board that Presbyterian Women's magazine be published four times a year, with each of the four issues increasing to 48 pages (up from 40). PW, Inc.'s Administration Committee also approved the decision unanimously.

Despite the change in publishing frequency, *Horizons* will still have faith-based reflections on themes relevant to Presbyterian women, information on how you can support Presbyterian Women through financial gifts and Purposeful action, as well as programmatic resources for PW and PC(USA) life. Each issue will also have Anna H. Bedford Bible study resources to support the annual Bible study with the series beginning in the Summer issue every year.

Look for these features in the following issues of magazine.

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| Spring | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Birthday Offering• index of previous year's <i>Horizons</i> content• Installation Service for PW leaders |
| Summer | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thank Offering |
| Fall | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• list of previous year's Honorary Life Membership honorees |
| Winter | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Celebrate the Gifts of Women• Fellowship of the Least Coin |

PW Gives Day 2025

PW Gives Day is July 31, a day set aside each year to commemorate PW's Founder's Day. As we prepare for this year's celebration, send your PW stories (especially PW stories related to legacy) and photos to Carissa Herold, carissa.herold@pcusa.org. And consider joining your PW sisters in supporting PW with a financial gift in commemoration of PW Gives Day—the hope is to raise \$25,000 in 2025! Visit presbyterianwomen.org/give or send your check made payable to Presbyterian Women with PWG25 in the notes line of the check to: Presbyterian Women, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652. Prayers are welcome too!



Although the price of the annual PW/*Horizons* Bible study has increased to \$14 for the regular print study (from \$10)*, most orders placed through the PW Shop (presbyterianwomen.org/shop) will continue to be shipped at the current formula of 10% of order total, \$6.25 minimum, \$65 maximum (orders to Puerto Rico and international orders will incur additional shipping costs). This is good news for groups needing multiple copies of the 2025–2026 PW/*Horizons* Bible study, *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*, by Rhashell D. Hunter.

- 1 study: \$14 + \$6.25
- 2 studies: \$28 + \$6.25
- 3 studies: \$36 + \$6.25
- 4 studies: \$56 + \$6.25
- 5 studies: \$70 + \$7

*Sales tax is applicable in some instances.

Attention, PW Historians



Three PW history-related videos are available to watch on PW's website at presbyterianwomen.org/history. The videos are “PW's History of Mission” (an 11-minute profile from the Glimpses in Time series, which debuted at the 2018 Churchwide Gathering); “200 Years as Presbyterian Women,” an 80-minute look at

the ways Presbyterian women first organized in congregations; and “How to Preserve PW History,” a video of the special 80-minute webinar hosted by David Staniunas of the Presbyterian Historical Society, in 2024.

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Select Information Items. Committee chairs updated the Board on work since the September 2024 Board meeting. The Creative Ministries Offering Committee approved 10 projects for the 2025 Thank Offering totaling \$257,897. Leadership Development Grants awarded nine grants, eight for the Commission on the Status of Women. The Bible Study Committee reported author/theme selections through 2028–2029 and shared *United in Christ: Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians* by Rhonda Mawhood Lee will be the 2026–2027 study. Emerging Ministries is transitioning the national Justice and Peace Book Discussion Group to a new format and the Racial Equity Committee is developing a reading resource. Additional information on these programs and more is forthcoming.

Celebrations. The Board bid farewell to outgoing Board synod representatives, Betsy Berry, South Atlantic; Shonda Galloway, Mid-America; Ellie Grove, Trinity; Sonia Pérez, Boriquén; and Carole Wheeler, Southern California/Hawaii, along with young women's representative, Virginia Alexander, and former Presbyterian Mission Agency representative, Ximena Leroux. The Board also celebrated two retired PW, Inc., staff members, Patricia Longfellow and Jung Ju Winner.



Patricia Longfellow



Patricia Longfellow



Betsy Berry



Shonda Galloway



Ellie Grove



Sonia Perez



Carole Wheeler



Virginia Alexander



Ximena Leroux

Autorenew and You

Subscribing to *Horizons*? Paying with your credit card? Planning to be a longtime reader? Then autorenew can make your life easier!

