



KEEPING IN TOUCH

Presbyterian Women of The Peaks

February 2024 Edition



PW CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month is “a time when the culture and contributions of African Americans take center stage.” *The Wall Street Journal*
In this special month, the sisterhood of PW honors and recognizes the accomplishments of our own African American colleagues, as well as all Black Americans.

Mission—Education—Service—Fellowship

JOIN US FOR THE SPRING GATHERING

April 27, 2024, Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church, Roanoke

Registration: 9:30 a.m. Gathering: 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The U.S.A. Border Region – There is so much to share.

Hear it all from our Mission Speaker, Adrienne Knight,

Synod Rep to Churchwide PW Board of Directors and participant in the 2023 PW U.S.A. Mission Experience to Arizona and the Border Region.

Celebrate the lives of those women who passed away in 2023.

Watch for more information, including the Hands-on Mission Project info, to be announced closer to the event.

GENTLE REMINDER

THREE FORMS FOUND IN THE FALL PACKET MAY STILL BE SUBMITTED:

- **Financial Support Form for 2024** (for Shelda Wills, Moderator)
 - **Congregational PW Leaders Form for 2024** (for Janet Rakes, Secretary)
 - **PW Group/Circle Report Form for 2023** (history for Betty Oliver, Historian)
- Please include the women in your church who passed away in 2023 in your history report. These women will be recognized at the Spring Gathering.

The time frame for submitting these forms has passed. However, your participation is important, and returning the forms as soon as possible would be greatly appreciated.



MASSANETTA SPRINGS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Funds from PW in our congregations continue to be received for the Massanetta Springs Capital Campaign. Please consider supporting the campaign in whatever amount best suits your budget. Thank you!

See next page.

FROM THE PW RACIAL EQUITY/JUSTICE & PEACE REPRESENTATIVE

As the newest member of the Coordinating Team, I'd like to introduce myself! Born and raised in Iowa, I came to Virginia in 2001 where I went to university and then seminary. I spent the next 12 years calling Uganda home before the pandemic trapped me in the U.S., causing me to meet the man who became my husband. Shawn is the pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg. While he preaches, I chase our almost two-year-old around. I am truly honored and humbled to take on the role of the Racial Equity/Justice & Peace Representative. Please email me any information relating to this! SARAH HYSKA

NEIGHBORHOOD CORNER

From Southside (Kitty Rogers)



Holbrook Presbyterian Church, Danville

On February 5, 2024, the Danville Transit System celebrated Black History Month by showcasing a bus wrap for its 2024 fleet that paid tribute to 13 outstanding African Americans. “We are happy that our own Elder Carrie Ashe, who is a member of our church, was recognized with the group.” If you would like to learn more about this article, the website is

www.danvilleva.gov/blackhistory.

From Roanoke Valley (Penny Baynton)

Raleigh Court Presbyterian PW, Roanoke, is growing. Members gather as one large group on the second Tuesday of each month to discuss the 2022-2023 PW/*Horizons* Bible study, *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight* by Carol M. Bechtel. Raleigh Court PW has a phenomenal study teacher who encourages interactive discussion. The PW supports Turning Point (Salvation Army), and its TLC program delivers meeting agendas and lunch to homebound members. For the most recent lunch/meeting (02/13/24), 15 members were expected. Forty members showed up. The event planning chain of PW arranges monthly adventures in the evenings or on Saturdays to include weekday working women. Friday's (02/16/24) theme, “Wine, Women and the Word,” had 30 signed up. A March flower arrangement demonstration, an April hike, and a June poolside party are planned this year. Outreach, food, and Bible study are attracting 30- and 40-year-olds. More to come—Raleigh Court PW is hosting our Spring Gathering April 27.

Second Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, is currently on hiatus from Presbyterian Women. Executive Pastor, Reverend Elizabeth Link, offers Women's Bible Study Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. The current study, *From Women to Warriors: Women's Stories from the Old Testament* by Lynn Japinga, presents Old Testament women as multi-faceted individuals, how they contribute to a holier purpose, and what their stories mean for us today.