

THE POWER & THE PRESENCE



Presbyterian Women of St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church

2023-2024 Yearbook

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OUR PURPOSE

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves: to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, to support the mission of the church worldwide, to work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.



What Defines Presbyterian Women?

THE WOMEN of the Presbyterian Church have been a strong group of faithful disciples throughout the church's history. While the name of this group has certainly adapted over time, its focus has not. These dedicated women have united nationally in Christian fellowship while studying God's Word and doing God's mission in local churches as well as globally. At the center of Presbyterian Women's (PW) existence are the teachings of Jesus Christ and a life of nurturing fellow Christian disciples.

WHEN St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church was founded in 1920, the ladies of the church joined for the purposes mentioned above and named themselves the Women's Auxiliary. This group of women grew out of a frequent community gathering which had formerly called itself the Ladies Aid and Missionary Society which began in 1906. Over the course of time, the name has changed as needed to embody the mood of each era. In 1988, the current national body of the Presbyterian Women's Conference developed as a result of the reunification of Northern and Southern Presbyterian churches in 1983. PW is now in its 34th year of mission and service work nationwide.

A VARIETY of activities occur all during the year to support our mission. Some such events are the Simple Elegance Evening, the Christmas Program, the annual overnight retreat, and mission outreach projects such as Living Waters, Eden House, Raintree Children & Family Services, Program of Hope, and Creation Care/Okra Abbey. Periodically general meetings are held. In addition, more intimate Circles and other groups meet monthly for study, prayer, and fellowship. PW offers a wonderful way for women in the church to foster friendships as well as to further explore their Christian faith.

OUR MISSION

Our Mission Pledge is an annual pledge which funds the work of PW at all levels. Presbyterian Women have always cared about the mission of the church in a special way. From our early beginnings as 'missionary societies' to our work with hospitals and schools, and our concerns for social justice issues, our caring has been tangible. This caring attitude has manifested itself in prayer, study, interpretation, advocacy, and giving.

The PW Purpose challenges us to continue that caring, and one such opportunity is to pledge to PW over and above a pledge to the church. The mission pledge is also a joyful expression of Presbyterian Women's covenantal relationship to the PC(USA), as the largest share of monies goes to the General Assembly mission budget.

FROM THE MODERATOR



DEAR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF SCAPC,

As I looked back through directories of years past, I found the Woman's Auxillary Year Book from 1948-1949. Note the objectives: to unite in Christian fellowship all the women of the church, to promote the spiritual welfare of the Church, to increase knowledge and participation in Christian missions, and to encourage the women to bear personal witness to Christ. When looking through these old directories, I see familiar names and long lists of activities and giving. I am humbled by the great past we have!

Looking ahead, Presbyterian Women continues to offer opportunities to study, serve, and share in fellowship with each other. I'm grateful to join this year's coordinating team in planning a wonderful year, including our Circles, special events, and mission opportunities. Please use this yearbook: join your hearts in the prayers and in supporting our mission partners each month. And mark your calendars so you won't miss out on the fun!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah".

SARAH EDGECOMBE

PW MODERATOR



GOAL OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY:
Every Woman Enlisted for Christ.

OBJECT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY:
To unite in Christian fellowship all the women of the church.

To promote the spiritual, educational, social and financial welfare of the Church.

To increase knowledge and participation in world-wise Christian missions.

To encourage the women to bear personal witness to Christ.

PW CIRCLES

PW Circles offer an environment in which faith is nurtured and growth takes place through worship, studying the Bible, fellowship, and outreach.

MONDAY LUNCH CIRCLE:

Second Monday of the month* | 11:30 a.m. | Land Building | Lunch served

LAMBETH HOUSE CIRCLE:

Second Monday of the month* | 2:00 p.m. | Lambeth House

TUESDAY EVENING CIRCLE:

Second Tuesday of the month* | 5:45 p.m. | Land Building
Refreshments and wine served