To put your subscription on autorenew, simply provide your email and a credit card number when you subscribe (either on the phone or online). You'll receive an email about four weeks ahead of when your card will be charged. You'll never miss an issue, and you'll save resources, including your time! (And if you ever spot a charge on your credit card from PW or *Horizons* and suspect that you may have auto-renewed but just don't feel confident, call *Horizons* at 866/802-3635 to double check (or to update your account).)

Synod Gathering Plans and Preorders

Plan to stop and shop for PW items at the PW tables at your upcoming synod gathering! Consider pre-ordering your studies (or other PW items) to pick up at your synod gathering too. Contact Carissa Herold (carissa.herold@pcusa.org; 502/569-5322) with your preorder—and make sure to place this order at least two full weeks before the event.

Preorder pick-ups will be available at:

- Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, June 12–14, Massanetta Springs, Virginia
- Synod of the Covenant, June 26–28, Battle Creek, Michigan
- Synod of Lincoln Trails, July 11–13, Danville, Illinois
- Synod of the Sun, July 24–26, Fayetteville, Arkansas
- Synod of South Atlantic, October 17–19, St. Simon's Island, Georgia
- Synod of the Southwest, October 24–26, Scottsdale, Arizona

PW Giving, Jan 1–Dec 31, 2024



Annual
Mission Fund

42.18%

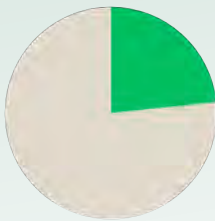
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Thank
Offering

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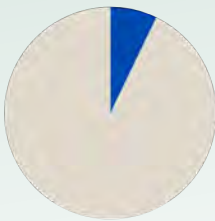
\$327,720



Birthday
Offering

23.48%

\$294,283



Honorary Life
Membership

7.15%

\$89,638



Together
in Service

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\$6,443



Publishing
Mission

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your gifts and talents with
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2025–2026 PW/Horizons Bible Study

Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ

By Rhashell D. Hunter

Suggestions for Leaders by Joyce MacKichan Walker

*I*n this Bible study, we will explore resilience. This is modeled for us by several biblical characters, gospel and epistle writers, as well as Jesus. So, what exactly is resilience?

Resilience is the ability to spring back into shape and to adapt well in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats, or stress—such as from family, relationships, health, workplace, and financial stressors. People who survive and thrive well in change are resilient.

The Bible study is also about joy. How do we find joy in a chaotic world? Christian joy may be different from how a lot of people define joy.

Joy is sometimes confused with happiness. For Christians, joy can occur while we are in the midst of difficult circumstances. Joy is the second fruit of the spirit, preceded by love and followed by peace. [Gal. 5:22-23] Trusting in God when we are in trying times can fill us with glorious joy and peace. We have joy in our suffering, because ultimately our joy is found in Jesus Christ.

We will also seek to rediscover our identity.

Identity is more than who we are or who we show ourselves to be. At its core, it points to our humanity. Our core identity is not found in our titles, our positions, our spouses, our partners, or our possessions. For Christians, our identity is found in Jesus Christ.

[From the Introduction to *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*]

Learn more about this
Bible study by visiting
presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study/resilience



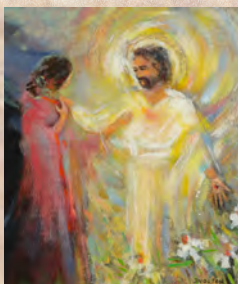
About the Authors



The Rev. Dr. Rhashell D. Hunter served as the director of Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries for the Presbyterian Mission Agency for fourteen years. In 2022 she began teaching at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Rhashell has written *Celebrate the Gifts of Women* resources for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and you may recognize her voice on some audio editions of PW/*Horizons* Bible studies.



