

**2016 ANNUAL HISTORICAL REPORT**  
**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY OF FLORIDA**  
**SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC**

Throughout 2016, Presbyterian Women of the Florida Presbytery remained actively involved in their local congregations, their communities, their presbytery, and throughout the world. For 110 years, Presbyterian Women have sought to strengthen the church by nurturing their faith through prayer and Bible study, supporting the mission of the church worldwide, working for justice and peace, and witnessing to the promise of God's Kingdom.

In the forty-three churches in the Presbytery of Florida, women served as ministers, deacons, elders, trustees, choir members, Bible study leaders, church school teachers, youth advisors and committee members. In 2016, 59 women served on the Presbytery level either with the Presbytery of Florida or on the Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Florida. Of the 38 women serving on Presbytery committees, 7 were teaching elders, 19 were ruling elders, and 12 were lay persons.

Our guiding emphasis for 2016-2017, chosen by our Moderator Erin Rosica, is found in the Gospel of Mark. In Mark 5:36, Jesus says to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid, only believe." We too as Christians are called to not be afraid, but only believe.

The PWP Coordinating Team, comprised of thirteen elected members and eight appointed members, met quarterly at First Presbyterian Church in Chipley. The Presbyterian Women of Chipley First graciously hosted the PWPCT meetings on January 16, 2016, August 27, 2016, and November 5, 2016. On Friday, March 18, 2016, First Presbyterian Church in Fort Walton Beach hosted a meeting for PWPCT and the Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church of Destin provided a lovely dinner.

The 110th Annual Gathering for Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Florida was held on March 19, 2016, at the First Presbyterian Church in Fort Walton Beach. Prelude music and the opening hymn, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," was played by Jackie Hails, music director and organist of First Presbyterian Church, Fort Walton Beach. Sandra Winslett, Moderator, called the meeting to order, followed by the lighting of the Christ candle and a responsive reading of I John 3. Barbara Fallin, PW Moderator of Fort Walton Beach First, welcomed everyone and made the announcements. Sandra then introduced special guests Reverend Sharon Schuler of Fort Walton Beach First, Jean Homrighausen, the Florida Mission Advancement Officer for Thornwell Home for Children, and Dr. Paul Luthman, Interim Coordinating Presbyter for the Presbytery of Florida. Dr. Luthman's charge to Presbyterian Women was to "get outside your church and discover God's mission for you in your community." Sandra Winslett then encouraged everyone to attend the 10<sup>th</sup> Triennial Gathering of PW in the Synod of South Atlantic to be held on October 21-23, at Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons, GA. The Presbyterian Women Purpose was recited in unison, followed by the singing of "Called As Partners in Christ's Service." A multi-voice reading of I Corinthians 12: 12-27 was given by Erin Rosica, Sherl Morden, and Norma Meier.

Reverend Sharon Schuler, guest speaker, read from Nehemiah 8 and spoke about everyone working together despite our differences and diversity. We as Presbyterian Women are united as a whole to serve God and to fulfill our mission. Rev. Schuler's message was followed by everyone singing, "One Body, One Spirit."

Gayle Avant, Scholarship Committee Chairman, explained the designation of the Scholarship Fund and

announced that Shelby Andrews, a member of First Presbyterian Church, Pensacola, was the recipient of a \$1,500.00 scholarship. Sheryl Morden added that today's offering would be divided evenly between the Scholarship Fund and Mission Haven. The offering was collected as "God So Loved the World" was played, and Gayle then gave the prayer of dedication.

Suzanne Hinman, Historian, led the "Thanksgiving for the Lives of the Saints" service, which is a very special and meaningful presentation at the gathering. The names of those PW members who died in 2015 were read, and a member of their church brought forth a flower. Suzanne then offered a Prayer of Thanksgiving for the lives of the saints, followed by a blessing for lunch. During the luncheon, Norma Meier of First Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, arranged the memorial flowers in a beautiful bouquet for the sanctuary.

After a delicious luncheon, provided by First Presbyterian Church of Fort Walton Beach, the afternoon session began in the sanctuary. Roseanna Phillips, Treasurer, presented the 2015 Annual-Report and the Proposed Budget for 2016, which was approved unanimously.

Sandra Winslett then presented the PW Synod of South Atlantic Nominated Officers: Rev. Jeanne Simpson-Church Employed Women; Josephine Pompey-Racial/Ethnic; and Francena Willingham-Representative to the Churchwide PW Coordinating Team. Ro Bergman moved that we accept these three officers, and they were approved by a voice vote.

Gayle Avant reported that the offering total was \$1,100.00. Therefore, \$550.00 will be given to Mission Haven and \$550.00 will be placed in the Scholarship Fund. The group then sang, (We Are All One in Mission."

Following the hymn, Anna Faye Brooks, Moderator of the Search Committee, presented the 2016-2018 slate of officers for election as follows: Moderator: Erin Rosica; Secretary: Sue Hightower; Historian: Suzanne Hinman; Moderator of the Search Committee: Norma Meier; Members of the Search Committee: Sue Isaac (East), Anna Faye Brooks (Central), Ro Bergman (West), and Racial/Ethnic Member-at-Large: Margo Adams. The vote was unanimous, and Sandra installed the officers with a charge and a prayer. She also recognized and thanked the outgoing members of the Coordinating Team.

