



PW Newsbytes

News you can use from Presbyterian Women

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NEWSFLASH! Special edition of Presbyterian Women's NewsBytes



PW Gives Day, July 31, commemorates the founding of Presbyterian Women. On this day, let's set aside our commitments and cares to celebrate our important legacy as women of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). All Presbyterian women are part of PW Gives Day.

PW Gives Day FAQs

Q: What is the theme that guides 2025 PW Gives Day?

A: *Legacy in Motion: Celebrating Our History, Trusting Our Future*

As we consider all we have done and are doing as Presbyterian Women, let us rejoice that our beloved organization is relevant, active and strong, and that thousands of our siblings in Christ live out the PW Purpose in faithful ministry every day. With trust and confidence, we strengthen our firm foundation to welcome new voices and fortify upcoming generations of Presbyterian women. "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses . . . let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1), indeed!

Q: How many years since the founding of PW?

A: Short answer: It's been 37 years since "today's" Presbyterian Women was established in July 1988. Longer answer: Presbyterian Women continues the more than 235 years of Presbyterian women organizing for mission and community. What a legacy!

Q: How can I be part of PW Gives Day?

A: All PWs are part of PW Gives Day! Like the patterns on our fingerprints, we are each unique and our gifts, uniquely expressed, shape Presbyterian Women.

Q: I'd like to contribute to PW Gives Day! How do I do it?

A: The key to a successful celebration is participation! PW Gives Day invites you to:

- Share a short video or story about your PW journey and your hopes for tomorrow's runners in the "race that is set before us" (send to carissa.herold@pcusa.org).
- Share this newsletter and/or [PW Gives Day flier](#)!
- Support the financial foundation of Presbyterian Women, PW's Annual Mission Fund, with a personal gift or by coordinating a gift from your group. (Consider hosting a plant sale or extending a challenge or invitation for others to join you in support of PW Gives Day.)

Make a gift in one of these easy ways:

Go to presbyterianwomen.org/give and choose PW Gives Day. You can make a secure gift by credit card.

Mail your check (made payable to Presbyterian Women with PWG25 in the notes line) to

Presbyterian Women
PO Box 643652
Pittsburgh, PA 15624

A place for notes, thoughts, prayers and reminders!



Puzzles and Play

A party is incomplete without games! Two puzzles, one conversation starter, and one recipe (another important party component) follow.

Word Search

PW's Annual Mission Fund (the Mission Pledge) supports in whole or in part all of the work of Presbyterian Women at all levels of the organization, from local groups to international witness through the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women, and more! Seek the words of a ministry or mission supported by PW's Annual Mission Fund. (For hints, read "Now You Know!," published in the March/April 2025 *Horizons* and available at presbyterianwomen.org/now-you-know.) Find the word in the puzzle. Words can go in any direction. Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

S	L	B	I	U	S	R	A	S	B	R	M	B	N	V	T	F	V
Y	N	S	A	H	A	H	F	K	I	E	U	I	R	A	P	J	F
D	R	O	P	O	H	X	A	R	R	Y	P	Z	S	X	R	H	A
U	K	C	Z	D	A	Y	L	O	T	A	D	V	I	S	R	E	I
T	L	I	D	I	G	G	P	W	H	R	X	K	H	J	I	R	T
S	P	A	T	M	R	N	D	T	D	P	V	G	G	L	S	O	H
E	A	L	L	D	Z	O	A	E	A	F	O	H	L	V	P	S	N
L	E	M	E	I	J	D	H	N	Y	O	E	U	B	D	D	J	G
B	H	E	C	M	V	E	E	L	O	Y	B	Q	D	V	L	C	Y
I	A	D	X	O	T	D	B	X	F	A	Z	F	P	W	E	I	G
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H	O	O	Q	P	T	H	A	N	K	O	F	F	E	R	I	N	G
G	A	T	H	E	R	I	N	G	S	Q	A	K	Y	Y	W	R	J

Advocacy	Gatherings	PCUSA	UN CSW
Bible Study	Horizons	Social Media	Website
Birthday Offering	Mission	Thank Offering	World Day of Prayer
Faith	Networks	Together in Service	

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Coded Message

Complete the phrases and prompts below. Use the numbers in the brackets to create your own key, matching each letter to a number. Then, use the key to fill in the blanks in the box below.

PW _ _ _ _ _ Day [3-7-14-2-8]

"Forgiven and _ _ _ _ _" [21-18-2-2-17]

National or _ _ _ _ _ [5-22-16-18-5-22-12-7-17-2]

Larger than a presbytery: _ _ _ _ _ [8-6-9-10-17]

_ _ _ _ _ in Service, PW's hand-on mission [11-10-3-2-11-13-2-18]

"To build an _ _ _ _ _ community" [7-9-5-1-16-8-7-14-2]

"Witnesses to the promise of God's _ _ _ _ _" [19-7-9-3-17-10-20]

The liturgical season of anticipation and reflection: _ _ _ _ _ [4-17-14-2-9-11]

"Nurture our faith through prayer and _ _ _ _ _ study" [15-7-15-1-2]

Message:

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CHAT CARDS—Conversation starters

To use with a group: make copies of this page, cut out the Chat Cards and place one stack per table. Starting with your oldest member (or youngest, or tallest, etc.) take a turn drawing a card and answering the prompt. Pass the card to the left and allow each participant to answer. Set a time limit for this exercise or allow each table to answer until all the cards are gone.

The first set of six prompts (*Who Are You?*) are for learning about the individuals at each table. The second set of six prompts (*Who Are We as PW?*) are for learning about their involvement in Presbyterian Women.

Who Are You?

My favorite hymn is...

My favorite season is...

I find comfort in...

I feel I am called to...

*If I could change one thing,
I would change...*

*My favorite verse or
story in the Bible...*

Who Are We as PW?

*What would you like
others to know about
Presbyterian Women?*

*What I value most
about PW...*

I came to PW...

*My hope for new
PWs is...*

*My favorite
PW memory...*

*What skills have you
developed through
Presbyterian Women?*

Petsy's Punch

Petsy Thacker—a PW participant from Indiana and recipient of an Honorary Life Membership, self-professed “river rat” and square dancer extraordinaire—is also skilled in punch making. “Petsy’s Punch” is a frequent treat at the many celebrations and ministry outreaches of PW at First Presbyterian Church of Jeffersonville, Indiana. Even people who profess punch disinterest look forward to Petsy’s punch!

Petsy chooses the color of her punch to “match” the season or celebration.

- For an orange punch (perfect for fall), combine two 64-ounce bottles of orange Hi-C and a quart of orange sherbet.
- For fruit punch (summer theme), Petsy combines two 64-ounce bottles of Hi-C fruit punch and ½ gallon of vanilla ice cream.
- For a delicious and light tropical punch (spring theme), combine 1 quart of pineapple sherbet and a two-liter bottle of 7Up.



Puzzle Answers

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Complete the sentence

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IT'S/WHAT/WE'RE/LIVING/INTO"
7-11-8 12-13-4-11 12-2-18-2 1-7-14-7-9-3 7-9-11-10

KELSEY/LAW/VICE/MODERATOR
19-2-1-8-2-6 1-4-12 14-7-5-2 20-10-17-2-18-4-11-10-18