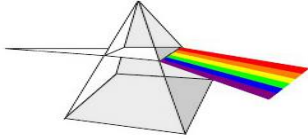


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Driving Directions

From the North

Follow I-75 S to 12 Mile Rd, take exit 63 from I-75 S
Turn left onto 12 Mile Rd
Continue to follow Twelve Mile Rd
Destination will be on the right

From the East

Follow I-696 W to exit 20 for John R Rd toward Dequindre Rd
Follow Dequindre Rd to E Twelve Mile Rd
Turn right onto E Twelve Mile Rd
Destination will be on the right

From the West

Follow I-696 East
Take exit 20 toward Dequindre Rd/Ryan Rd
Take Dequindre Rd North to E Twelve Mile Rd in Warren
Turn right onto E Twelve Mile Rd
Destination is on the right

From the South

I-75 N
Take exit 63 for 12 Mile Rd
Turn right onto 12 Mile Rd, destination will be on the right side

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT

May 03, 2017

“Checkmate”

Barber Shop Quartet

CHURCH NAME: First Presbyterian Church of Warren

PW MODERATOR Judy Webb

Reservation Deadline April 28, 2017

Contact Names & Numbers for Reservations
Name: Judy Webb
Phone: 248-585-6340

Office Administrator: Trish Pearce
Phone: 586 -751-1721
Hours: (Mon-Thurs 10 am- 2pm)
Email: trish@firstofwarren.com

Cost of lunch: \$8.00

Church is handicapped accessible from the south entrance

CHURCH ADDRESS: 3000 E. 12 Mile Rd, Warren, MI 48092

CHURCH PHONE: 586-751-1721

CHURCH WEBSITE: www.firstofwarren.com

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Moderator's Letter:

Dear Sisters,

This will be my last entry into the Prism as your Moderator of PWPB. As you know I was the first to serve a 4 year term. The past 4 years have gone by fast and I have thoroughly enjoyed being your leader. I plan to continue in some position if needed as soon as I am able to drive and of course- to walk. If you did not read the last Prism the reason I can't walk (at least without a walker and only short distances) is that I skipped 3 stairs on my way to my family room and broke my hip and wrist. My driving has been better than my walking in the past few years.

I will be in rehab until April 4 and then temporarily with Scott whom many of you have already met. He is an admirer of Presbyterian women. He has always been willing to help us out and if needed will always be of service. He says "Mom, ask me first", but he doesn't complain too much when I volunteer him.

I may not be able to get to the April and May Gathering, but will be back as soon as possible. I am shooting for the PWSOC Gathering in June in Battle Creek. Hope a number of you will be representing PWPB. The last Prism has the information with details of the Annual PWSOC Gathering. If you have questions call me on my cell at 586-295-6861 or email dnjlockard@sbcglobal.net

Since the Moderator of PWPB automatically becomes the Moderator of the Search Committee you will probably hear from me. You know I have all the old directories. And I can work my iPad with my left hand. And my phone is with me. So I would like to hear some "yes's" when I ask "will you". I know you are too busy, too old, too tired but maybe just maybe I can find a few people not "too" all those things. You are special even if you are all those things. And I am sure there are some things you can do to help us out. For instance we will be looking for some churches to host Gatherings or events depending what the CT decides for the future. Sometime calls need to be made and letters need to be mailed.

Your prayers for healing are very much appreciated and I hope to be among the group soon.

MAY GOD BLESS ALL,

**Your sister in Christ,
Joan**

JUSTICE & PEACE:

HOPING TO CONVINCING THE NRA TO REGULATE AMMUNITION

I'll know by the May gathering if I was lucky enough to approach Wayne LaPierre, the CEO of the National Rifle Association (NRA) when he spoke at Hillsdale College on April 7, and hand him the resolution our Justice & Peace Committee wrote in 2014. It proposed to cut back on gun violence by regulating ammunition, similar with what we are used to with cigarettes and liquor. They're only sold at certain stores and to a certain age. Our proposal would take the ease out of buying ammunition on the Internet or at gun shows and super stores and only make it available at licensed dealers which would require a background check. The NRA makes a big deal out of the right in our Constitution to "bear arms," in the Second Amendment. But the Second Amendment reads: "A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to bear arms shall not be infringed." We're also suggesting to regulate ammunition.

FINANCIAL HELP NEEDED TO FUND JERUSALEM PEACEBUILDERS

You read in a past Prism the work initiated by Rev. Nicholas Porter out of W. Battlesboro, VT to bring peace in the Middle East by working with Muslim, Jewish, and Christian youth. They have seminars in both the Holy Land and the States. Coming up this summer will be camps inviting American and Jerusalem teenagers to meet together in Houston, Battlesboro, and New Haven, CT. If you like the idea of this approach to bringing peace to the Middle East, you're invited to contribute to a fund. Rev. Porter suggested that we try to raise \$500 by June 15 and designate it for the Houston program. Jerusalem Peacebuilders are a 501c3 so donations are tax deductible. I have the address to send the money to and they also take credit card donations on their website: jerusalempeacebuilders.org. Rev. Porter signed off on his email to me saying: "We are grateful for your prayers, interest, and support. You are helping to build a new Jerusalem where Jews, Christians, and Muslims can live in security, dignity, and peace."

