

Presbyterian Women Synod of the Northeast Fall Gathering

Theme: **WOMEN MOVE MOUNTAINS - Matthew 17:20** If you have faith as small as a



mustard seed you can say to this mountain “move from here to there” and it will be done.

OCTOBER 18-19 at Stony Point Conference Center (NY)

Coordinating Team to meet early at 2, business meeting 3-4 Fri, ends 3 pm Sat

Triennial 2020 Planning Team to meet after Gathering

Community building with Workshops and Worship for ALL women at any level

PWSNE covers room costs for Presbytery Moderators, Coordinating Team and Presenters

**ALL PAY registration: early by 10/4 \$25, regular \$45; registration deadline Oct 11
shared \$150 each** (will assign roommate if none requested) **solo room \$ 210**

Commuters- registration fee (no meals), plus (1/2 day & 1 meal) \$32.50, both days \$45

Presbyterian Women Synod of the Northeast

2019 Annual Gathering for all women

2 CT, (all) 3 PM Oct18– 3 PM Oct 19, TPT 3:30

Stony Point Center

17 Cricketown Rd. Stony Point, New York

website: stonypointcenter.org 845-786-5674

Registration Form

Please! Register on or before: Oct 11, 2018 (needed for meal count) *

Name _____

Presbytery _____ Church _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

EmergencyContact _____

Special needs (dietary, mobility, etc.) _____

PWP Moderator or voting rep. _____ PWSNE CT member _____ Guest _____ workshop leader _____

*All Participants must pay the Program registration Fee \$45

***(Registrations received before Oct 4 will pay - Early Registration Fee \$25)**

Commuter:registration fee + Friday with meal \$32.50, &/or Sat \$45 **total** _____

<i>Package Plan is per person</i> and includes program fee, 3 meals (Fri. Dinner, Sat. Breakfast, Sat. Lunch), 1 night (Fri) overnight		
Option	Room	Fee
Program Fee – All pay, non-refundable		\$45 or \$25 early bird
Single Occupancy	1	\$210
Double Occupancy	2	\$150
Please indicate roommate below. If no roommate listed, we will assign you one.		
Roommate		
Total for Package Plan		

*PWSNE pays room & food (based on double occupancy) for PWP Moderator/voting representative (1) and PWSNE CT members currently serving & 2019 nominees & workshop leaders.

*All others must pay for room & meals even if rooming with a voting representative.

Return this form with check payable to PW Synod of the Northeast and mail to:
Virginia Champlin, 4381 Wabash Road, Geneva, NY 14456. Any questions regarding registration please contact Virginia Champlin via email danvirginiac@aol.com or 585-526-5841. All Registrations will be honored when accompanied by payments.

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Albany Fall Gathering



Wednesday, October 16, 2019 – 11:30 am – 2:30 pm

Cambridge United Presbyterian Church

81 East Main St., Cambridge, NY 12816

Our Mission Partner in Guatemala

Rev. Kate Kotfila, Moderator of The Presbytery of Albany will share her experiences from her *Immersion Trip to Guatemala*.

Rev. Beth Illingworth, Temporary Chaplain in the Presbytery of Albany will lead Devotions.

Lisa Gray, Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast will bring greetings.

General Information

- Bring a bag lunch.
- Registration fee of \$5.00 will be collected at the door.
- A freewill offering will go to *The Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America* (CEDEPCA), an educational institution that contributes to the transformation of lives by providing training and accompaniment, and by offering spaces for reflection to women and men from diverse Christian traditions and communities. CEDEPCA is a mission partner of the Presbytery of Albany and has been instrumental in helping Albany Presbytery's partnership with the Mam Presbytery in Guatemala.
- Bring donations of gently used or new clothing for children and small sizes for men for the *Good Neighbor* Program, a network of friends and neighbors living in and around Cambridge, NY that support farm workers.

For further Information

- Rosalie Hemingway at 518-758-7886 or silver3213@gmail.com
- Charlotte Hasselbarth at 518-356-0637 or chasselbarth@hotmail.com

Cambridge United Presbyterian Church
81 East Main St. Cambridge, NY 12816
518.677.3863

The Church building is on the corner of Rt. 372 and Rt.22 (Main St. and Park St.) You can enter the parking lot from either Street.

FROM THE NORTHWAY HEADING NORTH (It takes about 45 minutes from I87 to the Church)

- Take Exit 14 for NY 9P toward NY 29/Saratoga Springs/Schuylerville
- Keep left at the fork to continue toward NY 9PS/Union Ave.
- In 1-mile turn left at Gilbert Road to NY 29 E/Lake Ave.
- Turn right and follow NY 29 E to Main St. in Greenwich
- Go through Greenwich on Main ST. At the dead end turn left then right with the road to NY 372
- Remain on 372E through Cambridge to Park St.
- The Church is on your left on the corner of Main and Park

FROM THE NORTHWAY HEADING SOUTH (It takes about 45 minutes from I87 to the Church)

- Take I-87 to Exit 16
- Turn left onto Ballard Rd,
- Continue onto Taylor Road, Colebrook Rd. and Rugg Rd.
- Take a slight right toward NY 32S in Northumberland
- Turn right at the 1st cross street onto NY 32S
- In 2-miles turn left onto US 4N
- Turn right onto County Route 113
- In a quarter of a mile turn left onto Thomson Rd,
- In two miles take a slight right onto Bald Mountain Rd.
- In 2 miles turn right onto NY 40S
- In about a mile at the traffic circle, take the 3rd exit onto NY 29E
- Continue onto Main St.
- Continue onto Bridge St.
- Bridge ST turns slightly right and becomes Eddy St.
- Continue onto 372E/Cambridge Rd. for 8 miles
- The Church is on your left at the corner of Main and Park St.

The women of the church are invited to

PW NIGHT IN AMERICA

Plan to join the Mayfield Presbyterian Women
Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
22 North Main St. Mayfield, NY 12117
for dinner and fellowship

American food will be provided and a freewill offering will be taken to be split between the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund and the New Beginnings Christian School in Liberia that our former student intern, Rev. Victor Doe, is starting in Liberia.

For information and reservations call:
Ann Mallin (518-773-8198),
Mary Lou Bryan (518-725-2041) or
Christine Dahl (518-661-5800)

Directions to Mayfield Presbyterian Church
22 North Main Street Mayfield, NY 12117
Church phone 518-661-6566

From Saratoga Springs area:

Take Route 29 West to the roundabout at the intersection of Route 30 North. Then follow the directions below from Vails Mills roundabout.

From the East:

Take NYS Thruway to Exit 27 - Amsterdam. Follow Route 30 North to Vails Mills roundabout. At the intersection of Route 30 and Route 29 there is now a roundabout and you should stay on Route 30. At the next light go left and stay on Route 30 for about 5 miles. You will see a sign that says "Mayfield Business District" Take a right onto School St. and follow it about two miles. You will pass the High School on your right, then go up the hill and take the first right onto North Main St. The church will be on the right.

From the West:

Take NYS Thruway to Exit 28 - Fonda-Fultonville. Take left onto Riverside Drive, right at first light and you will be on Route 30A. Go over bridge and at the light Route 30A goes left and follows Route 5 through town, at first light take a right and follow Route 30 A to Route 30 where there is a blinker. Continue into Mayfield and take the second right onto West Main St. which changes to North Main St, at the stop sign in the middle of town. The church will be shortly on the right.

From Northville:

Take Route 30 South into Mayfield. Take a left onto North Main St. and the church will be on your left.

The church is handicapped accessible from either entrance.

Albany Presbyterian Women Do Mission Work That Goes Around the World

At its Spring Gathering, the Albany Presbytery PW had a panel of speakers that shared information about their respective missions. Mooncatchers was one of them. They shared the work that they are doing in countries in Africa and in India and Pakistan. Several of our PW groups have become involved in their work.



Just this spring our pastor, Rev. Kathi Jones and 2 members of our Presbyterian Women from **First Presbyterian Church, Valatie**, Nancy Pienta, Moderator of PW, and Ardelle Stewart, attended a Moonbee and were taken by the project and information received concerning how helpful the handmade menstrual management kits were to the girls who received them. Often these girls cannot go to school when they have their period for lack of sanitary products and so they are put in the position of not being able to support themselves or get out of the poverty in which they live.

After attending, we quickly contacted the MoonCatcher Project and offered to hold a Moonbee at our church. 27 women from the community and church came together to work and enjoy each other as we cut, sewed, measured and put together kits. The feeling of accomplishment and service was palpable as everyone asked to be informed when our next one would be.

PW in **Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church** learned about the Mooncatcher Project, from Keni Banda, a man in our church who was from Malawi. He had organized a soccer program in his native home, Chituka Village and in that process he discovered the issue of menstrual management. While fundraising for his project, he heard Ellie Von Wellsheim, founder and Executive Director of The MoonCatcher project speak at a Rotary meeting. He mentioned the menstrual management problem and Ellie's solution in a presentation at our church. One of our PW members, Nancy Messersmith was looking for a hands-on activity for a women's retreat and contacted Ellie. We cut fabric at two retreats. Keni had attended a Moonbee himself and encouraged our PW group to learn more about the Mooncatcher Project. We invited Ellie to speak and our interest increased. We have provided endorsement letters for two Thank Offering Grants and will be writing one this year. Two of our members have attended MoonCatcher Project Fundraisers: the MoonWine and Cheese Party and a viewing of "Pad Man", a film about a man in India who made low cost sanitary products available in his country. This fall we're hosting a Moonbee and inviting women's from other churches in our community.

Over the past few years the MoonCatcher Project has provided Chituka Village with menstrual management kits and now has assisted in the establishment of a local cottage industry, by providing supplies and sewing machines, a worktable and an iron.



Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany, and Westminster PW have had a strong connection with the MoonCatcher Project. Westminster's relationship with The MoonCatcher Project began in Liberia in 2016. We have since worked closely with founder Ellie von Wellsheim. Kits with reusable menstrual hygiene pads were delivered by our church's Liberia Travel Teams in 2016 and 2018. On both trips the comprehensive MoonCatcher curriculum was presented to packed rooms of women and girls. Felicia Kollie-Gambles, one of the Westminster PW Co-Moderators, was a member of both of the Liberia Travel

Teams. After one trip, she said, "I wasn't sure that the kits were a big deal until I saw the incredibly enthusiastic response of the girls" in Liberia.

Westminster PW, in Albany, endorsed grant applications for the MoonCatcher Project in 2017 and 2018 and have agreed to endorse a 2019 grant application. Westminster PW Moderators, Felicia Kollie-Gambles (born in Liberia) and Anita Opoku-Asante (born in Ghana) have endorsed the grant applications.

Members have helped to host at least three MoonBees sponsored the Westminster African Mission Committee. Several PW members have been actively involved in assisting with the assembly of MoonCatcher reusable menstrual hygiene kits, including assembly work done at PW meetings.

Several women of **Mayfield Presbyterian Church** along with several members of the local quilters guild have been meeting once a month for the last year and a half to make MoonCatcher kits. So far we have sent 50 to Guatemala with Pastor Orth who goes there every year on mission trips, as part of the Albany Presbytery-Mam Presbytery partnership program or for CEDEPCA (The Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America) board meetings. They have been very well received and we will be working on more to send next winter. We also just completed 50 more to send back to Liberia with our student intern from Princeton Seminary who will be starting a Christian School there. We will be bringing more to him when members of the church go to Liberia to help build his school. We have been blessed to know where these are going and have not had the transportation costs and uncertainty that often goes along with sending things to foreign countries.

More information can be obtained at mooncatcher.org.

Meet me in



2021 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women
August 5–8, 2021 • St. Louis, Missouri

www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering