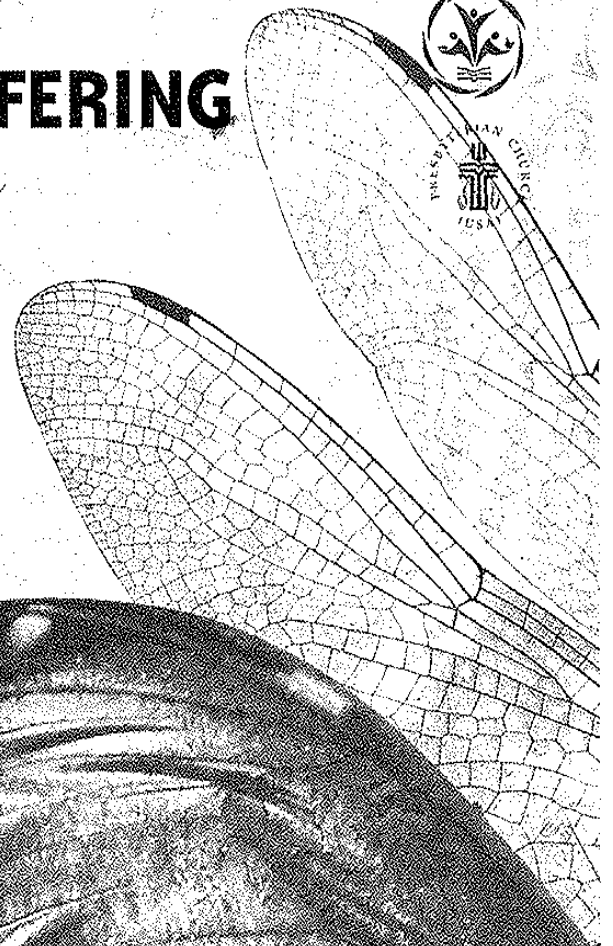
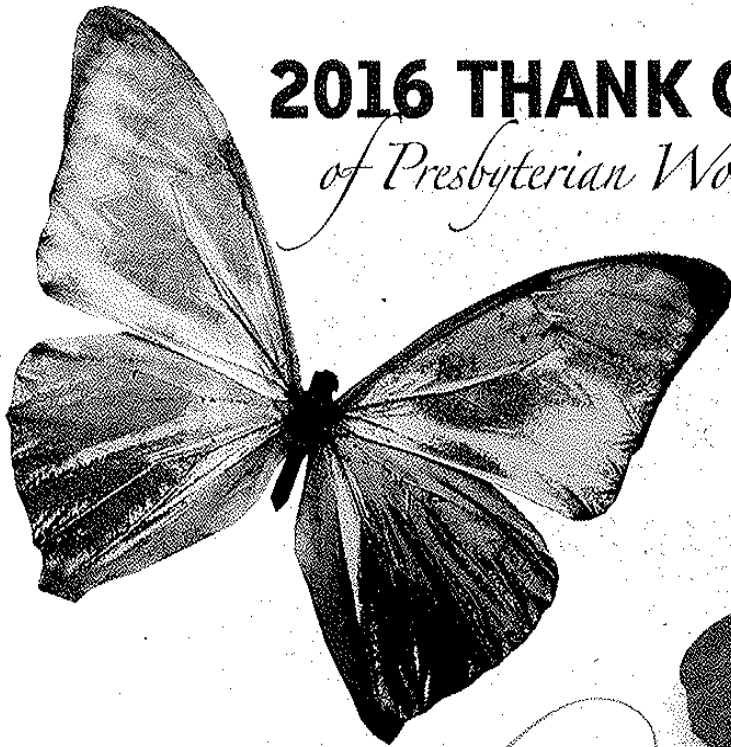


2016 THANK OFFERING

of Presbyterian Women



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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*In the
Shadow of
Your Wings*



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Celebration of Worship – Thank Offering Sunday

*The Presbyterian Women (PW) have a long history of showing thankfulness to the Lord, through good times and hard times. In the late 1800's when others said there wasn't enough money to carry out some of the church's work, especially mission work, the women knew otherwise and gave what each could, starting the Thank Offering. The PW mission boards including the Women's Foreign Missionary Society (1870) became a very powerful force in spreading the Gospel around the world and were emulated by many others. They knew that building a life upon the rock of Jesus Christ was the key to abundant spiritual life. Is your life built upon the rock of Jesus Christ, or the shifting sand of something else? Jesus frames the choice between choosing Him or something else in stark terms. **Matthew 7:26-27** "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall." Why do you think Jesus was so forceful in describing the consequences of rejecting Him?*

*Call to Worship (based on **Psalm 96:1-4**).....Liturgist Sally Docter

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

All: "O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples. For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised."

*Hymns *Good Shepherd Sings!* pg. 1 "**Awesome God**"
Good Shepherd Sings! pg. 27 "**In My Heart There Rings a Melody**"

*Prayer of Confession.....Liturgist Sally Docter

Heavenly Father, You sent Your only Son to reveal to us Your vision of how to live loving God and neighbor. Yet we confess that often we have placed other stories and other gods at the center of our lives. Too often we have been content with our comfortable lifestyle and unwilling to accept the challenge of following Your inconvenient ways. We fail to love our enemies and are even too easily offended by those we love. Forgive us, and help us consider the possibilities of living in Your amazing will (continue silent prayers of confession) - Amen

*Good News of God's Forgiveness.....Pastor Jeff Warrick

*Response Hymn #85 (verses 1 & 2) "**What Wondrous Love Is This**"

Life of the Congregation.....PW Moderator Becky Hartley

Children's Hymn (see insert) "**The Wise Man and the Foolish Man**"

Children's Sermon.....Pastor Jeff Warrick

Following the Children's Message the 3-5 year old children may join Shannon Warrick at the back of the sanctuary to go for the Activity Time. Note that we have a nursery on the lower level for children 2 and under should any parents wish to take advantage of it.

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Prayer of Dedication (adapted from **Hebrews 10:19-25**).....Liturgist Sally Docter

Leader: With confident and true hearts, in full assurance of faith, and holding fast, without wavering, in the name of the One who has promised and is faithful, we dedicate the 2016 Thank Offering.

People: "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another."

- Amen.

Offertory.....Pianist April Barnes

*Hymn of Praise #579 "**Glory Be to the Father**"

The Lord's Prayer.....Liturgist Sally Docter

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. - Amen.

Prayer for Illumination.....Liturgist Sally Docter

Scripture: **Matthew 7:13-27** (Pew Bible pg. 679)

Sermon "*Don't Let the Clock Run Out*"

*Closing Hymn #5589 "**We Gather Together**"

*Benediction.....Pastor Jeff Warrick

*Congregational Response *Good Shepherd Sings!* pgs. 80-81 "**Go Now in Peace**"

Note: *Those able to stand are invited to do so.

If you are a guest with us today, please feel free to stop by The Welcome Information Center at the back of the sanctuary to pick up your gift of a Good Shepherd mug. Thank you for joining us today for worship and we hope to see you back again soon!

Today's Worship Assistants

Acolyte.....Kaleyah Keller
Ushers.....Bill Baker, Brad Rikli, Franklin Reis, Jim Brendle
Greeters.....Andy & Dawn Bonness
Offering Counters.....Al Schwandt & Franklin Reis



- P.W. NEWS -

The **2016 Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women** will be received **TODAY** during the Worship Service. The entire congregation is encouraged to participate. Twenty-two projects will receive funding this year, totaling \$510,088.

Fourteen are projects in the United States that help people in need. One Grant has been funded in the Synod of Lakes and Prairies. "Exploit No More" is a Christian organization dedicated to ending child sex trafficking in the Greater Milwaukee area by awareness and support for girls in recovery. Eight Grants are International and are to provide water wells, training for employment and food security from Haiti to Rwanda.

We appreciate your support as Presbyterian Women strive to spread the message of **Psalm 37:7 "How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings."**

It's not too early to **mark your calendars for the annual Holly Tea which will be held on Wednesday, December 7th at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor.** All women of the church are encouraged to attend this social event.

PLAN TO ATTEND the Combined Lincoln Area Presbyterian Churches Thanksgiving Eve Service that Good Shepherd is hosting this year this Wednesday, November 23rd, at 7:00 p.m.



The GSPC Sunday School is supporting a family in need for the 2016/17 Sunday School year. The family we are supporting consists of a single mother, 7th, 5th, 3rd, & 1st grader plus a kindergartner. We are providing a food basket for Thanksgiving, giving them a Christmas they will remember, and providing a meal and basket for Easter.

We are taking donations for the Thanksgiving food basket. The donation box is near the table at the back of the sanctuary. If you prefer making a monetary donation, it can be given to Krystle Anderson, Sunday School Superintendent.

The offering we collect each Sunday during Sunday School goes toward the family as well and any donations large or small is appreciated.

Thank you so much for supporting this outreach project! ...CE Committee.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL THE SUNDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING, NOVEMBER 27TH.

THE WORSHIP TEAM IS LOOKING FOR ADVENT READERS/CANDLE LIGHTERS AGAIN THIS YEAR

Have you ever wanted to be an Advent Reader or Candle lighter? Here is your opportunity to sign up for one of the following available Sundays in Advent: December 4th, or December 18th. There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the church sanctuary. Thank you for your willingness to participate in this very special event.





“Hanging of the Greens”

The Worship Team will also need volunteers to help move Christmas decorations from storage to the Northeast foyer after the worship service **TODAY**. Due to the Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 23rd, we will NOT

decorate today. Instead, decorating will be on Saturday, November 26th, at 9:00 AM, before the first Sunday in Advent, November 27th. **We would especially appreciate volunteers to help out Saturday AM then.** Coffee, juice and rolls will be served. Once again, thanks for all who can help.

Save Sunday, December 11th, for Good Shepherd's Christmas Caroling event for our home bound members.

We will meet at the church at 2:30 p.m. to split into teams to go caroling, and return to the church afterwards for a soup supper. Please bring cookies or a dessert to share. Soup, sandwiches, and beverages will be provided. ...Congregational Outreach Team & The Seekers Group



“HERE WE COME A-CAROLING!”



POINSETTIA
ORDERS

IF YOU WISH TO ORDER A POINSETTIA TO DECORATE THE CHURCH THIS CHRISTMAS, PLEASE FILL OUT THE ENCLOSED FORM AND DROP IT ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR MAIL IT TO THE CHURCH OFFICE NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH.

CELEBRATING 89 YEARS!! - You are invited to an open house drop in for Lila Karthaus on Sunday, December 4th from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Home of Doug & Rhonda Obermeier: 6000 South 114th St. Come and have a piece of cake and wish Lila a Happy Birthday! (No Gifts Please),



UPCOMING EVENTS AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday, Nov. 20th

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship - P.W. Thank Offering Service
NO RIPPLE or WAVE

Thursday, Nov. 24th - Thanksgiving Day
Office Closed

Friday, Nov. 25th
Office Closed

Monday, Nov. 21st

7:15 a.m. Daycare
7:00 p.m. P.W. Evening Circle (Parlor)

Saturday, Nov. 26th
9:00 a.m. “Hanging of the Greens”

Tuesday, Nov. 22nd

7:15 a.m. Daycare

**Deadline to Submit Articles
to be Included in the
December Gazette**

Sunday, Nov. 27th - 1st Sunday in Advent

NO Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
NO RIPPLE or WAVE

Wednesday, Nov. 23rd - School Begins Thanksgiving Break

7:15 a.m. Daycare
2:00 p.m. City Mission Work Day (26th & O St.)
NO Men's Book Study
NO DIVE Bible Study
NO Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service

Praises & Prayer Requests

. . . . For those with cancer

Continued prayers for **Luan Pitsch's daughter-in-law, Amanda**, who has been diagnosed with papillary thyroid carcinoma. Thyroid removal surgery was performed and further blood test follow-up will determine any further treatment.

Barbara Karel, granddaughter of Vera Karel, is recovering nicely after surgery on Sept. 23rd. She went back to work, but will be scheduled to start radiation treatments later this month. Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers for her and our family. Please continue with prayers as she goes into this next phase of recovery.

Please continue to pray for **Ronda Dix, a friend of Chris Hartley**. She was admitted to the hospital for tests where they found a mass in the side of her brain. Surgery was performed to remove the mass but it was found to be a very aggressive form of cancer. Unfortunately she has been moved to Hospice care and will live out her last days as positively and gracefully as possible. Continue prayers for her and her family

Continued prayers for **Laurie Hedgecock, friend of Sally & Stan Docter**, who is dealing with Stage IV Rectal Cancer with multiple metastases to her liver. Her last two CT scans showed that she is in remission. This is a good thing, however, she's still on chemo via infusion every 3 weeks and oral chemo 7 days on /7 days off. The oral chemo makes her very sick. Please continue your prayers heavenward for **Laurie and her family**.

Continued prayers for healing and strength as my aunt, **Phyllis Meister**, battles cancer.

...**Ashley Gregory**

Please continue to pray for **Cheryl Havener, sister-in-law of Julie Havener**, as she undergoes chemo therapy treatments for breast cancer. Cheryl began chemo treatments in early August and will continue them through the end of the year.

Please continue to pray for **Grace Fry, 9 year old daughter of Jeff & Mandy Fry and granddaughter of Greg & Sharon Schnasse, friends of Alice Miller**, who has been diagnosed with Leukemia. She was sent to Children's Hospital in Omaha and placed on medication that is making her very weak. Pray that she improves and will feel better soon.

Please continue to pray for **Melissa Rogers & Family, friends of Julie Havener**, as she battles a rare and serious cancer. Melissa has chosen not to treat growth of the cancer in her vertebrae and rib bones, but continues to treat existing tumors with a milder form of chemo. Her courage and optimism inspire everyone.

. . . . For those with other health concerns

* Pray for comfort and peace for **Jackie Meister** who has been admitted to The Monarch, 4201 S. 78th St. under Hospice Care. Visitors welcome.

Prayers for **Ken Dermann** who was admitted to Bryan/East hospital to receive an updated heart defibrillator.

Prayers for **Ed Schnabel** who underwent knee replacement surgery at the Lincoln Surgical Center, Wednesday, October 26th, for a quick recovery.

Prayers for **Capt. Mark Gaudet**, deployed to Korea, and **his wife, Lindsay, and two young sons** while he is away. Lindsey is the niece of **Lyle & Ivette Bender**.

Continued prayers are requested for **the Andy & Chanel Smriga Family, friends of Anna Hanselmann**, for health and continued strength for their premature daughter, Quinn. Sympathy as well to the family as **Quinn's twin sister, Harper**, passed away.

* Pray for **Tad Hunt, GSPC's Youth Director**, who is suffering with a Crone's disease attack. This causes him great pain and distress. Pray that he gets relief very soon.

* Prayers for **Cecil Moreland** who was admitted to Bryan/West Hospital, Room 601. Tests are being conducted to determine what course of action will be taken in his recovery.

Please continue to pray for **Norma Bailey** who suffered a broken hip and foot from a fall. She has been moved to the Tabitha Rehabilitation Center, 4720 Randolph St, Room 116, north entrance.

Please continue to pray for **Annette Kliever, Julie Havener's mother and Lindsey Kliever's grandmother**, who has been struggling with severe back pain. Please pray for relief from the pain and for physical therapy to be successful.

Continued prayers for **Jason Heusel, son of Gary and Karen**, who is continuing ongoing kidney dialysis treatments while beginning the process to undergo a kidney transplant.

* **Brin Jinright** (Freshmen in high school), (**Tammy Mousel's, Supervisor's Daughter**) is doing a little better. She is at home and getting Peritoneal Dialysis at home. On 11/14 she started her Freshman year with the rest of her classmates. At this point she is going for 1/2 the day. In the next week or two she will try going all day as she's able to tolerate it.

Thank-you for the continued prayers and thoughts.

...For those who mourn

* Prayers for comfort for **Jan Hughes, Dee Hughes, Family & Friends** on the death of Dave Hughes Sunday, November 13th. Services were held at the church last Wednesday afternoon.

* Prayers for comfort for **Ivette Bender and family** on the death of her sister, Barbara Hoising, Wednesday, November 9th.

...Praises

* Thank you to everyone who helped with the youth auction. Whether it was donating an item, bidding on items, setting up before hand, making and serving food, cleaning up, manning the payment table, the entertainment, or praying, we couldn't have done it without you! We are so blessed to have a church that is so willing to serve and help support our youth. With your help we were able to raise over \$9000. We are still counting as final payments flow in, and final expenses yet to be paid, but we thank you again for all the support you have given us. ...Tad Hunt

* Indicates new prayer or updated information since last publication.



*Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church:
"Welcomes you into a place of worship
and friendship, where all generations
grow together spiritually and strive to be
more Christ-like."*

2016 THANK OFFERING

In 1888, when Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, urged each woman to give one dollar over and above her usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America as a "thank offering to her Lord," women responded and the Thank Offering was born. The gifts represented much soul-searching and self-sacrificing on the part of many women. It has been said that women's giving saved the worldwide missionary movement at that time. The thrust of how and where the money was used changed over the years, but a "thank offering to our Lord" continued to be an important part of women's giving by United Presbyterian Women in the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. This expression of thanksgiving is now an important part of Presbyterian Women's Celebration Giving program. Give now so more life-changing projects can be funded in 2017. **The goal for the 2016 Thank Offering is \$900,000.**

Grant Recipients**

Antonito Presbyterian Women

Antonito, Colorado

Atlanta Church Group

Atlanta, Georgia

Backpack Blessings, Inc.

New Bern, North Carolina

Brazos Valley Center for Independent Living

Bryan, Texas

Capital Area Alliance for the Homeless

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

CEDEPCA (Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America)

Guatemala City, Guatemala

Christian Women's Fellowship of Pochalla (CWF)

Pochalla, South Sudan

Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP), Synod of Harare

Harare, Zimbabwe

Exploit No More

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Family to Family Furniture Bank

Marysville, Ohio

The Gilead House

Kokomo, Indiana

Green River Ministries

Campbellsville, Kentucky

Handicap and Orphan Children's Charity Society (HOCCS)

Faisalabad, Pakistan

Harambee Chicago

Chicago, Illinois

LifeWay Network, Inc. (LWN)

Rego Park, New York

Miriam's House

Lynchburg, Virginia

Presbyterian Church in Rwanda

Kigali, Rwanda

Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth/Living Water International

Fort Worth, Texas

Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church

Luwerezi, Malawi

Southwest Mississippi Christian Ministries, Inc.

Columbia, Mississippi

The Stewpot of First Presbyterian Church

Dallas, Texas

Westminster Interfaith Caring Place (WICP)

Florence, Alabama

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