The Honorary Life Membership award was presented to Sandra Winslett, the outgoing Moderator of the Presbytery of Florida PW. She is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Pensacola, and has served over 30 years as a faithful servant to her church and to Presbyterian Women.

The Roll Call of churches was presented by the District Coordinators: Jean Lee, Wanda Segers, and Mary Catherine Hinton. There were 20 churches represented with 91 members and 5 guests present, for a grand total of 96 in attendance.

Laurice Andrews issued a letter of invitation to the 111th Annual Gathering. It will be held on March 18, 2017, at First Presbyterian Church in DeFuniak Springs. This was followed by a charge and closing prayer given by Sandra Winslett. The closing hymn was "God Be with You till We Meet Again."

The 10<sup>th</sup> Triennial Gathering of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of South Atlantic was held October 21-23, 2016, at Epworth by the Sea on St. Simons Island, Georgia. The theme for the gathering was "What A Difference a Lens Makes." Judy Siker wrote this year's Bible Study for Presbyterian Women, "Who Is Jesus? What A Difference a Lens Makes". She was the guest speaker for the Triennial Gathering and talked about looking through various lenses to answer the question, "Who is Jesus?" Approximately thirteen women attended from our PWP.

Bible study and service to others is central to the lives of Presbyterian Women. Of the 66 circles, 2 squares (women and men), and 1 craft circle reporting, 47 circles and 2 squares used the Horizons Bible study, "Who Is Jesus? What A Difference a Lens Makes." Other Bible studies include (A Lineage of Grace" by Francine Rivers, "Brave" by Angela Thomas, "The Bible: As One Continuing Story of God and His People," "Discerning the Voice of God" and "Armor of God" by Priscilla Shirer, Wired Word topics, Women of the Bible, and The Present Word. Not only did the women of the Presbytery of Florida give generously with their monetary gifts to special offerings and worldwide missions, they also gave endlessly of their time and service to local and regional projects. Listed below are the services and works for the churches in each district, taken from the histories and/or Annual Report Forms sent to the PWP Historian.

In the **EAST DISTRICT: Gretna** women and Killearn United Methodist Church conducted an After-School Program twice weekly where they provided mentoring, Bible study, snacks, and activities for elementary students. Scholarships and Bibles were presented to eleven fifth grade students at the Gretna Elementary School in the Take Stock in Children Scholarship Program. The women of the church provided a scholarship for a young student to attend Dogwood Acres Camp for a week, gave financial assistance to three families to pay their water bills, and purchased gifts at Christmas for the Refuge House for Children. **Havana, First**, ladies supported Havana's Good Samaritan Community Fund through the 2 Cents a Meal program, collected soup labels, box tops, and pull tabs for a local school's educational fund, collected peanut butter and canned goods for the Community Cares Program, and hosted dinners quarterly for students at UKirk at FSU. A reception was held in honor of Florence Gorman's 100th birthday in March, and women held an event, "Fill the Freezer," to prepare meals for those in need. At Christmas, 50 shoe boxes were filled for the Samaritan's Purse project, and socks were collected for Thornwell Home. **Quincy, First**, women provided meals (breakfast and lunch) each month for the Alzheimer Respite program, volunteered and donated to the church's clothes closet and food bank, financially contributed to Wisdom Wells Springs, Big Bend Hospice, and Red Hills Wounded Warriors, and each circle donated monthly to an organization of their choice. They served snacks and juice to the athletes and volunteers at Special Olympics events, and provided two meals during the year at UKirk. Ladies organized parties for the residents at Magnolia House, an Assisted Living Community, served Thanksgiving meals for Christ Town Ministries, and gave gifts and hosted a Christmas party for special needs children at East Gadsden High School. **Quincy, Woodland-Sawdust** ladies provided gifts for women and children at the Refuge House at Christmas and supported the Salvation Army, and supported the Red Cross when needed. **Tallahassee, Christ** PW held a baby shower for a church member, collected tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and box tops for Thornwell Home, and helped with the refurbishment of the church chapel. They also presented the pastor with an appreciation gift, bought a sewing machine for the Costa Rica mission trip, and assisted with the Pumpkin Patch project, which raises money to send the youth to Montreat. Ladies helped with the Wednesday night dinners, and once a month bagged groceries to deliver to Westminster, a retirement home. At Christmas, a bake sale and a dinner with a silent auction were held, and the money raised was contributed to their mission pledge, Thornwell Home, Columbia Friendship Circle, etc. Also 100 shoe boxes were mailed to Operation Christmas Child. **Tallahassee, Faith** ladies contributed \$3,000.00 to their missionaries and hosted dinner at UKirk at FSU. They supported Thornwell Home, Refuge House, Brehon Home for pregnant homeless women, Manna on Meridian Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, Faith Presbyterian seminary students, Leon County Schools Social Work Fund, and Big Bend Homeless Coalition. The women donated food baskets at Thanksgiving, and participated in the Angel Tree project and Operation Christmas Child. **Tallahassee, Fellowship** women served dinner biannually at UKirk, volunteered for Vacation Bible School, made prayer shawls for church members and friends, and provided welcome gifts for church visitors. Contributions were made to Thornwell Home, Pace School for Girls, Pregnancy Help Information Center, Christmas Connection, United Way, Bethany Family Services, Hope House, Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, Brehon House, Big Bend Hospice, Duval Home, Mission of the Good Shepherd in Belize, Children's Home Society, Habitat for Humanity, Dogwood Acres, and Refuge House. Gifts were

purchased for the Angel Tree project, \$966.00 was raised from the craft sales at the Country Store to support the youth, and \$585.00 was raised for Blanket Sunday.

**Tallahassee, First** PW sent cards and notes to the sick and to military members, provided food for receptions, prepared the sacraments for communion, funded scholarships for two children to attend Dogwood Acres summer camp, raised \$1,181.00 for Blanket Sunday, participated in Crop Walk, and were involved in Habitat for Humanity, and First Presbyterian Preschool. Circles communicated monthly with each college freshman and other post-high school students at least 3 times a year, provided dinner twice at UKirk, and prepared final exam study bags for the UKirk students. One circle led an open house during the Springtime Tallahassee Festival offering tours of their historical sanctuary, distributing free lemonade and water, and providing activities for children and their families. Meals were prepared and served at Grace Mission Church for those experiencing homelessness, school supplies were purchased for a Title 1 elementary school in Tallahassee, nourishing snack "backpacks" were assembled for the after-school program at Grace Mission Church, and the Moses Basket was filled with knitted and crocheted baby items for the Newborns in Need program. In November, the ladies held a Fall Festival at Westminster Oaks, a retirement community, and they prepared and served the Thanksgiving meal for Canopy Connection. In December, PW participated in the Elder Elf project by purchasing items from the wish lists of their senior adoptees, along with gift cards for Publix and Target. **Tallahassee, Lafayette** women participated in the church's scheduled work days for property maintenance, cooked for the monthly Fellowship Luncheons, prepared bereavement meals, raised money and participated in the bathroom renovations, served in Stephen Ministries, and collected and donated items to Chelsea House. Prayer quilts were made for members by the Prayer Quilt group, hats were crocheted and knitted for chemo patients with Cancer Through Courage Ministries, children and infant blankets, hats, and sweaters were crocheted and knitted for the PCUSA Disaster Assistance Program, and items were made and purchased for Operation Christmas Child. PW supported Dogwood Acres, participated in the Adopt- A-Road program in Leon County, provided clothing for Mission Haven, collected box tops for education and Campbell Soup labels for Thornwell Home and Lafayette Sunday School, provided pill bottles for the "Matthew 25 Ministries," and participated in Music with a Mission, which held two concerts. Lafayette women served on the board of UKirk at FSU, provided meals twice at UKirk, collected clothing for ECHO, collected toys, books, and household items for Refuge House, donated \$125.00 in new clothing for abused children at the Children's Aid Society, and contributed \$100.00 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Others led the collection and shipment of toys, hygiene items, and school supplies for 209 boxes that were sent to Operation Christmas Child.

In the **CENTRAL DISTRICT: Chipley, First** women hosted three PWPCT meetings, collected an offering (Cents-Ability) monthly, with a portion helping those within their community, and helped with two church yard and bake sales. They helped with the local food pantry, providing money, food, and distribution of the items every 2-3 months for a week at a time. PW prepared dishes for the covered dish luncheons, filled 1,000 plastic Easter eggs for the Community Easter Egg Hunt, and conducted their annual community outreach program, "Art Day Camp," in July for 30 children. "Mystery Weekend" was held in September raising almost \$700.00 for the church. The event included a play, a Death by Chocolate contest, and a dinner with guest speaker, M. William Phelps, true crime author and investigative journalist. First Presbyterian Church held their 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on October 14-16<sup>th</sup>. The women were actively involved as they participated in the workdays for the preparation of this joyous celebration and also planned, cooked, and served meals throughout the weekend. Events included supper and the Sweet Adelines performing on Friday. The celebration continued Saturday with brunch, tours of the church, burial of the time capsule, a Scottish tea, dinner, and a concert of dueling pianos. On Sunday, members and guests enjoyed a continental breakfast, singing of old time hymns in the sanctuary, bagpipe music, and a worship service with special music, recognitions, and sermon, followed by a salad luncheon. In October, the women helped with the community Halloween Trick-or-Treat by providing and distributing candy to the children, and at Thanksgiving, volunteers from First Presbyterian Church and Shiloh Baptist Church prepared and served over 250 meals for people in need. Toys and clothes were given to a family in need at Christmas. The women also contributed financially

