

2026 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

# Birthday Offering

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## Dear Presbyterian Women and Friends,

The PW Birthday Offering was born in 1922 when Hallie Paxson Winsborough asked each member 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" to support mission needs. She encouraged everyone to offer "a penny for every year you have lived, and if that is a secret, bring a dollar!" Since that first gift collection over a century ago, the Birthday Offering has granted more than \$38.5 million to help improve lives at home and around the world.

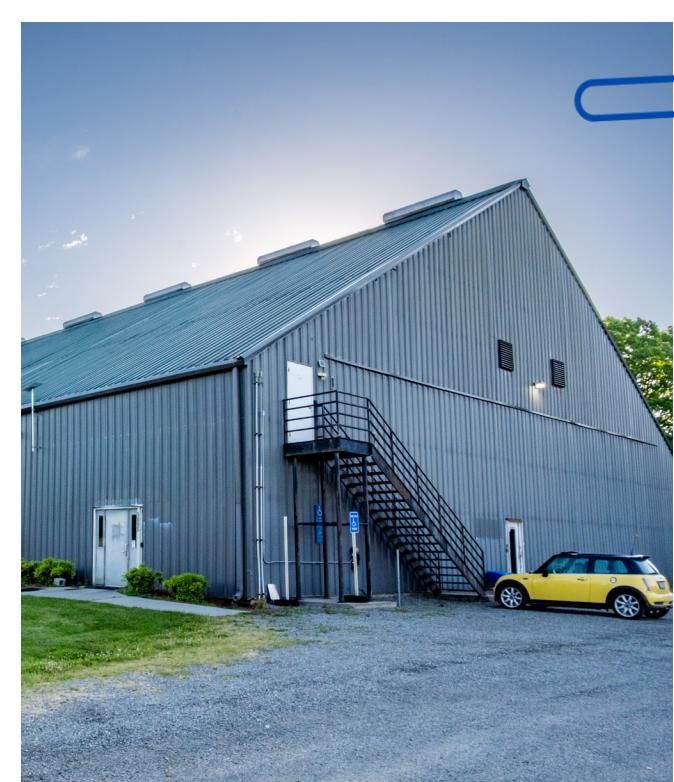
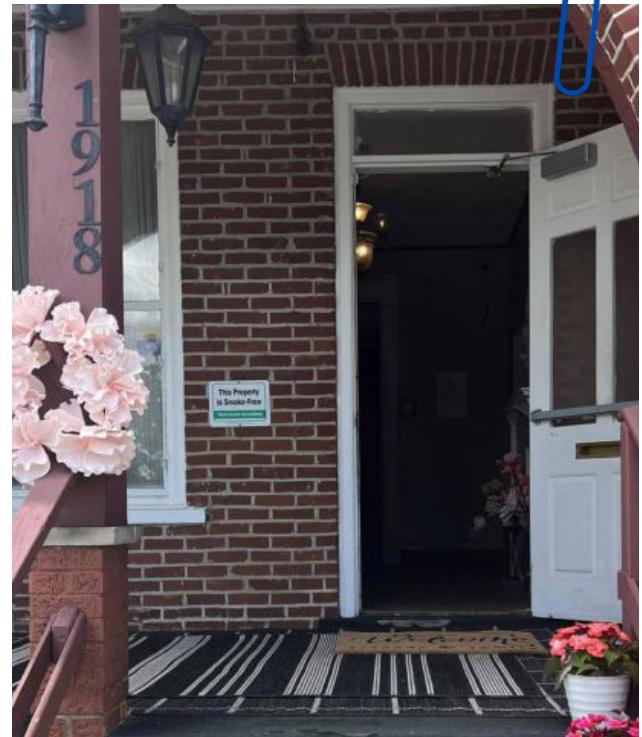
As members of the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women, we present the two projects selected for this year's grants that address critical needs, including food insecurity in rural North Carolina and women and children in crisis in Findlay, Ohio. We ask that you joyfully share this information and encourage giving to the PW Birthday Offering.

Thank you for your support of the PW Birthday Offering and our faithful practice of extending God's promise of power, peace and abounding hope to our neighbors in need.

Blessings,

*Creative Ministries  
Offering Committee*

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## 2026 Birthday Offering Recipients

Giving to the PW Birthday Offering is a springtime tradition for Presbyterian Women. Since its beginning in 1922, grants from this offering have funded capital investments such as clean water projects, rural medical centers, prison ministries for women, shelters for children, and so much more. For over a century, participants in Presbyterian Women have helped carry the message of God's joy by offering tangible symbols of God's abundance through this impactful grant program.

Support the Birthday Offering so that organizations like the ones selected for 2026 will continue to celebrate in God's abounding hope and power in the world. Give at any time of the year through your PW group or at [presbyterianwomen.org/give](http://presbyterianwomen.org/give).





## City Mission of Findlay

WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S

CRISIS SHELTER

FINDLAY, OHIO

[FINDLAYMISSION.ORG](http://FINDLAYMISSION.ORG)

\$125,000

City Mission of Findlay empowers change by offering safe shelter, warm meals and hope. One of their services is Martha's Home, a haven of compassion and support for women and children in crisis. By offering not only shelter, but also services and resources tailored to the needs of women and their families, Martha's Home strives to break the cycle of homelessness.

The Birthday Offering grant will support renovations at Martha's Home including roof and window replacements, an upgraded water heater and a new air conditioning unit. The grant will also purchase a vehicle to provide reliable transportation to employment, medical appointments, recovery meetings, childcare and community services. PW's Birthday Offering is helping Martha's Home to maintain safe, comfortable living conditions at the crisis shelter and ensuring access to critical resources for more than 100 individuals each year.



# Haywood Christian Ministry

RURAL FOOD ASSISTANCE PROJECT  
WAYNESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

HCMNC.ORG  
\$125,000

Haywood Christian Ministry (HCM) believes that everyone deserves access to high-quality, healthy food. Food shouldn't simply be about survival but also about showing love through quality ingredients and thoughtful preparation. Their anti-hunger programs, including the Smoky Mountain Harvest Hub, work to ensure that people across Haywood County, North Carolina, have the food they need, when they need it, and where they are.

The Birthday Offering grant will equip a commercial kitchen within HCM's food hub, facilitating the preparation of food products from rescued produce. The grant will also cover the cost of retrofitting a decommissioned school bus into a mobile market to expand food access and reduce food waste. Together, these tools will enable Haywood Christian Ministries to reach underserved, rural communities and ensure that everyone has ready access to healthy, fresh, good food.



# Abounding in Hope

## Dedication Service

BY CORINNE QUINN

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### Call to Worship (Psalm 121, adapted)

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?

**All: Our help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.**

One: The Holy One will not let your foot be moved;  
the One who keeps you will not slumber.

**All: The Holy One who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

One: The LORD is your keeper;  
and is your shade at your right hand.

**All: The sun shall not strike us by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

One: The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
and will keep your life.

**All: The LORD will keep our going out and our  
coming in from this time on and  
for evermore.**

### Hymn Suggestions\*

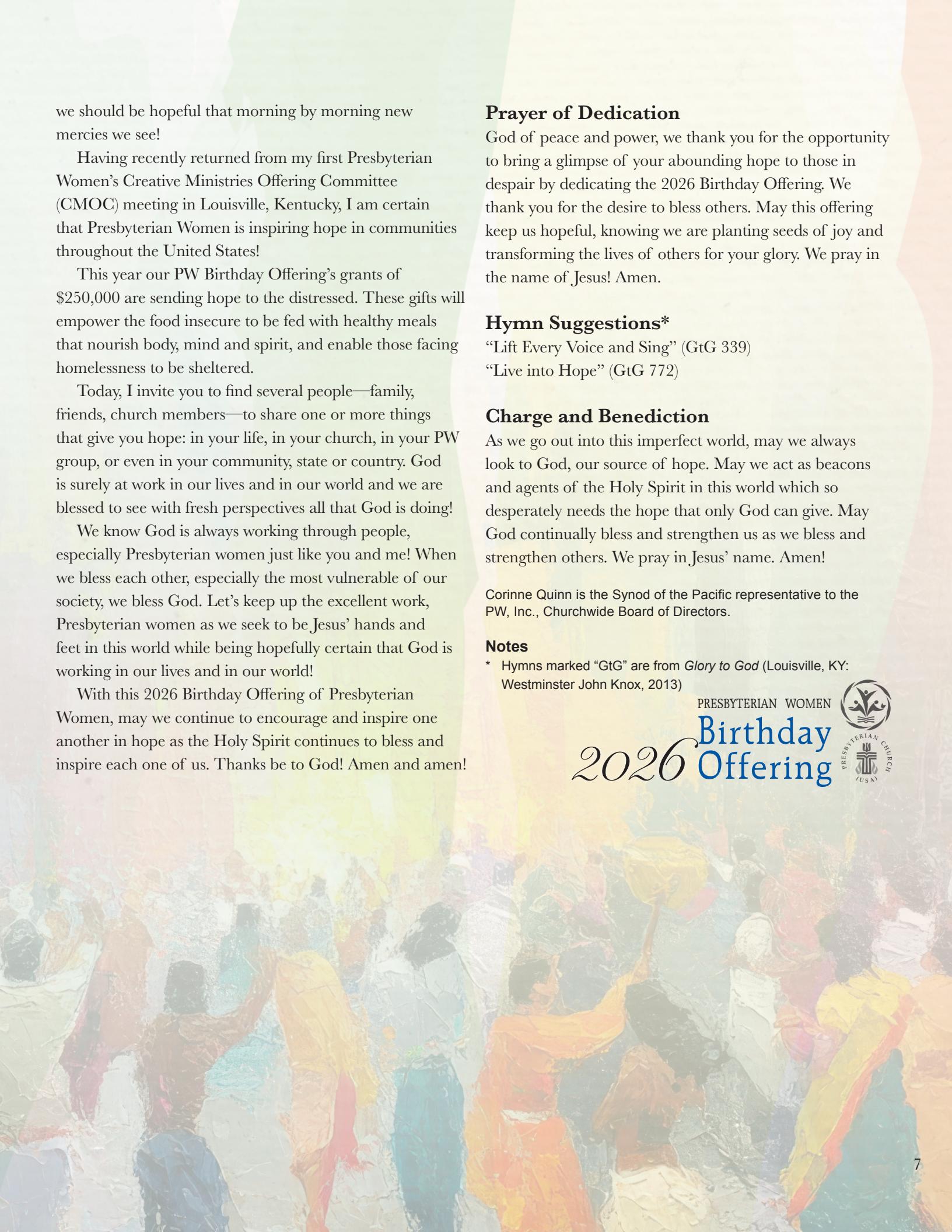
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (GtG 39)  
“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (GtG 353)