**except where otherwise noted; See calendar for exact dates*

SACRED ENCOUNTERS

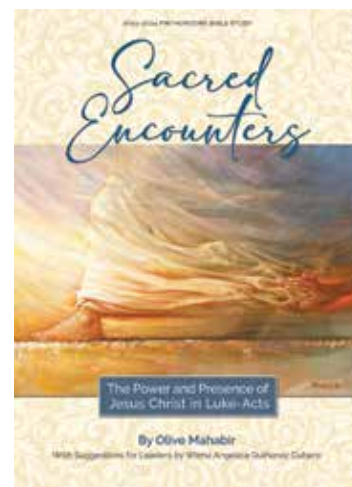
The Power & Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts

by Rev. Dr. Olive Mahabir

2023-2024 PW / HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY

The Gospel According to Luke and the Acts of the Apostles demonstrate the unfolding of God's redemptive purposes in human history and present a distinctive perspective on the person and work of Jesus Christ. Written by Luke, a physician and traveling companion of Paul, the message to the early Christian community (and to us) is radical, inclusive, and hope-filled.

This message invites the church to deeper, compassionate engagement with the world. "What are the potential implications for the church if we treat our interactions as sacred encounters that demonstrate the transformative love of Christ Jesus?"



MEETING THE AUTHOR

This summer, SCAPC member Kathy Randall (left) met author Olive Mahabir at a Presbyterian Women's event in Mobile, Alabama.

ANNUAL OFFERINGS

THANK OFFERING:

This churchwide offering taking place during Thanksgiving season is overseen by PW's Creative Ministries Offering Committee, allocating funds to health ministries throughout the world, and new creative ideas for mission. SCAPC members donated \$1,268 to the Thank Offering in November 2022. Among the recipients was Okra Abbey, one of our female-led mission partners here in New Orleans! Specifically their portion of the Thank Offering is funding a full solar power system providing outlets for power tools and an irrigation system.



BIRTHDAY OFFERING: This offering dates back to 1922 and is collected from our congregation each spring to celebrate the blessings in our lives. Those blessings are in turn shared with projects that are making impactful, lasting changes in the lives of women and their families. SCAPC members donated \$1,219 to the Birthday Offering in May 2023. This year's recipients include the Making Miracles Group Home for women and children victimized by violence, and the construction of a Kindergarden space at the Berhand Yesus Elementary School in Ethiopia.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN links prayer and 'least coins' in a very significant way as the least coin becomes the symbol of prayer for peace and reconciliation. Begun in 1956, Shanti Solomon, of India, believed that women anywhere could have a sense of being part of a worldwide family of faith as they prayed for peace and reconciliation by setting aside the least coin of their country as a symbol of that prayer. Once collected (at monthly Circles, PW Book Club and other events), these coins ultimately help fund special projects of evangelism, service, ecumenical solidarity, awareness-building among women, and relief throughout the world.

CENTS-ABILITY originated in 1976 as "Two-Cents-A-Meal," a project begun by Presbyterian Women to involve congregations in a corporate response to world hunger. All are invited to contribute a few cents at mealtime as an expression of thanks for what they have received. The funds raised today benefit local hunger ministries as well as the national and international projects of the Presbyterian Hunger Program. SCAPC PW managed the Cents-Ability collection during Wednesday Night Out, at Simple Elegance, and at the annual PW Retreat.

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OUR MISSION PARTNERS

In addition to our hands-on volunteer help, each month we collect supplies and cash donations for our Mission Partners:

LIVING WATERS FOR THE WORLD mission teams empower their partners to provide clean, sustainable water and health education for their communities. Teams from SCAPC have worked with Living Waters to provide and install a clean water purification system for El Fuerte Presbyterian Church and Juan G. Hall Presbyterian Church in Cardenas, Cuba and return for bi-annual sustainability visits. Three members of SCAPC participated in the Presbytery of South Louisiana installation of Matanzas Central.



EDEN HOUSE is a ministry for women who have survived prostitution, addiction, and human trafficking. The home accepts women for two years, free of charge, while providing space for healing, programs for recovery, and opportunities for job training. SCAPC PW assist by providing Thanksgiving Dinner, a Christmas tree, and preparing Easter totes with pampering supplies.



PROGRAM OF HOPE HOMELESS MINISTRY, housed at First Presbyterian Church, provides shelter vouchers, bus tokens, lunches, hygiene items, clothing, counseling, prayer, and worship each Wednesday. PW members volunteer each week and also prepare and serve lunches two months of the year.

