

## Presbyterian Women at Second Presbyterian

The Presbyterian Women at 2nd Pres. gave over \$7,000.00 this year to support several organizations. This giving was in addition to the regular PW offerings -The Birthday offering (\$ 1,273.00) and Thank offering (\$810.00), and the yearly pledge of \$1,000.00 we send to the PW Presbytery of East TN.

### This past year these organizations received financial support from the PW here at Second Presbyterian:

- ◆ Beloved Woman
- ◆ Bridge Refugee Services
- ◆ Camp John Knox
- ◆ CARE (Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere)
- ◆ Chattanooga Area Food Bank
- ◆ CHATT Foundation
- ◆ FJKM (Madagascar—Dan & Elizabeth Turk, Missionaries)
- ◆ Habitat for Humanity
- ◆ Help Right Here
- ◆ Hope House at UTC
- ◆ Hunger Fund—Presbytery East TN
- ◆ King's Chest
- ◆ 2nd Hands Ministry
- ◆ Least Coin
- ◆ Metropolitan Ministries
- ◆ Mission Haven
- ◆ NAMI
- ◆ Newton Child Development Center
- ◆ Northside Neighborhood House
- ◆ PW Scholarship
- ◆ Red Bank Food Pantry
- ◆ Red Cross
- ◆ Ronald McDonald House
- ◆ Room in the Inn
- ◆ Salvation Army
- ◆ Sunset Gap
- ◆ UKirk at UTK
- ◆ Welcome Home of Chattanooga



Santa for Seniors Bags



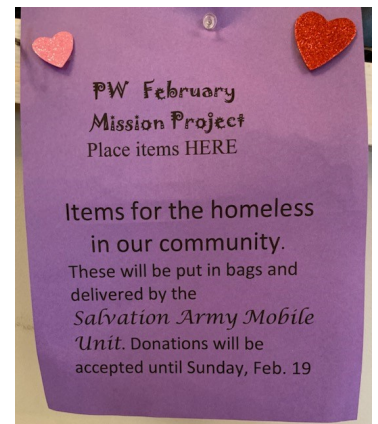
Salvation Army Christmas Stockings



UTC Hope House



John Calvin Apts Craft Activity



PW February 2023 Mission Project

### PW Projects included:

- