



Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of San Francisco

You are invited to the Fall Gathering

When: Saturday, October 3, 2020

Where: ZOOM

10:00-12:00 Business and Program

Speaker: Julia Flynn Siler

Author of *The White Devil's Daughters: The Women Who Fought Slavery in San Francisco's Chinatown*

* The book is about Donaldina Cameron. Julia also wrote the article "How Writing *The White Devil's Daughters* Led Me to Modern-Day Abolitionists" in your May/June 2020 **HORIZONS** magazine.

RSVP's required to receive a ZOOM link

RSVP to one of the Cluster Coordinators by Oct. 1st

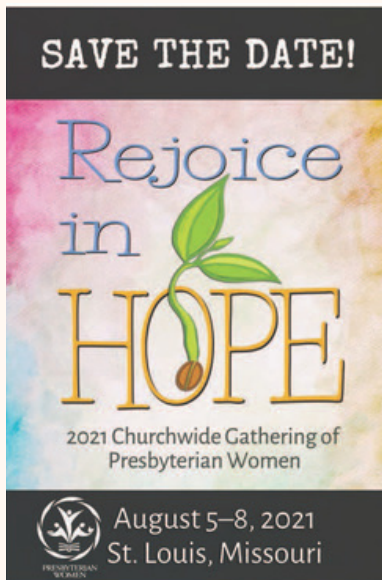
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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE SAN FRANCISCO PRESBYTERY



The Churchwide Gathering is still being planned for August 5 -8, 2021 in St. Louis, Missouri. If you want to receive updates about the Gathering, please email Patricia.Longfellow@pcusa.org and she will add you to the mailing lists.

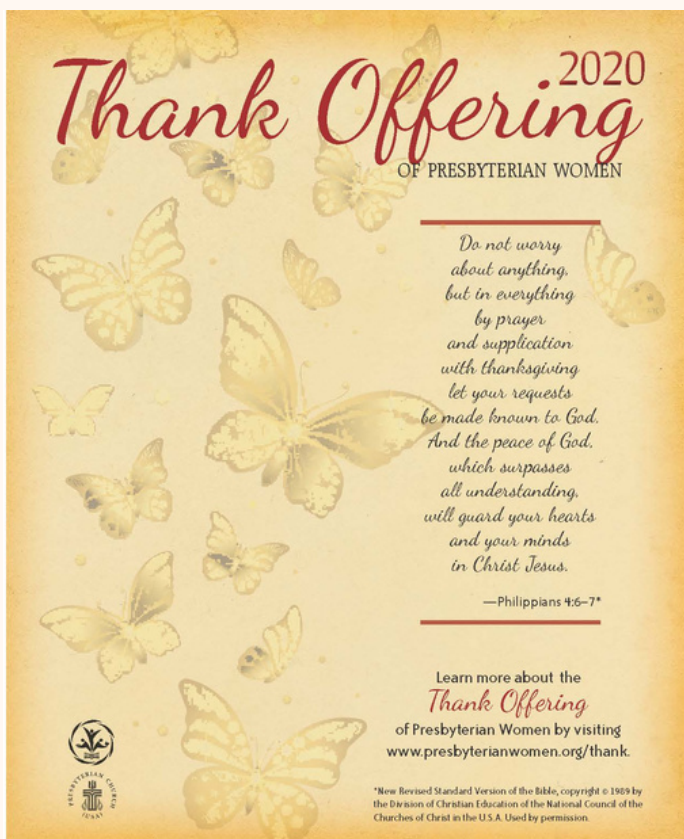
If it's necessary to cancel, Presbyterian Women will notify us in December.

THE PW PURPOSE

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 (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S THANK OFFERING PROVIDES A TANGIBLE WAY TO SHOW GRATITUDE FOR THE MANY BLESSINGS IN OUR LIVES.



In 1888, when Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio urged each woman to give one dollar over and above her usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society as a "thank offering to her Lord," women responded, and the Thank Offering was born. Since Presbyterian Women's formation in 1988, PW has granted more than \$26 million to nearly 1,700 different projects worldwide through the Thank Offering.

In 2019 a total of \$331,463 was granted to 13 projects in the United States and two overseas. More than 40% of the funding funds health ministries.

Give through your PW group or online at www.presbyterianwomen.org/give.

Checks can be sent to PWP's Treasurer, Jeanette Huie, 5080 Kearney Avenue, Oakland, CA 94602. If you have questions, email jeanette_huie@yahoo.com.

How has your PW weathered the pandemic?



Our Together in Service women have continued to keep their hands busy at home during the pandemic. Women of First Presbyterian Church, Livermore have made over 1000 masks since April that have gone to church members, hospitals, clinics and community members. Baby hats aren't shown here however about four times a year about 4 dozen baby hats are delivered to Axis Healthcare. There is joy in creating for others! Pastors and other officials can also use it as an avenue to reach out to churchgoers. Maintain a visible presence in your community and address people on a more personal level, perhaps by sending a spiritual message or reflection for the week. Photo collage thanks to Joy Fischer. *(continued on next page)*

From Sojourner Truth Presbyterian Church:

This picture was taken on Human Trafficking Awareness Worship Sunday, January 2020. We all wore Orange, as this is the designated color for human trafficking awareness. As you see, there are also men in our group! Moderator Betty Delaney was there to give a Contemporary Word, but had to leave before the picture was taken. This year, 2020, has been a year like no other. We thank God that the PW was able to continue to do their Mission work before projects were either suspended or postponed due to the pandemic.



Some Highlights:

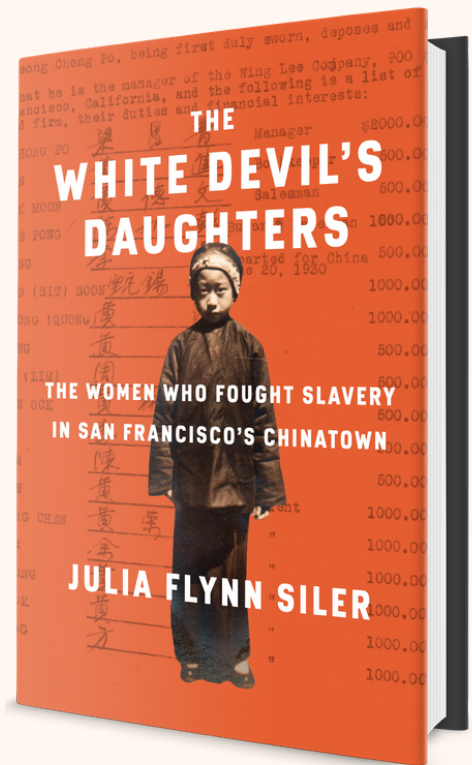
- January 2020 Human Trafficking Awareness Worship Sunday
- Donated \$250 to our young, human trafficking awareness advocate/civil rights lawyer in training, Jaida Oates, for her scholarship fund to the Stanford Envision Intensive Law & Trial program.
- Donated \$200 to the Women's Empowerment Project, Cameroon, through the PMA Presbyterian Gifts. This donation helped to provide agricultural and vocational training, literacy education, and economic opportunities. These monies are also helping women in their efforts to care for their families and reduce hunger and poverty in their communities.
- Donated \$100 for "Jerry Cans", also through the PMA Presbyterian Gifts. Women and girls around the world spend many hours every day going back and forth fetching water. These Jerry Cans help transport water more efficiently, freeing women and girls to spend more time on enriching activities, like attending school.
- Made face masks and collected clothing for GRIP (Greater Richmond Interfaith Program).
- From the clothing donations, we had an abundance of barely used, almost new baby clothes. Thank you to PW Sandra Tramiel, who collaborated with PW Eposi Tokeson, who is a native of Cameroon. They were able to send these baby clothes to Teleola Martha Christian Foundation in Soppo Buea Cameroon, which is run by Eposi's sister, Mrs. Marian Ngomba.



- Participated in Links of Love, a paper chain from each congregation, that stretches as far as the eye can see. The Love Chain represents collective efforts of generous Presbyterians. The Chain was to be displayed in the halls of the 224th General Assembly 2020. Here is a picture of the box of Love Chains that STPC PW made and shipped to G.A.

From Presbyterian Church in Chinatown:

The Women's Fellowship ceased its monthly meeting when the shelter-in-place order started back in March. In June, we decided to try zoom and have enjoyed seeing each other again! Since that time we have studied three chapters of the Horizons Bible Study, *Words of Love Carved in Stone*. Our church's Missions Committee asked for volunteers to fold origami cranes that would be sent to Tsuru for Solidarity for a future pilgrimage to Washington DC. They are advocating for closing detention sites and supporting immigrant and refugee communities. In less than a month, women of our church folded 725 cranes! Sewing machines were dusted off and several women sewed face masks and donated them to various organizations. Our members also donated funds to purchase \$20 Target gift cards at the start of the new school year for 200 families who live in single rooms in Chinatown.



Meet the Author

(via zoom)

Refer to page 1 for information on how to RSVP for the Fall Gathering of PWP-SF, featuring Julia Flynn Siler as our guest speaker.

For more information about the author, <https://juliaflynnsiler.com>.

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