



Trinity Presbyterian Women

Annual Shareletter

2017

GREETINGS-this is the **ANNUAL SHARE LETTER** that Trinity Presbyterian Women (TPW) publishes to let all women of the congregation know about **Trinity Presbyterian Women**

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In this edition of the Share Letter, you will find information on past and upcoming events, as well as information on missions supported by TPW.

Upcoming Events

Summer Saturday

Retreat-here at Trinity. We are asking you for ideas on a fun but useful way to spend the day together. We could have a brief Bible study, work on a mission project, get to know one another a little better and enjoy a nice lunch.

Annual Fall Tea scheduled for September 30, 2017 from 1 to 3:30pm. Start setting aside white elephant and gently used items for the silent auction at the Tea. More info to follow.

CONTINUING EVENTS

Anna Kirk Circle

MEETS SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY ON THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 6:30PM-8:30PM IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

MEETS SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY FROM 10 AM TO 11:30 AM IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

TPW Welcomes YOU!

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 and Presbyterian Women-Churchwide. 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 is \$5.00. 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 at the end of the newsletter and return it to TPW, care of the church office. Presbyterian Women is an independent organization within, and works through, a covenant relationship with the Presbyterian Church (USA). Contributions to TPW are in addition to your giving to Trinity Presbyterian. (For more information about PW, visit www.pcusa.org/ministries/pw/)

THANK YOU Women of Trinity, for giving so freely of your time, talents and money.

For more information about TPW please contact a member of the coordinating committee. The members are JoAnn Bantz, Donna Gerwin, Pam Warner, Mildred Livesay, Vi Markson, Jackie Jones and Nancy Ervine. We would love to hear from you. Your input is needed to help us plan memorable events for Trinity's women. Please see the "How to Get Involved" sign-up sheet in this share letter and join us in uniting Trinity Women in friendship and service. **Please note that we are in need of someone who would enjoy being on the coordinating committee and serving as treasurer.** After many years of serving as treasurer, Pam Warner is stepping down to take on a different ministry project. Please speak to Pam or one of the other coordinating team members for more information about the treasurer's duties.

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 (USA) and witnesses

to the promise of God's kingdom.



*Equal Exchange Coffee Beans
Are changing people's lives.*



The TPW Cancelled Stamp Project

* Save your cancelled stamps

* Trim them within ¼ inch

* Drop trimmed stamps in designated box by staff mailboxes

* They are

then sold to stamp dealers

Thanks to JoAnn Bantz and Hannah Frenier for managing this project.

Trinity's Mission Projects

Birthday offering –begun in 1922, the Birthday Offering celebrates Presbyterian Women's history of mission giving. **The offering will be collected starting March 5th in the narthex through April 2nd.** This year the monies will go to [The Family Justice Center](#) in South Carolina to assist this emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence to construct a larger, much needed facility, the [Navajo Water Project](#) to provide running water to 40 families living at the Smith Lake Navajo Reservation who presently must store water in 55 gallon drums, and [First Hand Aid](#) in Cuba to build, fund, stock and staff 6 medical clinics in unserved, poor rural areas. These three projects were chosen as all three exist in places where the needs are great and the supply of help is limited. Last year Trinity Presbyterian Women gave \$374 toward the birthday fund which helped 4 other worthy projects in the U.S.A and around the world.

Presbyterian Coffee Project

We've all seen the coffee for sale in the narthex after church on Sunday mornings. 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 cooperatives across the world. Put your faith into action by using fairly traded coffee, tea, chocolate and dried fruits, and learning how our consumer choices impact the global economy.

Through the Equal Exchange partnership, farmers receive fair prices for their crops, affordable credit and long term trade relationships with a trading partner they can trust. 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.

Please take time after church on Sunday to look over the products for sale.

Presbyterian Women THANK OFFERING is collected at **TPW's Fall Tea**. It is an opportunity for us Presbyterian women to tangibly show our appreciation for all of the blessings in our lives. Nationally the Creative Ministries Offering Committee meets to prayerfully consider the many requests for grants. 40% 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>

Healthy Women/Healthy Families

Mother's Day cards will be available for purchase starting on April 2nd in the narthex. Profits go to this worthwhile project helping women and children.



Save your pennies and bring them to TPW events. When they are put together with least coins from all over the world, miracles happen



Rev. Alice Green celebrates her 100th birthday this year on July 21st. There will be a birthday party and potluck salad luncheon in her honor at Trinity at 12:30 that day. Watch for more information as the date get closer. In the meantime, she was honored at the Presbytery of the Yukon Meeting on February 24th, 2017 at Trinity with a cake, and a song by Angela Larson and her friends from St Lawrence Island. Alice is truly a lady walking with grace. What a legacy she has forged for us to follow.

The Fellowship of the Least Coin

The Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC) is a prayer movement. Inspired by the Holy Spirit. Shonti Solomon started the movement over 60 years ago. When we pray for justice, peace and reconciliation, FLC asks that we set aside the "least" coin of our country for the support of women and children around the world.

The least coin is significant because women in any country and any economic condition can give something. Like the "widow's mite" mentioned in the Bible, all of us can help other women and children with our prayers and with what coins we can afford to give.

Trinity's Least Coin contributions are collected at the Anna Kirk Circle, at Wednesday morning Bible study, and at all TPW events.

As the coins are gathered from around the world, they become a sign of our oneness in the common quest for peace, justice and reconciliation. The least coins become grants for special projects of evangelism, service, ecumenical solidarity, awareness-building among women and relief throughout the world. For more information on Fellowship of the Least Coin go to <http://www.presbyterianmission.org> and use search for Fellowship of the Least Coin

Pictures of TPW women at 2016-17 Events



Vi Markson, JoAnn Bantz and Millie Livesay renewing friendships at the Presbyterian Women of the Synod of Alaska NW gathering in Wasilla, Alaska that was held June 16-18, 2016



Angela Larson and friends from St Lawrence Island serenading Alice Green at the Presbytery of the Yukon meeting February 24th.

The Feed Me Hope Bakery

Offering a Hand Up and Out of Homelessness

This local non-profit, helping homeless women, is located in the Hope Center which includes the Soup Kitchen and Shower house here in Anchorage. In December of 2015, the Soup Kitchen expanded its services by offering up to 30 homeless women a place to sleep at night. This has now been expanded to serve 50 women a night. The tables are moved to a room next to the kitchen to make space for sleeping mats. It is the ONLY women-only shelter in Anchorage. March 2016 saw the start of the Feed Me Hope Bakery. Tom Christensen, former owner and baker of Crazy Croissants, started a training program for the women staying at the shelter. Teaching them safety, sanitation and baking skills, the women are gaining marketable skills which will enable them to move from homelessness to self sufficiency. The women enrolled in the baking program are allowed to stay at the shelter all day. Morning finds them able to shower and wash their clothes, then on to a baking class, followed by a Life Skills Devotion, then on to baking and taking orders. They have a break in the afternoon but may remain in the building during this time until the shelter officially opens that evening.

Go to their website at www.downtownhopecenter.org/bakery or **Feed Me Hope Bakery Anchorage** for a menu and price list. The 2016 Fall TPW Tea was catered by Feed Me Hope Bakery, and it TPW's plan to hire them again for 2017s Fall Tea. Sherrie Laurie, the director of Hope Center told us that the bakery is looking for a permanent building site to expand the bakery size and to hire some of recently trained women. **This program is working.** Please pray for this enterprise and the women who are beginning to believe a better future is possible.

2016 Mission Giving by the Women of Trinity (\$7,859.90 Total)

