



**Presbyterian Women of**  
**Southeastern Illinois Presbytery**  
**Spring 2019 Newsletter**

**Spring Gathering**  
**Memorial Presbyterian Church, Assumption, Illinois**  
**Saturday, April 27, 2019**

**Theme Scripture:** *For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Galatians 5:14)*

9:30           **Registration**, Coffee time

10:00           Welcome and Announcements

10:15           **Worship time (including Necrology)**

10:30           **Amanda Craft: Getting in Line: Is there a line to seek asylum in the U.S.?** Media and politicians frequently ask, "Why don't they just get in line?" This session will delve into the asylum statute of the Immigration and Nationality Act and the Protocol on the Status of Refugees and compare those standards to what is actually happening as asylum seekers approach the U.S./Mexico border. What is the nation doing? What should the nation do? And how do people of faith respond?

Amanda Craft is manager of advocacy in the Office of Immigration Issues, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). She has visited border areas in Texas with a Presbyterian delegation. Learn more about OII at <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/immigration/>

12:00           **Immigration/Refugee Mission project: Ben Mueller of CU FAIR**

12:15           **Offering** for Immigration/Refugee Mission project\*

12:25           Election, Announcements (Birthday Offering) & Prayer

12:45           **Lunch** (no charge); **CentsAbility Hunger Offering** will be received. Also Talk tables for sharing about recommended books:

1) **The Warmth of Other Suns** by Isabelle Wilkerson. 'An untold story of American history: the decades-long migration of black citizens who fled the South in search of a better life

2) **And the Mountains Echoed** by Khalid Hosseni, author of *The Kite Runner* and *A Thousand Splendid Suns*. "This novel is about how we love, how we take care of one another, and how the choices we make resonate through generations.

1:45           **Optional tour** of Kemmerer Village, Presbyterian Children's Home, south of Assumption.

- **\*Mission Project for Spring Gathering**—bring items and/or offering for CU FAIR (Champaign-Urbana Friends and Allies of Immigrants and Refugees)

They assist newly arrived immigrants and refugees so the following items would be helpful: small toys, children’s books (especially in Spanish or French), new/nearly new stuffed animals, \$10 gift cards to Walmart, etc.

- **Display tables** will be available for mission information or sharing of fundraising or other projects from local PW groups or any women in Presbyterian churches.

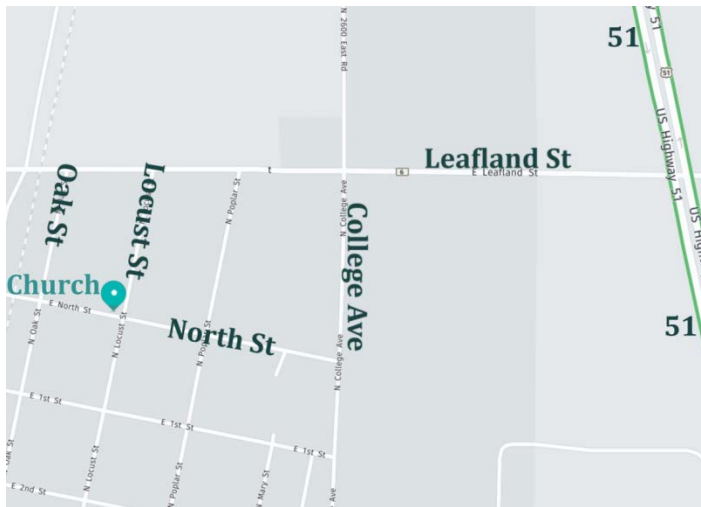
**Reminder:** All women are invited to participate in these meetings. You do not have to belong to a local PW group; you are still very welcome to attend the Presbytery and Synod PW Gatherings for fellowship, inspiration, and information about the work of Christ’s people at home and around the world!

**Let’s keep in touch:**

**Presbyterian Women of Southeastern Illinois Presbytery Facebook page:**

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

**Note: The Campbell’s Labels for Education program ended in August 2017. The General Mills Boxtops for Education program continues as usual, so keep saving them for Kemmerer Village.**



**Spring Gathering, April 27!  
Memorial Presbyterian Church,  
Assumption, Illinois**

Driving Directions: Take US Rt. 51 to Assumption. Take one of the turns off the Rt. 51 bypass into the town. From the north, continue into town on College Ave. (2600 East Rd./Old Rt. 51) Turn right (west) onto North Street; there is a sign for Memorial Presbyterian Church. Go a couple of long blocks and you will see the church at 303 N. Locust St. From the south, take the first street into the town and continue on College Ave. (2600 East Rd./Old Rt. 51) to North Street, where you will turn left (west), and continue to the church at 303 N. Locust St.

You could also go west on Leafland St. to Locust St., and turn left onto Locust and approach the church from the north



## Annual Statistical Report

### Presbyterian Women -- Southeastern Illinois Presbytery

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Historian/Reporter: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Year covered by report: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Statistics about your church:</b>	<b>Responses:</b>
Total number of women members: _____ Total number of Members: _____	
Number of women active in your Presbyterian Women organization (or other women's group)	
Number who attended annual Fall Presbytery PW Gathering	
Number who attended annual Spring Presbytery PW Gathering	
Number who attended Synod PW Triennium Retreat at Peoria in June 2017	
Number who attended Church Women United events	
Number who attended national PW gathering at Louisville in 2018	
Is your women's group considered a PW group?	
<b>Statistics about your PW (or general women's group):</b>	
Number of circles/small groups: _____ (average attendance: _____ )	
Number of general gatherings: _____ (average attendance: _____ )	
Number of Horizons subscriptions:	
Was Horizons Bible Study used?	
Name of other Bible Study or book(s) used:	
<b>On a separate sheet, please include the following:</b>	
List recent recipients of Life or Memorial Memberships (include brief biographies)	
List subjects and speakers for the general gatherings of your Women's group.	
List names of PW's serving on Presbytery, Synod, or General Assembly committees and/or other church boards, agencies (identify which).	
List all other interests pursued by your Women's group including Missions projects, plus fellowship and fund-raising activities.	
Has a history of your PW been written recently? (If so, please send a copy for the Southeastern Illinois Presbytery files.)	
Are you keeping a file containing copies of all histories, Honorary Life Membership sketches, etc.?	

Please return to PW historian, Southeastern Illinois Presbytery:  
 Linda Smith, 983 County Road 900 East, Champaign, IL 61822  
 217-359-5812 LAsmith983@hotmail.com

Please feel free to answer the questions you can, so we can compile an overview of activities and missions of women in Southeastern Illinois Presbytery churches, whether you have a formal PW or not!

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### **Volunteers Needed:**

- Please contact Jane Hopkins 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 to serve as Mission Project Coordinator, Newsletter Editor and helpers planning future Gatherings. Give us your name, or the name of someone you recommend.**

**Planning Ahead: Fall 2019 Gathering,  
Presbyterian Women of Southeastern  
Illinois Presbytery:**

**Location needed! Date: TBD!**

**Southeastern Illinois Presbytery**

**Presbyterian Women**

**Spring 2019 Gathering**

**Saturday, April 27, 2019**

**Memorial Presbyterian Church, Assumption, Illinois**

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

**Registration:**

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

Reservations required by Friday, April 19, 2019

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

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Number of vegetarian lunches requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Other dietary concerns/needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Luncheon: No charge; the Assumption Memorial Session has offered to provide luncheon for us; please register so they will know how many people to expect!

Accessibility: All meeting areas are accessible.

Mail or email reservations by Friday, April 19, 2019 to:

Presbyterian Women  
Memorial Presbyterian Church  
303 N. Locust  
Assumption, IL 62510-1128

Telephone: [217-226-4202](tel:217-226-4202)

Email: [pressec@consolidated.net](mailto:pressec@consolidated.net)

**Good News:** Effingham Child Development Center was awarded \$100,000 from the 2019 Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering, according to the January/February *Horizons* magazine! Director Shelli French spoke to our group last year to explain their need for an all-weather inclusive playground, and our Presbytery PW Coordinating Team supported their

Birthday Offering Grant Application! We are delighted that they were approved!



Here is the current playground, which floods when it rains, and is difficult to navigate with crutches or a wheelchair.

They do still need additional funding to fully finance the project, so you and your church groups are encouraged to participate as you are able!

**Your church women's group is invited to send pledges to support the ministries of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery, Synod, Churchwide, and Around the World!**

TOWN \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ENCLOSED CHECK COVERS THE FOLLOWING:

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\$ _____	Quarterly/Mission Pledge	Send to:	Ann Brownson
\$ _____	Contingency Fund		1109 Monroe
\$ _____	Birthday Offering		Charleston, IL 61920
\$ _____	Thank Offering		(217) 549-0150
\$ _____	Honorary Life Memberships		
\$ _____	Memorial/Recognition Offering		
\$ _____	Hunger Offering (Cents-Ability)		
\$ _____	Least Coin Offering		
\$ _____	Together in Service (Mission Opportunities) Offering		
\$ _____	Other		
\$ _____	Total Amount of Check		

**Please send contributions by March 10, June 10, Sept. 10, and Dec. 10. Thank you!**