



OCTOBER 2025

Pastor's Corner

I met God on the road today, they were the community that walked with me the first few miles sharing in delight and nerves.
 I met God on the road today, they came in the form of a honking horn.
 I met God on the road today, she showed up as a stranger and walked with us for six miles.
 I met God on the road today, he carried my backpack.
 I met God on the road today, they showed up in the form of an Ice Cream Sandwich, a respite, and the community of strangers with signs, stories laughter and love.
 I met God on the road today, she appeared as a cup of water that I dumped on my head in order to feel refreshed.
 I met God on the road today, he was the grandson of my neighbor who promised to show up the next day with moleskins for my feet, and he did.
 I met God on the road today, she appeared in the form of an American flag, carrying me the last five-mile stretch of the day with her hope and her pride.
 I met God on the road today come on she appeared in a song and just smile and the group photo and an air-conditioned car. I met God on the road today they were an incredible meal at the end of 25 miles.
 I met God on the road today they were a good night rest.
 I met God on the road today he showed up in the form of a new button and the treasure of protection for my backpack into prayer and blessing from people I had never met.
 I met God on the road today, and she walked with me from beginning to end sometimes sharing a story or silence or an observation of the beauty that was around.
 I met God on the road today he came in the form of a support card that I didn't know I needed but desperately did...and he stayed with me not just for one day but for two.
 I met God on the road today they were news stories sharing our collective story of faith in action of love for stranger the simple way that we can do justice and love kindness and walk humbly with God.
 I met God On the road today they appeared in the form of alpaca socks and Vaseline to prevent blisters to provide comfort and rest for my weary feet.
 I met God on the road today they were bucket of ice water.
 I met God on the road today they were a bag of snacks, a much-needed jolt of sugar in the form of a juice drink and a protein shake, and a scoop of fireball ice cream at the end of a 24-mile hike.
 I met God on the road today we had communion.
 I met God On the road today and they drove me for the stretch when I needed to get out of the thunderstorm, when I needed permission to rest.
 I met God on the road today, and they came in the form of a church, in women who had prepared food, and in a bed that became a sanctuary.
 I met God on the road today and they were a stranger in a truck reminding me that we are always welcome and we are always loved.
 I met God on the road today they were friend, a colleague of ministry, who joined me for a few miles sharing their faith.
 I met God on the road today she was pure joy as she waved and said I've been waiting for you to pass my house all day I'm so glad I got to see you thank you. Me too, I said!
 I met God on the road today, he was a phone call in a text message from friends and loved ones checking in.
 I met God on the road today as the music in my air pods reminding me that we are in fact never alone.
 I met God on the road today and they gave me the hope to go on even when the pace is slow, even when we want to stop, even when we think I can't go any further and what is the point and is this going to make any difference? And God says to put one step in front of the other and reminds me that that's all any of us can ever do is move forward and we just do it at different speeds.
 I met God on the road today and they were water, life, and rest.
 I met God on the road today, and she was protective, funny, and kind.
 I met God On the road today, and he was nurturing, compassionate, and heavy joy.

~Pastor Leah~

November

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Session

Session meets every

3rd Thursday at 10am

Presently serving

Ruling Elders:

Jim Clark, Marion Crull, Dick

Damaske, David Hall, Kae

Hoyle, Ginny Konz, Anne Millis

and Susan Sholar

SESSION BRIEFS

At its Thursday, September 11th Meeting, the Session discussed several issues. The following is a brief overview:

- Received thank yous from House of Concern and Peter Snyder.
- Treasurer's report for August was given by Treasurer Kae H.; Total Revenue \$9,350.55 and Total Expenditures \$16,599.03. Dr. Rose Niles with the Presbyterian Foundation attended church service, in response to notice regarding movement of moving church funds out of New Covenant. Meeting to discuss will be held on September 15th at 10am. Check received from Horle Estate.
- Pastor Leah served communion and conducted services at Huntington on September 2nd. Communion was served at the Jail on September 10th, with assistance from Michele Edmondson, Donna Upfold and Peter Guarino. She attended Presbytery Council and Presbytery meetings, and will speak about her Batavia walk in Albany on September 17th. Youth Group will meet in the Hang Out on September 12th. On September 14th Pastor Leah will attend a blanket making gathering at the UMC, and there will be a Neighbor's Dinner Out at Trinity on September 28th. There has been a request from Presbyterian Women to hold Joint Worship Service at FPSF on Sunday, October 19th; lead speaker to be Pastora Evelyn Torres-Ramirez from Puerto Rico. Session approved and hoping choir and bell choir will participate.
- Christian Education - Confirmation class will be held.
- Parish Life/Membership - Affirmation to Faith was held on August 31st for Paul Dill, Bonnie and Dave Saunders and Diane and Jim Hinman.
- Property – Oven at Manse not working, will be repaired. Painter scheduled to do work at church building backed out. The door handle to the Unisex Bathroom needs to be replaced. Graffiti was applied to the drive through sign, and the new playground at the Day Care was vandalized. The solar function on the picnic table is not working, due to faulty charge button.
- Stewardship/Finance – We are behind with the collection of Per Capita - will need to figure out budget. Need to move some funds from Trust to Operating. Will also discuss Minute for Mission.
- Worship & Music - Ice Cream Social on September 7th went well, wish we had walk-in attendance. Discussion regarding people assisting in the Nursery was held.

Submitted by Anne Millis, Clerk of the Session

The next Session meeting will be held on Thursday, October 9th at 10am



October Birthdays

Kris Lohr Witherspoon 10/02

Peter Crego 10/18

Bob Seem 10/22

Kae Hoyle 10/29





Members and Friends to Keep in Our Thoughts

Jean Morris
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(personal care items,
dish & laundry
detergents, paper
napkins, bathroom
paper, cleaning
supplies, etc.)
as you shop



WOMEN'S CIRCLE

Meets on Monday, October 6th at 12:30pm

Circle's September meeting took place out of doors at Lohr's house and we did indeed, have the lovely, mild day we'd hoped for. Everyone enjoyed chicken salad and coconut cake. Jay came along with Kae and joined Wayne inside for lunch. He re-capped the NFL Bills game for Wayne and Kae did the same for those of us outside under the umbrella table. Someone had worried we might be besieged by bees...the yellow jacket wasps that plague us in August (one did appear halfway through our lunch and was quickly dispatched to flailing about under an overturned glass. He/she was later released!)

In the following hour Kae offered a prayer and we read together the Presbyterian Women's Statement of Purpose. Ginny has a book *The Prayer that Changes Everything* (pub. 2004) and will decide to order copies or not. She will also talk with Paula Coffey regarding the Seneca Falls Backpack Program and its Food Pantry at Frank Knight Elementary School.

We discussed other needful situations/organizations: Women's Transitional Shelter, Camp Whitman, Presbyterian Disaster Relief, One Great Hour of Sharing. In later telephone and email conversations we discussed the ongoing needs of the Transitional Shelter and made plans to buy stacks of bath towels and personal care items. They have been grateful for the personal care kits we've assembled in the past, but because women usually stay longer (anywhere from two weeks to two years, we're told), donating longer lasting items such as sheets, blankets, bath towels and larger tubes of toothpaste, bottles of shampoo and conditioner, etc. would be helpful.

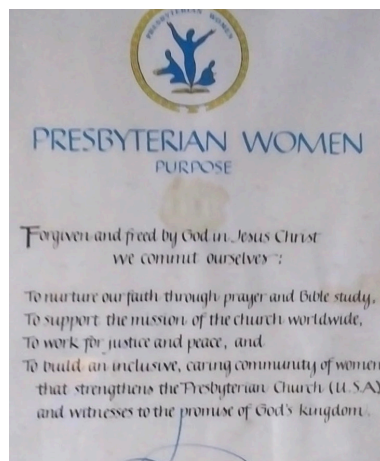
Joyce read a note from Ruby in which she expressed her enjoyment in coming to Circle over the past 20 years but now regrets that she will be unable to continue, citing worsened vision and hearing difficulties. Her daughter lives nearby and helps her in many ways. We all made promises to keep Ruby as "one of us" and to send notes and cards and to keep her in prayer.

For the October meeting, we may go lakeside at Kae's. More information, later.

**OCTOBER special items for the House of Concern
are
Canned Soups and Stews**

(Breakfast Cereals and other packaged and canned foods
are always welcomed)

We thank everyone who donated in September



Our Guest Prescher on Sunday, Oct 19th



CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



- First Pres celebrated the back to school season with the annual Blessing of the Backpacks, followed by an end-of-summer Ice Cream Social. Wishing the kids a great school year!



- Youth Group made no sew blankets for Sleep in Heavenly Peace on Sunday, Sept 14th.
- Youth Group: on Sunday, September 28th and serve dthe Neighbor's Night Out Dinner at Trinity Church.



- October 18th they will meet in "The Hangout" at First Pres for their monthly Arcade Party. Middle School from 6pm to 8pm and High Schoolers from 8pm to 10pm.

- Coffee and Conversation Get-Togethers: our coffee hour meet-ups with Pastor Leah at Café 19 started up again in September, and will now be held every 4th Tuesday at 10am. Come over at chat with your church pals and enjoy your favorite beverage.



- Welcomed New Members

- On Sunday, October 19th , Pastora Evelyn Torres-Ramirez will lead a joint worship service here at First Pres. Pastora Torres-Ramirez comes to us from the Iglesia Presbiteriana de Lares, Puerto Rico. The service will be followed by a catered luncheon and a presentation. You won't want to miss this.



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WORSHIP



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October 5 - Communion - Exodus 32:1-14; Luke 23:34

October 12 - Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20, 2:1-10; Luke 1:46-55

October 19 - Samuel 7:1-17; Luke 1:30-33

October 26 - 1 Kings 5:1-5, 8:27-30, 41-43; Luke 19:45-46

November 2 - Communion - 1 Kings 17:1-16, 17-24; Luke 4:24-26



LITURGISTS

October 5 - Carol Millis

October 12 - Dick Damaske

October 19 - Susan Sholar

October 26 - Barb Van Kirk

November 2 - Marion Crull

GREETERS

October 5 - Susan Sholar & Marion Crull

October 12 - Penelope & Aurora Guarino

October 19 - Ginny Konz

October 26 - Louis & Romona Lobdell

November 2 - Dick Damaske & David Hall



NURSERY

October 5 - Ginny Konz

October 12 - Carol Millis

October 19 - Anne Millis

October 26 - Zoe Van Kirk

November 2 - Ginny Konz



COFFEE HOURS



October 5 - Committee Meetings

October 12 -Synod of the NE webinar: Christian Nationalism and the Threat to Faithful Christianity; Hosts: Damaske

**October 19 - Presbyterian Women Fellowship;
Hosts: Presbytery of Geneva**

October 26 - Our Community Ministries; Hosts: Needed

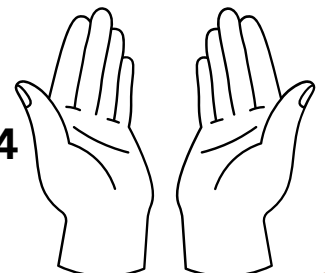
November 2 - Committee Meetings

**Please let us know if you have any suggestions for
Coffee Hour Programs!**

TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

All those impacted by the recent fire in Ovid; Kathleen Albert; Reatha Bishop; Robin Blundon; Jennifer Colbert; Peter Crego; Cindy Danielson; Joanie Duval; Carl Feltus; Rita Frankenfield; Joanna Fuller; Diane and Cal Goodman; Cary Gordon and Family; Pat Gordon; Gerry Gray; Rev. Deborah Grohman; Amy Guarino; Tori Guerina; Crystal Hanes; Cindy Hinman-Cosola; Susan Horton; Bea Jones; our Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters and EMTs; Bob Lamphere; Josh Lenard; Stephanie Lesinski; Ronnie Lobdell; Wayne and Joyce Lohr; the Lopez family; the Mack family; Kim Martin; Ken Mell; Kathy Minnier; Tyler Morgan; Roger Morin; Timothy Mosher; Joy Novack; Paul Novack; Linda Parker; Paula Paxton; Gene and Dean Potter; Justine Saunders; Susan Sholar; Nora Sibley; Peter Snyder; Gary Steiner; Shelley Vanderbogart; Lori Varallo; Barb and Jack Wagener; Robert Wagner; Linda Warner; Gretchen Whittacre; the Wilson family; and all those suffering in the world.

**Know someone ill or hospitalized?
Please call Anne Millis 315-246-6264**



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



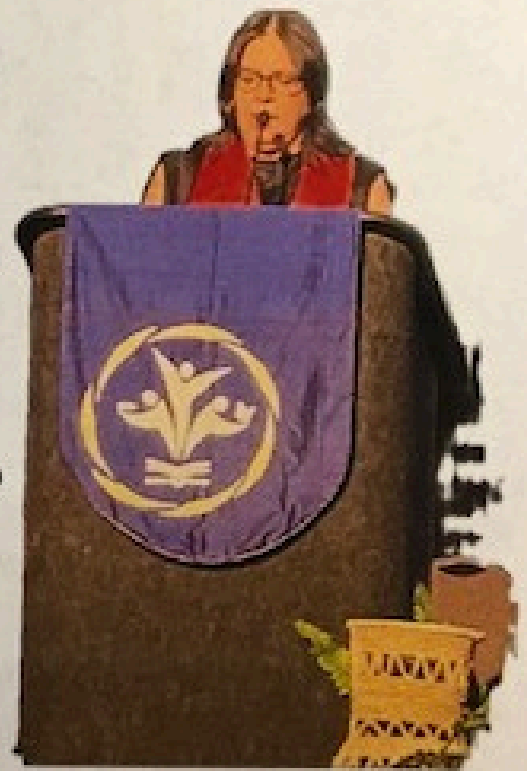
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FALL GATHERING

It's back! The 2025 Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering of the Presbytery of Geneva has returned. PW will be hosting Pastora Evelyn Torres-Ramírez of the Iglesia Presbiteriana de Lares, Puerto Rico. Evelyn will participate in the gathering at Horseheads Presbyterian Church on Friday, 17 October. Following the worship service, there will be a catered luncheon and a presentation by Evelyn about surviving the challenges of Huracán María (2017) and the 2020 earthquake. She will share stories of sorrow and of joy, and the impact of receiving the 2021 PW Birthday Grant.

On Sunday, 19 October, Evelyn will share worship at the Seneca Falls Presbyterian Church, also followed by a catered luncheon and a presentation.

In between worship activities, Pastora will enjoy the "fruits of a New York State autumn, picking apples, touring the Finger Lakes, with a boat cruise on Seneca Lake if the weather cooperates.

In the October newsletter, the PW committee will be providing more details about the visit and how to place a reservation.



Pastora Evelyn Torres-Ramírez at the PW 2024 "Do Everything in Love" gathering in St. Louis.

In Christ, Juana (Joanne) Tunison PW Moderator



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Happy Halloween to you, a fearfully and wonderfully made child of God:

