



SPOTLIGHTING

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (POJ)

Fall 2025

FALL GATHERING



Amelia Presbyterian Church

16401 Dunn Road

Amelia Courthouse, VA 23002

November 1, 2025

Registration 8:30 – 9:30

Meeting 9:30 – 12:00

Come and join us for a time of Fellowship and Worship



Moderator's Message:

It has been a year since we gathered together and I am looking forward to seeing everyone and learning more about this year's Bible study. We all crave to Find Joy, Resilience and Our Identity in Jesus Christ which is the title of this study.

Reverend Chaz Blasdell, the pastor at Amelia Presbyterian, will share his insight with us. I hope those who are using the study have found it to be informative and thought provoking.

The Ladies of Amelia have been so gracious to invite us for a great morning of fellowship and worship. A beautiful drive on a Fall morning.

I hope you have received a copy of the By Laws revisions that will be reviewed at the meeting as well.

Our Search committee is looking for new members to join our Coordinating Team. I have enjoyed serving on this team. And would like to get to know more of you. Search your heart and consider being a part of the PW of the Presbytery of the James coordinating team. The role be it Secretary, Historian, Treasurer, Area leader, Moderator Elect or Spotighting Editor can be fulfilling and a time to make new friends and share your skills and knowledge.

Mark Your calendar for April 25th 2026 for our Spring Gathering at First Presbyterian Church, Richmond, 4602 Cary Street. More info to come.

Yours in Faith,

Kathy Peebles

Presbyterian Women of the James

Moderator

Peace and Justice Coordinator Report

The offering collected at Spring Gathering 2025 totaled \$1,700.00 which benefited Georgia's Friends in Albemarle County Virginia, a mission within our presbytery.

Our offering at Spring Gathering 2026 will benefit a global mission project. The Coordinating Team is recommending the following for vote at the Fall Gathering on November 1, 2025. The coordinator has provided information about each. You may visit their website where you can find additional information.

1. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in North Carolina
2. Sister2Sister

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations and partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic event.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. The core budget, including staff and administrative costs, is funded through the One Great Hour of Sharing, and its program work is additionally funded through designated gifts.

Hurricane Helene made landfall in Florida late evening on September 26, 2024 as a very dangerous Category 4 hurricane. The impact of Helene was felt across multiple states. With the storm surge, wind damage, and flooding, it is crucial to have the necessary resources to support the many communities that are affected. Helene caused devastating damage in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Tennessee. Your generous gifts will bring hope and encouragement.

Sister2Sister Programs

The mission of Sister2Sister International Outreach Ministry, Inc. is to bring wholeness into the broken lives of women and children from all walks of life.

Thousands of children in Kenya are homeless due to poverty, violence, drought, or illness such as HIV/AIDS. Kitale is estimated to have approximately 2,000 children living on the streets, where the average life expectancy is just 16 years old.

Sister2Sister provides programs and assistance for women in many difficult situations in Kenya. The overarching goal of Sister2Sister is to support women in living their dreams and to help them realize their inherent inner strength and beauty, transforming them into confident women of virtue and purpose. Another goal for Sister2Sister International Outreach is to give a home to the orphaned children in Ngong, Kenya.

Our largest project has been building the Sister2Sister Children's Home & School in Ngong, Kenya. Our building is now complete and operational as of December 2022. We now house teenaged mothers and their babies.

These girls have found themselves as outcasts because of their pregnancies. All of these mothers, who are just babies themselves, became pregnant through no choice of their own. Sister2Sister is working to break the cycle of poverty, violence and discrimination toward women by raising these mothers and their babies to realize their God-given potential.

A vote will be taken at the Fall Gathering to determine the recipient. Each Church of the Presbytery of the James present will have one vote.

Antoinette Archer

Peace & Justice Coordinator

September 18, 2025

HISTORY

It's not too early to start gathering material to submit your history report. Why? History is important because it helps us understand the past and present as well as help us to develop the ability to avoid mistakes and obtain better paths. How you record your history is totally up to you, your church and circle. Just make sure to do it. A form will come to you from your area leader, or you may request it from me, your new historian. Antoinette Archer, via email: twintoni@aol.com or 804-639-9511. Histories are due January 31, 2026.

Please record and submit your Church History and your Presbyterian Women's History before the deadline on January 31, 2026.

Antoinette Archer, Acting Historian

Report Form Found at end of the Spotighting.

What has your PW been Up To?

