PW Newsbytes

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Not All in a Row



Recently spotted: a blue T-shirt emblazoned with ducks in assorted poses dotting a field of posies. The "Not all in a row" caption is certainly amusing and may seem, at first consideration, to be the antithesis of Presbyterian women's way of working "decently and in good order" (1 Cor. 14:40). But it's worth considering that for ducks and daisies—and for Presbyterian women too—community, rather than uniformity, is our source of strength and purpose.

We each strengthen the PW community in our own way—as a *Horizons* representative, giver of least coins, champion of children, blanket knitter, advocate for migrants, Bible study leader or dedicated volunteer. The varied ways we show up matters to what matters: building up the church and God's world through the PW Purpose. We are blessed to be legacy bearers and bearers of God's love.

This special edition of NewsBytes highlights PW's Annual Mission Fund and the financial foundation it creates for all PW mission and ministry. Presbyterian Women does not require membership dues and is supported wholly by the generous giving of our participants. Enjoy and share this resource, as you and your PW group prayerfully and faithfully support Presbyterian Women at year-end and all year!

Resources to learn more about PW's Annual Mission Fund



Visit and bookmark **PW's Annual Mission Fund** page at presbyterianwomen.org/AMF/

Download the lovely **2027 Annual Mission Fund promotional resource** at presbyterianwomen.org/2027AMF.

Ways to Support Presbyterian Women

Online

Make a gift with your debit or credit card or by bank draft at presbyterianwomen.org/give. Select "2026 Year-End Gift."

Mail

The following gifts should be mailed

- checks
- third-party gifts (money from your financial institution or donor-advised fund)
- employee-match donations

Be sure your name, contact information and any specific designations are included, and mail to

Presbyterian Women, Inc.
PO Box 654652
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Gifts of Stock, Endowments, RMDs and Estate Planning

Contact the Presbyterian Foundation at 800/858-6127, ext. 3041 or clientservices@presbyterianfoundation.org.

Questions?

For help (or to have employee-match forms completed), please contact Rhonda Martin, 502/569-5596 or rhonda.martin@pcusa.org.

Puzzles and Play



Apples and Ducks

In her devotion, "Apples and Ducks," (presbyterianwomen.org/applesandducks), PW Vice Moderator Kelsey Law shares in response to hearing the phrase, "you can't compare apples to ducks," "And it's true—apples and ducks couldn't be more different. One grows, offering nourishment. The other takes flight, offering lift to its flock. Yet both remind us of what it means to life faithfully in community."

This exercise asks you to think of two common "things" that although different from one another are commonly known to bring out the best in each other.

1. Salt and pepper
2.
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4.
5.
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7.
8.
9.
10.

"Apples and ducks" is now a coloring page! Visit presbyterianwomen.org/AMF.



Brevity Builds Understanding

In forty words or less, tell your PW "why"! Like a game show, turn to your friend and challenge her to tell her PW why in 35 words or less! And then 25! This game has many variations! Consider using this exercise to sum up a Bible study lesson, extend an invitation to a gathering, and so on.

Brevity Builds Understanding Part 2, Haiku

In a haiku format (5/7/5 syllables)

Pick up your own pen,

Find the words that only you

Can offer the world

Share your haikus with PW friends and send your best to carissa.herold@pcusa.org.

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.

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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
B S I C I M Y O C F D Q D U N C S W
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Strengthening the PW Legacy

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Being a bearer of God's love through Presbyterian Women is our blessing to share forward, through our joyful work (and perhaps just joy in faithful fellowship and purpose). As 2026 draws to a close, consider individually and/or as a group supporting Presbyterian Women with a year-end financial gift of any size. What matters is your steadfast and loving commitment to the organization that is ever steadfast and loving to God's people yesterday, today and—with your continued support and God's blessing—tomorrow.

Support Presbyterian Women's Year-End 2026 campaign!

- Give online at presbyterianwomen.org/give. Then select **Year End 2026** and your gift amount. Select a gift of $10 or more (and add a bit extra for a transaction fee). Please scroll and type **PWYE26** in the comments box as well as your church and presbytery (or synod) information. This giving opportunity is open for individuals and groups!
- Use the form below and mail your gift to Presbyterian Women, Inc., PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652. Please indicate **PWYE26** in the memo line of your check (or with a separate note).
- Share your PW story or photos—or both! Contact Carissa Herold by phone (844/PWPCUSA, ext. 5322) or email carissa.herold@pcusa.org.
- You can financially support Presbyterian Women in many ways. To set up a recurring gift or to make a gift at any time of year, visit presbyterianwomen.org/give or contact Rhonda Martin, 502/569-5596 or rhonda.martin@pcusa.org. To gift stock, endowments, RMDs or to include Presbyterian Women in your estate plans, contact the Presbyterian Foundation, 800/858-6127 ext. 3041 or clientservices @presbyterianfoundation.org.

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Yes, I support Presbyterian Women because PW matters to the church, the world and to me!

❒ My check made payable to "Presbyterian Women" is enclosed for this amount: ❒ $25 ❒ $35 ❒ $50 ❒ Other _____

❒ I choose to pay with a credit card: ❒ VISA ❒ MasterCard ❒ American Express ❒ Discover

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You may also give by credit card at presbyterianwomen.org/give.

Growing in Faith Together

Prayer and Bible study are foundational to our walk in faith. That's why Presbyterian Women continues its storied legacy of publishing a Bible study (in several editions with a wide array of support materials) each year.



Twin sisters and PW participants Donna Feit (left) and Doris Nord, First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino (California)
Photo courtesy of Brent Nord

The Bible study committee of PW's national board, representing the diversity of PW, selects themes and authors (women theologians of the Reformed tradition). Groups across the organization field-test an early draft of the study. And then each year, PW groups from around the country explore the Bible study—"together" even when separated geographically and even when participants have never met! This shared bond is anything but common in this day of fractured attention and community—PW is one of the few mainline denominational women's publishing groups still doing this work.

Nonagenarians and twin sisters Donna Feit and Doris Nord have faithfully served their church, First Presbyterian of San Bernardino, for many years and describe the importance of the PW/*Horizons* Bible studies.

> Our Bible studies and videos have given us new insights into scripture and helped us look at our faith in different ways. We have also gained a greater understanding of how being Christian is not only about our personal faith, but also about how we can serve others and make a positive difference in our community and the world. Our group encourages us to continue learning, growing, and putting our faith into action.

"Learning, growing and putting faith into action" are central to the life and witness of Presbyterian women. That's why PW/*Horizons* Bible studies and our PW communities help equip each generation to live purposefully and faithfully. With God's guidance and blessing, we live in confidence that with our work, prayer and support, Presbyterian Women will continue to inspire and engage tomorrow's seekers and leaders.

In one PW group in Tempe, Arizona, starting PW Bible study meetings on Zoom helped a group stay connected during Covid-19. Even after groups resumed meeting in person, the Bible studies on Zoom continued and grew to include women who had moved away or wanted to join. Visit presbyterianwomen.org /coast to learn from the group's leader Chris Casanova about the Coast2Coast group.