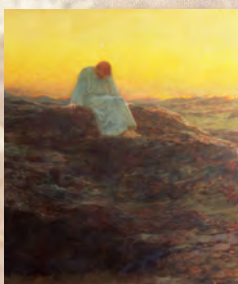
Rev. Joyce MacKichen Walker served Nassau Presbyterian Church in Princeton, New Jersey, as director of Christian education. Following her ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacrament in 2007, Joyce served Nassau as minister of education and mission until her retirement in July 2018. Joyce is a certified Christian educator. This is her fourth time to write the Suggestions for Leaders for the PW/*Horizons* Bible study.



LESSON ONE: Mary Magdalene, the Tower



LESSON TWO: Mary "of a Certain Village"



LESSON THREE: Jesus Is Tested



LESSON FOUR: The Prodigal Child, the Eldest Child, and the Devoted Parent



LESSON FIVE: The Gift of the Woman Who Was Poor



LESSON SIX: Finding Our Joy in Christ: "I Will Say It Again, Rejoice"



LESSON SEVEN: The Woman Who Was Bent Over



LESSON EIGHT: Remembering Jesus' Baptism



LESSON NINE: When You Are Walking With Jesus: The Road to Emmaus

Bible study editions, supplemental resources, and other helps* (Beginning spring 2025)

Bible study editions

- **English edition;** item HZN25100; \$14
- **Spanish edition;** item HZN25110; \$14
- **Spanish download edition;** item HZN25111; \$14; purchase and download at presbyterianwomen.org/shop
- **Large-print edition** (spiral bound, one-color interior); item HZN25150; \$20
- **Ecumenical edition;** item HZN25102; \$14
- **Audio edition;** download only; item HZN25172; \$15; purchase and download at presbyterianwomen.org/shop

Supplemental materials

- **Finding Resilience Companion DVD;** Rhashell Hunter's video introduction for each lesson of the study, about 10 minutes per lesson; item HZN25103; \$20
- **Finding Resilience Companion DVD download;** item HZN25104; \$20; purchase and download at presbyterianwomen.org/shop
- **Workshop for Leaders;** item HZN25101; available as a free download
- **Pendant/charm;** features art from the study; item HZN25300; \$10
- **Promotional flier;** item HZN25411; available as a free download
- **Promotional poster;** item HZN25409; also available as a free download
- **Bulletin cover**—8 1/2" x 11"; item HZN25105; available as a free download
- **Author blog;** journey with the author through the study with Rhashell's monthly blog; the first blog will be posted August 2025; visit and bookmark presbyterianwomen.org/blog.
- Subscribe to *Horizons* and read the **Anna H. Bedford Bible Study Resource**, available exclusively in the magazine, beginning with the Summer 2025 issue.

Ordering is easy! Shop online at presbyterianwomen.org/shop or call 800/533-4371, Monday through Friday, 10 AM to 5 PM EST.

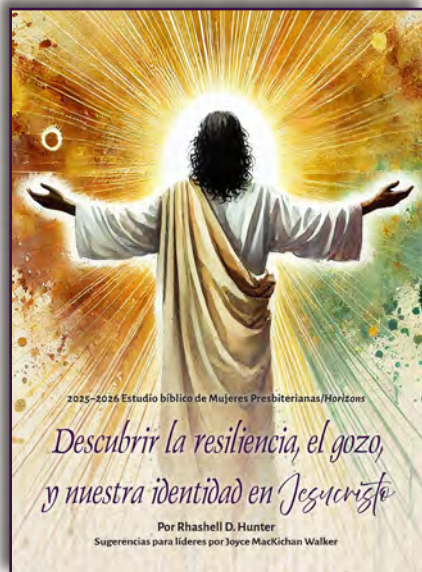
* Note that prices do not include shipping and handling (\$6.25 minimum). International orders and orders to Puerto Rico incur additional shipping charges. Prices, availability, and shipping charges are subject to change without notice.

Horizons isn't just a Bible study, Horizons is a magazine too!

In fact, current *Horizons* magazine subscribers receive the 2025-2026 PW/*Horizons* Bible study in March 2025 (and Bible study helps begin with the Summer 2025 issue). Subscribe by June 1, 2025, and you will, too!

Call toll-free 866/802-3635
or visit presbyterianwomen.org/subscribe.