Chester Presbyterian



After a 5-year Hiatus the Chester Presbyterian PW were able to have their TEA. The Presbyterian Women's Frost Tea event January 26,2025 was such a fun, successful event because of all the support of our CPC family! Thanks to all who donated items for the fundraising raffle and those that purchased tickets, we raised \$950 to support Dr. Debi Graves' Alma Bella Academy!! A special thanks goes out to Cliff Noe for coordinating food service and the other 14 gentlemen who served the 60 ladies in attendance. We so appreciate all those that helped make this event a success, especially Kathy Peebles with food preparation, Karen

Clifton with raffle coordination, Sally Noe and Mary Schiano with decorating, and many others who decorated tables, welcomed guests, sold tickets and cleaned up! It was truly a team effort and couldn't have been done without you! Bravo! - Jana Wood

WHAT IS A PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN?

God borrows from many creatures to make a Presbyterian Woman. God takes the voice of a meadowlark, the stubbornness of a mule, the curiosity of a cat, the spryness of a grasshopper and the strength of a pack horse to create a Presbyterian Woman.

A Presbyterian Woman can be found anywhere. She can be found in the church kitchen. She is often found in the church office and on Sundays she will be found in the Sunday School program. She is also found in board rooms, behind cash registers and at P.T.A. functions. She quilts, bakes, knits and volunteers at the hospital. She even bowls and jogs.

A Presbyterian Woman is Comfort with a casserole in her hand. She is Service, cleaning up after a church dinner. She is Compassion with a pledge card in her purse. She is Friendship with a cheerful smile on her face. She is Hungry-for-knowledge, armed with a Bible and a study book.

Church Sessions include Presbyterian Women. Church secretaries "slave" for them. Husbands despair for them-and Heaven protects them.

*A Presbyterian Woman is a dreamer and a worker--dreaming great dreams for her children, her church and her country, and she is working to make those dreams come true. She is a link with the past, a powerful force in the present and an investment in the future.
(Kim Bowers, PW Moderator, St. Mark Church, Ballwin, MO)*

Looking forward to seeing everyone on November 1, 2025

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN – PRESBYTERY OF THE JAMES
ANNUAL REPORT AND HISTORIAN’S OUTLINE
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE CONGREGATION
JANUARY 1, 2025, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025**

Due January 31, 2026

This form is provided to assist you in writing your church’s PW annual report and history for 2025. Narrative history reports are welcome as well as this completed form.

NAME OF CHURCH _____ Area Number _____

ADDRESS OF CHURCH _____

DO YOU HAVE AN ORGANIZED PW GROUP? _____

NUMBER OF ACTIVE MEMBERS _____

NUMBER OF CIRCLES _____

NAME OF BIBLE STUDY USED: HORIZONS _____

OTHER BIBLE STUDY _____

LIST NAMES OF PW OFFICERS FOR YEAR

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CELEBRATION GIVING

Check the mission opportunities which your PW group supports through pledges.

_____ Church Worldwide (includes support of Presbyterian Women Churchwide)

_____ Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic

_____ Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of the James

Celebration of Creative Ministries

Birthday Offering \$ _____

Thank Offering \$ _____

Health Ministries \$ _____

Celebration of Christian Community

Fellowship of the Least Coin \$ _____

Church Women United \$ _____

MISSIONS

List Denominational Programs of the PCUSA, such as Hunger, Peacemaking, Theological Institutions, Presbyterian Homes, etc., and other mission or community programs which your PW supported this year.

What is happening in your PW? Describe your successes this year (projects, programs and special events, goals achieved, etc.):

Describe any of your concerns:

What are your goals for the coming year?

Do you use your PW Area Leader as a resource? How can she be more helpful to your CT?

Please list names of women to recommend for service to Presbyterian Women of Presbytery of the James.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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NAMES OF WOMEN TO BE LISTED "In Memoriam" FOR 2025
Please list name and date of death and attach a brief biography of each woman.

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PW MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN (LIST NAMES)

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS BESTOWED IN 2025 (LIST NAMES)

OTHER PROGRAMS AND HIGHLIGHTING OF THIS YEAR
Use additional pages and include photographs of women involved in this year's events.

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

Send a copy of the Annual Report and Historian Outline to the following by January 31, 2026.

PLEASE SIGN THE LAST PAGE OF YOUR REPORT.

Make **4 copies** of your Report, and **submit by January 31, 2026** to:

1. Original on acid free, 3 ring punched paper

Special Collections Historian
John Campbell Library
P. O. Box 520
Decatur, GA 30031

2. Copy to PW Historian, Presbytery of The James

Antoinette Archer
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Midlothian, VA 23112
twintoni@aol.com

3. Copy to Your Area Leader

4. Keep a copy for your files.

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