to Duvall Home, Washington County Meals on Wheels, ARC of Washington-Holmes County, Samaritan's Purse, "Here I Am" Ministry of David Kereto in Africa, and Persecution Project in Sudan. **DeFuniak Springs, First** PW worked with the children's "Kamp Rock" Vacation Bible School, donated money and clothes to the Kid's Closet, and prepared and served meals for bereaved families, for the fellowship meals, and for Lenten luncheons. They purchased bears for the Teddy Bear ministry, donated to Heifer International, collected pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, donated to the church's education building renovation, collected ink cartridges, stamps, and product labels for local schools, and provided the meal for the Men's Appreciation Luncheon. Food was donated to Caring and Sharing, toiletries were collected for the homeless in the community, sheets and pillowcases were donated to Dogwood Acres, snacks, socks, underwear, and anti-bacterial spray were given to the Children's Advocacy Center, and cards and checks were mailed to their college students. The ladies sponsored an Easter egg hunt for the children, and at Halloween, they escorted trick-or-treaters from their Mimi's Kids program to the "Jackson Funny Farm" where they enjoyed hotdogs, hamburgers, a haunted hayride, and roasted marshmallows around a bonfire. At Christmas, the ladies purchased gifts for "Silver Haired" Angels at the nursing home, and prepared and shipped 118 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. **Freeport** ladies donated to Backpacks of Love and to Children in Crisis. They provided food to local needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas, purchased Bibles for each child in the church, and supported local families for various needs, such as paying travel expenses to Shands Hospital, to Birmingham, etc. **Lynn Haven, First**, women contributed to Panama City Rescue Mission, Bethel House, Salvation Army, Pregnancy Center, Empty Stocking Fund, Victims of Domestic Violence, Hidle House, and Family Service Agency. PW visited church members in nursing homes and hospitals as well as shut-ins at home, were active in the church fellowship and bereavement teams, and donated stuffed bears for the Teddy Bear Ministry. They helped prepare a back-to-school luncheon for 67 teachers of Lynn Haven Elementary School, provided meals at Thanksgiving, and contributed gifts to the Angel Tree Project. School supplies were given in August and toys in December to the Domestic Violence Program, and backpacks of food for weekends were distributed to students at risk of having nothing to eat on the weekends and holidays. Four adults, who transitioned from group homes to independent living, were supplied with Easter dinner and food for Thanksgiving and Christmas, in addition to Santa stockings and gifts for each person. School uniforms, used clothing, winter coats, nutritious food items, drinks, snacks, money, and gift cards were collected for students at c.c. Washington Academy, a Bay County Middle School for at risk children. Approximately \$800.00 was raised at a spaghetti dinner to support their annual women's retreat. The retreat, "Sound Of Heaven," was attended by more than 70 Christian women in the area. Beverly Lewis was the guest speaker and Mari Harper provided the music. **Panama City, Grace** hosted the Presbytery of Florida meeting in January, and the PW served a continental breakfast and luncheon to approximately 125 guests. They hosted a luncheon for the church's evangelism weekend, they assisted the youth with their annual yard sale, served five luncheons during Holy Week for their church and four other churches, and financially supported their missionaries, Ronald McDonald House, Rescue Mission, and Grace Cares. They helped organize a garage sale for Bethel House, a women's shelter, and hosted a "Christmas in July" luncheon to promote the Festival of the Trees, a major fundraiser for Bethel Village. Hats and afghans were made for the Rescue Mission, blankets were made for the Linus Project, and hats and scarves were knitted for Bethel Village, while others worked weekly in Grace Cares, the church's money, and food center. In October, PW assisted the Witness and Evangelism Ministry with Trunk and Treat night, and in December they purchased gifts for the Angel Tree Project, and participated in "A Night in Bethlehem," where adults and children came to see a village that was a replica where Christ was born. Panama City, Gulf Beach ladies held a rummage sale and raised \$1,300.00 to help finance church building repairs and maintenance, send children to church camp, and support Thornwell Home. The women assisted with fellowship dinners, participated in the Heart and Hands Caregiver Support group, hosted a ladies' High Tea, and financially supported Food Pantry, Thornwell Home, and Bethel Village, a woman's rescue mission. They participated in the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Frank Brown Park by donating homemade cookies and fudge and handing out invitations for their church's Christmas Eve Service. Toys were collected at Christmas for children in the Guardian Ad Litem program. The church's

Food Pantry is a wonderful outreach program for the community, open Monday through Friday, serving hundreds of people each month. Panama City, Parkway ladies participated in the Prayer Shawl Ministry, sent financial support to Thornwell's Stewart Cottage for birthdays and Christmas, purchased school supplies for Second Chance, a program for traumatic brain injury patients, and provided cupcakes for c.c. Washington School. The women collected diapers, peanut butter, cereal, and other needed items twice a month for the church's Food Pantry. They assisted with providing Thanksgiving baskets with a complete turkey dinner, participated in filling Christmas baskets with food items for needy families, purchased gifts for the Angel Tree project, and participated in the Christmas shoebox ministry. PW hosted a Christmas party at the Respite Center, serving cookies and sandwiches, singing Christmas carols and distributing gifts. The ladies also sponsored "Santa Is a Senior," buying gifts for all residents without families at a local nursing home. Panama City, St. Andrews women participated in the St. Andrews Mardi Gras event by welcoming and witnessing to guests and offering free food, tours of the church, and parking for the parade. Throughout the year, PW painted, wallpapered, and recovered chairs for the Sunday School rooms and Fellowship Hall, donated over 1,000 candy filled plastic Easter eggs for the community Easter egg hunt, and prepared lunch and offered tours of the church to over 80 attendees when the church hosted the Presbytery of Florida Meeting on May 17th. PW participated in the St. Andrews Community Yard Sale, with proceeds designated for roof repairs on the Fellowship Hall. Women sponsored a table for 20 at the Rescue Mission for a Thanksgiving dinner, hosted the annual church Thanksgiving meal for their congregation, and contributed turkeys for Thanksgiving baskets given to needy families. When members of the church found housing for a homeless family with four children, the ladies collected food, blankets, pillows, household items, etc. In December, women offered free gift wrapping, refreshments, and a tour of the church's Christmas decorations for three Friday nights during St. Andrews Christmas Community Open House. Sunny Hills Community Church held a monthly sale, "The Outreach Sale," and the money raised was donated to the Council on Aging, Dogwood Acres, the local food bank, and families within the area needing assistance. The ladies also collected food items for the food bank.

