



Presbyterian Women of
Southeastern Illinois Presbytery
Fall 2016 Newsletter

Fall Gathering
First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Vernon, Ill.
Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016

Theme Scripture: Matthew 25: 31-46

- 9:30 Registration, Coffee time, shopping with Plowsharing Crafts (fair trade items, etc.)
- 10:00 Welcome and Announcements
- 10:10 **Worship**, led by Chrisy Ennen (Growth and Nurture Leader, First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, Illinois) and Special Music by Rev. Rachel Helgeson of Mt. Vernon, with Offering to the Nicaragua Mission (Just Hope) and EarthCare project/Faith in Place.
- 11:00 **EarthCare**, Faith in Place: Rev. Cindy Shepherd
- 11:30 **Lifeboat Alliance Family Shelter report** (recipient of 2013 Thank Offering grant)—Sue Tomlin
- 12:00 Lunch \$7.00. **CentsAbility Hunger Offering** will be received. Also: Shopping at the Plowsharing Crafts booth.
- 1:00 Preparation of 100 Hygiene Kits (see lists on next page of donation sign-ups)
- 1:30 **Ann Brownson (Charleston) and Barbara Grigsby (Philo)**, will speak about their missions trips to Nicaragua with JustHope, partially supported by a Presbytery grant.
- 2:00 **Updates: Fall Horizons Bible Study (Marcia Ellison); Spring Mission project (Pam Slone)**
- 2:15 **Sharing about local “Educate the Child” projects**
- 2:30 **Closing Remarks and Prayer**

For Fall Gathering, you are also invited to bring:

- **Money** for the offerings, lunch, and shopping for fair trade items.

Fall Gathering, Sept. 24! First Presbyterian Church, Mount Vernon, Illinois! Don't forget!



Directions to First Presbyterian Church

**2424 Broadway (Rt. 15 East)
Mt. Vernon, IL**

Take the Rt. 15 East exit off I-57, and continue east for 1.5 miles to the church, right before Oakwood Cemetery.

Let's keep in touch:

Presbyterian Women of Southeastern Illinois Presbytery Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pwsei>

Fall Gathering Hygiene Kit preparation project.

At the Spring Gathering, these churches signed up to bring these items for the Fall project:

- Assumption: 100 bars of soap
- Centralia: 100 nail clippers
- Champaign: 100 hand towels
- Charleston: Money for postage
- Decatur: 100 washcloths
- Effingham: 100 individually packaged toothbrushes
- Mattoon: 600 bandaids
- Mt. Vernon: 100 one-gallon zip lock bags
- Philo: 50 wide-tooth combs
- Sullivan: 50 wide-tooth combs

If you have questions, please contact Pam Slone, donnieandpam86@yahoo.com or 618-238-4139.

MISSION TRIP, La FLOR, NICARAGUA (From Southeastern Illinois Presbytery website)

A team from the Just Hope Program took a mission trip to La Flor Nicaragua March 12-18, 2016. The team from the Philo Church were: A.J. Bailey, Barb Grigsby, Mary Simon, Jane Mumm, Kirk Kirkland, Madeline Clabaugh, and Chris Berger. There are 55 families living atop one of the mountains in the rainforest where there is no electricity, water, or health and social services. It costs about \$1,000 a year for a child to attend school, but most of them drop out after the sixth grade because they can't afford high school. The most important thing the residents want to do is to send their children to high school. Over 70 books were donated to the school. Please give to Just Hope in support of the children in Nicaragua getting a better education. [We will be hearing more about this trip at our Fall Gathering!]

Synod of Lincoln Trails Presbyterian Women Upcoming Events!

There are two worthwhile exciting events coming up for women connected with Presbyterian churches in Synod of Lincoln Trails! You are invited to attend one or both of these, and forward the information to others in your church and region!

1. **Women Hold Up Half the Sky Leadership Getaway:** Friday, October 7, 2016, at First Presbyterian Church, 100 N. Franklin St., Danville, IL. Nadine Hill, PWS Leadership and Development Coordinator, 317-644-1124 hillgrove@outlook.com for details; Registration Form is attached. This retreat is designed for all women connected with a Presbyterian Church who are interested in fellowship, inspiration, and growing in your Christian life. You do not have to be a member of a formal Presbyterian Women group to participate.
2. **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance/Presbyterian Women Disaster Preparation Training,** Saturday, October 8, 2016, First Presbyterian Church, 100 N. Franklin St., Danville, IL 61832, sponsored by Synod of Lincoln Trails Presbyterian Women. This is a "train-the-trainer" event designed to give women the tools needed to conduct Disaster Preparedness workshops for churches, presbyteries, and communities, to help people cope with disasters small and large in their local areas or as they feel led.
 - a. This training is for women only, by application only. You do not have to be a member of Presbyterian Women. Training expenses for this training will be reimbursed by PDA. You must attend the entire 8 hour training to be certified and commissioned as a PW-PDA DP trainer. Application and registration deadline is September 12, 2016.
 - b. Please email all applications/references/questions to PDA; Beth.Snyder@pcusa.org, 888-728-7228 Ext. 5806 or FAX to 502-569-5704. Applications are online at www.pcusa.org/pda, click **ACT** and **Volunteer**.

[*Presbyterian Women \(PW\)/PDA collaboration for disaster preparedness*](#)

National PW Quarterly Newsletter is available for download:

<http://www.pcusa.org/resource/pw-quarterly-newsletter-third-quarter-2016/>

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Volunteers Needed:

- Please contact Phyllis Warnick if you are interested in serving as an Encourager for any area. Encouragers stay in touch with the churches in their assigned area to keep you informed of meetings and opportunities for Presbyterian Women, whether you have a formal PW organization or not.
- **We also need volunteers for some officer positions and to help plan future Gatherings. Give us your name, or the name of someone you recommend.**

Southeastern Illinois Presbytery

Presbyterian Women's

Fall 2016 Gathering

Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016

First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Vernon, Illinois

Registration begins at 9:30 am, program/meeting at 10 am

Registration:

Name of Church: _____

Reservations required by Monday, Sept. 19, 2016

Names of those attending (Put additional names on back of sheet or just the number):

Is child care needed? Please provide advance notice! YES NO

Luncheon: \$7.00

Accessibility: All meeting areas are accessible.

Mail or email reservations to:

Presbyterian Women
First Presbyterian Church
2424 Broadway
Mount Vernon, Illinois 62864

Phone: 618-242-3410, 9:00-1:00 Monday-Friday, Church Office

Email www.firstpresmtv.com

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN / THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS
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Mount Vernon, Illinois 62864

For Women of your church! Or Current Occupant

**YOUR CHURCH GROUP IS INVITED TO SEND PLEDGES TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRIES OF PW IN
THE PRESBYTERY, SYNOD, AND AROUND THE WORLD!**

TOWN _____

CHURCH NAME _____

ENCLOSED CHECK COVERS THE FOLLOWING:

Date _____

\$ _____ Quarterly Pledge
_____ Contingent Fund
_____ Birthday Offering
_____ Thank Offering
_____ Honorary Life Memberships
_____ Hunger Offering
_____ Least Coin Offering
_____ Other
_____ Total Amount of Check

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Please send contributions by March 15, June 15, Sept. 15, and Dec. 15. Thank you!