

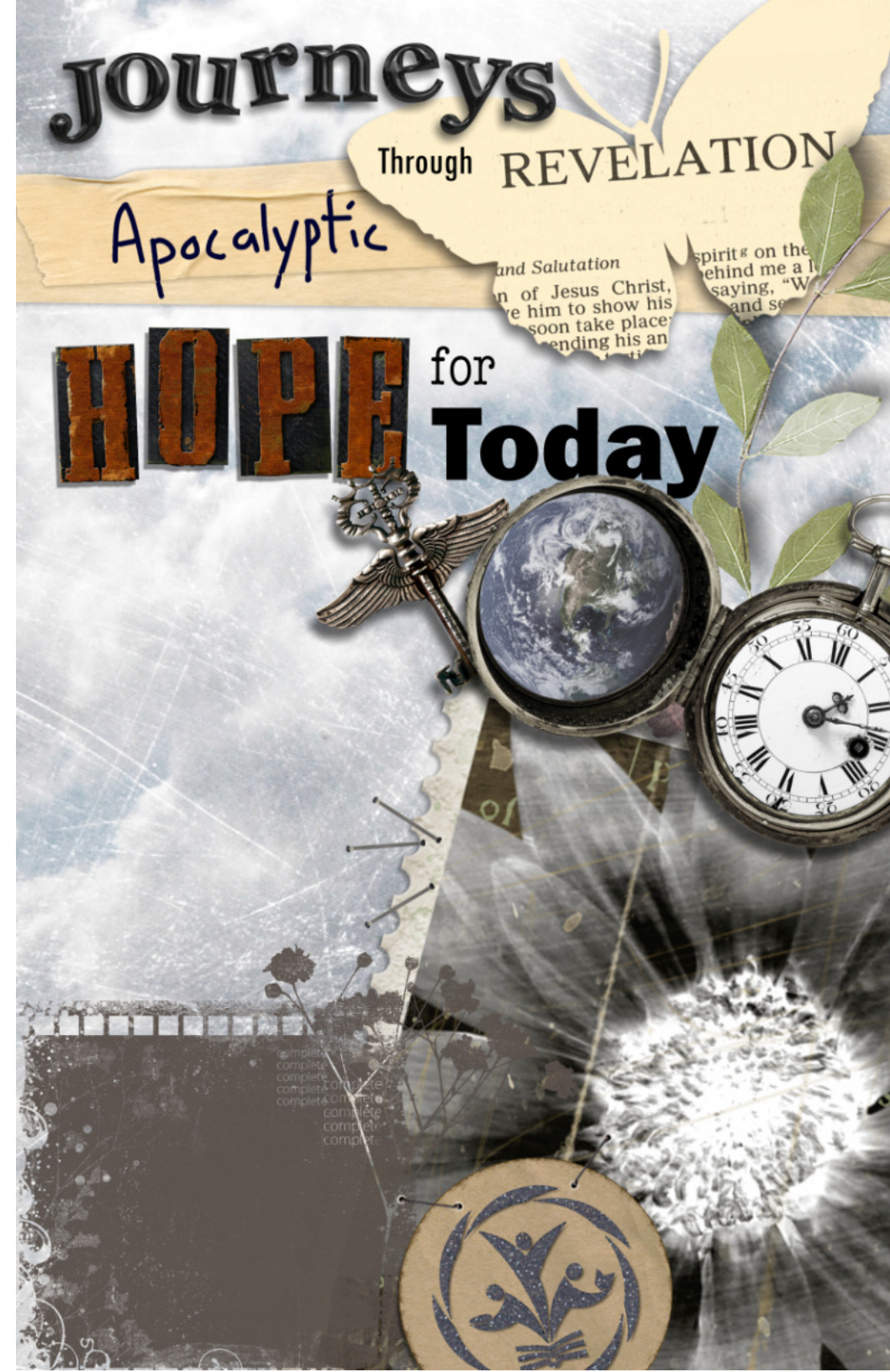
*Now to him who, by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

~Ephesians 3:20—21



### The Presbyterian Women Logo

- In our logo, the circle represents the church worldwide where women offer their gifts and talents in the midst of global community.
- The shapes forming the circle show energy, strength and openness. The three women have no distinct features and represent all women.
- The central figure stands in praise, forming a cross as she reaches to embrace a just peace for the world.
- The right figure holds a book to guide her reading, studying, praying or dedicating.
- The left figure reaches out to care for others as she shares, nurtures and heals.
- The words, “Presbyterian Women” and the Bible, which resembles the one in the Presbyterian Church (USA) seal, tie us to our denomination.





