

# ***NEW RIVER NEWS AND REVIEWS***

*“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”  
1 Thessalonians 5:11*

*July, 2011*

Hello dear Ladies!

It's July 5<sup>th</sup> and I'm sitting here in front of my computer and thanking God for the fact that He brought me to this incredible country! Over the past few days, I've been looking back at the sequence of events that led to *The Declaration of Independence*. A truly amazing document written by men but I'm sure wholly orchestrated by our Sovereign Lord God!

I am thankful for all the sacrifices made by American men and women over the past 200 plus years as they have continually put themselves in harms way to rescue other nations. It doesn't take me long to look back at my own history and realize that if it hadn't been for America, I would not have enjoyed any freedom as a child growing up in England. I am thankful for the generosity of Americans who give and give and give again when there are disasters all around the world, and look at the wonderful outpouring of gifts of time and talents as well as money when there is any kind of disaster here these United States.

*I am proud to call myself an American!*

John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1776 ....

*“The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great*

*anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.”*

I pray that you and your family celebrated July 4<sup>th</sup> with some of the things listed by John Adams .... but most of all I pray that we will all remember to thank our Lord God Almighty for all He has done for us and for this nation, and that we will pray to Him to send His Holy Spirit to cause a true revival in the hearts and souls of His people.

With love and prayers and blessings, Barbara xxx



## **♥ PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCHES ♥**

**For July:** Redeemer PC

**For August:** Kanawha Salines PC

**For September:** Covenant PC  
For Presbytery & PresWIC - meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> at Redeemer  
For the Fall Retreat at John XXIII, September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1st

**For October:** Faith PC  
All RUF Ministries  
CE&P

An updated copy of the prayer schedule will be available in September. Please send any changes or additions in Pastors, Elders or Deacons to Mary Graham at: 304-727-1783 or email her at: [Mary.E.Graham@wv.gov](mailto:Mary.E.Graham@wv.gov)

## **PRAYER FOR OTHERS:**

### **Woman's Choice:**

- Praises for the hard work of volunteers who completed the demolition of the interior of the building last month.
- Please continue to pray for Woman's Choice as they work toward opening the doors of this facility for the glory of God.

### **Roma Marshall:**

- Healing for the HIV+ and special needs children.
- Continued spiritual and physical wellness for self, the other Good Shepherd's Fold Missionaries, short-term volunteers, and staff.
- Daily travel mercies.
- Wisdom to treat the sick.
- The country of Sudan to hear and heed the Word of God.

### **Rachel Snider:**

Please pray for Rachel as she raises support to become a full-time Missionary for MTW in Fairmont, WV.  
You will read a little more about her later on in this newsletter.

### WIC in Atlanta:

Please continue to pray for the upcoming *Amazing Grace 360* Conference in October. Pray for numbers over 3,000! Pray for all the speakers and workers involved.

### Christian Education & Publications (CEP)

This agency is our prayer assignment, as part of the Mid-Atlantic Region, for 2011.

Here are some of their prayer requests:

• Faithfulness: That CEP will, by God's grace, be able to stay true to the PCA General Assembly mandate to be the training and resources arm of our denomination.

• Staff needs: CEP has been operating at a reduced staff level due to financial restraints for two years and the need for additional staff is crucial. Pray for the financial resources needed for more staff and that they will be able to accomplish what God has called them to do. Pray that God would continue to energize the staff; enabling them to be courteous, efficient, and God honoring in this service.

### Covenant Theological Seminary

The 2011 Love Gift recipient asks us to pray for:

• The students who graduated this spring and move on to serve in churches and other ministries. Pray for those who are still seeking a call, that God would quickly clarify their places of future service and give them a strong sense of His guidance in this process.

• Pray as we continue to navigate challenging economic waters that the Lord would continue to provide the funds we need to operate the Seminary and offer scholarships and other financial assistance to our students.

• Pray for us as we seek a replacement for Professor of World Missions, Dr. Nelson Jennings.