In the **WEST DISTRICT: Crestview, First** ladies collected pop tabs for Laurel Hill School, volunteered on Fridays at their soup kitchen, and helped with the church's cold night shelter on Fridays as needed. PW donated money, hygiene items, and paper products to their soup kitchen, gave financially to Sharing and Caring, and assembled food baskets for needy families at Christmas. Two of the ladies volunteered at a local hospital, and one volunteered with the court system. **Destin, First** ladies sent coupons to military families overseas for commissary use, filled hand bags with shampoo, lotion, and hygiene items for working women, and prepared and served dinner for the PWPCT the night before the 110<sup>th</sup> Presbytery of Florida Annual PW Gathering in March. PW also financially supported Salvation Army, Sharing and Caring of Ft. Walton Beach, the Coupon Program, and Food for Thought, a program to feed children on weekends. **Ft. Walton Beach, First**, ladies graciously hosted the 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Presbytery of Florida PW Gathering on March 19, 2016, hosted a Winter Friends Reception to honor the many "Snowbirds" who attend their church, and a Mother-Daughter Gathering in May. PW participated in the Manna Pantry, preparing meals that were placed in the church's freezer to be distributed when needed for illness, death, etc. Women served as "field testers" for the 2018 Horizons Bible study, collected nonperishable items monthly for Sharing and Caring, collected supplies for teachers at Ft. Walton Beach High School and Edwins Elementary, mailed Christmas cards to friends in their 2 partner churches in South Africa, contributed a love gift to Duvall Home, collected pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, and participated in the Healthy Women Healthy Families Mother's Day project. Joy Circle held its 15<sup>th</sup> annual SERRV International Craft Market, and money raised from the sales was given to AGI Water Wells for Sudan, Fisher House of the Emerald Coast, Standing with Hope (artificial limbs for Africa), Medical Benevolence Foundation, Doctors Without Borders, Project Belize, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, CARE International, PW Birthday Offering, and Mesiphumelele Township (South Africa). Fellowship Circle supported Sarah's Cottage at Thornwell Home with monetary gifts at Easter, Christmas, and other special occasions. The Shalom Circle prepared wooden likenesses of their church to be sold at the church's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in March, 2017. Money

raised will be donated to the Gary Sinise Foundation, which is currently helping 2 veterans in Niceville. Other projects included "Children in Crisis," Easter Tree for children living at the (IC Home, the Angel Tree for FRESH Start families, the collection of toiletry items for Sharing and Caring and the local Fisher House, Alternative Gift Catalog, and 30 shoe boxes for the Christmas Shoebox Mission.

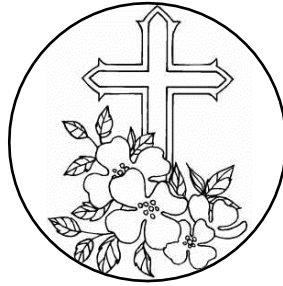
**Pace** ladies collected food for Manna Food Pantries and provided meals for needy families at Thanksgiving. **Pensacola, First** PW established a "Read Aloud Program" at the church's Child Discovery Center (CDC). They read stories to the children, collected money and books for the CDC library, and provided books for each child to take home. During the year, pop tabs were collected for the Ronald McDonald House, eyeglasses for the Lion's Club, toiletries for Loaves and Fishes, food for Manna Food Pantries, and socks, t-shirts, underwear, toiletries, and towels for Milk and Honey. During the year, PW delivered Valentines and mini poppy seed breads, mailed Easter cards with book marks, sent get well cards, and decorated and delivered Christmas cookies to home bound church members. Ladies helped prepare and serve breakfast and lunch during Urban Plunge week, gave money to church custodian when his home was destroyed by a tornado, helped establish a future disaster relief fund for church staff and members, prepared and served refreshments for the April receptions after worship each Sunday, and donated \$750.00 to Thornwell Home. Other projects included donating money for Christmas presents for needy children of the CDC, knitting prayer shawls, volunteering at the Resale Shop, participating with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance after a flood in Hammond, La., volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, and cross-stitching gifts for newly baptized infants.

**Pensacola, Northminster** ladies sponsored 6 Lenten luncheons at their church, setting up, preparing meals, and obtaining guest speakers. They donated financially to Dogwood Acres, Duvall Home, and United Way, hosted a Church Women United meeting, provided blankets for Covenant Hospice, sold PCUSA Christmas Legacy CDs in December, and conducted an outreach circle at Westminster Village, providing refreshments, teaching monthly lessons, sending reminder postcards, and giving small gifts on special holidays. Throughout the year ladies knitted, crocheted, and sewed blankets, sweaters, caps, and quilts for Sacred Heart Hospital's Neonatal Unit, collected pop tabs and box tops for education, and crocheted 2 feet by 6 feet waterproof mats, made from plastic grocery bags for the homeless to put on the ground under their bedding. **Pensacola, Trinity** ladies made 32 table runners for Christmas luncheons, donated financially to Duvall Home, United Ministries, Manna Food Pantries, and Trinity Learning Center, collected receiving blankets and pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, and knitted prayer shawls for Trinity church members. Blankets, pillowcases, sheets, and toiletry items were donated to Favor House, pack-n-play blankets/sheets, receiving blankets, burp pads, and sweaters were made for the Alpha Center, fleece shawls, wheelchair bags, and adult bibs were made for the Council on Aging, and pajamas, sweaters, blankets, pillowcases, and stuffed animals were donated to Gulf Coast Kids House. **Pensacola, Westminster** ladies assisted with Lullabies and Mudpies Seasonal Children's Consignment Sales to raise money for the church, and participated in church special events such as a Valentine luncheon, Maundy Thursday dinner and service, Easter breakfast and Easter egg hunt, Father's Day breakfast, and Thanksgiving breakfast. The women also participated in the March workday at the church, and continued to support the Teddy Bear Outreach program, Meals on Wheels, and Cents-Ability.

