



# News from Presbyterian Women Presbytery of Yellowstone May 2017

## SPRING GATHERINGS OF YELLOWSTONE PRESBYTERY

### 2016 USA Mission Experience Out of the Darkness...into the Light

**Carol Day** was a participant in the USA mission experience and will show a Power Point presentation about forms of human trafficking, domestic violence and about immigration issues. Her program also examines the myths and realities of immigration. The theme, based on John 1:5 is a Bible Study reminding the USA mission experience participants that "We are all created in God's image. God calls us to love others as we love God."

Carol will leave us with action opportunities and a knitting pattern for PEACE PALS, knit dolls prayerfully and intentionally developed by knitters to create comforting companions for children in global areas of conflict.



**Please join us on May 8 in Bozeman at First Presbyterian Church  
or May 9 in Billings at First Presbyterian Church at 9:30 a.m. to 2:30p.m.**

Lunch: \$9.00

Gathering Registration Fee: \$4.00

May 8 Bozeman

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ How Many \_\_\_\_\_

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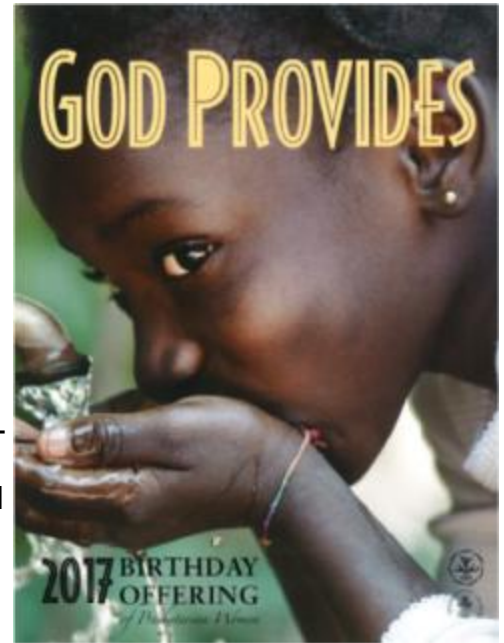
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Mail to: Marlene Spencer 1530 Parkhill Dr. Billings, MT 59102 406-690-5114

## 2017 Birthday Offering

**2017 BIRTHDAY OFFERING** The Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women asks that you open your hearts to this project and the two others chosen for the 2017 Birthday Offering: First-Hand Aid's Rural Clinic Development Initiative, which provides health care to people living in rural communities in Cuba; Family Justice Center of Georgetown and Horry Counties' Safe Haven for Victims of Domestic Violence (South Carolina), which will provide shelter for victims of domestic violence; and Paper for Water's Navajo Water Project, which will install water systems for households without running water in New Mexico. Grant amounts will depend on gifts contributed during 2017. Please give as you have been blessed and support these lifechanging projects. Visit [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org) to give, download additional copies of promotional materials or learn more about the offering.



### PROMOTING THE BIRTHDAY OFFERING

- In your PW group
- Be sure to order the materials you need, including the DVD, bulletin insert, placemats and individual or group offering envelopes (see page 12 for order form in packet you received at your church or go to [presbyterianwomen.org](http://presbyterianwomen.org)).
  - Set a goal to challenge the members of your PW group
  - Consider promoting the Birthday Offering to the entire congregation.
  - Get session approval. Include an announcement in your church newsletter about the Birthday Offering and how it helps change lives.
  - Display the Birthday Offering poster in a prominent place.
  - Use Birthday Offering placemats at an all-church function sometime during the year.

## Presbyterian women stay connected!



### Presbyterian Women on the web

[www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org)  
Call 844/PWPCUSA (844/797-2872).



### PW on Facebook

[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)  
Search for "Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA)."



### PW on Twitter

[www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com)  
Sign up, then search for PWPCUSA, and "follow."



### PW on Pinterest

[www.pinterest.com](http://www.pinterest.com)  
Sign up, then search for Presbyterian Women.



### Horizons on the web

[www.presbyterianwomen.org/horizons](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/horizons)  
Subscribe to *Horizons* magazine on line or call 866/802-3635.



### PW on YouTube

[www.youtube.com/presbyterianwomen](http://www.youtube.com/presbyterianwomen)  
Subscribe to YouTube to see the latest PW videos.



