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The Newsletter of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Los Ranchos

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Dear Sisters in Christ,

Spring is here according to the calendar; however, it certainly does not feel like it! Amazing what all this rain has done. Just when we might think it is over...and a radiant rainbow might appear in the sky...here comes another storm! Closer to ending our drought of course.

Has this inclement weather given rise for you and other women in your church to think about yourselves and your PWC/Women's Group? As these showers tend to bring new life into our scorched and hungry earth and replenish all that resides in it, I wonder if this post COVID time is bringing new life into your group, or maybe leading you in a new direction.

Over the next few months, it is the hope of this Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Los Ranchos Coordinating Team (PWPLRCT) to be in touch with each of our churches to chat with you and see where you are in your journey as Presbyterian Women. We are anxious to connect with you and learn your thoughts and desires, and to ascertain where we will continue as Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Los Ranchos (PWPLR). We are also looking to update our very outdated directory, as well, so we can connect and be in touch with one another.



In this edition at the back please see the Treasurer's forms from Jo Sutton that we would like you to fill out and get back to her.

I would like to close with our *Presbyterian Women 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, and***
- ***to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.***

Happy Spring, Everyone!!! Enjoy SEEDS.



Blessings,
Anne Sivley,

Moderator, Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Los Ranchos





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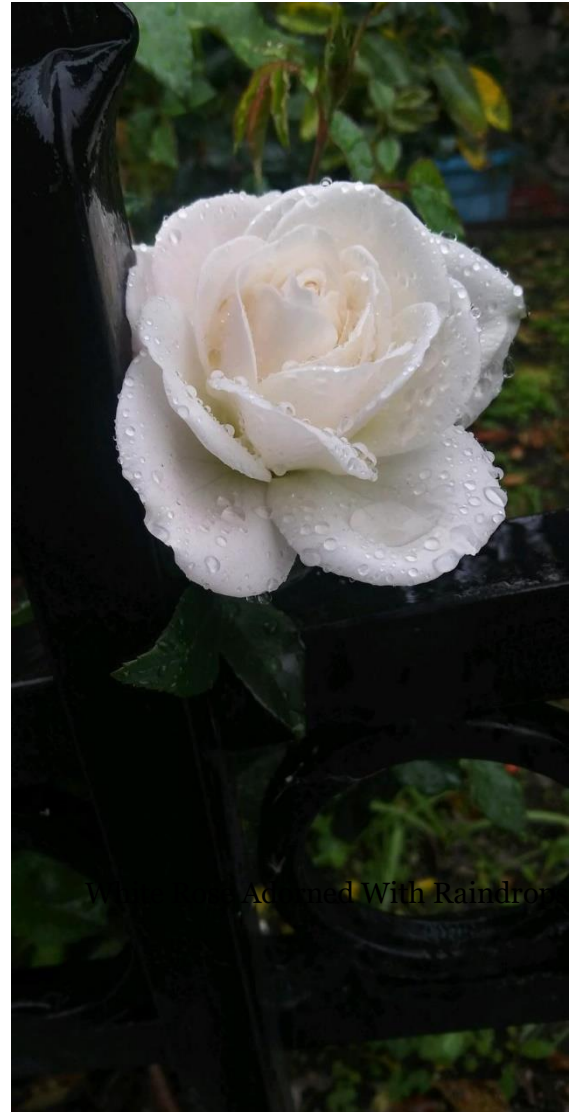
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The Jewels God Provides Within Raindrops

I look forward to walking in the rain knowing that God will lead me to a treasure filled with beautiful delights. As I held my umbrella tightly, stepping over puddles, I could not help but smile as I approached the jewels on display. The flowers were glistening with raindrops showcasing their natural beauty. They were breathtaking! Now they are on display for you. Enjoy. And may your daily walk with God be filled with love and special treasures.



White Rose Adorned With Raindrops



Photos and Thoughts By Diana Law
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Long Beach

Attention all PWC Treasurers

You will find the forms you will need for pledging and remitting contributions to PW in this issue of SEEDS, pages 17-19.

The Mission Pledge Form for 2023 should have been sent to me in the Fall of 2022 (my fault!). So for next year 2024 the pledge forms should be sent to me in the Fall of this year 2023. I will send new forms out before that time.

For Mission Support, there are two forms: one your Mission pledge; and the other, the Mission Remittance Form, is for offerings you collect throughout the year — also on this form is a place for Memorial/Recognition gifts as well as Honorary Life Memberships.

For Operation Support, your Operating Pledge is used locally for expenses PWPLR incurs throughout the year. It is a one-time-a-year contribution.

Please contact me for any questions you may have. You may also go to <https://presbyterianwomen.org> for additional giving information and general information about the organization.

Thank you all for your participation in this worldwide organization.

Jo Sutton, Treasurer
Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Los Ranchos (PWPLR)



FEBRUARY WAS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February marks Black History Month, a tradition that got its start in the Jim Crow era and was officially recognized in 1976 as part of the nation's bicentennial celebrations. It aims to honor the contributions that African Americans have made and to recognize their sacrifices.

Here are three things to know about Black History Month:

- **It was Negro History Week before it was Black History Month**

In 1926, Carter G. Woodson, the scholar often referred to as the "father of Black history," established Negro History Week to focus attention on Black contributions to civilization. According to the NAACP, Woodson — at the time only the second Black American after W.E.B. Du Bois to earn a doctorate from Harvard University — "fervently believed that Black people should be proud of their heritage and [that] all Americans should understand the largely overlooked achievements of Black Americans."

- **There's a new theme every year**

Each year, the ASALH chooses a different theme for Black History Month. *THIS YEAR, THE THEME WAS "BLACK RESISTANCE."*

- **Recent controversies over how race is taught echo a time when Black history was often ignored**

"...debate is indicative of where the country is right now. What it really says is 'there's a lot of work to still be done.'"

However, Black History Month has been and can continue to be a force for better understanding.

'It offers a certain amount of optimism about what is possible if people actually focus on the educational importance of it'...

For more information: <https://www.npr.org/2023/02/01/1150977600/black-history-month-2023-theme-3-things-to-know>

Welcome to Spring!!!



Wisteria in bloom on neighbors' front porch cover; pictures taken Saturday, March 18. You'd think Spring was already here! Compare these to Mountain photos on p 9, taken late February, early March.

Photos by Janet Triplett, YLPC

The Spring Equinox is called the Vernal Equinox. This is when the Earth's axis is tilted neither toward nor away from the sun, which results in 'nearly' equal amount of daylight and darkness at all latitudes.

Astronomically, Spring began 5:24 p.m. ET, Monday, March 20, 2023

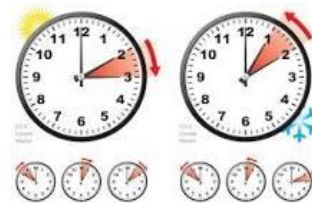
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The March equinox can happen on March 19, 20, or 21. The Gregorian Calendar accounts for this by adding an extra day—the leap day—almost every 4 years. This means that each March equinox occurs about 6 hours later than the previous year's March equinox. This is why the date of the equinox can change from year to year.

Learn more: <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nc/charlotte/weather/2022/03/18/spring-equinox-fluctuates#:~:text=Believe%20it%20or%20not%2C%20it,about%20six%20hours%20every%20year.>

Daylight Savings Time 2023

**Sunday, March 12, 2023, 2:00 AM until
Sunday, November 5, 2023 2:00 AM**



Donate: <https://pda.pcusa.org/>

Disaster Assistance enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crises and catastrophic events.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHURCHWIDE

SAVE THE DATE for the



2024 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian women from near and far will gather August 8-11, 2024 at the Marriott St. Louis Grand in St. Louis, Missouri.

Watch (and share) this "Logo Reveal/Save the Date" trailer for the 2024 Churchwide Gathering for highlights of Gathering programming.

https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/what_we_do/build-community/churchwide-gathering/

To ask a question or to learn more about Churchwide Gathering or the Business Meeting, contact Susan Jackson Dowd <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/staff/susan-jackson-dowd/>

March is Women's History Month



Study, observe, and celebrate the vital role of women in American history

<https://presbyterianwomeninthepecusainc.cmail20.com/t/t-l-fdijtld-drvodrt-r/>

A major new online research guide highlights hundreds of sources that tell the stories of women through a wide variety of perspectives and media in the [Library of Congress](#) collections.

Explore *American Women: A Guide to Women's History Resources* at the [Library of Congress](#) (<https://presbyterianwomeninthepecusainc.cmail20.com/t/t-l-fdijtld-drvodrt-j/>).

If you'd like to make your observance Presbyterian-focused, visit the [Presbyterian Women website](#) (<https://presbyterianwomeninthepecusainc.cmail20.com/t/t-l-fdijtld-drvodrt-k/>) to learn about the history of Presbyterian Women (<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/who-we-are/history/>); to read various stories about Presbyterian Women just like you; or to download a fun [Women's History Month Mix and Match](#) (<https://presbyterianwomeninthepecusainc.cmail20.com/t/t-l-fdijtld-drvodrt-m/>).