We as Christians are instructed in Mark 5:36, "to fear not, only believe." When we believe in Him, trust in Him, and keep our focus on Him, all things are possible. We give thanks for all that has been accomplished this year by the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Florida, and pray that we will continue to be a blessing in our churches, communities, presbytery, synod, and in the world.

Suzanne Hinman,  
PWP Historian

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**WOMEN OF PRESBYTERY OF FLORIDA\***  
**For the Year 2016**



**CHIPLY, FIRST**

Fay Beale  
 Sarah Calverley  
 Jean Norton  
 Lou Ellen Tew

**CRESTVIEW, FIRST**

Dorothy Watts

**DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, FIRST**

Catharine Campbell Reese

**FORT WALTON BEACH, FIRST**

Patsy Forrester  
 Virginia Gilmore  
 Wilma Kelly  
 Mildred Work

**FREEPORT**

Aileen Robertson

**HAVANA, FIRST**

Frances Lester Butler  
 Florence Ellen Mann Gorman

**LYNN HAVEN, FIRST**

Joyce Lyman  
 Shirley Perez  
 Rosetta Watson

**PANAMA CITY, GRACE**

Anne Johnson

*“Precious in the  
 sight of the Lord is  
 the death of his  
 saints.”*

*Psalm 116:15*

**PENSACOLA, FIRST**

Jane Abner  
 JoAnn Bradshaw  
 Mary Jane Pasco  
 Frances Marjean Samples  
 Julia Wernicke  
 Charlotte Wiersum

**PENSACOLA, TRINITY**

Martee Atkins  
 Jane Kennedy Drinkard  
 Dottie Dubose  
 Augusta Haire  
 Annette Hauck  
 Yvonne Johnson  
 Beverly Leckrone  
 Dora Quarles  
 Diane Queen  
 Hammy Stumpe  
 Earline Taylor

**QUINCY, FIRST**

Martha Kleiner  
 Esther McCall  
 Buena Proskine  
 Marianne Reiss  
 Pauline Smith

**RED BAY**

Norma J. McDonald

**TALLAHASSEE, FAITH**

Patricia Kuhns Jones  
 Sandra Shick Butler  
 Betty G. Tanner  
 Fenton Garnett Avant  
 Elizabeth Warren Stoutamire

**TALLHASSE, FELLOWSHIP**

Ellie Miller  
 Joan Williams

**TALLAHASSEE, FIRST**

Mary Rovetta

**TALLAHASSEE, LAFAYETTE**

Vivian Dickman  
 Meryl Faltin  
 Barbara Jackson  
 Sarah MacElwee  
 Jo Anne Sewell

**TALLAHASSEE, TRINITY**

Rosa Houston Autery

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## HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP



The Honorary Life Memberships are rooted in a tradition that began in 1912, making these women a part of a select group who have been so honored over several generations. The contribution made in their honor will be used to help support the training of women for future leadership in the church.

The design of the Honorary Life Membership pin was adopted in celebration of the coming together of Presbyterian Women from the former United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A).

- HANDS** the caring, supportive hands represent women who seek to build an inclusive community of Presbyterian Women.
- LEAF** represents growth of our personal and corporate response to Jesus Christ as we nurture our faith.
- DOVE** indicates our work for peace in our own lives
- GLOBE** indicates our work for peace throughout the world
- CROSS** which our sins are forgiven and we are freed to live in who is at the center of our lives.
- BUTTERFLY** the overall design, a symbol of newness in Christ and the emergence of a new creation, Presbyterian Women.\*

## HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERS 2016\*

**Presbytery of Florida**

**Destin, First**

**Lynn Haven**

**Panama City, Grace**

**Panama City, Parkway**

**Pensacola, First**

**Pensacola, Trinity**

**Quincy, First**

**Tallahassee, Faith**

**Tallahassee, Lafayette**

**Sandra R. Winslett**

**Lottie McGill**

**Carol Kidwell**

**Ivey Geren**

**Eva Cameron**

**Helen Correll**

**Sue Davis**

**Jacqueline Dooner**

**June Williamson**

**Diane Dowling**

*\*Names are taken from PW histories that were sent to the PWP Historian*  
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**HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS**  
**AWARDED BY**  
**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN PRESBYTERY OF FLORIDA**