## **Past Presidents of Women's Organizations In First Presbyterian Church**

### **Presbyterian Women's Organization (PWO) 1951— 1958**

Mrs. John Gordon [Elizabeth]  
Mrs. Kenneth Lyon [Kathryn]  
Mrs. John F. Myers [Pauline]  
Mrs. Joseph E. McSparran [Mary]

### **United Presbyterian Women (UPW) 1958—1988**

Mrs. Edwin G. Fiedler, Jr. [Elizabeth]  
Mrs. Christian S. Wenger [Helen]  
Mrs. Robert W. Stevenson [Dorothy]  
Mrs. William J. Poorbaugh [Anne]  
Mrs. John M. Lyall [Eleanor]  
Mrs. David L. Prosser [Constance]  
Mrs. Charles C. Shuman [Abbie]  
Mrs. George F. Sheraw [Tippie]  
Mrs. Harry R. Kulp [Jane]  
Mrs. Roger S. Reist [Diana]  
Mrs. William W. Adams [Susan]  
Mrs. Robert J. Stewart [Virginia]  
Mrs. John B. Reid [Anita]  
Mrs. Harry G. Collins [Harriett]  
Mrs. Richard E. Grant [Caroline]

### **Presbyterian Women 1988—Present**

Mrs. William J. Brown [Nancy]  
Mrs. William A. Gibson [Betty]  
Mrs. Robert S. Oneil [Eleanor]  
Mrs. Charles A. Erisman [Mildred]  
Mrs. Dwight E. Faust [Jane]  
Mrs. Joseph F. Blake [Joan]  
Ms. Hester J. Long  
Ms. Beth Manners  
Ms. Jacalynn McCord  
Ms. Jacalynn McCord-Sweitzer and Ms. Jane L. Faust



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## **Statement of Purpose**

**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
- To build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church [USA] and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom

## **Membership**

The members of the organization are those who have indicated their willingness to accept the purpose of Presbyterian Women and who contribute to its work through service and/or gifts. All members shall be divided into groups called "circles." PW intentionally seeks the membership of women from all racial and ethnic groups so that it may reflect a vision of the whole church as a community of mutual interdependence in which diversity contributes to wholeness.

## 2011

January 1:00 pm	CWU Annual Gathering Parish Resource Center
February 5 9:30 am	PWP and Moderators Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church Quarryville, PA 17566
March 4 9:30 am 1:00 pm	CWU World Day of Prayer Bible Study Worship Service
March 26 9:30 am	PWP Spring Gathering Donegal Presbyterian Church Mt Joy, PA 17552
April 18 Noon	PW Spring Luncheon Parish Resource Center
May 6 1:00pm	CWU May Friendship Day
June 6 6:00pm	PW Picnic/ Installation Willow Valley North
June 17—19	Synod of the Trinity Gathering

# 2010-2011 Important Dates

## 2010

September 9 9:00 am	CWU Fall Gathering (business session) Parish Resource Center
October 18 12 noon	PW Fall Gathering What is a Silent Samaritan? Parish Resource Center Salad Luncheon
October 24 9:00 a.m.— 3:00 pm	CWU Bible Study/Retreat Lancaster Theological Seminary
November 9 1:00 pm— 3:00 pm	CWU World Community Day “ <i>Building the Beloved Community</i> ”
Noon 1:00 p.m.	Refreshments and 10,000 Villages display and sales <i>Refreshments following program</i> Mountville Church of the Brethren 60 Clay Street, Mountville
November 5 11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Silent Samaritan Luncheon Willow Valley

## Moderator's Message

“I am the Alpha and the Omega . . . .”

Revelation 1:8

The beginning and the end, the first and the last. This idiom and its meaning, based on the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, appears in Revelation 1:8 "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, says the Lord"

Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet. Omega contrasts by being the last. By combining the two it signifies completeness, as "from A to Z" in modern usage. In reference to Christ it signifies His completeness and demonstrates Him to be the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

Jesus is complete. He was with God in the beginning and He will be with God in the end.

Jesus is the beginning and the ending, so He knows what will happen. Therefore, we can trust Him and know that whatever He says will happen actually will. Since He was there at the beginning with God and will be there at the end with Him as well, He can be trusted to know the whole picture. Everyone else can only know the past, they cannot see into the future, therefore what they say will happen is not as reliable as Jesus the Alpha and Omega.