SCAPC CARROLLTON

CAMPS were created for families with working parents who are seeking affordable and safe children's programming during school breaks. Camp days offer a special time of fun and educational enrichment for children who otherwise might not have access to a summer/holiday camp experience. PW assist by providing meals and other donations as needed.



RAINTREE CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

is a social service agency giving hope to abandoned, abused, or neglected children through group housing, single family foster care, and developmental disabilities case management. PW assist Raintree staff in providing lunch and games for an annual Family Day celebration, as well as donations such as new towels, allergy free detergent, and individual health items.

OKRA ABBEY is both a New Worshipping Community and a functioning community garden in the primarily low-income Pigeon Town neighborhood of New Orleans. Through the growing of food and sharing of meals, Okra Abbey is building a unique community of faith. In a garden, people come as they are with their physical needs for food and water, their questions and doubts, and their curiosity about faith. Surrounded by church buildings which are rarely open, except on Sunday, people in Pigeon Town are increasingly facing gentrification. This year Okra Abbey was awarded \$35,000 from the PW Thank Offering to fund a full solar power system that will provide outlets for an irrigation system, power tools, community refrigerator, and phone recharging.



PEACE & JUSTICE

Seeking justice and peace are at the core of our church's work in the world. With this in mind, the Presbyterian Women's program at SCAPC looks for creative ways to involve the women of the church in various Justice and Peace initiatives, and to be a catalyst for adding beneficial Justice and Peace program outcomes to existing church activities outside of PW programming.

A key focus of the PW Peace and Justice program in 2023-24 is a partnership with the Centennial Committee and Young Adults and Families called the Centennial Tree Project, a "Creation Care" initiative. A tree-planting morning of service was held on March 18, 2023 by Young Adults and Families in collaboration with Saving Our Urban Landscape (SOUL), a local nonprofit, the second annual event of its kind at SCAPC in recent years. In the Spring, PW made a monetary donation to SOUL to help pay for the trees planted. We hope that the YAF group will continue the tree-planting activity in the Spring of 2024. Results of the tree planting project will be shared as part of the Centennial celebration at the time of the dedication of the Centennial organ in the main sanctuary (now set for the Spring of 2025).



Also, as the Strategic Planning Committee has begun its work in mid-2023, we intend to encourage the committee to include Creation Care (such as tree-planting) in its vision for the church's work in the next few years.

We will also explore another possible Creation Care initiative, a pet show including a blessing of the animals, as a potential collaboration with the Youth Program and others here at St. Charles Avenue.

As the year progresses, we will be looking for additional opportunities to provide educational activities at the church that are aligned with the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s commitment to social justice, primarily in concert with other committees and groups already including such projects in their agenda.

Our hope is that, by pursuing visionary designs for action that also build a sense of community within our church, St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church will continue to grow in awareness, enthusiasm, and effectiveness in working to bring about a more just and peaceful world for all.

SPECIAL EVENTS

SIMPLE ELEGANCE

DINNER & ENTERTAINING IDEAS
Tuesday,
October 10, 2023
5:30 p.m.
at the home of
Monique & Bob
McCleskey



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

WORSHIP SERVICE & RECEPTION
Tuesday,
December 13, 2023
6:00 p.m. in the Chapel
Reception at the
home of Stephanie
& Pete November



EASTER EGG HUNT

CHURCHWIDE
Sunday, March 24, 2024
following
10:30 a.m. worship
at the home of
Louellen & Darryl Berger



30TH ANNUAL RETREAT

SUNDAY-MONDAY, JANUARY 14-15, 2024
SOLOMON CONFERENCE CENTER | LORANGER, LA

“SELF-CARE AS WE CARE FOR OTHERS AND SERVE GOD”

Our retreat leader is **REV. MEAGAN FINDEISS**. Meagan has served as Associate Pastor for Care and Belonging at First Presbyterian Church of Dallas since August of 2021. She and her family moved from Asheville, NC, where she served as an Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Asheville. Meagan is married to Cal, and together they parent Bethan (7) and Jude (4). Meagan earned a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from Florida State University in Tallahassee and her Master's of Divinity from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Following seminary she completed a two-year pastoral residency at Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. She has worked as a youth minister, Executive Director of a food pantry and a fundraiser. Her desire to do social justice work has helped her to share her immense love for people with embodying the inbreaking of God's Kingdom in Dallas, the nation, and the world.



HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERS

All monies received from PW Celebration of Believers are used to assist with the cost of leadership development for women who would not otherwise be able to participate in presbytery, synod, and church-wide gatherings or other national and international events. Honorary Life Memberships are presented for outstanding service and leadership in the church. A church group gives a life membership to women, men, and youth. Recipients receive a pin and a certificate. Recognition and Memorial Gifts are a way to thank or honor persons for their service to the church.

Susan Irvine Darter	1947-48	Margaret Ann Lindsey	1986
Martha Martin.....	1952-53	Ruth Smith	1986
Helen Katherine Street Land ..	1952-53	Amelia Lapeyre.....	1987
Johnnie Hearin.....	1952-53	Mary Long	1988
Alice Bloomfield Affleck.....	1952-53	Ruth Long	1988
Clara Conrad	1952-53	Margaret Dickey.....	1995
Charlotte Reynolds.....	1968	Frances Hinrichs	1995
Becky Kennedy.....	1968	Dorothy J. Marchal.....	1995
Ethel Winter.....	1973	Rozelle Middleton	1995
Helen Morrow	1974	T.D. Morton	1995
Lela Rowland.....	1974	Kathy Randall.....	2001
Bernita Backes.....	1978	Mary DeWitt Dukes	2003
Muriel Backes.....	1978	Michelle Baker.....	2007
Marge Batchelder	1979	Ann Van Horn	2010
Isabelle Morse.....	1979	Kathy Randall*	2012
Elizabeth Bolles.....	1980-1981	Donald R. Frampton.....	2019
Gen Trimble.....	1983	Hallie Boh	2020
Penny Phifer	1983	Emily Fleshman	2020
Miek Laan	1984	Mikell Johnson	2020

*Kathy Randall was awarded Gold Lifetime Membership in 2012!



PAST MODERATORS

Rowena McMillan	1914-27	Lib Duffy	1980-81
Edith Talmadge	1927-29	Bebe Marchal	1981-82
Martha Martin	1929-30	Nell Lanier	1982-83
Elizabeth Buckner Macmurdoo.....	1931-33	Sybil Favrot	1983-84
Adelaide Palmer	1933-35	Margaret Ann Lindsey	1984-85
Florence C. Dean Stryker	1935-37	Elaine Gelpi	1985-86
Julian Berson Frye.....	1937-39	Carole Banta	1986-87
Emma Hathaway	1939-41	Julianne Lansing	1987-88
Johnnie Kennedy Hearin	1941-43	Margaret Dickey	1988-89
Madeleine Bourne Hackett.....	1943-45	Helen Camp	1989-90
Charlotte Reynolds	1945-47	Dorothy O'Neill	1990-91
Clara Shepard Conrad.....	1947-49	Carol Brown.....	1991-92
Jess Sawyer	1949-50	Virginia Skerritt	1992-93
Lela Rowland	1950-52	Frances Hinrichs	1993-94
Dollie Williams	1952-54	Helen Joseph	1994-95
Isabelle Morse	1954-56	Kathy Randall	1995-96
Louise Simmons	1956-58	Kate Elkins	1996-97
Cecil Kearny	1958-60	Judy Maselli	1997-98
Elizabeth Bolles	1960-62	Miriam Hollar	1998-99
Helen Morrow	1962-64	Ann Van Horn	1999-01
Becky Kennedy	1964-66	Aimée! Bell	2001-03
Mary Lou Mathes	1966-68	Michelle Slatten	2003-05
Elizabeth Lampton	1968-70	Michelle Baker	2005-07
Marge Batchelder	1970-72	Dawn Talbot	2007-09
Millie Dabe	1972-74	Laura St. Clair	2009-11
Mary Elizabeth Gilbert	1974-76	Jeanie Clinton	2011-14
Mary Frances Bruner	1976-77	Betty Hope	2014-16
Nancy Chaffe	1977-78	Hallie Boh	2016-18
Barbara King	1978-79	Ebie Strauss.....	2018-20
Mary Jane Fenner	1979-80	Stephanie November	2020-21
		Harriet Riley.....	2021-23





SEPTEMBER

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

11:30 a.m. Lunch Circle
1:30 p.m. Coordinating Team
2:00 p.m. Lambeth House Circle

*Spiritually Hungry Women
meets each Wednesday at 12:30 p.m.

*Contemplative Practices Group (Zoom)
meets each Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

5:45 p.m. Evening Circle

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

5:30 p.m. Book Club

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PRAYER

by Kathy Randall

God of Autumn,

We thank you for the lazy days of Summer and the down time we have enjoyed. School has begun and we are once again “on the run”. Slow our feet and let us remember the joys of SABBATH rest in new ways to enrich our lives for you. We do not know your timing for our days, but we do know that through you we can savor the finer things that make us whole.

Slow us down Lord and make us know that we are yours. Tender our hearts to know how we can protect our own health, as well as delight in the strength of others. Make us aware of your desire for us to assist our neighbors and love them for who they are – and who we are!

Come Lord Jesus and calm the chaos. We have work to do in your name.
Amen

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MISSION PARTNER

RAINTREE CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

Requested: Regular-size toiletries, towels, wash cloths, soap, lotion, toothbrushes and toothpaste

OCTOBER

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

5:45 p.m. Evening Circle

(Moved to first week because of Simple Elegance)

*Spiritually Hungry Women

meets each Wednesday at 12:30 p.m.

*Contemplative Practices Group (Zoom)

meets each Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

11:30 a.m. Lunch Circle

2:00 p.m. Lambeth House Circle

5:00 p.m. Coordinating Team

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

5:30 p.m. Simple Elegance (McCleskey home)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

5:30 p.m. Book Club



BENEDICTION

by Dr. Richard C. Halverson, Chaplain of the U.S. Senate from 1981-1994

submitted by Harriet Riley

You go nowhere by accident.

Wherever you go, God is sending you.

Wherever you are, God puts you there.

He has a purpose in your life.

Christ who indwells you has something He wants to do through you where you are.

Believe this.

Trust this.

Go, in His grace and love and power.



MISSION PARTNER

LIVING WATERS FOR THE WORLD (CUBA)

Requested: Instead of money for food, we will return to collecting over-the-counter medications including pain relief and cold/flu drugs, vitamins (no gummies, please), etc. We prefer that all medications be in pill form rather than liquid.





NOVEMBER

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

11:30 a.m. Lunch Circle
1:30 p.m. Coordinating Team
2:00 p.m. Lambeth House Circle

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

5:45 p.m. Evening Circle

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

5:30 p.m. Book Club

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Thank Offering collected during morning worship services

*Spiritually Hungry Women meets each Wednesday at 12:30 p.m.

*Contemplative Practices Group (Zoom) meets each Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

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PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

by Kenneth Phifer; submitted by Libbie Reiss

I am thankful, O God, that you keep prodding me
and pushing me into joy and celebration.

I am thankful for spoken words and silent gestures,
For laughter and outstretched hands,

For back-door mercies and winding graces that enwrap me.

I am thankful for tangible and measurable things,

For churches and hospitals, in lieu of schools and homes.

I am grateful for ancient words that come alive once more.

“Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart...”

I am thankful for the music of the heart

And for the music of the human voice.

As I praise you this day, I am grateful for the rich beauty of songs sung

And the warm impulses with which I respond.

I will praise your name, O Lord, with a song.

I will magnify you with thanksgiving.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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MISSION PARTNER

EDEN HOUSE

Requested: Food and volunteers for the Thanksgiving Dinner PW will host

DECEMBER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

5:45 p.m. Evening Circle

(Moved to first week because of Christmas Program)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

11:30 a.m. Lunch Circle

2:00 p.m. Lambeth House Circle

5:00 p.m. Coordinating Team

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

6:00 p.m. PW Christmas Program

Reception to follow, home of Stephanie & Pete November

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

5:30 p.m. Book Club

*Spiritually Hungry Women meets each Wednesday at 12:30 p.m.

*Contemplative Practices Group (Zoom) meets each Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

PRAYER

submitted by Julie Nice

The prayer for December is actually a prayer for both the baby Jesus and for the world. It creates a memorable section of the Christmas cantata Hodie by British composer Ralph Vaughan Williams, using words from an anonymous poem and a second stanza written by his wife, poet Ursula Vaughan Williams. Enjoy the music and words on YouTube. Our choir has presented this cantata during Advent, most recently in 2018.

No sad thought his soul affright, sleep it is that maketh night;
Let no murmur nor rude wind to his slumbers prove unkind:
But a choir of angels make His dreams of heav'n, and let him wake
to as many joys as can in this world befall a man.
Promise fills the sky with light, stars and angels dance in flight;
Joy of heav'n shall now unbind chains of evil from mankind,
Love and joy their power shall break, and for a newborn prince's sake;
Never since the world began such a light such dark did span. Amen.

MISSION PARTNER

SCAPC WHITE GIFT

Requested: Colorful wrapping paper, tissue paper, and bows to be given to New Orleans Women & Children's Shelter for gift wrapping.





JANUARY

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

11:30 a.m. Lunch Circle
1:30 p.m. Coordinating Team
2:00 p.m. Lambeth House Circle

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meets each Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

5:45 p.m. Evening Circle

SUNDAY-MONDAY, JANUARY 14-15

PW Retreat at Solomon Conference Center

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

5:30 p.m. Book Club



A PRAYER FOR NEW BEGINNINGS

by Pope John XXIII; submitted by Cindy Bush

Consult not your fears, but your hopes and your dreams.
Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential.
Concern not yourself with what you tried and failed in,
but what it is still possible to do.
Now is the time to put aside past and present setbacks and failures
and look with confidence to the new day called tomorrow.



MISSION PARTNER

LIVING WATERS FOR THE WORLD (CUBA)

Requested: Instead of money for food, we will return to collecting over-the-counter medications including pain relief and cold/flu drugs, vitamins (no gummies, please), etc. We prefer that all medications be in pill form rather than liquid.

FEBRUARY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

11:30 a.m. Lunch Circle
2:00 p.m. Lambeth House Circle
5:00 p.m. Coordinating Team

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meets each Wednesday at 12:30 p.m.

*Contemplative Practices Group (Zoom)
meets each Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

5:45 p.m. Evening Circle

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

5:30 p.m. Book Club

PRAYER: ALONG LIFE'S WAY

submitted by Ebie Strauss

A favorite of my grandmother, Virginia Marion McDuffie Hybart, a lifelong member of Monroeville Presbyterian Church in Monroeville, Alabama. "Miss Marion" taught Women's Bible Study.

For you I pray along Life's way.
A mind with calm contentment blest,
good store of health, the same of wealth,
with toil enough to sweeten rest;
and unto you the long years through.
May friendship of true hearts be giv'n,
some joys, some clouds with silver crest,
and Peace shining through, a light from Heaven.

MISSION PARTNER

PROGRAM OF HOPE

Requested: Gently worn black pants and white shirts for job interviews, T-shirts (sizes L and XL), socks, and travel-size toiletries





MARCH

MONDAY, MARCH 11

11:30 a.m. Lunch Circle
1:30 p.m. Coordinating Team
2:00 p.m. Lambeth House Circle

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meets each Wednesday at 12:30 p.m.

*Contemplative Practices Group (Zoom)
meets each Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

5:45 p.m. Evening Circle

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

5:30 p.m. Book Club

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

11:30 a.m. PW Easter Egg Hunt, home of Louellen & Darryl Berger

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PRAYER: I HAVE SO FEW WAYS TO PRAY

by Ted Loder from *Guerillas of Grace*; submitted by Sarah Edgecombe

Lord, I have so few ways to pray,
but you have so many ways to answer.
Keep me alert to your unpredictable answers,
to your unexplainable surprises,
and by your grace, make me one of those surprises,
for the sake of the One who taught us the surprises
of moving mountains,
healing touches,
wondrous stories,
great banquets,
first suppers,
broken bread,
crosses,
and resurrections.

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MISSION PARTNER

EDEN HOUSE

Requested: Pampering products for Easter totes such as candy, journals, fragrant soap, fingernail polish, toothbrushes, toothpaste, bangle bracelets, hair brushes and colorful bandanas.

