



# Spiritweaving

## Report to Presbytery from Presbyterian Women for May 3, 2022

Remember that movie from a while ago "Stop the World, I Want to Get Off?" I feel as if the world was stopped and I'm not sure if it is really going again. Is it real? Are we back to some sort of normal?

A virtual Synod Gathering was held for Presbytery Moderators from Synod of the Pacific and SoCalifornia/Hawaii on February 22, 2021. We were fortunate to be able to see faces and hear conversations from such a distance so easily. It was pointed out that the Birthday Offering that is collected by PW in June will be 100 years old this year. Other discussion revolved around the aging of the PW membership and it was also stated "never underestimate older women!

The Presbyterian Women of Boise Presbytery (BP) did have a Coordinating Team (CT) in late March to finalize the planning for the April 30 Gathering at Nampa United Presbyterian Church. That event planned by Linda Smalley, Moderator of Nampa PW, will have taken place by the time of our Presbytery meeting. The program scheduled by the Reverends Aaron Berkowitz and Gary Hindman entitled "Finding Christianity in Film and Literature. Plans for the business meeting to take place there will be the election and installation of new officers and the presentation of the budget for the coming calendar year. Those updates will be reported at the next Presbytery meeting. A short worship service and lunch will have completed the event.

One of the outcomes of these planned Gatherings is to take up an offering to collect funds to send one woman on a rotation of all of the Boise Presbytery churches to the triennial Churchwide Gathering. The next Churchwide will be in the summer of 2024 in St. Louis. It is hoped now, that this will be an in-person event and that we will be sending a woman there.

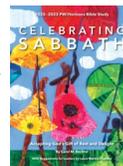
We are still looking for a chairperson and a new venue for the BP PW Retreat. If we can find a leader and place the retreat could be in

the fall of 2023. Nazareth Center where past retreats have been held is out of business for the diocese, so heads up if you know of an overnight retreat place.

The new Horizon's Bible Study is now available for purchase from Churchwide in Louisville. The title is "Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight," by Carol M. Bechtel. In the nine lessons of this Bible study—with passages from Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Matthew, Luke, and Acts—we'll consider Sabbath

- as a celebration, not a day of dreary formality
- as God's intent for all of creation that includes busy women too
- as one day of the week, perhaps a Sunday
- as a time to surrender unhealthy striving and frantic busyness, and instead trust that God will provide
- as a reminder that life is precious and working too much is against God's plans for our precious lives
- as a day devoted to community and justice and not exclusively to self-care.

Ultimately, Sabbath reminds us to honor God who honors us by giving us a day each week to reset our pace, our priorities, and our lives.



Respectively submitted,  
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**Presbyterian Women of Nampa  
First United Presbyterian Church**

**Invite you to the  
2022 Spring Gathering**

**Saturday, April 30, 2022  
9:00 AM**

**Speakers:  
The Reverends Aaron Berkowitz and Gary Hindman  
*"Finding Christianity in Film and Literature"***

Light Refreshments prior to gathering  
Worship and Business meeting prior to speakers  
Simple lunch for suggested donation of \$7



\*Child Care provided if requested

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## From Your Search Moderator

The Search Committee is happy to report that there have been volunteers for the positions of Moderator Priscilla Oja and Treasurer Noreen Pusey who expressed the desire to complete their terms and step down.

Jacquelyn Benjamin volunteered for the Moderator's position (2022-2025) after a search which yielded no one else eager to take this position.

Priscilla Oja volunteered for the Treasurer's position (2022-2025) after a search yielded no one else to take this position.

Linda Smalley is Vice-Moderator (2020-2023).

The positions of Secretary and Search moderator, both for 2022-2023, remain open. Without an elected Secretary, taking minutes for the PWSCT will rotate among members; taking minutes for the PWS Gatherings will be done by the hosting PW.

Nominations from the floor will take place for all positions at the Spring Gathering at Nampa First United Presbyterian Church on April 30, 2022.

## From the Editor

Happy Spring everyone,

Boy have we had a weird spring. Snow, rain and wind. I am sure hoping that the snow will stop down here in the valley.

I can't believe that school is almost over. We will be done before Memorial Day. It was strange going through next years calendar and putting the School events on my Google calendar and when I got to next years end of school, I wrote my last contract day. Hard to believe I will be retiring after 40 years.

I am still videoing for Bethany. Gayle VanWeerdhuizen and I have been taking turns with that Ministry.

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### The Presbyterian Women Logo

In July 1988, voting delegates to the organizing meeting of Presbyterian Women adopted the organization's original logo, designed by Sarah Abbot of the Synod of the Covenant. Updated in 1999, the logo continues to serve Presbyterian Women as it illustrates PW's Purpose.

#### *A Logo with Purpose*

*Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ*, Forgiven and freed by grace through faith, the central figure stands in praise.

*and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves*: Rooted in faith, the trio of women emerges. The outline of the central figure forms a cross. We are Presbyterian women engrafted in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is no longer we who live, but Christ who lives in us.

*to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study*, The right figure holds a book to guide her reading, studying, praying or meditating.

*to support the mission of the church worldwide*, The left figure reaches out to care for others as she shares, nurtures and heals. The circle represents the church worldwide where women offer their gifts and talents in the midst of the global community.

*to work for justice and peace*, The uplifted arms of the central figure reach out to embrace a just peace. The relationship between the three figures depicts lives of wholeness rather than turmoil.

*and to build an inclusive, caring, community of women* The three women have no distinct features. They represent all women. The shapes surrounding them express energy, strength and openness.

*that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)* Our name, Presbyterian Women, ties us to our denomination. The Bible resembles the Bible depicted in the PC(USA) Seal.

*and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom*. Guided by the Purpose, Presbyterian Women witnesses to the reality of God's present realm.