Since Jesus is the one we can trust to know what will happen in the future, we will put our trust in Him and look forward to one day spending eternity with Him in heaven. Jesus is the only complete picture and He is the answer to every question.

**20010/2011 Proposed Budget**  
**Presbyterian Women**  
**First Presbyterian Church**

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
 Joy of heaven to earth come down;  
 Fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
 All thy faithful mercies crown!  
 Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
 Pure unbounded love Thou art;  
 Visit us with Thy salvation;  
 Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit,  
 Into every troubled breast!  
 Let us all in Thee inherit;  
 Let us find that second rest.  
 Take away our bent to sinning;  
 Alpha and Omega be;  
 End of faith, as its Beginning,  
 Set our hearts at liberty.  
 Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;  
 Pure and spotless let us be.  
 Let us see Thy great salvation  
 Perfectly restored in Thee;  
 Changed from glory into glory,  
 'Til in heaven we take our place,  
 'Til we cast our crowns before Thee,  
 Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley, 1747

**Income:**

Benevolence.....\$3,312.00  
 Operating (Fellowship)..... \$800.00  
**Total Income.....\$4,112.00**

**Expenditures:**

Benevolence.....\$3,000.00  
 Presbytery of Donegal  
 Church Women United ..... \$175.00  
 PW Donegal Presbytery.....\$120.00  
 PW Synod.....\$17.00  
**Total .....\$3,312.00**

**Other:**

Program (Horizon Books,  
 Study Supplies, Speakers) ..... \$200.00  
 Leadership (Conferences/Training) ..... \$100.00  
 Involvement/Action ..... \$50.00  
 Triennial Fund ..... \$100.00  
 .....  
 Sewing Project.....\$50.00  
 Yearbook and Office Supplies.....\$100.00  
 .....  
 PW Luncheon .....\$200.00  
**Total .....\$800.00**

**TOTAL .....\$4,112.00**

**“Off Budget” Items:**

Hershner Fund for  
 Local Mission Projects .....\$6,112.91  
 Kepler Fund International Projects.....\$606.82

# Giving Opportunities

*[All money should be collected by each circle treasurer and then given to the PW treasurer]*

## Celebration of Mission:

**Presbyterian Women in First Church Lancaster** is part of the Unified Budget of the Church, to which we each pledge annually. We do, as an organization, pledge a specified amount to be channeled through PW for the mission of the Presbytery and Synod levels.

We also budget for our own operation expenses (see page 7).

## Celebration of Creative Ministry

### **Thank Offering** – Fall collection

This offering continues the 100-year-old tradition of the former United Presbyterian Women’s organization and will be used for a number of smaller projects. 33% will go for Health Ministries. *Money should be collected and turned in by December 1.*

### **Birthday Offering** – Spring (May) collection.

This offering, begun in 1922 on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of “Women of the Church” (the organized women’s group of the former “southern” stream of our reunited church) will go to not more than five predetermined projects. *Money should be collected and turned in by April 15.*

## Celebration of Christian Community

**Fellowship of the Least Coin** – is a worldwide offering of the “least coin” of each country, set aside with prayer for peace and justice. Most Circles participate monthly. The money is presented each year at the May Friendship Day Service of Church Women United and then forwarded to a common fund which aids peace projects all over the world. *Money should be collected and turned in by April 15.*

# The Coordinating Team 2010 – 2011

## Moderator

Jackie McCord-Sweitzer .....689-3139

## Vice Moderators

Jean Brondyke.....464-6758

Carolyn Bare.....464-1191

## Secretary

Brenda Heebner.....397-9162

## Treasurer

Mildred Erisman .....392-2872

## Coordinator of Studies and Program

Joan Stemen .....872-8536

## Coordinator for Mission Interpretation

Carolyn Bare.....464-1191

## Historian

Harriet Collins .....464-3727

## Leaders of Circles (See pages 4 and 5)

# Coordinating Team Meetings

August 23, 2010.....NOON - Jackie’s Home

October 4, 2010.....1:00 PM - Parish Resource Center\*

January 3, 2011.....1:00 PM - Parish Resource Center\*

March 7, 2011.....1:00 PM - Parish Resource Center\*

May 2, 2011.....1:00 PM - Parish Resource Center\*

\*Location: Parish Resource Center  
633 Community Way, Lancaster, 299-1113



## Local Projects and Services

### Standing Committees

- Search Committee.....Coordinating Team
- Studies and Program .....Joan Stemen ..... 872-8536
- Fellowship Committee
- Sewing Coordinator.....Kathy Wilson.....394-5043
- Church Women United .....Marilyn Shinamon.....464-6966
- Horizons Magazine .....Joan Stemen..... 872-8536

### Presbyterian & Ecumenical Officers

- Presbyterian Women in Donegal Presbytery**
  - Moderator - Kristen York Gerling (until 1/1/11) 610-869-9029
  - Melissa Matheson (after 1/1/11) 610-363-1898
- PW Synod of the Trinity**
  - Moderator - Mary McElroy- 740-769-7549
- Church Women United**
  - President- Joyce Saegar - 898-3185

**Label Collection** – Campbell products bar codes and logo are collected in a special box above the mail cubicles. These are sent to the Menaul School in Albuquerque, New Mexico for the purchase of equipment.

