



Presbyterian Women Update
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Presbyterian Women

*Annual PW Gathering in Flint River Presbytery
will be held on Saturday, November 4th.
Mark you calendars now and stay tuned for more details!*

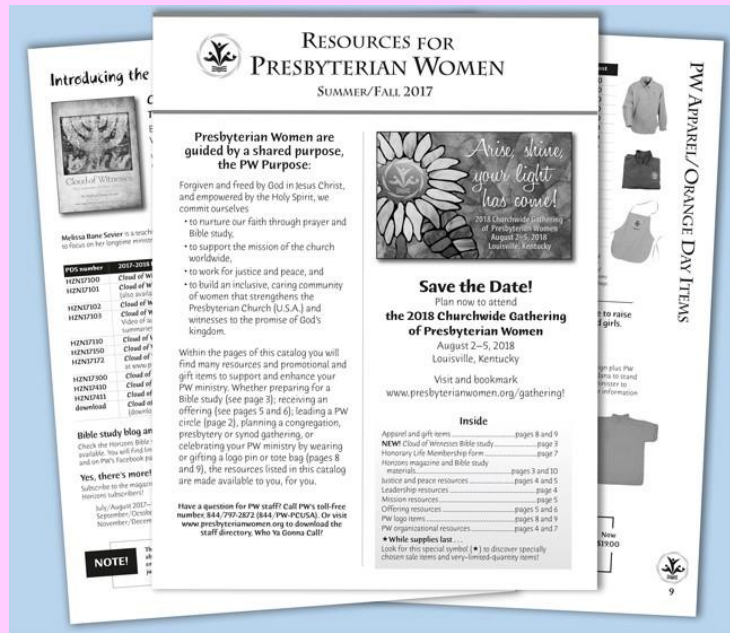


Updated PW Resources Catalog! See what's new, then share widely!

Did you know that PW's 2017 resource catalog
is a free download on [Church Store](#)?

Find all the latest Bible study materials, PW-logo items,
leadership materials, the new justice and peace bookmark,
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The THANK OFFERING is collected -- and dedicated -- at our November gathering.

History

The **PW Thank Offering** originated in the late 1800s with Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio. Her plan? Ask each woman to give a gift in addition to her usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America as a "thank offering to our Lord." In 1888, the women designated a day for prayer and thanksgiving when this special offering should be received. **These sacrificial gifts, it is said, saved the worldwide missionary movement of our denomination.**

The **Thank Offering** has and continues to provide much needed financial assistance to numerous worthwhile programs. Each year, domestic and international projects are carefully and prayerfully selected by the Creative Ministries Offering Committee to help meet a crucial need. Forty percent (40%) of this offering is used to support hospitals and community health programs that place priority in helping the neediest members of God's community. The remaining sixty percent (60%) is used for new creative ideas for mission.

Thank Offering grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. Grant requests come from a variety of sources including PC(USA) governing bodies, health agencies, overseas churches, ecumenical councils, community groups, educational institutions and church related groups. The offering funds projects such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence and women's concerns.

Promotional Resources

are available online from the Presbyterian Mission Agency Bookstore:
<http://store.pcusa.org/>. Once at the store, enter the item you want in the search.

The Thank Offering Order Form

Item Number: PWR1488 -FREE

The 2017 Thank Offering Promotional Packet

Item Number: PWR17475 FREE

Thank Offering Coin (and Bill) Box

Item Number PWR07482 Available in packs of 10 for \$3.50

Thank Offering Bulletin

Item Number PWR17480 Available in packs of 25 for \$3.00

Thank Offering Placemats

Item Number PWR17473 English and Spanish available in packs of 25 for \$4.00

Thank Offering Bulletin Covers

Item Number PWR17476 Available in packs of 25 FREE

Thank Offering Promotional Poster

Item Number PWR17484 FREE

Link to PW inspirational video presentations of the 2016 Thank Offering

Grant Recipients: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n-t4CVsI3Uo&t=49s>

[Criteria for Birthday and Thank Offering Grants](#)

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