

First Presbyterian Church
2019-2020 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.

- **2019-2020 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 Together in Service 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.

[View 2019-2020 Circle Service Projects Descriptions »](#)

[PW Sponsored Special Giving Projects for the Congregation](#)

- **PW Christmas Special Giving Project**

The PW Coordinating Team selected **Pride for Parents** as the recipient of the 2019 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.

[More Information About PW Christmas Giving Special Project »](#)

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

- **PW Sponsored Congregational Meals**

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

- **March 15, 2020, 12:15 p.m., Memorial Hall** – PW Honorary Life Membership Recognition

[PW PCUSA Offerings](#)

- **The Thank Offering and Birthday Offering** are now included in our PW budget. Offering envelopes for individuals will not be distributed through Circles. If interested, individuals may make donations through FPC PW designated for the offering.

- **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.

In February 2019, the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women met by video conference to discuss grant applications that they had been reading over several months. Of the 75 applicants, 18 were chosen for funding. Twelve of the projects serve people in the United States and six are international. In keeping with the Thank Offering bylaws, more than 40 percent of the selected projects are related to health ministries.

Additional information on projects supported by the current Thank Offering is available in the July/August issue of *Horizons* magazine and on this link to the PW PC(USA) website.

[More Information »](#)

- **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.

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.

- **2019 Birthday Offering Recipients**

[Watch Promotional Video on the PW YouTube channel »](#)

- **Disaster Response Team**
Presbytery of Charlotte, Charlotte, North Carolina
 The Disaster Response Team of the Presbytery of Charlotte will expand its ministry to support people affected by human-made or natural disasters. PW's grant will help provide a warehouse, parking lot and security fencing. This new space will hold household goods, food, hygiene, and school kits, and clean-up buckets, and will house mobile shower units and disaster recovery trailers.
- **Effingham Child Development Center**
Inclusive Playground, Effingham, Illinois
 In a child's early years, inclusive play environments set the tone for successful future relationships. The Effingham Child Development Center serves children and families of differing abilities and is paving the way for all kids to learn and play together. The Birthday Offering will improve the center's playground by helping to provide a protective play surface and all-inclusive play equipment.
- **Presbyterian Homes and Services of Kentucky, Inc.**
Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center, Phelps, Kentucky
 Presbyterian Homes and Services of Kentucky cares for people who are sick, poor, lonely or vulnerable due to infirmities of age and poor health. This project will improve the quality of life and safety for nursing center residents in the Appalachian region of Eastern Kentucky. PW's grant will help provide new wardrobes, bedside cabinets, over-bed tables, nursing beds, mattresses and lift recliners.
- **Wings of Refuge**
Restoration Home, Iowa Falls, Iowa
 Wings of Refuge provides a safe and healing space for women victimized by human trafficking. Without safety and shelter, there is little healing. PW's Birthday Offering grant will help fund a larger long-term safe home where many more women will find restoration, identity, community, opportunity and hope, and transition into independent living.

[PW Budget](#)

Presbyterian Women supports a variety of FPC approved mission projects as an organization as well as through individual Circles. In 2019-2020, Presbyterian Women, as an organization, supports the following missions as a part of its budget.

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