

NORTHEAST GEORGIA

NEWSLETTER



Dear Sisters in Christ,

As I write these greetings to you, we have just commemorated Juneteenth. Rev. William Barber asked us not to celebrate Juneteenth, but to commemorate Juneteenth as a day of activism and service. Each year, as we commemorate Juneteenth, let us seek to eliminate the inequities that are with us each day.

Your Coordinating Team has been hard at work since our wonderful gathering at Athens First in March. The August Gathering and Workshops will take place on August 19th at Commerce Presbyterian Church. At the August workshops we will learn about the Horizons Bible Study for next year *The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*. We will also have opportunities to pray and reflect on scripture, make prayer beads to help center us in our prayer time, discuss *Be the Bridge* by Latasha Morrison, or paint a Blue Ridge Mountain sunset.

Enjoy your summer. We hope to see you all on August 19th in Commerce.

Blessings and Peace,

Elaine

SAVE THE DATE!

October 14, 2023
Northeast Georgian Presbyterian Women
Symposium:
Working Toward Justice for All
First Presbyterian Church
Athens GA
9:30am-2pm

June/July 2023

Northeast Georgia PW



August Workshops
August 19, 2023

Commerce Presbyterian Church



Introduction to PW Bible Study Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts. Facilitator Judy Grieve, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Augusta.

All attendees will be introduced to the Horizons Bible Study for 2023-2024. In the Bible Study Olive Mahabir “. . .invites you to consider Jesus and Jesus’ disciples who shared the Good News through sacred encounters of everyday people.” The introduction to the Bible Study will be live-streamed.

Book Talk: BE THE BRIDGE. Pursuing God’s Heart for Racial Reconciliation by Latasha Morrison.

Living in a time in which we, as a nation, are increasingly divided along racial lines. Have you ever found yourself in a group where the discussion focuses on this racial divide? Are you hesitant to participate in the discussion for fear of saying or doing the wrong thing? Shouldn’t we be able to talk about this issue with our sisters in Christ? We invite you to read *BE THE BRIDGE. Pursuing God’s Heart for Racial Reconciliation* by Latasha Morrison and join your PW sisters for a discussion of this book which outlines how we can become bridge builders.

Acrylic Painting Class: Where the Mountains Meet the Sky. Facilitator Cheryl Cook, First Presbyterian Church Cleveland.

Come have fun with us as we create a Blue Ridge Mountain sunset scene using simple painting techniques that produce spectacular results. All materials are provided. Materials Fee: \$30.00. Limit: 10

Protestant Prayer Beads. Facilitators Bernice Rogers and Linda Leslie, First Presbyterian Church Cleveland.

Are you looking for a way to focus your prayer time? Join Bernice and Linda as they help you make a set of prayer beads to help focus your quiet prayer time each day. Materials Fee: \$10.00. Limit 10

Spirituality Center: Self Directed

Are you in need of a time of quiet reflection and meditation? If so, then please visit the Spirituality Center. You may pray the prayer labyrinth and read the scriptures associated with the 14 scriptural stations of the cross on the grounds of Commerce Presbyterian Church. In the case of inclement weather the stations will be located in the sanctuary.

REGISTRATION FORM NEXT PAGE: Register by August 10, 2023.

Registration for Workshops:

Horizons Study(for everyone) Choose 1 workshop:

- 1. Book Discussion *Be the Bridge* by Natasha Morrison
- 2. Making Prayer Beads \$10 fee 3. Spiritual Center
- 4. Where the Mountains Meet the Sky \$30 fee

SCHEDULE

Registration9:15 AM

Continental Breakfast

Worship..... 10 AM

Reservations must be made by August 10, 2023

Continental Breakfast and Lunch

Luncheon expenses covered by Beth Duncan Fund

Name:

Church:

Phone #:

Reservation for lunch: Circle Y N

Workshops:

First choice: # _____

Second choice # _____

Checks for workshops, made out to NE GA PW, must be included with registration.

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TOGETHER -IN-SERVICE

May-June- July 2023

Together let us join in **prayer** and **action** for an end to violence in our country and around the world.

What can we do?

First, we pray for a solution. And, as we pray let us **act** by sending email and/or letters to members of congress, senators, and representatives as well as state legislators. Let us also write to the NRA and the political parties to use their influence. It is time our leaders seek solutions.

We should also suggest leaders give serious attention to mental health issues. People with mental health issues need attention, treatment, counseling, and monitoring of appropriate medication.

Please keep our mission partners in your prayers and in your giving.
Blessings to each of you.

Addendum: Recently I have read two publications that discuss the problems of violence in our society. These are the June issue of *The Presbyterian Outlook* and January/February issue of *Horizons*.

