2026 *Thank Offering* of Presbyterian Women

In 1888, Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, urged each participant in her women's group to add one dollar to her usual mission giving as a "thank offering to her Lord." The Thank Offering was born and through their sacrificial gifts, women helped save Presbyterian worldwide mission endeavors at that time. Since then, givers to the Thank Offering have supported thousands of projects and raised tens of millions of dollars for ministries in the U.S. and across the world.

The Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women carries on this long tradition of binding together to make a greater difference than we could as individuals. Through monetary support, we send love "in deed and truth," for people on the margins, particularly women and children. This year the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women presents nine worthy recipients of Thank Offering grants.

Grant Recipients

SYNOD OF THE COVENANT

Presbytery of Lake Michigan
Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity
Rural Home Repair for Allegan County
Holland, Michigan
lakeshorehabitat.org
$40,000

SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRIES

Presbyteries of Northern Plains, Northern Waters, Minnesota Valleys, Twin Cities Area
Clearwater Forest
Camp for ALL
Deerwood, Minnesota
clearwaterforest.org
$50,000

SYNOD OF MID-AMERICA

Missouri Union Presbytery
Women of Faith PW at First Presbyterian Church
Baby Grace Ministries
Fulton, Missouri
fpcfulton.org
$7,600

SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC

Salem Presbytery
The Greater Mount Airy Ministry of Hospitality
Flat Rock Presbyterian Pantry Expansion Project
Mount Airy, North Carolina
helpinghandsofsurry.org
$40,000

SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST

Presbytery of The Highlands of New Jersey
Good News Home, Inc.
Mommy & Me Domestic Violence Shelter
Tewksbury, New Jersey
goodnewshome.org
$23,080

SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC

Presbytery of Boise
Agency for New Americans: Self-Sufficiency for Refugees
Literacy for Women Project
Boise, Idaho
anaidaho.org
$45,796

SYNOD OF THE SOUTHWEST

Presbytery of Grand Canyon
Native American Fatherhood and Families Association (NAFFA)
Transforming Tomorrow's Youth
Mesa, Arizona
nativeamericanfathers.org
$18,000

SYNOD OF THE SUN

Presbytery of Arkansas
Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas
Nourish and Thrive: Backpack Program for Children Experiencing Food Insecurity
Jonesboro, Arkansas
foodbankofnea.org
$5,100

INTERNATIONAL

Kenya
Nyanza Area African Inland Church
Basic Needs, Simple Solutions, U.S. fiscal sponsor
God's Green Resourceful Earth Ministry: Growing Gardens, Feeding Minds
basicandsimple.org
$40,000

Give through your PW group or online at presbyterianwomen.org/give. For additional information about the 2026 Thank Offering recipients, see the Fall issue of *Horizons* magazine, or visit presbyterianwomen.org/thank.

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—1 John 3:18*



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PRELUDE ***"To God Be the Glory"*** **arr. P. Burkhardt**

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

- Welcome, Announcements, Guests & Prayer Requests

MINUTE FOR MISSION Susan Wyman

✙CALL TO WORSHIP (Recite in unison)
(Psalm 100)

One: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
Serve the LORD, with gladness;
come into his presence singing.
All: Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.
All: For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.

✙LORD'S PRAYER *(Pray in unison)*
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

✙HYMN *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* *PH #376*

✙HYMN *"Take My Life"* *PH#391*

BENEDICTION

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain to joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in the world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done, to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor. Amen

POSTLUDE *"We Plough the Fields and Scatter"*
arr. Robert Hughes

⌖PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Recite in unison)*
God of Grace, we bring to you our prayers of confession this day, knowing that you will hear and forgive. Receive, O God, our words, and in your mercy, carve your words of grace into our hearts. We confess that we are often ungrateful, even though you give us everything. We are impatient, when you do not immediately respond to our demands. We are selfish when we are asked to share. We are prone to wander from the path you have set, and unfaithful even though you are ever-faithful. Forgive us! Teach us to be thankful for all we have, and generous with all we have, even as Jesus did. Amen.

⌖ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Friends, believe the good news. The gospel according to John reminds us that God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen!

⌖CHORAL RESPONSE *"Gloria Patri"* *PH # 579*
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be! World without end, Amen, Amen!

HYMN *"Though I May Speak"* *PH #335*

SCRIPTURE Sandy Larson
1 John 3:18 NRSVUE

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.* ***People:*** *Thanks be to God*

"Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."

SCRIPTURE Rev. Dr. Christina Berry
1 Thessalonians 5:12-18 NRSVUE

But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; **13** esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. **14** And we urge you, brothers and sisters, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. **15** See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. **16** Rejoice always, **17** pray without ceasing, **18** give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

SERMON – Rev. Dr. Christina Berry
"Grace and Gratitude"

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS
Thank Offering – Prayer of Dedication
God of grace, we thank you for the opportunity to bring a glimpse of your magnificent love to those in need by sharing and dedicating the 2026 Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women. We thank you for the desire to bless others. May this offering serve as a reminder of your deep, abounding and unconditional love which transforms our lives and those of others. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Simple Gifts"* arr. Joseph Brackett

⌖DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION *PH #592*
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CONTRIBUTING TO TODAY'S SERVICE

Greeter:	Kay Enz
Ushers:	Rita Allmon, Brent Glann, & Mike Enz
Tech Crew:	Larry Trussell & Steve Tangeman
Organist:	Kelli Glann
Scripture Reader:	Sandy Larson

THIS WEEK @ FPC November 15th – 21st

Today	9:15 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	**Worship Service**
	Potluck after worship	
	12:00 – 3:00 pm Car Winterizing	
Monday	8:30 - 10:00 am	Ping Pong in the basement
Tuesday	10:30 am	Session
	4:00 - 6:00 pm	Treble Clef Choir Practice
	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Prairie Bronze Bell Choir
Wednesday	10:00 am	Coffee with the Pastor
	6:00 pm	Serve @ New Hope Shelter
	7:30 pm	FPC Bell Choir Practice
Thursday	6:00 pm	Serve @ New Hope Shelter
Saturday	6:00 pm	Serve @ New Hope Shelter

Next Sunday Minute for Mission from Plentiful Gifts

Prayers requested for health, healing, and peace:

Sue Ice, The Family of Bill Humphrey, Rita Allmon, Paul & Rojean Dubois, Charlene Lloyd, Deb & Gini Johnson, Liz Pomeroy, for the loss of her sister, Pam Trussell's niece; Ally, Libby Trussell, Janyth & Ferol Fell and the Family of Paula, Jeri Smith, Cognitive Care Community, and Nancy Ice Schulp

The Salvation Army needs:

Spaghetti-O's and other canned meals, ramen noodles, canned vegetables, soups, spaghetti sauce and noodles, granola bars and boxed individual snacks, crackers, hamburger helper, pop tarts, peanut butter and jelly, toilet paper, and paper towels.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!!

We at First Presbyterian will be providing dinner for residents of New Hope Shelter on Wednesday, November 18th, Thursday, November 19th and Saturday, November 21st. Openings exist for donations of salad for all 3 evenings and dessert for 1 evening. We also would welcome 2 or 3 to serve our neighbors as hosts each evening. For more information and to volunteer, please contact the church office at 316-283-0504.

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Madame Mary Amonde and Chaplain Isaac Nyamori

Nyanza Area African Inland Church
Basic Needs, Simple Solutions, U.S. fiscal sponsor
GOD'S GREEN RESOURCEFUL EARTH MINISTRY:
GROWING GARDENS, FEEDING MINDS
basicandsimple.org
$40,000

Ten years ago, First Presbyterian Church in Jeffersonville, Indiana, and the Nyanza Area Africa Inland Church formed a partnership to build a tree nursery in Kenya. Tens of thousands of trees have since literally sprouted, taking root in schoolyards and churchyards, urban landscapes and farmlands. And figuratively, church leaders have planted seeds among parishioners and neighbors as they expand a ministry called God's Green Resourceful Earth.

In 2024, a new idea took root. Thousands of schoolchildren were going hungry. Why not feed them all while nurturing their love of nature and skill in gardening? A pilot program called "Growing Gardens, Feeding Minds" opened at Renja Primary School, feeding daily nutritious lunches, prepared with produce from the garden and locally sourced foods, to 650 students.

Renja's principal, Madame Mary Amonde, pointed out that daily lunches help children to stay in school to learn. For children who are HIV positive, she emphasized, the food is life-saving medicine. Within a few months, Renja students' well-being was documented by significant increases in standardized test scores.

The Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering grant will help this project flourish and expand. Through your giving you help grow gardens and feed minds, bodies and communities.

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About the Thank Offering

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Today we continue to answer Eliza's call through support of the PW Thank Offering. When we come together to offer gifts across communities of faithful disciples, we make a much greater impact than we can as individuals.

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