

**PWCFP CT – October 3, 2015
Maitland Presbyterian Church
AGENDA**

Call to Order/Lighting the Christ Candle: Karen Hamilton, Moderator
Quorum established and called to order at 10:10am

Prayer/Devotional: 1 Cor 3:8

The one who plants and the one who waters has the same purpose. All gifts work toward God's common end and purpose. We each may find our contribution

PW Purpose:

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves: To nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, to support the mission of the Church worldwide, to work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

Welcome

Thank you to Maitland Pres and especially Abbie for the gracious welcome and the delicious brunch foods she prepared.

Secretary's Minutes: Laura Viau May 2, 2015
Posted on Website
Approved

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Jonas (absent)
2014 Year End Summary - Need to review and post
2015 Quarterly Expenses - submitted 1st and 2nd quarters, working on 3rd Quarter

Moderator Karen Hamilton

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"Come to the Waters" was a very successful Bible Study on Saturday, August 22nd at NorthLake Presbyterian Church. Laura gave a very educational hands-on presentation that was very well received. Her new communion set fit the Bible Study topic to a tee. Everyone went home with a prayer rock or shell with someone's name written on it. Our program, devotional booklet, and other hand-outs were in color thanks to Abbie and Maitland Presbyterian. Our printing costs were kept to the cost of paper thanks to trying out a new copy machine!

Jill was recognized by us for her National Peacekeeping award which she will officially receive at General Assembly in Portland, Oregon, next year. She is now proudly wearing her Presbyterian symbol necklace.

El Redentor's musicians provided beautiful music and songs in English and Spanish. El Redentor will be hosting our PW "One Body - One Spirit" Annual Gathering on January 30, 2016.

North Lake made us feel very welcomed in their fellowship hall and provided a tour for interested attendees. Goody bags, delicious food, and smiling faces could be found throughout the gathering tables. Special thanks to Rose Gorman, Kay Kennedy, and Carol Potter for their PW support!

PWCFP CT members in attendance were Sandy, Carol, Jean, Beth, Abbie, Rosellyn, Gayle, Dill, Jill, Laura and myself. Thanks to all of you who helped set up, take down, and keep the PW spirit alive! Many thanks belong to the ladies from our 15 churches who drove the extra miles to be in attendance: NorthLake, Maitland, First DeLand, Wekiva, Rockledge, First Vero, SouthLake, First Apopka, First Titusville, Park Lake, St. Mark's, First Leesburg, First Sebastian, Cocoa, and St. Cloud.

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Pat Morgan and I met with Dan Williams and Karen Daniels on September 10th to go over and update the Central Florida Presbytery Disaster Plan and to schedule a PW-PDA training for Saturday, March 19th at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church Activities Building, 1025 Palm Springs Drive, Altamonte Springs, Florida 32701. The training will be from 8:30AM to 4:30PM. St. Mark's session approved the training proposal building usage on Monday, September 14th.

With Presbytery Council approval on October 20th, PW-PDA information will be presented and distributed at the December 1 Presbytery meeting at Washington Shores. Our goal is to train 2 people from each of the 10 cluster/regions to work with the churches in those groups.

Pat and Karen will also host a one hour session at COLE on January 23rd to attract volunteers for the March 19th PW-PDA training. All volunteers must fill out an application, provide 3 references, and be willing to serve for 3 years.

Parliamentarian: Rosellyn Calvert

Continuing to share information with churches and groups about 10am Prayer for the denomination as requested by the General Assembly

Total giving cumulative giving for 2cents - over \$7 million. Praise God!