**Scripture:** Romans 15:13

### Meditation

In our scripture for this year's Birthday Offering, we acknowledge God's hopefulness in this world as Paul writes to Christians in Rome about one of the gifts that is freely given by God through Jesus' resurrection: hope.

Yet, worldly cares such as family stresses, health issues, financial strains and the daily news throw us into the pit of hopelessness as we mull over the persistent doom, gloom and negativity presented to us. God knows we spend time feeling discouraged, distressed and consumed by despair, and is present with us during the chaos. By God's grace, we are blessed, even when we are distressed! As faithful Presbyterian women ever mindful of Jesus' resurrection,



we should be hopeful that morning by morning new mercies we see!

Having recently returned from my first Presbyterian Women's Creative Ministries Offering Committee (CMOC) meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, I am certain that Presbyterian Women is inspiring hope in communities throughout the United States!

This year our PW Birthday Offering's grants of \$250,000 are sending hope to the distressed. These gifts will empower the food insecure to be fed with healthy meals that nourish body, mind and spirit, and enable those facing homelessness to be sheltered.

Today, I invite you to find several people—family, friends, church members—to share one or more things that give you hope: in your life, in your church, in your PW group, or even in your community, state or country. God is surely at work in our lives and in our world and we are blessed to see with fresh perspectives all that God is doing!

We know God is always working through people, especially Presbyterian women just like you and me! When we bless each other, especially the most vulnerable of our society, we bless God. Let's keep up the excellent work, Presbyterian women as we seek to be Jesus' hands and feet in this world while being hopefully certain that God is working in our lives and in our world!

With this 2026 Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women, may we continue to encourage and inspire one another in hope as the Holy Spirit continues to bless and inspire each one of us. Thanks be to God! Amen and amen!

## Prayer of Dedication

God of peace and power, we thank you for the opportunity to bring a glimpse of your abounding hope to those in despair by dedicating the 2026 Birthday Offering. We thank you for the desire to bless others. May this offering keep us hopeful, knowing we are planting seeds of joy and transforming the lives of others for your glory. We pray in the name of Jesus! Amen.

## Hymn Suggestions\*

- "Lift Every Voice and Sing" (GtG 339)
- "Live into Hope" (GtG 772)

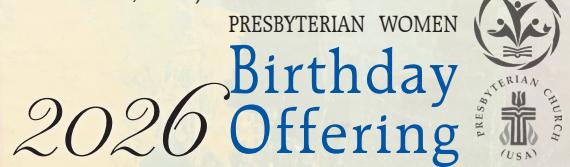
## Charge and Benediction

As we go out into this imperfect world, may we always look to God, our source of hope. May we act as beacons and agents of the Holy Spirit in this world which so desperately needs the hope that only God can give. May God continually bless and strengthen us as we bless and strengthen others. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen!