**Alpha Club** – Once a year PW provides refreshments for the regular meeting of this group that helps those recovering from mental illness.

**Sewing** – Knitted caps, baby gowns, blankets and quilts are sent to specific missions of PC (USA). Sheets are given to the Long Home. Contact: Kathy Wilson 394 - 5043

**Celebrations** – Circles participate in the three celebrations of Church Women United in Lancaster County: World Community Day; World Day of Prayer; and May Friendship Day.

**Christmas Gifts** – Each circle donates elastic waist pants and pullover tops for Clarks Summit and Danville State Hospital patients. These are due in November.

**Health Kits** – Each circle bundles and ties a bath towel, hand towel, washcloth, soap, comb, toothpaste and a toothbrush. These are distributed to migrant ministries, Manos, Vantage House, Lancaster County Council of Churches, and Domestic Violence Shelter for Abused Women. These are due at the end of April.

# Global and Local Mission Interests



## Circles

### Ruth Circle

Global – Simoo/Maasai, Kenya

Local – Clare House, a refuge for women and single mothers

### Rachel Circle

Local – Mom’s House – a daycare center for moms that are full time students, working for a degree from high school, technical school, or college

### Hannah Circle

Local – Tabor Community Services—a non-profit housing and consumer credit counseling organization with a mission to rebuild communities by helping families find housing and financial solutions

### Sarah Circle

Global –Simoo/Maasai, Kenya

Local - Domestic Violence Shelter for Abused Women

The membership is divided into small groups called “circles.” Each circle has a leader plus other appointed “key” women.

### Ruth Circle (1) - Meets the Third Monday at 7:00 PM

Co-Leaders: Jackie McCord-Sweitzer.....689-3139  
 Linda Young.....569-2506  
 Bible Study : Shared by Members  
 Mission: Tana Pratt.....394-2853  
 Fellowship: Nancy Frick.....626-4164  
 Linda Young.....569-2506  
 Treasurer: Marijane Landis.....872-5395

### Rachel Circle (3) - Meets the Second Monday at 1:00 PM

Leader: Eileen Johnson .....464-0403  
 Bible Study: Carolyn Bare.....464-1191  
 Mission: Maira Cleaver .....464-5689  
 Fellowship Allison Lockwood .....464-6679  
 Treasurer: Mary Lou Hare.....464-2022



**Circles**  
(continued)

**Hannah Circle (4) - Meets the Second Tuesday at 9:30 AM**

- Leader: Bess Hunt.....665-5066
- Bible Study: Bess Hunt.....665-5066
- Mission: Elsie Hamilton .....464-3616
- Fellowship:
- Treasurer: Mildred Erisman .....392-2872

**Sarah Circle (6) - Second Wednesday at 9:30 AM**  
on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Willow Valley North

- Leader: Marge Garling .....464-6203
- Bible Study: Shared by members
- Mission: Jean Brondyke .....464-6758
- Fellowship: Ruth Russell .....464-6216
- Treasurer: Alice Sempsrott.....464-6344

**Bible Study**  
*Journeys Through Revelation*  
*Apocalyptic Hope for Today*

Revelation certainly is one of the most difficult books of the Bible, full of mysterious symbolism. Its twenty-two chapters can be intimidating, so it is important to know that the message of Revelation is, most of all, one of hope. Hope is the message that has sustained countless Christians in situations of tyranny and oppression throughout the ages. The vision of hope in Revelation also speaks to us today.

Revelation takes us on a journey into the heart of God’s own dream for our world. A journey of radical hope and transformation, Revelation takes us back in time 2,000 years to get to know the struggling churches in the bustling cities of the Roman Empire. This journey ultimately leads us, through a series of visions, to the throne of God.

**Mission Study**

*“Mission is bearing witness to God’s love for the world in Jesus Christ”*

Our study this year will focus on excerpts from the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook.