

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
IN THE CONGREGATION

- Elects its own leadership - the Coordinating Team.
- Plans and implements a yearly program and determines its own budget.
- Meets in groups called "Circles" and maintains ongoing activities such as Bible Study, celebration giving, mission interpretation, and special ministries to the congregation and community.
- Supports the mission of the Presbyterian Church (USA) worldwide through education, global awareness and financial and material gifts.
- Develops the leadership abilities of women.
- Preserves historical records of PW.
- PW encourages support of World Day of Prayer, the Fellowship of the Least Coin, Church Women United and denominational programs such as peacemaking and hunger

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN,
Organized on Presbytery, Synod and
Churchwide Levels

- Provides program, leadership, resources, information and opportunities for service
- Advocates action on contemporary issues and concerns
- Encourages leader development
- Provides at least two special opportunities for gatherings of CPC women as a group per year.

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**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 (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women (PW) is a churchwide organization whose membership is open to all women of the PC(USA) who choose to participate in or be supportive of the organization in any way. PW intentionally seeks the membership of women from all racial ethnic groups so that the organization reflects a vision of the whole church as a community of mutual interdependence in which diversity contributes to wholeness.

PW gives strong support to the mission of PC (USA) and determines its own leadership, program and budget.

PW is organized at all levels of PC(USA) – in congregations, presbyteries and synods as well as General Assembly. This connectional system allows ideas and information to continually flow back and forth to strengthen the work of Presbyterian Women and the ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

All women of Community Presbyterian are cordially invited and encouraged to become part of PW. If you are interested, the church office can provide the contact information.

CIRCLES AND BIBLE STUDY

The Circles meet monthly at varying times of the day and evening for Bible study, Christian fellowship and other projects. It is a place where bonds of friendship are formed and for caring, sharing and strengthening of faith.

A Bible Study is published annually by *Horizons*, a subsidiary of PW, with nine lessons on a character or Book of the Bible for in-depth study by the ladies of the Circles. It includes historical information on key places and people, engages group discussion, application of the topics to everyday living and empowerment for Christian service.

The authors, editors and other resource people are usually women, who understand the needs of women today.

There are presently three Circles which meet from September thru June. You are invited to attend any one or all three to see which best suits your schedule, or other Circles will be organized as needed to meet your desires.

Circle I meets the first Thursday at 7:30 PM; Circle II meets the first Wednesday at 9:30 AM, and Circle III meets the first Monday at 2:00 PM; all meetings are at the church.

CELEBRATION GIVING

Celebration of Mission Through

Women's Pledges

Each woman is encouraged to make an annual pledge to PW over and above her regular church pledge. Her annual pledge will support the mission of the church worldwide.

Celebration of Creative Ministries

Two special offerings are taken each year. The **Birthday Offering**, received in the spring, supports up to five predetermined projects; in the fall the **Thank Offering** is received and is used for a number of small projects. At least 40 percent of the Thank Offering is used to support Health Ministries. A **Least Coin Offering** is presented by the Circles at one of the gatherings.

Celebration of Local Circles

The Circles at Community Presbyterian Church provide support to many local organizations including:

Moore Free Care Clinic, Friend to Friend, Family Promise, Coalition, Interfaith Food Pantry, CPC Memorial Garden, Church Women United, Prison Match of North Carolina (Women's Prison), Barium Springs Home for Children, Bethany House (Rehab Halfway House) and First Health Response Program.