Descubrir la resiliencia, el gozo, y nuestra identidad en Jesucristo



Por Rhashell D. Hunter

Sugerencias para líderes por Joyce MacKichan Walker

¿Cómo encontramos nuestra resiliencia y alegría en medio de circunstancias estresantes? Reconectando con nuestra espiritualidad, siguiendo a las mujeres de la Biblia y estudiando el testimonio de Jesús, podemos descubrir un camino que nos ayude a abrazar y celebrar plenamente quiénes somos como discípulos fieles.

Únete a las Mujeres Presbiterianas mientras redescubrimos nuestra resistencia, alegría, y la identidad que se encuentra en Cristo a través de la 2025-2026 estudio bíblico de PW/Horizons.

Ediciones de estudios bíblicos, recursos complementarios y otras ayudas*

- **Edición en inglés;** artículo HZN25100; \$14
- **Edición en español;** artículo HZN25110; \$14
- **Edición en español para descargar;** artículo HZN25111; \$14; compra y descarga en presbyterianwomen.org/shop
- **Edición en letra grande en inglés;** artículo HZN25150; \$20
- **Edición en audio en inglés;** sólo descarga; artículo HZN25172; \$15; compra y descarga en presbyterianwomen.org/shop
- **DVD Complementario en inglés;** introducción en video de Rhashell Hunter para cada lección del estudio, alrededor de 10 minutos por lección; artículo HZN25103; \$20
- **Edición para descargar;** artículo HZN25104; \$20; compra y descarga en presbyterianwomen.org/shop
- **Colgante/Dije;** incluye arte del estudio; artículo HZN25300; \$10
- **Blog del autor;** viaje con el autor a través del estudio con el blog mensual de Rhashell; el primer blog se publicará en agosto de 2025; visite y marque presbyterianwomen.org/blog.
- Suscríbase a *Horizons* y lea el **Recurso de Estudio Bíblico Anna H. Bedford**, disponible exclusivamente en la revista, a partir del número de verano de 2025.

¡Pedirlo es fácil! Compre en línea en presbyterianwomen.org/shop o llame al 800/533-4371, de lunes a viernes, 10 AM a 5 PM EST.

* Tenga en cuenta que los precios no incluyen los gastos de envío (6.25 \$ mínimo). Los pedidos internacionales y a Puerto Rico conllevan gastos de envío adicionales. Los precios, la disponibilidad y los gastos de envío están sujetos a cambios sin previo aviso.



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2025 Thank Offering

of Presbyterian Women

*“Behold,
I am doing
a new thing;
now it springs forth,
do you not perceive it?
I will make a way
in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.”*

—Isaiah 43:19 (ESV)*

*Go voy a hacer
algo nuevo*

보라, 내가 새 일을
행하리라

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2025 Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women

*"Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"*

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

—Isaiah 43:19 (ESV)*

Resources to Promote and Receive the 2025 Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women

Essentials

The **2025 Thank 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 **PWR25475**; free.

The 11" x 17" **2025 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 group meals and tabletops. Available as singles so order as many (or as few) as needed! Item **PWR25473**; free.

2025 Thank Offering promotional flier Download only; item **PWR25474**.

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.

2025 Thank Offering bulletin insert Download only; item **PWR25480**; free

2025 Thank Offering bulletin cover (8½" x 11")
Download only; item **PWR25476**; free.

2025 Thank Offering promotional video (English, Spanish and Korean) Available on PW's YouTube channel: youtube.com/presbyterianwomen.

More to Explore!

The **Summer 2025 issue of Horizons magazine** includes the grant recipient list as well as a dedication service; Item HZN25220, \$4.00. (Not a *Horizons* magazine subscriber? Call 866/802-3635 or visit presbyterianwomen.org/subscribe to subscribe!)

Two Ways to Order

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

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.

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 pw_pcusa@pcusa.org.

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• Working for Justice and Peace •

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN J&P CALENDAR (UPDATED FEB 2025)

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 HUMBLY 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

JANUARY

- National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month—polarisproject.org
- 06 Epiphany of the Lord; pcusa.org/events/epiphany
- 11 National Human Trafficking Awareness Day; traffickingresourcecenter.org; pcusa.org/how-we-serve/justice-peace/human-trafficking
- 12 Matthew 25: Dismantle Structural Racism Sunday; pcusa.org/matthew25
- 16 National Religious Freedom Day; religiousfreedomday.com
- 18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; oikoumene.org/week-of-prayer
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day; thekingcenter.org
- 27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day; unesco.org/en/days/holocaustremembrance

FEBRUARY

- Black History Month; blackhistorymonth.gov
- One Billion Rising for Justice; onebillionrising.org
- National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month; teenmonth.org
- 01 National Freedom Day; state.gov/national-freedom-day-deepening-our-resolve-to-fight-human-trafficking
- 1-7 World Interfaith Harmony Week; worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com
- 09 Souper Bowl of Caring; tacklehunger.org
- 12 International Day against the Use of Child Soldiers; redhandday.org

MARCH

- Women's History Month; womenshistorymonth.gov
- 05 Ash Wednesday; pcusa.org/resource/ash-wednesday-service
- 07 World Day of Prayer; wdp-usa.org or worlddayofprayer.net
- 08 International Women's Day; internationalwomensday.com or un.org/en/observances/womens-day
- 09 Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday; pcusa.org/how-we-serve/inclusion-%26amp%3B-equity/womens-ministry
- 09 Self-Development of People Sunday; pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/self-development-people
- 10-21 UN Commission on the Status of Women; unwomen.org/en/how-we-work/commission-on-the-status-of-women/csw69-2025
- 18-24 National Agriculture Week; iatp.org
- 20 Mr. Rogers Day; pcusa.org/resource/beautiful-day-neighboorhood-mr-rogers-day-resources
- 22 World Water Day; worldwaterday.org
- 24-30 National Farmworker Awareness Week; saf-unite.org/national-farmworker-awareness-week

APRIL

- Sexual Assault Awareness Month; en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sexual_Assault_Awareness_Month
- Ecumenical Advocacy Days; advocacydays.org
- 02 PW Together in Action Days for Children's Literacy; presbyterianwomen.org/justice
- 07 World Health Day; who.int/campaigns/world-health-day
- 08 International Romani Day; en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Romani_Day
- 18 Good Friday; pcusa.org/resource/resources-good-friday
- 20 Easter; pcusa.org/resource/resources-easter-sunday
- 22 Earth Day; pcusa.org/earth-day-sunday-resources
- 24 Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day; pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/world-mission/jinshian-memorial-program/armenian-genocide
- 30 Denim Day; denimdayinfo.org

MAY

- Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; asianpacificheritage.gov
- 05-11 Children's Book Week; everychildareader.net/cbw
- 06 National Teacher Day; nea.org
- 10 World Fair Trade Day; wfto.com
- 10 Stamp Out Hunger Day; about.usps.com/corporate-social-responsibility/nalc-food-drive.htm
- 11 Mother's Day; pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/mothers-day
- 15 Palestinian Nakba Remembrance Day; un.org/unispal/about-the-nakba
- 22 International Day for Biological Diversity; cbd.int/ldb
- 26 Memorial Day; cem.va.gov/history/Memorial-Day-history.asp

JUNE

- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQI+) Pride Month; archives.gov/news/topics/lgbt-pride-month
- 06 National Gun Violence Awareness Day; wearorange.org or nasponline.org/research-and-policy/policy-matters-blog/national-gun-violence-awareness-day
- 08 Pentecost; pcusa.org/resource/pentecost-creativity-home
- 15 Father's Day; Presbyterian Men Sunday; pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/fathers-day
- 19 Juneteenth; pcusa.org/news-storytelling/blogs/historical-society-blog/juneteenth
- 20 World Refugee Day; un.org/en/observances/refugee-day
- 29 Immigration Sunday; pcusa.org/how-we-serve/global-engagement/immigration

JULY

- 04 Independence Day; pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/american-celebration

AUGUST

- 06 Hiroshima Day; pcusa.org/worship-with-us/yearbook/august-6-2020
- 09 International Day of the World's Indigenous People; un.org/en/observances/indigenous-day
- 10 Day of Prayer for the Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula; pcusa.org/worship-with-us/yearbook/june-24-2018
- 17 Public Education Sunday; pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/pcusas-education-roundtable-urges-presbyterians-support-and-protect-public-education
- 19 World Humanitarian Day; un.org/en/observances/humanitarian-day

SEPTEMBER

- National Hispanic Heritage Month [Sep 15–Oct 15]; hispanicheritagemonth.gov
- 01 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation; creationjustice.org/world-day-of-prayer-for-the-care-of-creation.html
- 01 Labor Day; dol.gov/general/laborday/history
- 08 International Literacy Day; en.unesco.org/commemorations/literacyday
- 21 International Day of Peace; pcusa.org/worship-with-us/yearbook/september-21-2024
- 26 Native American Day; pcusa.org/resource/native-american-day

OCTOBER

- Domestic Violence Awareness Month; ncadv.org/take-action; nomore.org; presbyterianwomen.org/justice or pcusa.org/resource/domestic-violence-worship-resources
- Fair Trade Month; fairtradefederation.org/celebrate-fair-trade-month
- National Disability Employment Awareness Month; dol.gov/agencies/odep/initiatives/ndeam
- 05 World Communion Sunday; pcusa.org/resource/resources-world-communion-sunday
- 11 International Day of the Girl Child; unwomen.org/en/news/in-focus/girl-child
- 11 National Coming Out Day; hrc.org/resources/national-coming-out-day
- 12 Children's Sabbath: Educate a Child; childrensdefense.org
- 13 Indigenous Peoples' Day; americanindian.si.edu/nk360/informational/columbus-day-myths
- 16 World Food Day; fao.org/world-food-day/home/en
- 24 United Nations Day; un.org/en/observances/un-day

NOVEMBER

- Native American Heritage Month; archives.gov/news/topics/native-american-heritage-month or nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov
- 03–09 Children's Book Week 2; everychildareader.net/cbw
- 08–16 National Hunger & Homeless Awareness Week; pcusa.org/how-we-serve/justice-peace/hunger
- 13 World Kindness Day; randomactsofkindness.org/world-kindness-day
- 20 Universal Children's Day; un.org/en/observances/world-childrens-day
- 20 Transgender Day of Remembrance; glaad.org/tdor
- 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; un.org/en/observances/ending-violence-against-women-day
- 25–D10 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence; unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action/16-days-of-activism
- 27 Thanksgiving; pcusa.org/resource/thanksgiving-prayers

DECEMBER

- 01 World AIDS Day; pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/aids-awareness-day-observed-conjunction-with-national-hiv-testing-day-0
- 05 International Volunteer Day; un.org/en/observances/volunteer-day
- 10 International Human Rights Day; un.org/en/observances/human-rights-day
- 18 International Migrants Day; un.org/en/observances/migrants-day
- 25 Christmas; pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-united-agency/ministry-areas/theology-worship/worship/christian-year/christmasnativity-lord

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN **SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC** **SUMMER GATHERING** **2025**



Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center

712 Massanetta Springs Road, Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801

June 12-15, 2025

**RECONNECTING TO OUR SAVIOR
JESUS CHRIST**



Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things through God who strengthens me.

ALL-STAR LINEUP

including (but not limited to)

Rhashell Hunter, author, 2025-26 PW/
*Horizons Bible Study, Finding Resilience,
Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*

Teri McDowell Ott, Editor and Publisher,
The Presbyterian Outlook

Bronwen Boswell, former Acting PCUSA
Stated Clerk & current Shenandoah
Presbytery General Presbyter & Stated Clerk

Pam Snyder, Moderator, PW,
Inc., PCUSA Board of Directors

Susan Jackson-Dowd, Executive
Director, PW, Inc., PCUSA

Panel discussion "Who's at the PW
Table?" facilitated by Rae Watson

Kelly Kaufman, Sunday Worship Service
Kate Rascoe, Morning Devotions

REGISTRATION FORM

2025 PW Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Summer Gathering – Thursday, June 12 – Sunday, June 15

Please print:

Name _____ Name for name tag (only if different) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____ Home Phone () _____ Cell () _____

SPECIAL NEEDS (physical, dietary, signing, etc.) _____

Home Church _____ Presbytery _____

Are you attending the Gathering for the first time? ____ Yes ____ No

ROOMMATE REQUESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER TO ENSURE ACCOMMODATIONS.

