

Our Purpose

What's the purpose of Presbyterian Women?

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, 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.

PW Coordinating Team

This team consists of the Executive Officers, Committee Chairpersons, Circle Leaders and Bible Moderators. The information from the Coordinating Team meetings is made available to all women through regular circle meetings.

Presbyterian Women Circles

Each adult female member of St. Luke's is invited to join a circle, although church membership is not a prerequisite for participation in PW. We have three circles. Two circles meet during the day and one meets in the evening. The groups meet monthly in the church parlor for Bible study, fellowship and a business meeting designed to keep members informed of PW ministries and projects. Circle members are provided with opportunities to offer service to the church, community, and world.

Day Circles: 2nd Monday/Tuesday @ 9:30 am
Night Circle: 2nd Monday @ 7:30 pm

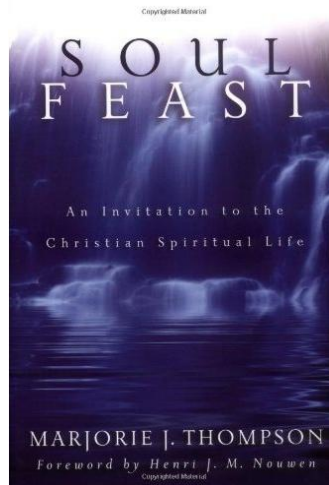
Bible Study 2011-2012

Soul Feast:

An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life

By Marjorie J. Thompson

The spiritual disciplines in this book are simple practices that will help train us in faithfulness and show us how to satisfy our spiritual hunger. The author concentrates on one discipline per chapter and provides many practical ideas of how we can strengthen our daily Christian life and deepen our relationship with God. The text is beautifully mingled with quotations and excerpts from Scripture that illuminate her discussion, as well as questions that encourage us to pause amidst the busyness of life for moments of quiet and reflection. By reading on our own and then talking about the book together, we will be able to reflect on our individual and collective spiritual life and grow in faithfulness.



PW Ministries and Projects

Thank Offering (collected each Fall)

This offering may represent a one-time gift or it may be the accumulation of money saved through the year by a woman as a tangible expression of her gratitude for the special blessings in her life. Forty percent (40%) of this offering goes to support hospitals and community health programs that help the

neediest members of God's community. The remaining sixty percent (60%) goes to mission.

Birthday Offering (collected each Spring)

The PW Birthday Offering, normally received in the spring, is taken in celebration of Presbyterian Women. Originally, each woman was asked to give according to her age – now all are encouraged to give as generously as they can. Since 1922, more than 70 different institutions, programs or buildings, locally and abroad, have benefited from these gifts.

Community Service Projects

Thornwell Home

Thornwell is a children's home in Clinton, South Carolina, offering permanent or temporary care for infants through high school youth. St. Luke's PW helps sponsor a child at Thornwell.

Presbyterian Homes

These retirement homes, owned and operated by the five presbyteries of Georgia, offer all levels of care for the retired and infirm. In December, the Santa Claus Express transports gifts donated by PW to the residents in these homes.

Sandwich Project

Each January PW sponsors a church-wide project to benefit Atlanta's homeless and hungry. Adults and youth from the church and beyond work together to make about 15,000 sandwiches, which are delivered to Atlanta's Community Food Bank for distribution to several local shelters.

CHRIS Kids

CHRIS Kids mission is to heal children, strengthen families, and build community in Atlanta. Each spring, PW prepares Easter bags filled with personal care items and a small gift card for the youth in their residential programs.

Worldwide Community Service

Church Women United

Church Women United is an ecumenical association of Christian women who worship, pray, and serve the Lord together in their community. The organization's purpose is to make churches aware of needs in the area and the world. St. Luke's is a member of the DeKalb County Chapter. We collect canceled stamps, Campbell soup labels, and specially requested items for this organization.

Fellowship of the Least Coin

This fellowship symbolizes the joining together of Christian women on all continents in the spirit of love and mutual concern for the mission of the church and around the world. An offering, the least coin of each country, is taken as a token of participation and symbolizing the ability for small individual contributions to be meaningful and effective when combined with the resources of many. The coins that are collected fund grants approved by an international committee. In the US, the Church Women United oversees this fellowship.

Honduras Outreach

This organization works "to improve the lives of the citizens of the Olancho in Central Honduras and the lives of North Americans who visit there." Our church has travelled to HOI's Ranch in Honduras for many years. PW supports the scholarship program, by sponsoring high school students, so that they can continue their education beyond the basic government-provided elementary years.



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St. Luke's Family Service Projects

Valentine Boxes

Each year for Valentine's Day, we collect special treats and goodies, assemble them into Valentine care packages, and send or deliver them to St. Luke's members who are away at college, in the military, or unable to attend church on a regular basis.

Chrismons

Chrismon is an acronym for "Christ Monogram." Each year, PW chooses a different symbol and we make beaded Chrismon ornaments to be presented as a gift to the children of St. Luke's during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Little Saints Preschool & Kindergarten

PW supports the Little Saints Preschool & Kindergarten program at St. Luke's with a donation of scholarship money and the collection of needed items used by the children.

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