

# The P.W. Pipeline

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY OF ST. ANDREW

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### Moderator's Message

Since last year I've had the privilege of attending Triennium in Franklin, TN, two Fall Cluster events where our 2016-2017 Bible Study was introduced, Administrative Committee meetings along with Presbytery meetings where you were represented, and I enjoyed an amazing trip to Columbia Seminary for the Columbia Friendship Circle and Mission Haven meetings. In January Tapestry was held in Memphis where a PW workshop was presented which I attended, and the wonderful Spring Gathering was hosted by Ripley Presbyterian Women March 25th. Our Coordinating Team was served a delightful meal and conducted business on the evening of the 24th. Right now I would urge all of you to plan on attending our Gathering this next spring in Batesville. If you did not experience this year's in Ripley, you missed a good one! What a blessing we experienced with Hardie Frankel giving an up-to-date look at Mission Haven. Two Synods own and support this Home-Away-From-Home for missionaries on furlough. Gift cards were accepted for Mission Haven (See amount in Hardie Frankel's report.) and our offering was taken for the Margaret Callicott scholarship which helps fund a trip to Alabama/Mississippi Women's Conference. (Amount collected: \$484.54 including one late donation.) We did this as money invested pays little interest. We were fortunate to have special visitors representing Living Waters for the World, Kathy and Jerry Vaughn, who provided a marvelous display and spoke to us briefly concerning Living Waters. Necklaces were available for purchase donated by PW from Hernando First Presbyterian. (Approximately \$80.00 collected with remainder of necklaces donated.) A special "thank you" is extended to the ladies of Ripley PW and their Moderator, Lynn Hill, for hosting so graciously and to Debbie Connolly for providing a great poster about Mission Haven. The following upcoming events belong on your calendars: Alabama/Mississippi Women's Conference July 19-21 in Huntsville, AL.; Fall Cluster Gatherings, for Regions Alpha/Delta—Independence Presbyterian on Highway 35, Batesville, on August 5; for Beta/Gamma, Pontotoc on August 12. Next year's Spring Gathering will be held in Batesville at Batesville Presbyterian on April 21. This year's new Leadership Team was installed at the Spring Gathering. The entire team is as follows: Susan Gladney, Moderator; Nancy Bryson, Secretary; Sandra Darby, Treasurer; Andrea Marshall, Historian; Cluster Leader Coordinator, Hardie Frankel; Gail Lyons, Alpha Region Coordinator; Sara Bramlett, Beta Region; Marthalie Porter, Gamma Region; Allison Whitten-Ashmore, Delta Region; Debbie Connolly, Education/Recourses; Helen Worsham, Giving/Mission Pledge; Delores Cole, Peace & Justice/Racial Ethnic; Janie Magee, Together-in-Service; and Martha Knichel, Pipeline Editor. Marthalie Porter will be installed at one of the Fall Clusters, and we are all praying for a

Moderator-Elect to emerge. We have our PW Birthday celebration upcoming, and I wish you all special blessings for your particular events. This is one of our major offerings, and it is hoped all groups are planning something to mark the occasion. Each church is being asked to contribute at least 5 items (more if possible) to send to the AL/MS conference in July that will be available for purchase with funds directed to the two charities designated in Huntsville. Please make these handmade, homemade items of good quality. Several of us will be attending and will take these for you. If necessary, if you leave them a few days in advance of July 18 (when I travel), at the Presbytery Office in Oxford, I will pick them up. Let's have some great items from our Presbytery! I plan on having directions for making the Living Waters necklaces and list of items for the Hygiene Kits available at the Cluster meetings in August. Let's begin putting together those Kits again to be collected at the October Presbytery meeting. PDA is always in need of these. Please contact me if you have need at [sjgladney@comcast.net](mailto:sjgladney@comcast.net); or 901-848-0911. Love to all you Sisters

**First Presbyterian Church, Pontotoc:** The ladies of First Presbyterian Church in Pontotoc are busy planning to host the August 12 Fall Cluster Gathering. We are a small church with an aging group of ladies, but we want to serve well. We ask for your prayers as we plan for the Gathering.

Congratulations to First Presbyterian Church in Tupelo on celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. This is such a joyous occasion!

Sara Bramlett  
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**Independence Presbyterian Church:** Missions supported by the PW include: The Thank Offering, Least Coin, AL/MS Women's Conference Gift Shop, Operation Christmas Child and needy families at Christmas. We also provide family luncheons for funerals, flowers for the sanctuary each Sunday and meals for families following illness.