Communications Specialist: Abbie VanDenBerg

3Q 2015 Activity Report PWCFP Communication Specialist October 2, 2015

June 18-21 Attended the PW Church-wide Gathering, Minneapolis

July 21 Attended the first Planning Meeting for the PW Bible Study for 2015 Come to the Waters, Maitland

August 6 Attended second Planning Meeting for PW Bible Study 2015, Maitland

Created and Printed the Program for the PW Bible Study 2015

Printed Devotional Booklets for the PW Bible Study 2015

August 22 Attended the PW Bible Study at Northlake Pres. – Lady Lake

Website activity:

- Uploaded the PW Q3 Newsletter to the Home PAGE
- Uploaded the Come to the Waters Devotional supplement to the Home PAGE
- Uploaded the ERRATA corrections list for the Horizons' Come to the Waters Bible Study on the Home PAGE
- Uploaded the Thornwell Summer 2015 Newsletter to PW to the Mission PAGE
- Updated the Events Calendar PAGE

Pressing issues:

We still haven't added the change to the **Bylaws** because of no agreement on where it should go – suggestions sent in email. I will print out choices for our meeting tomorrow.

m/s/p That this amendment be placed as the new section in the Finance section, as well as noting on the change page.

District 1 & 4 are hard to manage as I don't have a way to update Moderator changes easily. Some former Moderators send updates, some do not.

Interpreters:

Cultural Diversity: Dildrinell Pratts (absent)

Elected as elder at her church, with training today

Attended the PW Latino meeting as proxy for Karen

Global Missions: Barbara Joyce

Attended a Cuba Leadership meeting on June 8th @ Delton Presbyterian Church. Three Cuban Pastors were visiting our Presbytery for 2 weeks and they spoke. Marlon Irrarragorry, Michael Beaton and Mercedes Garcia gave wonderful insight to life in Cuba and the challenges facing their congregations.

Jill Cohen and I arranged for a meet and greet @ Anchor Point with Michael and Mercedes during their visit and gave additional insight to life in Cuba. It was well attended.

I attended the service of blessing for Anchor Point in August.

I passed on Mission opportunities to the churches in our Presbytery and reminded them of Grants available through CFP.

Justice and Peace Jill Bolander Cohen

Official Report to be emailed later - here are some basic

- Anchor Point approved as 1001 NWC.
- Lifeboat App presented to Pam Bondi and will be presented to national attorney generals. 12 counties are adding the app to their curriculum. Will be translated into Spanish and made downloadable based on suggestions to developers. Watch for iGala nfo on January 23 and April 13 Fundraising Regatta
- Compassion Peace & Justice Committee of CFP will host the CPJ Day in May 20-21, 2016 at Maitland Pres. Speakers TBD
- Booking Jimmy Carter Center for an event in September 23-15, 2016 for a Justice-Peace event, particularly violence against women. Speakers TBD
- Opportunities to travel with PC(USA) to Congo, Malaysia and Cambodia

Pres. Home/Schools: Gayle Schmidt

- Attended the CFP Committee on Preparation for Ministry meeting in May. Presented information about our scholarship to those in attendance. Have received only one application and will bring it to the meeting.
 - Will talk with Cheryl Carson about Joe's progress and bring back information to next meeting
- Attended the service of blessing for Anchor Point in Apopka.
- Attended the planning meetings for the CFP Bible Study Event.
- Attended Bible Study event at Columbia Seminary in August. Highly recommend the event for those who are Bible Study leaders or support other leaders in the area.
- Attended CFP Bible Study event.
- Webinar - Advocacy in Action re: Gun Control hosted by Rev. Dr. J Herbert Nelson October 6th 3PM

District Coordinators:

District 1: Vacant

District 2: Sandy Weil

On Friday, July 24, I sent the following introductory letter to my churches:

Greetings, sisters in Christ in Central Florida Presbytery,

This note is to introduce myself as your "new" District 2 Coordinator and to pass along some information about what's going on in your neighborhood at the Presbytery level.

A little background about me: My name is Sandy Weil. I moved to DeLand from Huron, South Dakota in November 2013 and became a member of First Presbyterian DeLand in 2014. I have been a Christian almost from birth, since my Dad was a minister in a nondenominational fellowship of Christian churches, serving in Indianapolis, Indiana; Liberal, Kansas; Roper, North Carolina; and Knoxville, Tennessee throughout my childhood and early adulthood. But it was not until my husband and I moved from Gulfport, Florida, to Huron in 1994 that I "discovered" the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., and found my true home in the faith.

Having watched my close friends in Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of South Dakota model, encourage, lead and inspire over the course of the next couple of decades, I felt called to say yes when I was asked to serve with and for you. I look forward to meeting each of you over the course of the next few months as our fall activities begin.

OK, that's enough background, I hope, at least until we get to know one another in the flesh, as opportunities arise.

And that's the main purpose of my communication today, to remind or inform you of our upcoming introduction to this year's PW/Horizons Bible Study, Come to the Waters. Please see attached registration form. I'm hoping to meet many of you at this event.

My contact information is: Sandy Weil, 527 E. Wisconsin Ave., DeLand, FL 32724; email sandyweil3@gmail.com, cell [605-350-5168](tel:605-350-5168)(voice message or text) or landline [386-873-2188](tel:386-873-2188).

The result of that first attempt at connection was nada, zip, nothing, except for the three error messages announcing the failure to deliver to FPCUmatilla@aol.com, dent@aol.com (Carolyn Dent at FPC Mount Dora), and rswhisgirl@gmail.com (Betty Walker, Deltona). None of the others even acknowledged receiving the email. I have to admit that was pretty discouraging, even though I had been warned not to expect much, at least at first, given that my district had been without a coordinator for awhile.

Two of the churches in my district have now dissolved, Westminster on June 30 and Sanford First in August.

The only bright spot I can report at this point is that PW in DeLand is off to a good start this fall, with all 5 circles using the Waters Bible study. The 11 of us who came to North Lake were very enthusiastic about Laura's presentation, and about the pashminas! We distributed them to all the women who were in church a couple Sundays ago, and the congregation was invited to ask any woman wearing her blue "shawl" about her circle. We have at least 1 or 2 new members in three of the circles that I know of, and Laura has agreed to be the worship leader at our annual women's retreat at Deerhaven.

That's it for now, sisters, but with God's help and your suggestions, I am hoping to make a difference in time with the churches of District 2.

District 3: Carol Potter

During the Spring and Summer, I contacted all nine of my churches. Few of them have established PW groups. Prominent reasons seem to be that the congregation itself is going through problems of leadership (perhaps), churches affected by splits after the new Presby Denomination was formed, aging of membership, competition with other programs in the church and lack of interest. I have spoken to someone at the church, at least an administrator, sometimes the pastor, and in some cases have been able to have contact with members.

In April/May, I talked with Beth Malek, Clerk of Session of the Leesburg PC and we arrange to meet for lunch in Leesburg with 4 other women of the church to talk of their 'situation'. The Leesburg church loss members to the new church denominational, but is soldiering on. Their group is small, but they want to make an effort to get a viable PW started. They also suggested that, perhaps, churches in our district might be interested in meeting and sharing possibilities and situations. Two of their members attended the Bible Study in Aug. On Sept. 24th, I met, again, with Beth and shared with her materials which might be helpful. They are going to have a Leesburg women's tea on Sat., Oct. 10, which I plan to attend. I was also asked about non-CF CT ladies possibly attending our CF PW CT meeting and assured her that any PW was welcome to attend.

After a number of attempts, I was able to talk with one of the women of the Wildwood Presby. church to learn what was happening there...pretty much the same story. I also asked if she would announce and promote the Bible Study. One member of that church attended. Haven't been there to visit. It was suggested that I attend on a Sun. morning which is difficult for me due to my No. Lake PC commitments, but will try to work out a Sunday to do so.

Aug. 12, I drove to Clermont to visit with six women from the So. Lake PC and spent the morning listening to their concerns and desires. They, too, like the idea of a 'local' (district) get together, so will be following up on that possibility. Following the meeting, we went out to lunch. I came away feeling that my visit gave a personal connection to PW and to Central Fla PW. Suggested they could call me at any time. We had one member of that group who made the trip up for the Bible Study in August. I will be following up on that.

I forwarded all the information that Karen forwarded for that purpose of our missions and actions of our Board. In talking to ladies at different times and asking about it, they have received the materials. Don't know if or how they are using them, except for Beth Malek, who is doing a short talk on PW at their tea. I suggested she points out the connectional aspect of the Presbyterian Denomination and PW and what is accomplished through it. She is using some of the material that has been forwarded, as well as info I took her.

So, all in all, I think the lack of PW support has grown over a period of time, and will take some time to rebuild. I think we all also recognize that women are now involved in church leadership now in ways which they could not be in the past. I also see that many churches do small groups, just not women's groups. We see this in many service organizations as well, as groups which years ago were only male, are now inviting and encouraging women to become members.

I reminded the women I met with that so many of the missions of the PCUSA started out with women's mission programs, a reminder of how important women are to God's work.

District 4: Vacant

District 5: Jean Evans

Attended the Ordination of David and Megan Collins to Central Florida Presbytery in July and also attended their Ordination into Maitland Presbyterian Church.

Attended the Cuba missionaries talk at Anchor Point and learned of their needs and requests for assistance.

Attended the Blessing of Anchor Point, home office of The LifeBoat and future home of the 1001 Worship.
Attended Bible Study at North Lake.
Attended all day training for Bread for the World at Second Harvest.
Forwarded all information to District churches.

District 6: Vacant

District 7: Beth Timmons

Wasn't Minneapolis wonderful! I had hoped that we would have had more of our own churches represented at the Bible Study Event, but all of them are using the Horizon Bible Study material! I have dropped off information to District 7 churches and talked to some of the PW Moderators in person or by phone. I emailed the information from PWCFFP to all my churches. Given the number of active churches, excited about \$120 in Target gift cards

District 8: Becky Stewart

Sent personal letters along with a registration form to each of my Churches encouraging them to attend the August Bible Study.
Ran copies of the Bible Study registration forms and hand delivered them to First Pres Vero, Sebastian Presbyterian and First Presbyterian, Palm Bay.
Served on the Gracious Witness Resolution Team for First Presbyterian, Palm Bay. I met with their Session and members of the congregation 6 times in June and July. I had the opportunity to talk with many of the women in the Church about Presbyterian Women and starting and attending Circles and in general getting involved again in PW.
Attended a Pot Luck Luncheon at First Pres Sebastian to launch the beginning of their season.
I forwarded all information from Karen to my churches.

Old Business:

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2. August 22 - "Come to the Waters" Bible Study North Lake Presbyterian report from Rose Gorman. 15 churches sent representatives.
3. Mission Haven Challenge of \$150/church. Central Florida sent \$600 to date.
4. 2016 "One Body-One Spirit" PW Annual Gathering at El Redentor January 30th- Planning Committee: Gayle Schmidt, Abbie VanDenBerg, Dildrinelle Pratts, Jean Evans.
 - a. Ask Rev. Carmelo Mercado about leading worship, see who else from El Redentor should join
 - b. Potential workshop theme - moving forward in new ways...
5. 2016 PW Triennial Gathering St. Simons Activities/Workshops (Oct 21-23, 2016)
 - a. Still looking for Workshop suggestions
 - b. PW-PDA Partnership will be the Friday workshop
6. Distribution of synod shirts and pashminas

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1. PW Districts vs Presbytery Clusters/Regions: Gayle will lead committee to propose a shift to 5 Clusters (possibly based on the 10 CFP clusters)
2. Change date of next PWCFP CT Meeting from January 9 to January 16, 2016

MSP Keep CT Meeting on Jan 9, 10am meet at Maitland Pres, Laura Viau will Moderate.

1. Additional items to be discussed
 - a. Officers Needed for Next Year
 - i. Moderator through 2018 (Karen Hamilton)
 - ii. Need to Replace VMod 2016-17 (Gayle Schmidt)
 - iii. Drop Search Coordinator
 - iv. Secretary, Parliamentarian, CPJ staying on
 - v. Presbyterian Homes and Schools (Kay Kennedy)
 - vi. Hold on for the "District Coordinators" (working on 1, 4, 6, renewing 8 through 2018)

Next meeting – **PWCFP CT MEETING January 9, 2016** 10:00AM-12:30PM
Maitland Presbyterian Church, 341 N Orlando Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751

Prayer Requests and Closing Prayer/Extinguish the Christ Candle/Lunch Plans