Pamela A. Frucci
Vice-moderator
Justice & Peace

Mission Committee Report

For Presbyterian Women, springtime means it is Birthday Offering time. Your gift to the 2017 Birthday Offering will help children and families in three projects.

- **First Hand Aid Rural Clinic Development Initiative-CUBA.** Your gift will help build, fund, stock with supplies, and staff six medical clinics located in Presbyterian churches in impoverished rural Cuba.
- **The Family Justice Center Safe Haven for Domestic Violence-SC.** Your gift will help build a new shelter that will serve three times more individuals in the only domestic violence shelter in the counties of Georgetown and Horry, SC.
- **Navajo Water Project-NM.** Your gift will provide running water systems to 40 families who live on the Smith Lake Reservation in New Mexico.

Read more about these projects in the January/February issue of Horizons or at <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/pw/>

If you don't already participate in the Birthday Offering in your own PW or Circle, you may donate when we give our Birthday Offering at the May PWPD Gathering.

"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16

Emily Nietering,
Vice Moderator, Mission

SECOND MILE CENTER OF DETROIT

"Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you" Psalm 9:10

Summer dreams are just around the corner. Vacation bible school, free lunch five days a week, art, dance, recreation, water initiatives, crafts, and wood burning classes are just a few things we are planning for the summer. The center needs to raise over \$23,000 to hold an eight week program. Join us by praying, volunteering, getting the word out and funding the center. Please pray on contributing money individually and collectively with others. Your response by June 1st would be appreciated so we may plan and adjust our summer programs.

Synod Mobile Health Fair is Saturday, July 15th at The Second Mile Center we need well over 100 volunteers. The fair starts at 12 pm and ends at 6 pm. If you are interested in volunteering please let us know by July 1st.

We have four shifts:

- 1.) Set up shift; 10am-12pm (able bodies some heavy lifting may be required)**
- 2.) Fair shift; 11:30-3:00pm**
- 3.) Fair shift; 2:30-6pm**
- 4.) Clean up shift 6-7pm.**

In order to have a successful fair we need your help.

Also, we will be collecting health kits at the May PWPD Gathering and will continue through the event date. We need an additional 100 kits for the fair. The Lord is our Hope and we praise God for all of you, your gifts, talents and prayers.

God bless,

Ruth Azar, Executive Director (313)245-5252 thesecondmilecenter@gmail.com

SMC Health Fair Kits

- Toothbrush (individually wrapped)**
- Dental floss**
- Washcloth**
- Shampoo minimum size 15 fl oz.**
- Conditioner minimum size 15 fl oz.**
- Toothpaste – 6.4oz.**
- Bar of soap – bath size**
- Deodorant**
- Chapstick**

Bring each Health Kit in a clear plastic bag

STUDY & SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT:

It is that time of year...please place your order for next year's Horizon Bible Study. It is expected that all orders will be prepaid and placed by the April gathering. I will try to assist you if you do not get it in but I can only communicate with you by email. I am out of the country and do not have phone service unless you want to make an international call. There are people locally that can assist you. I thank First Plymouth, Cherry Hill and South Lyon for communicating their orders. The advantage of ordering through PWPD is that you are able to avoid shipping and the handling expenses.

READY for A READER'S CHALLENGE?

Study and Spiritual Development would like to invite Presbyterian Women in our Presbytery to join in the PW Reader's Challenge from Horizons. To participate would give one a chance to be placed in a special drawing to win a gift from Presbyterian Women. Check with the Presbytery's Resource Center, our PWPD Resource Table or a public library for books to fit each category. Remember one book may fit in multiple categories. Happy Readings!

Charlene Smith, Vice Moderator PWPD

Committee on Study and Spiritual Development Chairperson



PW Puzzler #8

PW Reader Challenge

Join the PW Reader Challenge! The following list suggests categories of books of interest to Presbyterian Women or anyone who wants to read more and more broadly.

Keep track of your reading, and send a photo or copy of your completed list to carissa.herold@pcusa.org by December 31, 2017, to be entered into a special drawing for a gift from Presbyterian Women.

You can list the same book for multiple categories. Talk with your PW group or check the Books department in *Horizons* for book suggestions!

- Read the 2017–2018 PW/*Horizons* Bible study. _____
- Read a book about the history of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). _____
- Read a book about the history of Presbyterian Women. _____
- Read a book about spirituality. _____
- Read a book about mission. _____
- Read a book about justice and peace. _____
- Read a book about race and antiracism. _____
- Read a classic by an author of color. _____
- Read a book authored by a person from another faith perspective. _____
- Read a nonfiction book about a pressing global issue. _____
- Read a graphic novel. _____
- Read a book about Indonesia (the site of the 2017 Global Exchange). _____
- Read a book about San Francisco (the site of the 2016 USA Mission Experience). _____
- Read a book about the environment. _____
- Read a book that is about something outside your usual interest. _____
- Read a book published by Westminster John Knox Press (Presbyterian publisher) _____
- Read a book of poetry. _____
- Listen to an audio book. _____
- Read a Christian novel. _____
- Read a book that you own but have never read. _____
- Read a book that you choose at random at the library. _____
- Read a cookbook. _____
- Read a book about a holiday or holidays. _____