Each article discusses gun violence and the increasing number of guns owned by Americans. One article states that the more guns that are bought the more gun violence there is.

Impressive to me is that there are biometric locks for guns, gun safes and cabinets only owners can unlock for use. Equally impressive to me is the suggestion that all buyers of guns should have an extensive background check and training in the use of guns.

Bernice C. Rogers

Together-in-Service

Online information:

Georgia General Assembly – legisga.gov

Georgia Senate – senate.ga.gov

Georgia House of Representatives –
house.ga.gov

Governor's Office – gov.georgia.gov

U.S. Senate – senate.gov

U.S. House of Representatives – house.gov

National Rifle Association <https://nra.org>

Democratic Party – <https://democrats.org>

Republican Party <https://rnc.org>

June/July 2023

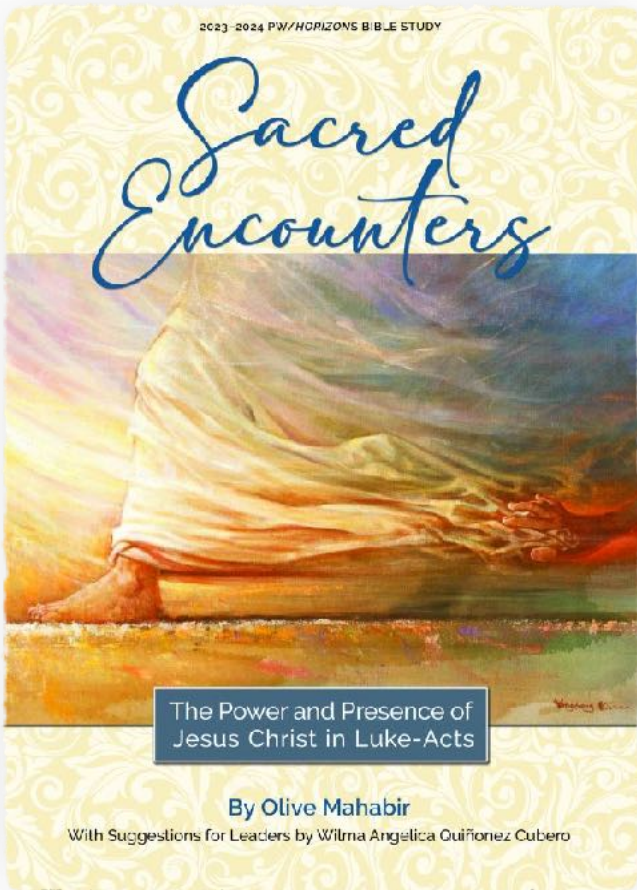
Northeast Georgia PW

Joyce Dejoie asks all PW to attend the EARTHCARE 2023 CONFERENCE VIRTUALLY
LINK TO 2023. CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20

**Welcome: Bruce Gillette.
Bible Study: Patricia Tull**

Worship: Diane Moffett



The Gospel According to Luke and the book of the Acts of the Apostles, or Luke-Acts, “one story in two parts,” demonstrate the unfolding of God’s redemptive purposes in human history and present a distinctive perspective on the person and work of Jesus Christ. Written by Luke, a physician and traveling companion of Paul, the message to the early Christian community (and to us) is radical, inclusive, and hope-filled.

Youtube intro by Olive Mahabir:
<https://youtu.be/orHnWu72Akg>



Presbyterian Women, Your Invitation to PW Gives Day

PW Gives Day is July 31—a day set aside each year to commemorate the founding of Presbyterian Women. This year, PW celebrates 35 years as the women’s organization of the PC(USA). Won’t you consider sharing your PW story and supporting PW with a gift of \$35 or more? \$35 can commemorate 35 years!

Presbyterian Women is a not-for-profit ministry that is wholly supported by gifts from participants and supporters. PW does not receive per capita funding, nor is it supported through the church’s collection plate. A sustainable PW is possible only because of the generosity and vision of Presbyterian women and the Purpose that guides our walk.

A gift of any size affirms all that Presbyterian Women does and makes possible. Consider

- \$35 to commemorate 35 years.
- \$135 to advocate for women and children.
- \$235 to sustain one of the few women’s mainline denominational ministries still at work in the United States.
- \$335 to undergird the historic Birthday and Thank Offerings, important sources of funding for programs and ministries around the world.
- \$435 to affirm women in ministry; PW celebrates the gifts of laity and clergywomen alike.
- \$1,035 to celebrate friendship, community and good work to do through the network that is PW.
- A financial gift of any size to cultivate and sustain Presbyterian Women.

[Donate HERE](#) (link to webpage to donate)