NAME OF ROOMMATE _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION: To protect your privacy and yet care for you in case of emergency, we urge you to place the name of your health insurance provider with policy number, a list of your medical conditions, and current medications in a sealed envelope with your name and presbytery on the outside. During the Gathering, let your roommate or a friend know where it is located.

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ Relationship _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Work _____

WORKSHOP AND OPTION SIGN-UPS (Choose one for each blank.)

Workshop A Name _____ Workshop B Name _____

Workshop C Name _____ Workshop D Name _____

Friday Option Name _____ Saturday Option Name _____

JULY 11-12, 2025

PW SYNOD OF
LINCOLN TRAILS

Gathering



Scan to register

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<https://dub.sh/solt>

Featured Speaker

REV. DR. RHASHELL HUNTER

Author of the PW Horizons
Bible Study for 2025-2026:
Finding Resilience, Joy, and
Our Identity in Jesus Christ



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Cost is \$50 for Friday and Saturday, or \$40 for Saturday only

For group discounts or to request a scholarship, please email us at
beth.snyder@gmail.com

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Synod School 2025



July 20-25, 2025

**Buena Vista University
Storm Lake, Iowa**

Re-Forming “Normal”: Expanding HOPE

www.lakesandprairies.org/synod-school

Gathering of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Sun 2025

Our Joy is in Christ • [Click here for more information](#)

JULY 24-26, 2025 First United Presbyterian Church, 695 E Calvin St, Fayetteville, AR 72703

On-line registration form coming soon to Facebook site **PW Synod of the Sun Gathering**. If you do not have internet access, you may use the form below. On-line registration is strongly preferred.

NAME _____ PRESBYTERY _____

CHURCH _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____ Member of PWSCT Yes No

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Choose one option.

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2025 REGISTRATION FORM

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The registration fee includes dinner on Friday, breakfast and lunch on Saturday and all programming.

Deadline for registration: **May 31, 2025. Fees: \$75**

Once registered, you may cancel your reservation before June 4 and receive a 50% refund or better yet, find someone to take your registration instead.

No refund after June 4. Registration closes May 31, 2025.

Please Print

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Presbytery _____ Church _____

Name to be on name tag _____

Meals needed _____ Friday dinner _____ Saturday lunch _____
Special diet: _____ Vegetarian _____ Gluten free _____ Other _____

Emergency contact person _____

Phone _____



Make a check payable to
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Audra Carr, Registrar
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Holt, MI 48842

**Workshop
SELECTIONS
(circle One)**

**Saturday Morning
A B C D**

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Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Covenant

**2025 Gathering
June 27 – 28, 2025**

First Presbyterian Church of Battle Creek
111 Capital Ave, NE
Battle Creek, MI
1-269-964-3700



Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.



Rev. Dr. Rhashell Hunter is the author of the 2025 – 2026 Horizons Bible Study and has written the worship materials for “Celebrating the Gifts of Women” for multiple years. She served as Director of Racial Equity & Women’s intercultural Ministries for 14 years and currently teaches the Presbyterian polity course at Louisville Seminary.

Susan Jackson Dowd, Executive Director Presbyterian Women. Susan has served as PC(USA) national staff in Louisville since 1988, the first six years with the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation and the last 24 years PW Horizons,



Other Speakers/Workshop Leaders



Chris Young



Becky McDonald



Cheri Harper

Synod of South Atlantic ~ and ~ Synod of Living Waters Presbyterian Women's Triennial Gathering

October 17th -19th, 2025

Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons Island, Georgia



The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.

Psalm 28:7

Worship Leader

Rev. CeCe Armstrong

*Co-Moderator, 226th General Assembly
Associate Pastor, St. James Presbyterian
James Island, Charleston, S.C.*

Keynote Speaker

Rev. Dr. Rhashell Hunter

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