Corinne Quinn is the Synod of the Pacific representative to the PW, Inc., Churchwide Board of Directors.

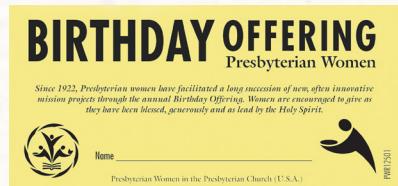
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- \* Hymns marked "GtG" are from *Glory to God* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2013)



## SUPPORT THE BIRTHDAY OFFERING

### Group gift

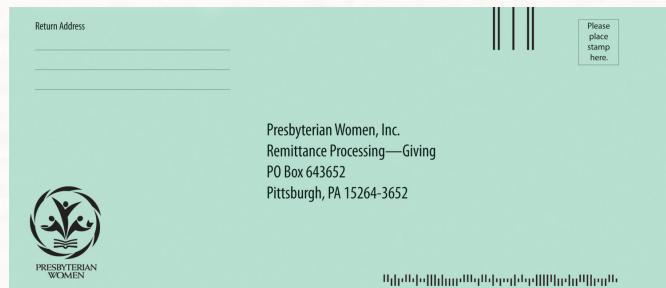


PW group members can support the Birthday Offering with cash or checks. Envelopes to receive gifts from a group are available free of charge in packs of 25 from the PW Shop ([presbyterianwomen.org/shop](http://presbyterianwomen.org/shop); item PWR12501) or the PC(USA) Store (800/533-4371).

**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**, send your Birthday Offering gifts with your presbytery's other quarterly contributions to Presbyterian Women Remittance Processing, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652. Visit [presbyterianwomen.org](http://presbyterianwomen.org) to download a remittance form. Has your treasurer changed? Let us know by contacting 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. 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).

Give by check or credit card with the individual giving envelope and 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.

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

Note: Prefer using your own envelope? Mail your check to Presbyterian Women, Inc., Remittance Processing—Giving, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh PA 15264-3652. Include “Birthday Offering” on the memo line of your check and note your presbytery or synod.

### Online Giving

[Make a Donation →](#)

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 PW leaders in your congregation, presbytery and/or synod change, please let us know. Email changes to [pw\\_pcusa@pcusa.org](mailto:pw_pcusa@pcusa.org).

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## CITY MISSION OF FINDLAY

Women and Children's Crisis Shelter  
Findlay, Ohio  
[findlaymission.org](http://findlaymission.org)  
\$125,000

## HAYWOOD CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Rural Food Assistance Project  
Waynesville, North Carolina  
[hcmnc.org](http://hcmnc.org)  
\$125,000

## Resources to Promote and Receive the 2026 Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering

### Essentials

The **2026 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 PWR26451; free.

The 11" x 17" **2026 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 group meals and tabletops. Available as singles so order as many (or as few) as needed! Item PWR26453; free.

**2026 Birthday Offering promotional flier** (8½" x 11") Download only; item PWR26457; free.

### 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.

**2026 Birthday Offering bulletin insert** Download only; item PWR26450.

**2026 Birthday Offering bulletin cover** (8½" x 11") Download only; item PWR26452.

**2026 Birthday Offering promotional video** (English, Spanish and Korean) Available on PW's YouTube channel: [youtube.com/presbyterianwomen](https://youtube.com/presbyterianwomen).

### More to Explore!

The **Spring 2026 issue of Horizons magazine** includes the grant recipient list as well as a dedication service. Item HZN26200 \$4.00. (Not a *Horizons* magazine subscriber? Call 866/802-3635 or visit [presbyterianwomen.org/subscribe](http://presbyterianwomen.org/subscribe)!).

**Messages of Reconciliation and Hope: 75 Years of Birthday Offerings, 1922–1997**, by Catherine Stewart Vaughn. Item PWR00507, \$12.00 \$3.00 (special sale price).

### Two Ways to Order

- Call 800/533-4371, Monday–Friday, 10 AM–5 PM EST.
- Or shop 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. Free/promotional offering materials do not incur a shipping charge.

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](mailto:pw_pcusa@pcusa.org).

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## Promotional Video Online!

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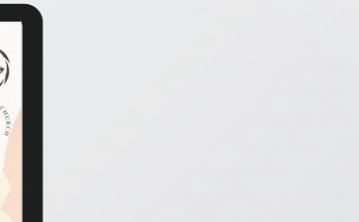
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Women and Children's Crisis Shelter  
FIREBURN, OHIO  
FIREBURN.ORG  
\$25,000

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RIDGE FARM AGRICULTURAL PARK  
WEAVERTON, NORTH CAROLINA  
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\$12,000

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