

# PW NEWSLETTER

Early Spring 2012

## Moderator Notes

The only snowflakes we are going to see for awhile, apparently, are on this newsletter. That's why I picked it—I want some snow! No ice and no 15", but a little bit of the white stuff would be nice. 2012 is here already and boy does Presbyterian Women have a busy year as you will find when reading the rest of this newsletter. Busy is good right? It can be in moderation. But don't feel like you have to do everything, be involved in everything you are asked to do. It *is* ok to say no. What? Yes, I said it—say no. I'm not a good example, but that's another story... and my New Year's resolution. I do know this—you are the only one who can take care of you. You need "your time"—alone to pray, Bible study, rest, rejuvenate, be a mom, daughter, wife, friend. Take care of you so you can better take care of others. Maybe PW can help you with some "you" time this year!

Chrissy Jones  
Moderator, Presbyterian Women

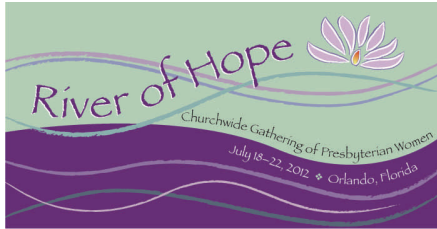
## Presbyterian Women Columbia, MO

### Did you know?

Kay Metcalf is the Moderator Elect for PW in Missouri Union Presbytery.  
(She will be installed this spring.)

Mona Ajans is the Moderator Elect for PW— Synod of Mid-America. She will be installed at the Gathering in Orlando this summer.





PW Gathering—July 18-22, 2012  
Orlando, FL

So far, we have 11 women from FPC planning to attend The Gathering. Would you like to be number 12? There is scholarship money available from FPC, Presbytery, Synod, and PC (USA), especially if this is your first Gathering. What are you waiting for? Call Chrissy in the church office today for more information!



### New Women's Library

In the Chez—next to the fireplace. We have quite a nice selection of books for women. Feel from to take one and return it when you are finished. Thank you to all who helped supply the library.



Mark your calendar for  
March 16-17  
(Friday evening and Saturday)

This women's retreat is more than a short rest from everyday responsibilities; it's a joyous excursion into Bible truths that will refresh, reinvigorate, and reconnect you with God and each other. Women of every age are invited. Stay tuned for registration information!



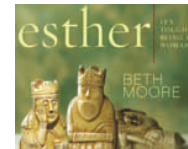
Celebrate What Matters  
November 2-3, 2012  
Kansas City, MO

The Women of Faith Team comes together with new friends, new messages, music, drama, laughter, and tears (the good kind).

Stay tuned for more information and details.  
Go to [www.womenoffaith.com](http://www.womenoffaith.com) for more information.

### THE CARING PEOPLE

This is new to Columbia—but not a new organization. It is a ministry for single moms (of all ages). A weekly meal and Bible study is offered to single moms and their kids. If you would like to be a part of this ministry or learn more, please go to [www.thecaringpeople.org](http://www.thecaringpeople.org) or talk to Chrissy Jones (on the administrative team of TCP).



### Beth Moore Bible Study—*Esther, It's Tough Being a Woman*

It's not too late to join us in this 9 week study of *Esther, It's Tough Being a Woman*. If you've ever felt inadequate, threatened or pushed into situations that seem overpowering, this is the Bible study for you. Study books are \$17 each. Please contact Molly Means or the church office if you would like to order a study book and join us. We meet on Tuesday evenings in The Chez at 6:30 p.m.



More than 1 billion people live on less than a dollar a day. These children and families are all too familiar with poverty. It has robbed them of hope and threatens to steal their future.

Help fight poverty by sponsoring a child in need. As a sponsor, you'll help provide a child with access to life-changing essentials like clean water, nutritious food, healthcare, and educational opportunities — benefits that extend to the child's family, community, and other children living in poverty. As a sponsor, you'll also be given the opportunity to personally connect with your sponsored child, building a relationship that could change both your lives. Visit [www.worldvision.org](http://www.worldvision.org) for more information.

Thank you to Circle 1 for their leadership with this organization—2 members already have adopted children and Circle 1 hopes other circles/groups will join in to adopt a child together this year.

More information will be available soon at the Welcome Center Kiosk.



2011–2012 *Horizons*  
Bible Study  
***Confessing the Beatitudes***  
by Margaret Aymer

As part of this Bible study, groups were challenged to write a confession of their own at the end of each chapter. For those circles/groups who have written confessions, please share them and at the end of the study see what PW has pledged to do for the honored in the beatitudes. The exercise of writing the confessions gives us hope and builds a community of service and mission among us. It would be wonderful to share the confessions and see if they lead us to action in ministry, i.e. adopting, feeding, building, cooking, etc. We can do great things among us if we work together and share in mission. We have been challenged by the Bible study to put action into our words. What has your circle's confession lead your circle to do?

Opportunities abound.

**NYC—Here We Come!**

Kathie Jackson, Kay Metcalf, and Chrissy Jones have been invited to attend the 56th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) from February 27 to March 9, 2012 as part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) delegation.

The Commission on the Status of Women (hereafter referred to as “CSW” or “the Commission”) is a functional commission of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). It is the principal global policy-making body dedicated exclusively to gender equality and advancement of women. Every year, representatives of Member States gather at United Nations Headquarters in New York to evaluate progress on gender equality, identify challenges, set global standards and formulate concrete policies to promote gender equality and women's empowerment worldwide.

The Commission was established by ECOSOC resolution 11(II) of 21 June 1946 with the aim to prepare recommendations and reports to the Council on promoting women's rights in political, economic, civil, social and educational fields. The Commission also makes recommendations to the Council on urgent problems requiring immediate attention in the field of women's rights.

**Crafty Coffee  
February 11  
10:00 a.m. in The Chez**

Want to learn how to knit or crochet?  
Free lessons.  
Come to The Chez.

Working on a project?  
Bring it to The Chez.

Want to chat with some friends or make new ones?  
Come to The Chez.

Bring the kids to The Chez if they want to learn to knit or crochet!

**Calendar of Events**

March 16-17	Women's Retreat
May 6	Annual PW Spring Luncheon
July 18-22	Gathering in Orlando, FL
November 2-3	Women of Faith KC, MO

Dates to watch for:

Betsy Rall and her son, Rick, will share their trip to Haiti at a future WOW.  
Missouri Union Presbytery PW—Spring & Fall meetings.



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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.