You can also visit the [PW YouTube channel](#) <https://presbyterianwomeninthepecusainc.cmail20.com/t/t-l-fdijtld-drvodrt-f/> to view Presbyterian Women videos, such as *Presbyterian Women are uniquely BOLD!* <https://presbyterianwomeninthepecusainc.cmail20.com/t/t-l-fdijtld-drvodrt-z/> and more!

How Will You Observe Women's History Month? However you choose to commemorate Women's History Month, let this be a time to celebrate the women who have enriched our communities, churches, and country.

Presbyterian Women's annual fund (the Mission Pledge) makes possible every mission, program and resource of PW.

Give now to support Presbyterian Women's witness in the world.

GIVE TO PW's ANNUAL FUND

<https://presbyterianwomeninthepecusainc.cmail20.com/t/t-l-fdijtld-drvodrt-yd/>



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PRESBYTERIAN GIVING CATALOG

Wed, Mar 8, 2023

International Women's Day



Give today so every woman has an opportunity to reach their fullest potential.

Together, we can create real change for women's equality by giving through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog. Let's seize this moment to ensure our Presbyterian community is united in giving every woman an opportunity to reach their fullest potential.

Give a gift through the Giving Catalog today in honor of a woman you admire — and help make a difference in the life of another woman

<https://presbyteriangifts.pcusa.org/gifts/>

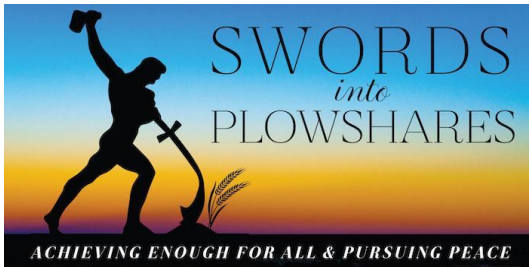
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHURCHWIDE

Hello Presbyterian Women,

As Presbyterian Women, we support ecumenical and secular advocacy around issues of faith. **Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD)** is a movement of the ecumenical Christian community that holds an annual education and advocacy conference around different social issues for Christian advocacy. This year it is being held virtually on April 25-27, 2023.

Presbyterian Women encourages participation in Ecumenical Advocacy Days. See below for conference details and registration and please share with any who may be interested.

Peace and Blessings,
Debbie Law, Presbyterian Women of Synod (PWS) Moderator



Join us Virtually April 25-27, 2023

Join us at **Ecumenical Advocacy Days 2023**, a virtual conference to worship, educate, and advocate for the innovative and courageous policies needed to realize the prophet Micah's vision: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

In 2023, we gather not only at a time of ongoing war in Ukraine, and violence around the globe, but also at a time of considerable economic and social upheaval. We are still recovering from a global pandemic that has destabilized food systems and the global economy. While more money is spent on war, people around the U.S. and world are dying of hunger and malnutrition. Another way must be possible.

To realize Micah's vision, God calls us to work together to craft peace and abolish hunger. Let us heed that call by gathering as one body and embracing hope for the world—a world in which we not only re-forge all weapons of destruction into tools of life, but also cultivate healing and thriving throughout God's creation.

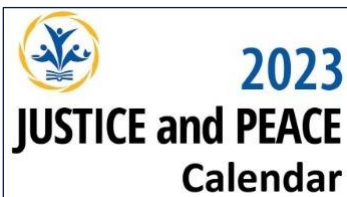
The conference this year will again be virtual and will start with worship at 10am ET on Tuesday, April 25. All worship, plenaries, and workshops will be recorded for later viewing.

Registration is \$50 and scholarships are available. Join us!

Register <https://www.accelevents.com/e/ecumenical-advocacy-days-2023>

About EAD

Ecumenical Advocacy Days is a movement of the ecumenical Christian community, and its recognized partners and allies, grounded in biblical witness and our shared traditions of justice, peace and the integrity of creation. Our goal, through worship, theological reflection and opportunities for learning and witness, is to strengthen our Christian voice and to mobilize for advocacy on a wide variety of U.S. domestic and international policy issues.



Subscribe Receive to Justice and Peace Calendar:

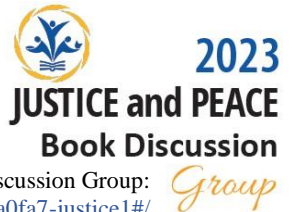
<https://confirmsubscription.com/h/t/DB90701DFA8D5430>

Visit the Justice and Peace webpage at:

https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/what_we_do/work-for-justice/

JUSTICE and PEACE

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b4ba5a82ba0fa7-justice1#/>



We are called to share God's love with the world, by being God's hands in the world. We answer God's call to "do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8).

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation, Presbytery and Synod groups respond to local or regional justice and peace needs. Our work can be action, advocacy, or awareness-building—or a mixture depending on the gifts of our groups



PRESBYTERY OF Los Ranchos

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We've Moved!

The Presbytery of Los Ranchos has moved its physical offices to 310 W. Broadway, Anaheim, CA 92805.

For mail, please continue to use PO Box 910, Anaheim, CA 92815.

Make an appointment before you stop by, please, as they are still working remotely. They can also come to you, as they work virtually, on site, and in the field.

Meet The Moderator



Thursday, February 23rd, the presbytery installed its 2023 Moderator, Teaching Elder, Gail Stearns. Gail is The Irvin C. and Edy Chapman Dean of the Wallace All Faiths Chapel and Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Chapman University.

She holds an interdisciplinary Ph.D. from Washington State University, with emphasis in gender theory. She is an Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Peace Studies, and has previously taught university courses on world religions, ethics, spirituality and gender.

Learn more: <https://losranchos.org/2023/02/meet-our-moderator-2/>



SAVE THE DATE

LGBTQ+ Affirmation and Equality: An Intergenerational Dialogue

April 29, 2023 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Claremont United Church of Christ

223 Harrison Ave. Claremont, CA 91711

Spotlighting the New Worshipping Communities of PLR

New Worshipping Communities are a vibrant part of the ministry of the Presbytery of Los Ranchos, and to capture the uniqueness of each community, each E-news for the next few months will feature one of the nine individual videos that were shown at the November Presbytery Gathering. These videos were lovingly created to be shared among our congregations and new worshipping communities. For February and March:



Esperanza Viva (NWC)

This Spanish-speaking new worshipping community meets in Norwalk and is being organized by Pastor Eliseo Morales, Sr. It has been a community of the presbytery for the past nine years.

View video: <https://vimeo.com/777123431>



Iglesia Cristiana de Las Americas (NWC)

This new worshipping community meets in East Los Angeles and is being organized by Pastor Jose Felix Acosta. Iglesia Cristiana de Las Americas (NWC) worships at: 515 Echandia Street, Los Angeles.

You can connect to the church and learn more about this community by going to their Facebook Page, <https://www.facebook.com/icdla2010/>

View video: <https://vimeo.com/777117026>

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Ministerio en Tustin (NWC)

This new worshipping community is in partnership with Tustin Presbyterian Church and is being organized by Pioneer Leader Jose Jorge Gutierrez. *Worships at Tustin Presbyterian Church* 225 West Main, Tustin

You can connect to the church and learn more about this community by going to their Facebook Page, <https://www.facebook.com/josejorgeborjon/>

View video: <https://vimeo.com/777185760>



World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer (WDP) is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.

May God give us the wisdom and courage to tell the stories of faith that transform lives.

What is World Day of Prayer?

- It is initiated and carried out by women in more than 170 countries and regions.
- It is symbolized by an annual day of celebration observed on the first Friday in March to which all people are welcome.
- It brings women of different races, cultures and traditions together in fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.
- Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and have immeasurable influence in the world.



Artist: Hui-Wen HSAIO**

The World Day of Prayer is traditionally celebrated on the first Friday of March, though communities can choose other dates. A different participating country writes the service each year, and we look forward to that prepared by the England, Wales and Northern Ireland committee for 2022.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER WAS CELEBRATED FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023.

'I Have Heard About Your Faith.'

The theme of the WDP 2023 program is based on Ephesians 1:15-19, the letter sent to a faith community to express gratitude.

In 2017, the WDPIC (International Committee) accepted Taiwan's proposal to write the worship service materials for 2023. This certainly opened up an opportunity for the two WDP committees in Taiwan to collaborate. Thus in 2020, the two committees formed four writing working groups, and the process of working in conjunction has brought the WDP movement in Taiwan an opportunity of mutual exchange and dialogue to seek a state of unity in faith and love between the two committees. While diverse opinions remain among the different denominations in terms of politics and social issues, the Christian faith has led us to go beyond the chasm of ethnicity, historical wounds, and disagreements in real life, so that we may work together for the gospel in which we so believe.

** The artist, Hui-Wen HSAIO, used several motifs that highlight Taiwan's best-known features to express how the Christian faith brings peace and a new vision to Taiwan.

- The women in the painting are sitting by a stream, praying silently and looking up into the dark. Despite the uncertainty of the path ahead, they know that the salvation of Christ has come.
- The Mikado pheasant and the Black-faced Spoonbill, two endangered species, are both of unique significance to the Taiwanese people. Their distinctiveness symbolize characteristics of the Taiwanese people--confidence and perseverance in times of difficulty.
- The green grass and Phalaenopsis (Butterfly) orchids stand out against the dark background. They are the pride of Taiwan, which has a worldwide reputation as the "Kingdom of Orchids." Green grass represents the Taiwanese as simple, confident, strong and under God's care.

Winter Scenes from Our Mountains

Friday, February 24, Big Bear



Beautiful pictures sent from snowy Big Bear by Donna



Donna Hickman
YLPC



Sunday, February 26
Arrowhead

Arrowhead is shut down. Pictures from neighbor's security camera across the street and our security cameras in the mountains.

Sandy Wooldridge
Yorba Linda Presbyterian Church (YLPC)



Wednesday, March 1, Arrowhead



Have never gotten this much snow in 40 years. My across-the-street neighbor took this picture from his security camera. The street is completely buried.

Sandy Wooldridge, YLPC

Path out the front door cleared yesterday!



Wednesday, March 1, Big Bear

The top of the hot tub also cleared off yesterday.

Donna Hickman
YLPC

The poor fruit trees have lost their trunks!



Thursday, March 2, Arrowhead

Stopped snowing at Arrowhead but . . . Neighbor across the street kept shoveling his walkway as the snow kept falling. Just look at his pathway! He can at least get out. Snowplows have yet to come through so no cars can.



BEING GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE WORLD

Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight

For those doing the 2022–2023 Presbyterian Women/Horizons Bible study, Celebrating Sabbath, Anne Sivley videoed an interview with her good friend and neighbor, Gail, who explains how Sabbath is celebrated in the Jewish faith. Anne found information on challah bread. Please control click the below link to enjoy the interview Anne conducted with Gail:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/K47N_b02GCv4Uot0R3eYANb-a0SNoSziYexNbYOVklmYpIINAXMwYDJdCe-EpRHBt.bYJTPqc6M-aTOWLN?startTime=1676242797000

Why Is Challah So Beloved by the Jewish People | Reform Judaism

<https://reformjudaism.org/why-challah-so-beloved-jewish-people>

Sandy Wooldridge
YLPC



GTi HOPE

<https://www.gtihope.org>

Bringing Hope to the Hopeless

in South Asia by Training & Equipping Indigenous Leaders

Special thanks to:

Community Presbyterian Church *San Juan Capistrano*
First Presbyterian Church in Orange
Yorba Linda Presbyterian Church

Your gently used Bibles and Christian books will bless people and ministry in India

For donating Bibles and Christian books to Glad Tidings India for their Literacy Program to empower women in the Indigenous tribes in India. If you have Bibles or Christian books to donate, **PWPLR will have another drive later on this year to collect more. Stay tuned.**

Needed: Bibles and Christian Books

Learn
More

YORBA LINDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, YLPC, PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE CONGREGATION

Several of our PW women contributed gently used bras (about 38 of them) to the organization "Free The Girls" last spring. The goal of this organization is to "provide economic opportunities & reintegration services for sex trafficking survivors" around the world. Free the Girls teaches women to repair & set up a business selling bras so there is a way out of poverty & exploitation. We plan to collect again this spring!

BRAS? YES, YOU READ THAT CORRECTLY.



Maybe you have one or a few bras in your drawer that you don't wear? We accept new and gently used bras in good condition.

Bras and the second-hand clothing market provide a safe and powerful economic opportunity for survivors of trafficking in the developing countries we serve.

A woman only has to sell 4 bras a day to earn a livable wage.

Learn more at: <https://www.freethegirls.org/bras>

LAP QUILTS MADE FOR ANGEL INTERFAITH NETWORK FOR LAC+USC CHRISTMAS 2022

Lap Quilts made and collected by Norwalk Presbyterian in response last year to the request below:

LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER, THE DEPARTMENT OF SPIRITUAL CARE, together with Angel Interfaith Network, <https://stcamilluscenter.org/angel-interfaith-network>, Invites you to join us in our Annual "Acts of Kindness". Your help is needed to continue a tradition of giving our patients a handmade quilt during the annual Christmas/End of Year Season. We need the help of our friends and supporters to make 500 lap size quilts (36" x 36" or 36" x 48") to give to our patients. If you or your organization is willing to help us, please let us know as soon as possible the number of quilts your group is willing to make. Homemade lap blankets can be a quilt, knit, fleece or crochet format.

If you agree to assist us, we will need the name and contact information of the person who will coordinate for your agency (phone and/or contact E-mail). Please ensure we have the correct name of organization.

Please address questions or provide information to:

LAC+USC Department of Spiritual Care
 (323) 409-4715
SpiritualCare@dhs.lacounty.gov

Knitting and/or crocheting idea sheet:

<https://www.synod.org/chaplaincy/assets/Crochet-and-Knit-Blanke-Ideas.pdf>



Musings

THE LORD AND THE ALPHABET

By Bonnie Sharp, First Presbyterian Church, Orange

What do you remember about being in the sixth grade? Many memories come to mind, but it is being in Sunday School in the small town of Ashland, Ohio that comes back daily. Why? We met in the church choir seats for the class. Each week, alphabetically, we were to learn a new Bible verse. Whether the teacher picked it out or we

did, I don't remember. But when sleep doesn't come, I'm being tortured at the dentist, or sad or happy – I go through the verses and what a wonderful help with the Lord.

YOU should use these or do your own, but memorize them until you can do all twenty-six verses in order. You will be glad and thankful you did this. Here are mine after *#%& years (I'll tell you some day).

- A. A soft answer turneth away wrath.
- B. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.
- C. Create in me a clean heart oh God , and and renew a right spirit within me.
- D. Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.
- E. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise.
- F. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, so that whoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.
- G. Go ye into the world and renew a right spirit within me.
- H. Hallowed be Thy name.
- I. In all ways acknowledge Him and He will direct thy paths.
- J. Judge not that ye be not judged.
- K. Know ye that the Lord He is God.
- L. Let your life so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Lord who is in Heaven.
- M. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord; serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing.
- N. Nay, in all things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.
- O. Oh, give thanks to the Lord for he is good; His mercy endureth forever.
- P. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet; praise him with the psaltery and harp.
- Q. Quench not the spirit.
- R. Restore to me the joy of your salvation.
- S. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
- T. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- U. Unto You I lift up my eyes.
- V. Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life.
- W. Wisdom is far more valuable than precious jewels.
- X. eXalt the Lord our God and worship at His footstool; Holy is HeY. You are my lamp, Oh Lord; the Lord turns my darkness into light.
- Y. You were taught to be made new in the Attitude of your minds.
- Z. Zion hears and rejoices.

Random Thoughts

- The key to a meaningful conversation is listening – being totally engaged in what the other person is saying. Discovering the 'why' of their point of view allows one to consider and acknowledge it, while not necessarily agreeing with it.
- Be connected. Intellectually one may know one's not alone, but emotionally be on an island completely isolated. Populate the island and build a bridge to shore by joining: a women's bible discussion, monthly *Horizons* study – in person or by zoom, a quilting club, card or bunko group, lunch bunch; or ???? Sharing stories and personal interaction creates a common space that is safe and non-threatening. They all help to provide verification that God did not a mistake with you.



Janet Triplett, YLPC

<https://reasonsforhopejesus.com/charlie-brown-theology/>

CAN YOU SPOT THE CAT AMONG THE HUMANS?



If you've given up, see page 17 to see where the kitty is hiding.

<https://www.iheart.com/content/2020-11-20-only-a-true-cat-lover-can-find-the-kitty-in-this-drawing-of-people/>

For Your Consideration

Rescued by Ruby

<https://www.cbr.com/rescued-by-ruby-true-story-explained/>



Based on a true story, with the events occurring in Rhode Island. Grant Gustin plays Dan O'Neil, a state trooper, who since 2004, keeps unsuccessfully applying to the state police's K-9 team. Until, that is, he meets a shelter puppy called Ruby in 2011. The pair then spent years learning all the skills that a police dog needs—tracking and trailing, evidence detection (including human remains) and land and water search and rescue. It was in 2017 when the story took its dramatic twist.

