

March 2012

Greetings to the Women of Trinity Presbyterian Church!

This is the annual **Share Letter** that Trinity Presbyterian Women sends out to let all women of the congregation know about **Trinity Presbyterian Women**.



**The Purpose of Presbyterian Women:**

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.

All women of Trinity are invited to participate in Trinity Presbyterian Women. Friends are also welcome to participate in any or all of our events. Just as Trinity Presbyterian Church is a connected church, Trinity Presbyterian Women are connected to our Presbyterian Women of Yukon Presbytery, Presbyterian Women of Synod Alaska-Northwest as well as Presbyterian Women—Churchwide. Here at Trinity, TPW offers many opportunities to support our local congregation, the Presbytery, the Synod, worldwide Presbyterian missions and each other by:

**Gathering in Circles:** Anna Kirk, 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, Sept.-May, 7pm

**Bible Study Groups:** Wednesdays, 10am

**Intergenerational Activities:** Fall Tea

**Mission Projects:** **Mary Magdalene Home Alaska**, Graduation Reception, Sept/Feb. paper/cleaning items collection; **Cancelled Stamp Project**; **Faithful Women's Memorial Fund Silent Auction** at Fall Tea; **Thank Offering**—Churchwide--collected at Fall Tea; **Birthday Offering**—Churchwide--collected at Spring Luncheon; **Least Coin Offering**—Churchwide—collected within various groups; **Presbyterian Coffee Project** (most Sundays); and the annual fund drive **Share Letter** that is sent to each woman at Trinity

TPW's Share Program gives each woman of Trinity the opportunity to contribute money, time, and materials to the work of TPW. This is the main fundraiser to support our budget. A share can be \$5 or more. Shares can be pledged on a monthly or yearly basis. If you would like to contribute to the mission budget of Trinity Presbyterian Women, please complete the form on the next page and return it to TPW, care of the church office. Presbyterian Women is an independent organization within, and works through, a covenant relationship with Presbyterian Church (USA). Contributions to TPW are in addition to your giving to Trinity Presbyterian Church. For more information about PW, visit [www.pcusa.org/ministries/pw/](http://www.pcusa.org/ministries/pw/).

Thank you, women of Trinity, for giving so freely of your time, talents and money!

In Christ's Service,

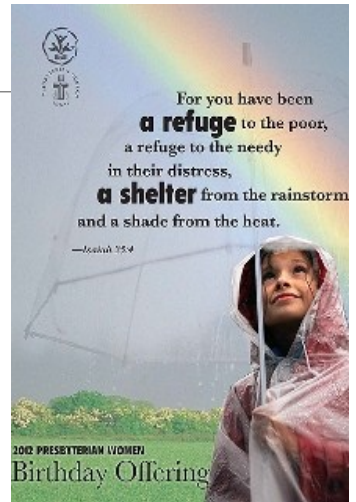
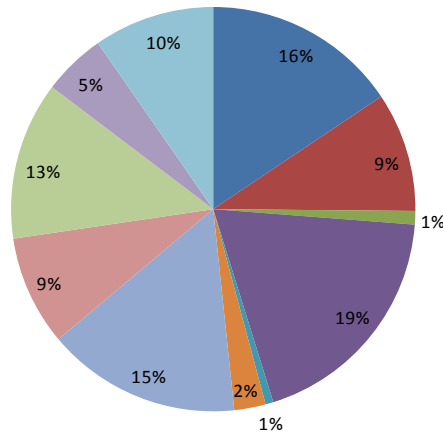
A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jo Ann Bantz".

Jo Ann Bantz, Moderator

The faithful Trinity Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team are Jo Ann Bantz moderator; Jackie Jones, secretary; Pam Warner, treasurer; representatives from the Bible Study groups and Anna Kirk Circle—Vi Markson and Millie Livesay.

## Trinity Presbyterian Women 2011 Mission Giving (\$3,983.70)

- Birthday Offering
- Least Coin Offering
- Church Women United (Anchorage)
- Presbyterian Church (USA) Worldwide Mission
- PW/Yukon Mission
- Triennium/Church-wide Gathering (2012) Contribution
- Healthy Mothers/Healthy Families Mother's Day Project
- Thank Offering
- Mary Magdalene Home Alaska
- PW/Synod of Alaska--Northwest Mission
- Scholarships to 2011 Trinity Women's Retreat



Begun in 1922, the **Birthday Offering** celebrates Presbyterian women's history of mission giving. The offering may fund up to five projects per year, but for 2012, only three projects were selected, so that the grants to each could be larger and make more of an impact in their communities. The grant amounts for the three recipients will depend on the funds contributed during 2012. [www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday)

### The Presbyterian Coffee Project

The Presbyterian Coffee Project, a partnership between Equal Exchange and the Presbyterian Church (USA), is an innovative way for our congregation to join hands with small farmer co-operatives across the world. Put your faith into action by using fairly traded coffee, tea, chocolate and olive oil and learning how our consumer choices impact the global community. Through the Project farmers receive fair prices for their crops, affordable credit and long term trade relationships with a trading partner they can trust, Equal Exchange. In addition, for every pound of fairly traded products Presbyterians order through the Project, Equal Exchange makes a donation to the PC(USA) Small Farmer Fund, which is administered by the Presbyterian Hunger Program and assists family farmers. Available most Sundays.



**Presbyterian Women Thank Offering** is collected at TPW's Fall Tea. Each year at the national level (this year in March), the Creative Ministries Offering Committee meets to prayerfully consider the many requests for grants. Forty percent of this offering is used to support hospitals and community health programs. The remaining 60% is used for new creative ideas for mission. <http://gamc.pcusa.org/give>

**Presbyterian Women Mission Pledge** is an annual pledge over and above tithes and other support to PC (USA) from PW in the congregations. It funds the work of PW at all levels but its major function is to support missions through our denomination. In fact, throughout the years, Presbyterian Women have funded a large portion of the General Assembly mission budget. Without PW's yearly Mission Pledge, our denomination's ministry in the world would be much smaller. <http://gamc.pcusa.org/give>

**Fellowship of the Least Coin** is an ecumenical world mission offering with emphasis on prayer. Whenever a prayer for peace and reconciliation is offered, a "least coin" is set aside and contributed to a common fund for ministries of mercy on every continent. In 1956, the Holy Spirit inspired Shonti Solomon from India to come up with this idea. Women of every economic status and nationality could join in a mission for peace and reconciliation through prayer. Like the story of the widow's mite, each woman could set aside the least coin of her country's monetary system as she prayed. Trinity's contributions are sent to the Yukon Presbyterian Women's treasurer. The offerings end up at Fellowship of the Least Coin in Geneva, Switzerland where the funds are administered. In 2010, grants totaling \$192,000 were given to 40 different projects worldwide. [www.flc.net.ph](http://www.flc.net.ph)

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I want to participate in the missions of TPW.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will help with one or more of the following projects: sewing projects; graduation reception or collect cleaning/paper supplies for Mary Magdalene Home Alaska; Fall Tea; Healthy Women Healthy Families Mother’s Day Project; Coordinating Team; or driving senior women to Bible Study. (Please circle your choices). Thank you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, here is my share pledge for the work of Christ through Trinity Presbyterian Women. \$\_\_\_\_\_ (monthly or yearly)

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Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

Please return to: TPW  
Attn: Pam Warner, Treasurer  
12310 Lorraine Street  
Anchorage, AK 99516

or put it in the Trinity Presbyterian Women box by church office.

God bless you!

**HORIZONS**  
THE MAGAZINE FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



**2012 EVENTS:**

Healthy Women Healthy Families Mother’s Day Project - April 29 & May 6th Mother’s Day cards available in lobby to honor your mother and other special women. Your donation helps families by helping to protect and restore the health of women and children in Malawi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, and South Sudan.

Yukon Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering - April 21, 9-4:00pm “Called to Serve” Wasilla Presbyterian Women are hosting; meet other Presbyterian Women from our presbytery. Contact Shirley Novak 907-746-0771 jsnovak@mtaonline.net.

Women’s Spring Luncheon - May 12, 11am at Trinity. This is a time for a lovely lunch, growing in Christ, nurturing and giving to the Churchwide Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering for mission.

Fall Tea - Sept. 22, 2012, 1-3:00pm at Trinity. “Memories” Churchwide Presbyterian Women Thank Offering for mission collected, Faithful Women Silent Auction, time for worshiping, sharing, eating, nurturing and celebrating our sisters in Christ! Collect: gently used sweatshirts for Shower House; paper/cleaning supplies for Mary Magdalene Home Alaska; food for Deacon’s Food Pantry.

Annual Christmas Craft Night - On sabbatical this year!

Coming Soon...

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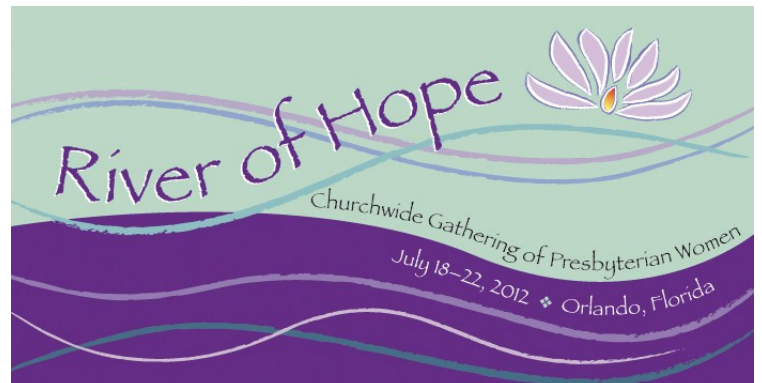
## Healthy Women Healthy Families Mother's Day Project

Previously known as The Networkers Mother's Day Project

Presbyterian Women have been a driving force behind the Healthy Women Healthy Families Program since 2001. This program supports health projects that care for women and children in Africa, and helps families escape a vicious cycle of poor health and poverty. Healthy Women Healthy Families assists church partners with prevention and care projects in four African countries.

You can be a part of this vital program! Watch for Mother's Day cards to be available in Trinity's lobby on **April 29 & May 6**. Honor your mother, grandmother, daughters, daughters-in-law, or anyone you know with one of these beautiful cards. A suggested donation of \$10 will go directly to the Healthy Women Healthy Families Mother's Day Project through Presbyterian Women. [www.pcusa.org/internationalhealth](http://www.pcusa.org/internationalhealth)

## Coming in July:



[www.presbyterian.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterian.org/gathering)