1941 Mrs. H.A. Love	Quincy	1985 Shirley Boulware Pipkin	Panama City
1942 Mrs. F.B. Callaway,	Chipley	1986 Davir Sujane Reed	Milton
1952 Mrs. Reeves Bowers	Tallahassee	1987 Norma Johnson	Pensacola
1953 Mrs. S.W. Anderson	Panama City	1988 Aileen Anderson Cantrell	Milton
1954 Mrs. S.W. Anderson	Panama City	1989 Mary Campbell Williams	Euclhee Valley
1955 Mrs. R. S. Williams, Jr.	Madison	1990 Carol Friederich Davis	Fort Walton Beach
1956 Mrs. George Watts, Jr.	Chipley	1991 Mary McNeal Reese	Milton
1957 Mrs. D.D. Bevis	Marianna	1992 Jacqueline Patterson	Lynn Haven
1958 Mrs. G.C. Toole	Chattahoochee	1993 Joy Morris	Tallahassee
Mrs. Colin English	Tallahassee	1994 L. Beatrice Clark	Tallahassee
1959 Mrs. J. W. Woodward	Quincy	1995 Mary Moore	Tallahassee
1960 Mrs. John W. Wooten	DeFuniak Springs	1996 Carolyn Yunker	Freeport
1961 Mrs. Sam Smith	Marianna	1997 Dorothy Boardman Cramer	Tallahassee
1962 Mrs. Graham Campbell	DeFuniak Springs	1998 Ruby Rogers	Pensacola
1963 Sara Elizabeth Stewart	Milton	1999 Carol Lou Phillips	Tallahassee
1963 Mrs. Earnest B. Korst	Tallahassee	2000 Paulette T. Heck	Dogwood Acres
1964 Mrs. Dwight Goodner	Tallahassee	2001 Virginia McDavid	Pensacola
1965 Mrs. Jack O'Gwynn	Fort Walton Beach	2002 Winnie Steadley-Campbell	Freeport
1966 Mrs. Inez Eubanks	Havana	2003 Wanda Segers	Panama City
1967 Mrs. W.L. Holmes	Pensacola	2004 Norma Chumley	Pensacola
1968 Mrs. Murl R. Coggin	Chipley	2005 Gayle Avant	Tallahassee
1969 Mrs. E.V. Anderson	Pensacola	2006 Martha Jean Woodward	Quincy
1970 Mrs. William A. Hearn	Panama City	2007 Barbara Rhinehardt	Fort Walton Beach
1971 Mrs. Lawrence R. Campbell	Tallahassee	2008 Jacqueline Pryor Sykes	Pensacola
1972 Mrs. Wayne D. Vermillion	Tallahassee	2009 Sherl Morden	Panama City
1973 Mrs. Savely McQuagge	Panama City	2010 Mary Gene Fleming	Pensacola
1974 Mrs. Charlie Keeffee	Chipley	2011 Ellen Jennings Rumph	Panama City
1975 Mrs. John Russ	DeFuniak Springs	2012 Toya O'Hora	Tallahassee
1976 Mrs. Frank L. McElvery	Panama City	2013 JRoAnne Bergman	Pensacola
Rev. Frank L. McElvery	Panama City	2014 Jean Souter	Tallahassee
(Exec. Secretary Presbytery)		2015 Jaunita Myers	Chipley
1977 Mrs. R.G. Martin, Sr.	Pensacola	2016 Sandra Winslett	Pensacola
1978 Mrs. J. W. W. Patrick	Tallahassee	2017 Rosanna Phillips	Pensacola
1979 Mrs. Lynn Edgar Naeseth	Panama City		
1980 Dottie Dubose	Pensacola		
1981 Virginia Harris	Milton		
1982 Mary Lee Gafe	Tallahassee		
1983 Elsa Gregory	Pensacola		
1984 Ann Adair Martin Brodie	Gulf Breeze		

**PAST PRESIDENTS/MODERATORS  
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE PRESBYTERY**

1907-1909	Hellen Lewis (Mrs A.E.), Pensacola
1909-1913	Abbie May (Mrs E.P.), Quincy
1914-1915	Elizabeth Hood Denham, Monticello (Miss Rosebud)
1915-1918	Florence McCaskill (Mrs R.E.L.), DeFuniak Springs
1918-1919	Mrs. J. D. Blackwell, Quincy
1919-1921	Pearl Trogdon Love (Mrs H.A.), Quincy
1921-1923	Wilhelmina Whitted (Miss), Chipley
1923-1925	Flora Coralie Wickersham (Mrs H.E.), DeFuniak Springs
1925-1927	Irene Callaway (Mrs F. B.), Chipley
1927-1929	Mamie Alice James Gregory (Mrs Love), Quincy
1929-1933	Xnntipi (Tip) Smith Woodward (Mrs J.W.), Quincy
1933-1935	Lincey C. Mosley (Mrs Frank), Panama City
1935-1937	Eleanor Davidson Philips (Mrs V.G.), Tallahassee
1937-1939	Irene Callaway (Mrs F.B.), Chipley
1938-1939	Mrs. U. S. Deahl, Tallahassee
1939-1940	Lennie Patrick Runnel (Mrs C. L.), Pensacola
1940-1941	Mariam Campbell (Mrs Byron), Pensacola
1941-1943	Esther Collins Terrell (Mrs Glenn), Tallahassee
1943-1946	Lou Ellen Powell Coleman (Mrs M.A.), Panama City
1946-1949	Ruth Bogardus Conibear Kellum (Mrs. J.C.), Tallahassee
1949-1952	Wilhelmina Whitted Bowen (Mrs Reeves), Tallahassee
1952-1954	Lois Anderson (Mrs S.W.) , Panama City
1954-1956	Nell Watts (Mrs George, Jr) , Chipley
1956-1958	Ruth English (Mrs Colin, Sr), Tallahassee
1958-1960	Ellen Adair Martin (Mrs R.G.), Pensacola
1961-1962	Maude DuRant (Mrs M.A.), Marianna
1962-1964	Mary Korst (Mrs E.B.), Tallahassee
1964-1966	Millie Goodner (Mrs Dwight), Tallahassee
1966-1968	Helen Holmes (Mrs William), Pensacola
1968-1970	Vonceil Coggin (Mrs Murill), Chipley
1970-1972	Elizabeth Hearn (Mrs. W.A.), Lynn Haven
1972-1974	Avis Vermillion (Mrs. Wayne D.), Tallahassee
1974-1976	Peggy Keeffee (Mrs C.J.), Chipley
1976-1978	Catharine Patrick (Mrs J. W. ), Tallahassee
1978-1980	Dorothy DuBose (Mrs E. E., Jr), Pensacola
1980-1982	Mary Lee Grafe (Mrs Robert W.), Tallahassee
1982-1984	Ann Brodie (Mrs Scott), Gulf Breeze
1984-1986	Shirley Pipkin (Mrs Ed L.), Panama City
1986-1988	Gay Russ (Mrs. John), Ponce De Leon