Released by Netflix in March 2022

<https://www.newsweek.com/rescued-ruby-true-story-real-life-netflix-1688980>

Hachi: A Dog's Tale

<https://www.amazon.com/Hachi-Dogs-Tale-Richard-Gere/dp/B00371XIJE>



From Academy Award®-nominated director Lasse Hallström (2000, *The Cider House Rules*) comes *HACHI: A DOG'S TALE*, a film based on one of the most treasured and heartwarming true stories ever told. Golden Globe winner Richard Gere (2002, Best Actor in a Musical or Comedy, *Chicago*) and Academy Award® nominee Joan Allen (2000, Best Actress, *The Contender*) star in this inspiring true story.

The story is an American adaptation of the legendary Japanese Akita – a loyal dog named Hachikō.

THE MULLIGAN

<https://themulliganmovie.com/>



Paul McAlister is a success at everything—except what really matters. Separated from his wife and estranged from his son, Paul keeps his focus on his next boardroom mega-deal. Like an errant tee-shot on a difficult hole, Paul's life could use a do-over ... a "mulligan." A retired golf pro tries to point this successful businessman who is far from God toward what really matters in life. Through their new friendship, the Old Pro helps Paul discover there's hope for second chances in the One who offers us "the ultimate mulligan."

Based on the popular book by Ken Blanchard and Wally Armstrong, *THE MULLIGAN* is an inspiring reminder that second chances are only one shot away. From the producer of *Bobby Jones: Stroke Of Genius*, *THE MULLIGAN*, sports an all-star cast that includes Eric Close (TV's "Nashville"), Pat Boone, and PGA champion Tom Lehman and broadcasting legend Jim Nantz as themselves.

"I wouldn't change a single thing, because one change alters every moment that follows it."

— Sidney Poitier

Prayer for Mornings

Good morning, Lord! Today's a new day, a chance for a new start. Yesterday is gone and with it any regrets, mistakes, or failures I may have experienced. It's a good day to be glad and give thanks, and I do, Lord. Thank you for today, a new opportunity to love, give, and be all that you want me to be. Amen.

— Rebecca Barlow Jordan

<https://www.womansday.com/life/inspirational-stories/g28783957/daily-prayers/>



Join Us for an Afternoon of Film, Fun, and Philanthropy!

If you like watching films by and about women, then you are going to love **LUNAFEST!** Started in 2001 by **LUNA Bar**, LUNAFEST is a traveling film festival celebrating, showcasing and championing women in film. It creates a platform to share women's stories, increase opportunities for women filmmakers, and support local nonprofits. LUNAFEST is an annual fundraiser hosted by **Zonta Club of Newport Harbor**, an organization dedicated to supporting and empowering women and girls in Orange County and across the world.

WISEPlace is honored to be chosen as the beneficiary of this year's festival!

LUNAFEST

Saturday, April 1, 2023
1:00 - 4:30 pm

IN-PERSON SCREENING:

Dodge College of Film @ Chapman University
One University Drive
Orange, CA 92866

Tickets
\$55/person General Admission after March 6th and at the door
<https://lunafest23.eventive.org/schedule/63f53fae83c16d0028c9d6fd>

The festival will begin with a Social Hour that includes **light bites, beverages, a silent auction and opportunity drawing**, followed by a screening that will feature **seven short films** by and about women with a total running time of 95 minutes. The stories they share come from different perspectives but share a common message -- when we come together, we all move forward.

A Prayer for Loving the Life You Have

By Nicki Koziarz

God, help me love the life I live right now. Show me the good things I often overlook and help me be content with what I have. Forgive me when I compare myself to others, forgive me for longing for things outside of You and Your kingdom. Thank You for loving me right where I am, right as I am. Help me keep my eyes on You.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

"Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else."

— Galatians 6:4

Angel INTERFAITH NETWORK News

♥♥♥♥♥ February 2023 ♥♥♥♥♥

Happy Valentine's Day!

Valentine's Day is a great reminder that we are to **Love Our Neighbors**. At Angel Interfaith Network, we strive to do just that by meeting the urgent unmet needs of patients and their families at LAC+USC Medical Center.

Network Partners:

This past Season of Advent, Angel Interfaith Network was able to return in person and meet many of the generous donors of the Alternative Christmas Markets. We give thanks to the diligence and efforts of the market coordinators. Our sincere appreciation is given to the generous participating congregants at **Claremont Presbyterian Church, All Saints Church, San Marino Community Church, Our Lady of Assumption and Shepherd Of The Valley Presbyterian** for sharing their gifts of good will.



Those We Serve:

Linda is currently undergoing cancer treatment. She has been unable to work and does not qualify for disability benefits. She has now fallen behind on rent and is experiencing food insecurity. Thanks to a referral from her social worker and to your donations, Angel Interfaith Network was able to provide rental assistance and food cards for her special needs diet.

Urgent Needs:

The need for food cards and rental assistance continues and we are seeing an increase in food shortages among many families. Please consider Angel Interfaith Network as your charity of choice. Without your generosity, our work would simply not be possible.

For donations, please visit: <http://angelinterfaith.net/wp/donate-now/>

Donations can also be mailed to: AIN c/o St. Camillus Center: 1911 Zonal Ave. L A, CA 90033 Please make checks payable to St. Camillus, with **AIN** on the memo line.

Become a Sustaining Angel: <http://angelinterfaith.net/sustainers.html>

We Thank you for your continued support!

www.Angelinterfaith.Net

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Presbyterian Women in the Congregation

MISSION PLEDGE FORM

JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023

As Presbyterian Women, we make the following pledge to support the mission of the Presbyterian Church (USA) worldwide through the General Assembly Mission Budget, and the basic operating budget of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery, Synod and at the Churchwide level.

CELEBRATION OF MISSION THROUGH WOMEN'S PLEDGES

1) Your Mission \$ _____
To support the mission of the PC(USA) worldwide and PW churchwide.

2) Operating Pledge \$ _____
To support the work of Presbyterian Women in Los Ranchos Presbytery.
To support the work of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of So CA & HI.

The Operating Pledge is calculated by multiplying the Mission Pledge (line1) by 6.5% (.065). This contribution should be sent by separate check, along with the Operating Remittance Form, to PWPLR Treasurer, Jo Sutton by March 31, 2023.

Congregation

Signature of Moderator of PWC

Moderator (Please Print)

Street Address

City

Zip

Please return this form to the Treasurer of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Los Ranchos by **November 20, 2022.**

Jo Sutton, PWPLR Treasurer
2685 Oregon Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90806
ksutton@usc.edu
562-756-0849

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Los Ranchos

MISSION REMITTANCE FORM

This form is to be used for all 2023 Mission pledges
Please make copies of this page

Send checks to the PWP Mission Treasurer payable to: PWP Los Ranchos

Mail to: Jo Sutton, PWPLR Treasurer
2685 Oregon Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90806

562.756.0849
ksutton@usc.edu

Treasurer _____ Phone _____ Date _____

Church/City _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____ Check # _____

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| 1) MISSION PLEDGE | 1 st quarter
March 1 | 2 nd quarter
June 1 | 3 rd quarter
September 1 | 4 th quarter
December 1 |
| | \$ _____ | \$ _____ | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
- 2) CREATIVE MINISTRIES Birthday Offering \$ _____ Thank Offering \$ _____
- 3) HUNGER \$ _____
- 4) LEAST COIN \$ _____

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP (\$95.00 or \$250.00)

Download the Honorary Life Membership form from www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving or use the form that comes in the directory. Fill out the form and send, along with the check made out to PWP Los Ranchos, to the Treasurer. Allow at least eight weeks.

MEMORIAL OR RECOGNITION GIFTS

Download the Memorial/Recognition Gifts form from www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving or use the form that comes in the directory. Fill out the form and send, along with remittance, to the Treasurer.

Gifts to the PW Mission Pledge make huge impacts – in your backyard and all over the world. You probably already know the Mission Pledge funds aid the PC (USA)'s mission endeavors and support general operating expenses for Presbyterian Women. Did you know that PW Mission Pledge funds also support, in some way, every initiative and program of PW? This includes mission projects, international and domestic programs helping those in need, leadership and development and publishing ministries.

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Los Ranchos
OPERATIONS REMITTANCE FORM

Please remit by March 31, 2023

Please make checks payable to PWP Los Ranchos and mail to:

Jo Sutton, PWPLR Treasurer
2685 Oregon Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90806
562.756.0849
ksutton@usc.edu

Date _____

Church _____

Address _____

City/Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

PWP Operation's Pledge \$ _____

Presbyterian Women's Operating Budget – Support for the operating expenses of PW at the Presbytery and Synod. The operating pledge is calculated by multiplying the Mission Pledge by 6.5% (example, a pledge of \$1000 multiplied by .065 = \$65.00). Your treasurer will send this amount in a separate check to the PWP Treasurer, Jo Sutton, at the above address.

Based on the total of all the operating pledges, the Finance Committee will develop the budget for Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Los Ranchos. The budget will be approved at a PWP gathering.