

News and Information About Presbyterian Women and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



Pentecost Offering Funds Congregational Mission

When members of First Presbyterian Church of Mauston, Wisconsin, looked over the PC(USA)'s 2005 Pentecost Offering information, the sentence "congregations keep 40 percent of the money received to use in local programs" leapt off the page at them. The Pentecost Offering seemed like an ideal way to add a new mission focus for their church.

"We read about the groups of people that the Pentecost Offering is intended to help—children at risk, youth and young adults, and an idea began to incubate," writes Terry McGinley, commissioned lay pastor at the Mauston church. "We prayed about how to use our share of the Offering. The prayers led us to two decisions.

First, our share of the Offering was not likely to start any program. So we started to think about contributing to an existing program. The answer as to which program came soon afterwards when Bethany Lutheran Church, our neighbor in Mauston, started a summer lunch program for schoolchildren in June 2005."

Like First Presbyterian, your congregation can help bring healing and hope to your community with your share of Pentecost Offering funds. The Offering will be received in congregations on June 4, 2006.

For more information about the Pentecost Offering, contact Billie Healy, 888/728-7228, ext. 5689 or bhealy@ctr.pcusa.org. Order Pentecost Offering materials through Presbyterian Distribution Service, 800/524-2612 or www.pcusa.org/marketplace; many of the resources are available at www.pcusa.org/pentecost for free download.



Eradicating Global Poverty

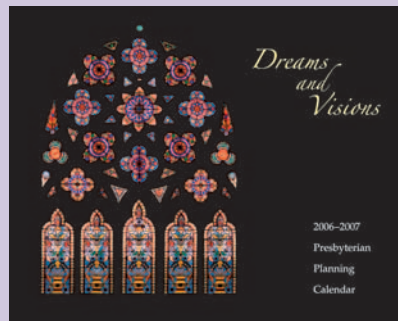
Eradicating Global Poverty is a Christian study guide published by Friendship Press on the Millennium Development Goals. The Millennium Development Goals are the United Nations' set of eight

goals to end extreme poverty, hunger and disease by 2015, agreed to by 191 leaders of nations in the United Nations Millennium Declaration in 2000.

The study guide has six sessions for use in congregational church school classes and other settings "to foster an understanding of the pertinent issues and promote this worldwide effort on behalf of the poor," said Antonios Kireopoulos, the guide's editor. Each session examines one or more of the Millennium Development Goals and aims to motivate people to make the goals a reality. An appendix to the guide examines the special economic and political challenges facing the African continent. Learn more about the book at www.nccusa.org/globalpoverty.

Eradicating Global Poverty is available through Friendship Press, 800/889-5733 or Rbray@gbgm-umc.org; guides are \$7.95 each.

2006–2007 Presbyterian Planning Calendar: Dreams and Visions



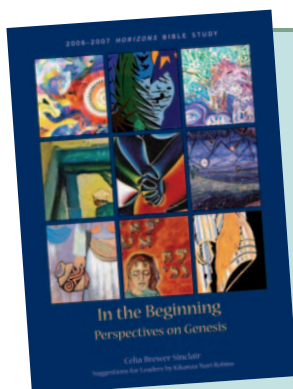
The 2006–2007 Presbyterian Planning Calendar focuses on dreams and visions that God has given to people of faith throughout the ages, dreams and visions that called the individuals who received them and the larger faith

community to a different path, a path centered on their relationship to God. Those dreams and visions offer us the same call—to live in God's ways in faithful commitment to God.

The Planning Calendar also features:

- monthly calendar pages from June 2006 through December 2007
- lectionary for the Lord's Day and special days
- colors for the liturgical seasons
- liturgical days, programmatic emphases and secular holidays
- monthly planning suggestions and resources
- synod, presbytery and GA staff directories
- foldout synod, presbytery and world maps in color

Individual calendars are \$9.95 each; \$7.50 each for 10 to 49; \$5.50 each for 50 or more; plus shipping. Order item 7061206500 through Presbyterian Distribution Service, 800/524-2612 or www.pcusa.org/marketplace.



The Presbyterian Outlook Publishes Helps for Horizons Bible Study

Subscribe to *The Presbyterian Outlook* and take advantage of their ten-article series of *Horizons* Bible study helps. Each article provides additional information about the scripture passage being studied, related contemporary issues or stories, and additional questions for reflection.

Rosalind Banbury-Hamm, associate pastor for adult ministries at First Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Virginia, is writing the helps for the 2006–2007 *Horizons* Bible study, *In the Beginning: Perspectives on Genesis*. Rosalind graduated from Union Theological Seminary & Presbyterian School of Christian Education and has served as a pastor in congregations ranging from 75 members to 1,600 members. She says, “I love learning about scripture and helping others explore its meaning for their lives.” Look for Rosalind’s articles beginning with the August 14, 2006 issue of *The Presbyterian Outlook*.

The Presbyterian Outlook is making a special subscription offer to Presbyterian Women—receive the 10 issues that include the 2006–2007 *Horizons* Bible study helps for just \$10. Group subscriptions (5 to 11 copies sent to the same address) receive a special 10-issue subscription for just \$9 per subscription. Groups of 12 or more receive an additional special rate. For all subscription information, contact Gillian Kunkel, circulation manager, 800/446-6008, gkunkel@pres-outlook.org, or write *The Presbyterian Outlook*, Box 85623, Richmond, VA 23285-5623.

Making the Most of Your Pennies (and Dollars!)

Mailing birthday cards, notes of thanks, bills and other correspondence just got a bit pricier—the cost of sending first-class mail recently increased from 37 cents to 39 cents. Two cents seems like a minimal increase for most people in the United States. But as Presbyterian women have learned from offering collections, pennies add up. Here are a few ways to save pennies on postage related to Presbyterian Women.

- Save on shipping by combining your order with those of others in your church or presbytery, and split the cost of shipping.
- PW wants you to have the materials you need to do the work you do, but keep in mind that there is no such thing as a free item. Even free items require labor hours to process and incur shipping costs. To save on these indirect costs, combine your order with those of others in your church or presbytery.
- If you anticipate you will need some of the same items for more than one event, but the overall quantity needed isn’t too large or burdensome to store at your church, order once for multiple events. For example, if you think you will need 50 copies of the PW Purpose statement brochure for an event in early March and 25 for an early April event, order 75 and keep the 25 in a safe place until the April event.
- When available, download resources and print the item(s) you need. Not all PW resources are available for downloading, but many are—and more will be made available in this way. Check the PW Web pages, www.pcusa.org/pw, and *Horizons* Web pages, www.pcusa.org/horizons, often to see which materials are available for downloading. In the future, some of our items may be free to download, but may have a cost to acquire by traditional means.

As churchwomen, finding clever ways to save a little money here and there can make a huge impact on your budgets, singly and collectively. Spend the pennies and dollars you save on the things that matter the most to you and your PW organization!

History Repeats Itself

At the 2003 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women, the Amazing Heritage History Room was a popular destination. The exhibit is returning for the 2006 Gathering with even more information to share! Some basic scrapbooking materials will be available for purchase, and tips and hands-on experience will be offered. Look in your tote bag for a bookmark giving information on the room and its hours.



Mary Pardee Joins the Cloud of Witnesses

Mary Ensign Pardee, 87, an international and national leader in the Presbyterian Church (USA), died on March 7, 2006 in Pennsylvania, after a brief illness. Mary served on various boards, councils and agencies in the Presbyterian Church from 1968 to 1989. From 1973 to 1976 she was president of United Presbyterian Women. During those same years, Mary also served on the board of Church Women United (CWU), and was CWU’s vice-president for financial development from 1976–1985. She worked and traveled around the world for various social justice causes, and authored the “Psalm of Peacemaking.” Mary is survived by her husband, William A. Pardee, two sons, a daughter-in-law, three grandchildren, one sister and two brothers.