When fires struck Tennessee, 24 hygiene kits were forwarded to Pigeon Forge for fire victims. Also, a thank you card was sent to the law firm that helped with this.

We participated in the Horizon's Bible study, *"Who is Jesus?"*

The month of September we help the Panola County Food Pantry on Tuesday and Wednesday with food and volunteers. PW ladies are always willing to help those in need in the community caring out God's work.

Sandra H. Darby

**Providence Presbyterian Church, Southaven:** The PW group at Providence is small, and getting smaller with the death of two of our dear PW sisters this spring. Some of the projects

that we have been involved in this year are the Thank Offering, Mission Haven's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday, the Samaritan Center, Hygiene Kits for PDA, and the Birthday Offering, and supporting the youth of the church.

We have enjoyed the Horizon's Bible study on "*Who is Jesus*" and look forward to the next Horizon's Bible study, "*Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ in Hebrews*" by Melissa Bane Sevier.

Martha Knichel

### **Mission Haven** **Housing – Hospitality – Clothing – Prayer**

Did you know that Presbyterian Women own 6 apartments and 3 homes in Decatur, GA?

Did you know that Presbyterian Women have helped to clothe some of the ministers in the Presbytery of St Andrew?

How can the women in the pews support Mission Haven when we don't travel to Decatur?

These are just a few of the questions that were answered during the Mission Haven presentation at the Annual Spring Meeting in Ripley March 25, 2017. Gift cards were collected for Mission Haven that totaled approximately \$600.00. The cards were delivered during "Come See Columbia Day" April 27, 2017. We were encouraged to put Mission Haven in our local PW budgets and to encourage our church's mission committees to include Mission Haven in their budgets. If each church in the Presbytery regularly supports Mission Haven, then renovations and upkeep can ensure that the houses and apartments are in tip top shape to receive mission coworkers. Thank you for financially supporting Mission Haven and thank you for all of the prayers to make sure that God's will is being done for and through Mission Haven.

### **Update from Decatur!** **Columbia Friendship Circle**

Nancy Bryson and Hardie Frankel delivered the gift cards collected for Mission Haven when they attended Come See Columbia Day. While on campus, they attended worship, a workshop on Lifelong Learning, and the review of the 2017-2018 *Horizons Bible Study on Hebrews*. The offering collected during worship was \$4458.00 and will be applied to the Columbia Friendship Circle (CFC) for scholarships. Two students shared their stories with the group at the lunch sponsored by CFC. Both of the students thanked PW for investing in them and their future in ministry. One was actually going to an interview later that day. Through our gifts to CFC we are providing the scholarship recipients more time to study and to spend with their families. We are helping to build up the kingdom of God by caring for future ministers. Please

review the amount that your Circle &/or PW provides to the CFC scholarship and pray whether it needs to be increased.

The Management Team of Mission Haven was absolutely delighted to receive the gift cards! The final amount increased from the amount received at our annual Spring Gathering to over \$700 because of some cards received later in April. Thank you! Our gifts arrived at the most opportune time, too. Much needed kitchen and bathroom renovations for the home at 167 Inman DR are being started in just two weeks. The gift cards will be used to get supplies for use during and after the renovations and the Subway cards will be used to help feed the work crew! Thank you! The gifts to Mission Haven are helping to build up the kingdom of God by caring for the Mission Co-Workers and their families. Please review the annual gift that your Circle &/or PW makes to Mission Haven.

We have all been blessed so that we can be a blessing to others.

As we find in Galatians 6: 9-10 “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”



**Secretary Report:** Please find on page 7 a copy of the Questionnaire to be completed by every church in the Presbytery. We would like to have a listing for every church in Presbytery of St. Andrew. Please send me contact info [name, address, phone number(s), and email address] for your Moderator or a contact person if you don't elect Leadership. It is essential to have correct information so we can keep in touch with each other. I need to have the Questionnaires returned to me by June 15<sup>th</sup> so I can have the new PW Presbytery Directory ready for distribution at the Fall Cluster Meetings.

Nancy B. Bryson  
Secretary

**Treasurer's Report:** Once again a great Annual Spring Gathering, even if the weather did not cooperate. Thank you to the women of the Ripley Presbyterian Church for making the day such a success. Presbyterian Women are remarkable in their giving and hard work, this was shown in

the gift cards for Mission Haven and the lovely necklaces to benefit Living Waters for the World.  
The Lord loves a cheerful giver!  
If I can be of service, please let me know,  
Sandra H. Darby  
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Batesville, MS 38606

**Church History:** Please remember that Andrea Marshall, Presbytery PW Historian, is unable to send the Presbytery PW History to the Synod Historian if you fail to send your history to her. She has did not received any histories for 2016. We can do better than this! If you need help with your History, you can contact Andrew Marshall at 662-447—0144 or [openfieldam@aol.com](mailto:openfieldam@aol.com) .

### **Mark Your Calendar Dates to Remember**

**July 19 – 21, 2017:** Alabama/Mississippi Women’s Conference, Covenant Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, AL., Sarah Ford, Conference Director

**August 5, 2017:** Fall Cluster Gathering for Alpha and Delta Regions, hosted by Independence Presbyterian Church, Hwy 35, Batesville, MS

**August 12, 2017:** Fall Cluster Gathering for Beta and Gamma Regions, hosted by First Presbyterian Church in Pontotoc, MS

**April 21, 2018:** Annual Spring Gathering hosted by Batesville Presbyterian Church in Batesville, MS

**Registration forms for the Alabama/Mississippi Women’s Conference are available and can be emailed to you if you need one. It is in a PDF format and does not copy well enough to be included in the Pipeline. If you need a copy, email Martha Knichel at [mjknichel@gmail.com](mailto:mjknichel@gmail.com) and a copy will be sent to you.**

## **Living Waters for the World**

### **Crochet Instructions for Yarn Necklaces**

The yarn is hard to find in retail stores and can be expensive. Look for ribbon yarns, track yarns, ladder yarns or flag yarn online. Try Yarn Paradise.com

Crochet Hook should be large: size J is best.

#### **Instructions:**

Pull out a length of yarn about 13 inches long and leave it unworked.

Work a chain stitch for approximately 13 inches. About 42 stitches works for me, but it sometimes takes more or less depending on the thickness of the yarn. Be sure to keep you work LOOSE!

Leave another length of yarn about 13 inches unworked. Pull the yarn through the last stitch, fastening off. Cut.

**(You will have 13 inches of uncrocheted yarn at each end of your 13 inches of your chain stitches)**

Make as many of these chain pieces as you want in your necklace. I usually put 5 or 7 together for a necklace.

After you have the number of chains that you desire completed, hold them together so that they line up, then tie a knot in all of them together and about 3 inches from the end of the chain.

Tie a knot 3 inches from the end of the chains on the other end of the strands.

Now take all of the strands together (if you have 5 chains this will be 10 strands (end pieces)) and tie another knot, securing all of the strands. Pull this knot very tight so that it will not come undone when you pull the necklace over your head. (You can determine the length of your necklace by where you tie this final knot)

Trim the ends about 1 inch from the knot or let the ends be longer, if desired.

Wrap matching yarn around necklace just below the knot about 8 – 10 times. Tie securely. This becomes a “slide” that allows you to adjust the length of the necklace. If you prefer, pull all the strands through a bead with a darning needle or small crochet hook before tying the final knot. This becomes the slide.

**Mary Weber**, hillsidetwo@roadrunner.com

**Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Saint Andrew  
Local Coordinating Team Directory Listing 2017-2018  
Due June 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Please fill in and mail immediately after election to:**

**Nancy Bryson  
100 Pear Lane  
Starkville, MS 39759**

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

Installed \_\_\_\_\_ Interim \_\_\_\_\_ Lay \_\_\_\_\_ Student \_\_\_\_\_ Stated Supply \_\_\_\_\_

Total Women in Church: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of PW: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Circles that meet daytime: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Circles that meet at night \_\_\_\_\_

When are your officers elected? \_\_\_\_\_ Term of office: \_\_\_\_\_ years.

MODERATOR \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

TREASURER \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

HISTORIAN \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

The new PW Presbytery Directory will be available at the Area Cluster Meetings. List must be in by **June 15<sup>th</sup>** or former officers will still be listed in the new directory! If you do not elect officers, please send me the address of a contact person for your church. If you would rather call me, my number is 662-324-6320 or

E-mail [nancybryson68@gmail.com](mailto:nancybryson68@gmail.com).