APRIL

MONDAY, APRIL 8

11:30 a.m. Lunch Circle
2:00 p.m. Lambeth House Circle
5:00 p.m. Coordinating Team

*Spiritually Hungry Women
meets each Wednesday at 12:30 p.m.

*Contemplative Practices Group (Zoom)
meets each Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

5:45 p.m. Evening Circle

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

5:30 p.m. Book Club



DEVOTION & PRAYER

by Gerlie Weinstein

Living in Montana, every year by the end of May, it was time to turn the sprinklers on. Like a miracle, lush green grass appeared in my yard from what had been white, then brown. Next, plants began to bud and the tulips popped up out of the ground. Here in New Orleans, the landscape around us can look like this in March and April.

As we celebrate Earth Day in April, let's think about God's incredible work of creation. The psalmist invites us all to "sing for joy" and "shout aloud" to God because of His greatness.

So, Lord, we see the creativity of your handiwork and we want to thank you and offer praise for the matchless beauty of Your creation that is surrounding us. Amen.



MISSION PARTNER

RAINTREE CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

Requested: Regular-size toiletries, towels, wash cloths, soap, lotion, toothbrushes and toothpaste





MAY

SUNDAY, MAY 12

Birthday Offering collected during both morning worship services

10:30 a.m. PW Coordinating Team Installation during worship service

MONDAY, MAY 13

11:30 a.m. Lunch Circle

1:30 p.m. Coordinating Team

2:00 p.m. Lambeth House Circle

TUESDAY, MAY 14

5:45 p.m. Evening Circle

*Spiritually Hungry Women
meets each Wednesday at 12:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 16

5:30 p.m. Book Club

*Contemplative Practices Group (Zoom)
meets each Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

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PRAYER

by Karen Donaldson

“Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They neither toil, nor spin”
-*Mathew 6:28*

Lord God, thank you for the jasmine sprouting up like weeds and day lilies that bloom year after year. We know that you take care of the simple lily that blooms one day and is gone the next, but sometimes fail to realize how much greater your care is for us. Perhaps the flower is here not only for our enjoyment but also as a reminder of your faithfulness. We thank you for the care that you give to all creation and for your steadfast love.

Amen.

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MISSION PARTNER

PROGRAM OF HOPE

Requested: Gently worn black pants and white shirts for job interviews, T-shirts (sizes L and XL), socks, and travel-size toiletries

SUMMER

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

5:45 p.m. Evening Circle

TUESDAY, JULY 9

5:45 p.m. Evening Circle

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

5:45 p.m. Evening Circle

*Spiritually Hungry Women
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*Contemplative Practices Group (Zoom)
meets each Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.



PRAYER

by Gerlie Weinstein

Lord, I am grateful for the summer sun and waking to another beautiful day.

The extra leisure time that summer can bring could allow us more time for spiritual growth. It's a good season to build up our spiritual foundation.

Please help us use this time for Bible study, devotions, reflection, and quiet time. We ask all this in Your name.

Amen.



MISSION PARTNER

JUNE-JULY: TBA

AUGUST: OKRA ABBEY

Requested: ~~Bottles of water donated and delivered to Community Fridge~~



IN MEMORIAM

SINCE SUMMER 2022

JENNIE DUVAL STEELE.....	September 19, 2022
FLORA KELLY	January 13, 2023
ROBIN B. RICHMOND	February 2, 2023
EUGENIA LEE.....	February 7, 2023
MARION BUTCHER.....	February 12, 2023
SUZETTE PRECHTER	April 1, 2023
MARY ANNA (MOLLY) STAGG	June 15, 2023
SYBIL M. FAVROT.....	June 22, 2023
MARGIT MEREY-KADAR.....	June 29, 2023
BRENDA STEPHENS	July 9, 2023
LINDA COLBERT WEST	July 10, 2023

Each year, PW SCAPC makes a donation to the Rowena McMillan Scholarship (Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA) in memory of the women in our congregation who have died in that year. The Scholarship is named for Ms. McMillan who organized women's work in our church and served as the first President of what is now known as Presbyterian Women at SCAPC. She also served the longest number of years as leader.

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