***“But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.” Jude 20***

If you would like to send a card or note of encouragement to any of these missionaries or ministries, please call or email Barbara for their addresses, 304-586-3831 or [bhudsonmk@aol.com](mailto:bhudsonmk@aol.com)



### ◆ PRESWIC MEETING HIGHLIGHTS ◆

The Council met on May 13<sup>th</sup>, and then again at Presbytery on May 21<sup>st</sup> at Providence Reformed. Here are a few things from our two meetings .....

Report from ***“Equipping Women for Covenantal Ministry”*** - the one day training held on April 9<sup>th</sup> at Covenant PC.

There were 12 ladies present from 5 churches, and the feed back we received was really good. Barbara, Anna and Sue presented the Training Manual we had put together, using as our starting point some of the things in the one we received last July at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Training in Durham, NC. We spent time going over each section of the manual, and after the last section, spent the rest of the afternoon sharing ideas, suggestions, and experiences that we had with our own WIC's. We ended with a sweet time of prayer that the Lord used to encourage us.

Here are comments from two of

the ladies who attended:

*“Again, thank you for the seminar of training on Saturday. As much as I kicked and screamed over an all day training, it was well worth it! I loved the material, the format and all the input from the ladies.”*

*“The training was excellent and I especially needed the reminder of “The Covenant”. That put so much into perspective for me concerning the leadership of WIC and what a wonderful reminder that it is the building block of anything we do. So much that was shared hit a cord with me so I know that the Lord was truly moving and working among us.”*



***Our Guest Speaker*** at the Presbytery meeting was Rachel Snider, from Christ Community in Fairmont. It is Rachel's prayer and desire to become a full time MTW Missionary to serve the Fairmont, WV MTW Short Term Missions Project and DaySpring. She shared with us her story, her background, and her experiences over the years in the Short Term Mission work in Fairmont, and also her involvement with DaySpring. She has a wonderful story that she would love to share with you all. For more information about her ministry and support, please contact Rachel at: [rachelleesnider@gmail.com](mailto:rachelleesnider@gmail.com)



### ***Nominations***

**There have been NO nominations for the offices of President and Secretary.**

**Dear Ladies, we ask you to please search your hearts and pray about joining the PresWIC Council.**

For the office of President, we are NOT looking for a Barbara look-a-like or, should I say, sound-a-like? Just a woman who loves the Lord and wants to serve Him to the best of the abilities that He will endow her with, and who wants to serve the women here in the New River Presbytery.

For the office of Secretary, a woman who loves the Lord and wants to serve Him to the best of the abilities that He will endow her with, and who wants to serve the women of the New River Presbytery.

Qualifications ..... Loving the Lord and wanting to serve other women! Whoever you may be, we are here to help you!

Please call or email Barbara with any questions you might have as you prayerfully consider running for either of these two offices.  
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Our next meetings will be in September. Presbytery meets on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> at Redeemer. Worship begins at 9:00 am, and the meetings begin around 10:30 am. Lunch is provided by the host church .... it's a great time to fellowship, so do come and join us!



### ◆ OTHER HIGHLIGHTS ◆

#### *WIC Morning of Prayer*

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June at Riverview Presbyterian Church.

It was a wonderful morning of singing praises to our Sovereign God, confessing our sins and asking for His forgiveness, thanking Him for His mercies to us each and

every day, and praying for our own churches, our leaders, our families, the sanctity of life, our denomination, the 39<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, and ending with a prayer for our country.

We were abundantly blessed to have Jeanine Riggs from Providence Reformed play the piano for us, and Brenda George of Covenant to lead us in worship.

There were 13 ladies present ... and one bouncing baby boy ... from 5 of our churches. A few of us were able to stay for lunch and a time of fellowship afterwards.  
It was so good to pray together!



### ◆ UPCOMING EVENTS ◆

#### *THE PRESWIC ANNUAL FALL RETREAT*

at the John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston  
Dates: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September and Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October

This year we are happy to announce that our Treasurer Cathy Appleton has agreed to be our guest speaker! Cathy is going to speak to us about:

#### *"The Fruit of the Spirit"*

She will be teaching three sessions with three attributes in each session:

Love, Peace, Faithfulness  
Joy, Goodness, Gentleness  
Patience, Self Control, Kindness

The ladies at Kanawha Salines are this year's Fall Retreat Committee, and they are busy working on some fun things for us to be doing when we have our times of fellowship.

Here's a little teaser ..... think about Carmen Miranda!

The cost is the same as last year.  
Pricing example per person:  
Double Occupancy \$39.00  
Three meals \$30.00  
Meeting space \$8.00  
Total: \$77.00

A bulletin insert will be sent out by the end of this month with lots more details.

Mark your calendar's and come and join us!

As one of the attendees told us last year .....

*"The retreat was excellent in all ways. I am spiritually nourished, encouraged, and challenged to go home and share what I have learned."*

Meanwhile, please be praying for the Fall Retreat Committee, for our friends at John XXIII, and for the Lord to bring us lots of ladies of all ages to be fed from His Word, to have fun and fellowship, and special times of sharing.



#### *"Amazing Grace 360"* PCA Women In the Church International Conference in Atlanta October 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>

*"... that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."*  
Philippians 1:6

*"Whole Gospel. Whole Life.  
Whole World."*

"Come and rehearse and celebrate the scope and surety of God's grace. Be refreshed in worship ... instructed in sound doctrine ... encouraged by fellowship.

Amazing Grace 360 is the full-orbed story of eternal life in Christ. Join together to trace our faith journey - past, present and

future - and be challenged to live it out in transforming ways.

For women 13 years and up. Gather with others across the church to delight in God's redeeming love."

Conference Cost: \$170  
\$125 for students 13 - 18 years  
Pre-conference Sessions: \$75  
(Friday 10 am - 3 pm, includes lunch)

Hotel Rooms and Suites: at special rates, are available to conference participants at the Renaissance Waverly, the Sheraton Suites Galleria and the Embassy Suites Galleria. Please register for the conference *before* reserving hotel rooms. Special web links to the hotels will be provided to you during the conference registration process.

Registration deadline:  
September 15<sup>th</sup>

Conference Teacher:  
Nancy Guthrie

Special Music and Worship:  
Laura Story, Kevin Twit and  
Indelible Grace

Visit: [www.amazinggrace360.com](http://www.amazinggrace360.com)  
for more information and to  
register online.

## COVENANT COMMUNITY



Here is a spot in our newsletter for you to share something that your ladies, or your church, has been doing in the past few months. It could be a ministry, an outing, a Bible Study, something with the teens or the children. It could be a birth announcement

or a wedding announcement. Or it could be a story you would like to share with us all.

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*Thinking Biblically,  
Living Covenantally*



## FAVORITE CHURCH RECIPES

Here is a recipe that you might like to try from Anna George of Covenant Presbyterian Church .... and don't forget Kathy Calhoun's wonderful suggestion .... that each time we use one of these recipes, we pray for the woman who gave it to us!

### BAKED PESTO FRENCH SANDWICH

Ingredients:

- $\frac{1}{2}$  loaf of French bread
- prepared Pesto Sauce - in a jar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ lb shaved ham
- $\frac{1}{4}$ lb shaved turkey
- 4 slices mozzarella cheese - or you can use shredded

Directions:

- Heat oven to 450°
- Cut the bread in half horizontally
- Spread a layer of pesto sauce over each of the cut sides
- Layer ham, turkey and cheese over the bottom half and then top with the remaining half of the bread
- Wrap in foil, and bake for 10 mins.
- Cut into slices and serve .... fruit goes well with this.

Anna says that her family loved this! Each one asked her where she had bought the sandwich! ☺



## ✿ A VERSE TO PONDER ✿

*"You did not choose me, but I chose you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My Name, He may give it to you."  
John 15:16*



## CALENDAR

- September 3: PresWIC Council meeting
- September 17: Presbytery and PresWIC meetings at Redeemer PC
- September 30 - October 1: PresWIC Fall Retreat
- October 7 - 9: "Amazing Grace 360" International Women's Conference in Atlanta
- January 14: PresWIC Council meeting (?)
- January 28, 2012: Presbytery and PresWIC Meetings



Thanks once again to Dave Fry of Covenant for all the work he has done for us on the New River Presbytery web site. Check out this and past newsletters at [www.newriverpca.org](http://www.newriverpca.org) Just click on "PresWIC Activities" and you will find the link there.