**PAST MODERATORS - PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

1988-1990	Carol Davis (Mrs. James), Fort Walton Beach
1990-1992	Jacquelyn Patterson (Mrs. Richard), Lynn Haven
1992-1994	Dorothy Cramer (Mrs. W.F.), Tallahassee
1994-1996	Carolyn Yunker (Mrs. James), Freeport
1996-1998	Ruby Rogers, Pensacola, First
1998-2000	Joy Morris (Mrs. Jack), Tallahassee
2000-2002	Wini Steadly-Campbell, Freeport
2002-2004	Norma Chumley (Mrs. Ted), Pensacola
2004-2006	Martha Jean Woodward (Mrs. Sylvester), Quincy
2006-2008	Wanda Segers, (Mrs. Jerry), Lynn Haven
2008-2010	Mary Gene Fleming. Pensacola, Trinity
2010-2012	Toya O’Hora, Tallahassee, Lafayette
2012-2014	Sherl Morden, Panama City
2014-2016	Sandra Winslett, Pensacola, First
2016-2018	Erin Rosica, Tallahassee



## PAST ANNUAL PW GATHERING MEETINGS

1907	Monticello	1954	Madison (April)	2000	Tallahassee, Fellowship
1908	Pensacola, First	1954	Marianna (November)	2001	Fort Walton Beach, First
1909	DeFuniak Springs	1955	Warrington	2002	Chipley, First
1910	Quincy, First	1956	Tallahassee, First	2003	Quincy, First
1911	Marianna	1957	Panama City	2004	Destin, First
1912	Tallahassee, First	1958	Milton, First	2005	Panama City, Parkway
1913	Madison	1959	Quincy, First	2006	Tallahassee, Faith
1914	DeFuniak Springs	1960	Tallahassee, First	2007	Pensacola, Northminster
1915	Pensacola, First	1961	Pensacola, First	2008	Panama City, Grace
1916	Tallahassee, First	1962	Marianna	2009	Quincy, First
1917	Chipley	1963	DeFuniak Springs	2010	Pensacola, Trinity
1918	Marianna	1964	Madison	2011	Panama City, Parkway
1919	Quincy, First	1965	Pensacola, Trinity	2012	Tallahassee, Lafayette
1920	Monticello	1966	Tallahassee, First	2013	Pensacola, First
1921	Bonifay	1967	Fort Walton Beach	2014	Panama City, St. Andrews
1922	Madison	1968	Pensacola, McIlwain	2015	Tallahassee, Faith
1923	Quincy, First	1969	Panama City	2016	Fort Walton Beach, First
1924	Pensacola, First	1970	Tallahassee, Faith	2017	Defuniak Springs, First
1925	Tallahassee, First	1971	Quincy, First		
1926	DeFuniak Springs	1972	Chipley, First		
1927	Panama City	1973	Pensacola, First		
1928	Madison	1974	DeFuniak Springs		
1929	Pensacola, First	1975	Tallahassee, First		
1930	DeFuniak Springs	1976	Panama City, Wallace		
1931	Monticello	1977	Pensacola, Trinity		
1932	Tallahassee, First	1978	Marianna, First		
1933	Quincy, First	1979	Tallahassee, Faith		
1934	Pensacola, McIlwain	1980	Fort Walton Beach		
1935	Panama City	1981	Pensacola, First		
1936	Pensacola, First	1982	Panama City, Wallace		
1937	Pensacola, First	1983	Tallahassee, Fellowship		
1938	Quincy, First	1984	DeFuniak Springs, First		
1939	Tallahassee, First	1985	Gulf Breeze		
1940	Pensacola, McIlwain	1986	Tallahassee, Covenant		
1941	DeFuniak Springs	1987	Panama City, Parkway		
1942	Monticello	1988	Pensacola, Trinity		
1943	Marianna	1989	Fort Walton Beach		
1944	Pensacola, First	1990	Panama City, Grace		
1945	Madison	1991	Quincy, First		
1946	Chipley	1992	Pensacola, First		
1947	Chattahoochee	1993	DeFuniak Springs, First		
1948	Tallahassee, First	1994	Tallahassee, Lafayette		
1949	Quincy, First	1995	Pensacola, Trinity		
1950	Milton	1996	Panama City, Grace		
1951	DeFuniak Springs	1997	Tallahassee, Faith		
1952	Panama City	1998	Pensacola, First		
1953	Pensacola, McIlwain	1999	DeFuniak Springs, First		

