

**First Presbyterian Church
2018-2019 Presbyterian Woman Website Information**

Other Special Mission Supported Projects

Circles

High School Graduates Assigned to Circles

Each year the Local Missions Communicator obtains the names of all recent FPC high school graduates from the Director of Youth and Christian Education and assigns recent graduates to Circles. The purpose for this outreach is to let the recent graduates know their church family loves them, is praying for them and is supporting them as they start a new journey in life. Circles identify ways to maintain contact with recent graduates throughout the year such as send cards and circle gifts (e.g., food coupons or other types of gift card) through parents for distribution to their son or daughter.

At Home Members

Each year FPC At Home members from the congregation are assigned to Circles for special remembrances throughout the year. Circle members are encouraged to reach out monthly to their At Home members with cards, visits, and special remembrances.

2018-2019 CIRCLE SERVICE PROJECTS

Each Circle is encouraged to **select one to three projects** to support during the year using the PW approved project list. Circles report chosen projects to the Local Mission Communicator. Projects are grouped by their affiliation with First Presbyterian Church and the community. These projects have been approved by the FPC Mission Committee and Session. If your circle members wish to support a project that is not already supported by our church or not listed on the project list, please bring your request to a PW Coordinating Team meeting. [Click on this link](#) to view the 2018-2019 Circle Service Projects descriptions.

PW Sponsored Special Giving Projects for the Congregation

PW Summer Special Project

Presbyterian Women selects and sponsors the PW Summer Special Project each year. The 2018 PW Summer Special Project provided support to [BackPack Buddies](#), a part of Interfaith Food Shuttle. Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to participate in this special giving opportunity! Donation containers were provided in the Edge Lobby. Items were collected and delivered from June 20-August 12, 2018. Financial contributions were also accepted! Click on the link for additional information.

PW Christmas Special Giving Project

The PW Coordinating Team selected [Pride for Parents and The Diaper Train](#) as recipients of the 2018 PW Christmas Giving Special Project. Collection boxes and donation lists can be found in the Edge Lobby. Financial contributions and gift cards are also accepted. [Click on this link](#) for more information 2018 PW Christmas Giving Special Project details!

- **Pride for Parents Christmas Store** – Provides low-income parents in need of financial assistance a way to purchase new unwrapped and very gently used toys for children of all ages.

- **The Diaper Train** – Provides diapers, wipes and books to low income families in Wake County, improving the lives of babies and toddlers.

PW Sponsored Congregational Meals

Presbyterian Women sponsors Congregational Meals periodically as a method of congregational engagement and special recognition.

- **October 28, 2018**, 12:15 p.m., Memorial Hall – Consecration Sunday
- **March 17, 2019**, 12:15 p.m., Memorial Hall – PW Honorary Life Membership Recognition

PW PCUSA Offerings

Thank Offering

The Thank Offering is a PW offering collected in the fall of each year that gives women a tangible way to express their gratitude for the special blessings in their lives. No giving guidelines are suggested other than “give as you are blessed”

The Thank 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. At least 40 percent of this offering supports health ministries throughout the world. The remaining 60 percent funds new creative ideas for mission. Additional information on projects supported by the current Thank Offering is available in the July/August issue of *Horizons* magazine.

Thank Offering donations are collected at a Circle meeting by the Circle Treasurer and deposited, members may place the envelopes in a worship service offering plate and the envelopes will be given to the PW Treasurer or placed in the PW mailbox. The PW Treasurer will post the funds to the PW account and send one check to PWP for FPC Thank Offering.

Birthday Offering

The Birthday Offering is one of Presbyterian Women’s two offerings. Received in the spring each year, it gives women a tangible way to celebrate the blessings in their lives. The Birthday Offering funds up to five projects each year, in amounts of \$75,000 to \$150,000 each. The recipients are selected before the offering is received, so grant amounts depend on the gifts received.

PW Birthday Offering envelopes are received at the May PW Birthday Celebration and Annual Meeting, at Circle meetings, Sunday collections in the Sanctuary, and placement in PW Box on 2nd Floor, Edge Building. No giving guidelines are suggested other than “give as you are blessed.” The Birthday Offering is typically dedicated at the May Birthday Celebration.

The Birthday Offering funds up to five projects. These projects are not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support, 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.

2018 Birthday Offering Recipients

**Cottage Village, a Tiny-house Community for Low-income Residents
Cottage Grove, Oregon**

Cottage Village will provide quality, affordable housing and a safe, structured social community for individuals and families with low or very low incomes. This Birthday Offering grant will be used to help build 13 tiny houses and a central shared-use area that will serve as a compassionate and protective community for vulnerable rural citizens.

**Village of Grace Center for Physical and Spiritual Health
Tegucigalpa, Honduras**

This Birthday Offering grant will make it possible for the Presbytery of Honduras to purchase the Village of Grace Center for Physical and Spiritual Health near Tegucigalpa. Originally established by Presbyterian mission co-workers, the retreat center will be managed by Presbyterian women in Honduras. It will offer international hospitality for retreats, workshops and mission teams from the PC(USA), Solar Under the Sun and Living Waters for the World.

**The Dwelling Place
Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota**

The Dwelling Place was established in 1998 to provide for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of women and their children following their escape from a violent partner. Transitional housing, education, food, clothing, trauma-informed support services, programming and mentoring for women are all part of the mission of The Dwelling Place. This Birthday Offering grant will help The Dwelling Place purchase a vacant lot where they will construct a multi-use building with spaces suitable for large and small group programming, one-on-one case management, safe living space and staff offices. With the additional building, The Dwelling Place will be able to serve even more women and children who are seeking safety.

PW Budget

Presbyterian Women supports a variety of FPC approved mission projects as an organization as well as through individual Circles. In 2018-2019, Presbyterian Women, as an organization, supports the following missions as a part of its budget.

- FPC Congregational Scholarship Fund
- [Friendship Fund](#)
- Kate Sprunt Library
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- [PW of New Hope Presbytery](#)
- [Turks PC\(USA\) Missionaries](#)