### PW on Flickr

[www.flickr.com/photos/presbyterianwomen](http://www.flickr.com/photos/presbyterianwomen)



### PCUSA's store

[www.pcusa.org/store](http://www.pcusa.org/store)  
Order PW resources through the online store or by calling 800/524-2612.

## REVISED PW MANUAL



Our PW Manual is revised into three separate, smaller documents:

*Guide for PW Groups*

*Guide for PW Moderators*

*Guide for PW Treasurers*

The *Guide for PW Groups* is available and downloadable, each for \$6.00. The other two guides are available as free downloads. For convenience in our Presbytery, you can obtain free copies of all revised guides from Susan Gibb in Bozeman, 406-582-741 or [susgibb@gmail.com](mailto:susgibb@gmail.com).

### Introducing the 2017-2018 PW /

### ***Horizons* Bible Study**

### **Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews**

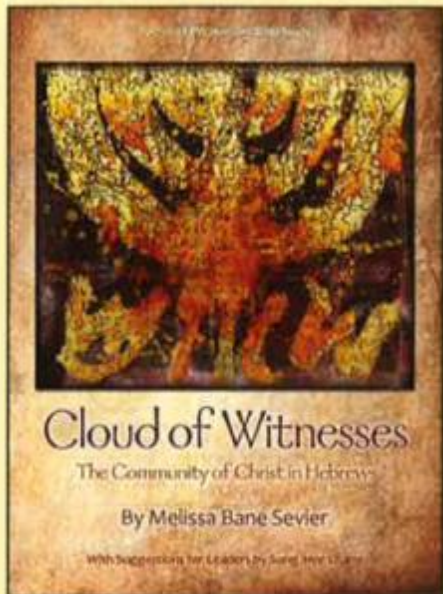
**By Melissa Bane Sevier**

**With suggestions for Leaders by Sung Hee Chang**

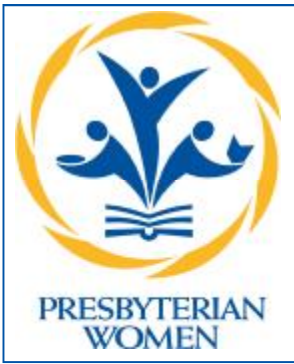
Welcome to the 2017-2018 Presbyterian Women / Horizons Bible study, ***Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews***. In nine lessons, author Melissa Bane Sevier invites us to explore major themes

found in Hebrews, relate these themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the

overarching motif of ***community***. The community for which the letter, or homily, was written interacts, in a sense, with all communities of which we are a part, as we bring these groups with us wherever we go. This ever-present “great cloud of witnesses” (Heb. 12:1) strengthens and encourages us as we “run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith” (Heb. 12:1b-2).







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We invite articles about activities, special events, and happenings in your local PW or churches to be included in following newsletters. Articles can be submitted to Suzanne Bratsky at [suzbratsky@gmail.com](mailto:suzbratsky@gmail.com) or mailed to Suzanne Bratsky, 521 W. Arnold, Bozeman, MT, 59715. If you have questions, please contact Suzanne via e-mail or at 406-539-0211.

If you know people in your congregation who are not connected by email, please share this newsletter with them or anyone else interested in PW activities. We hope to spread the good news of Presbyterian Women around our Yellowstone Presbytery. Our newsletter can be read at the PW link on the presbytery Web site and downloaded/printed for your local use: [www.yellowstonepcusa.org](http://www.yellowstonepcusa.org). Additional PW information and announcements also are available on this site to share locally, including the link to churchwide PW. This churchwide Web page contains a wide array of resources for your use.



## A New PW Website

Work is underway to create a new, easy access and improved website for Presbyterian Women. The new site will merge content from Presbyterian Women's website, the Horizons Magazine and Bible study website and the Gathering website. A condensed version of the Horizons website will be available during this redesign. Until then you can find detailed PW information at: [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org).



## Save the date for the 2018 Churchwide Gathering!

The 2018 Churchwide Gathering will be held August 2–5, 2018 in Louisville, Kentucky! Planning is underway, so stay tuned for the Gathering scripture, theme, logo, speakers, program highlights, opportunities for connection and renewal, and so much more!

And while those details are being worked out, follow along with Gathering emails (one a month!) with reflections, free downloads, fun ideas and more! (If you're not receiving PW emails, contact [Patricia Longfellow](#) to be added to the email list.)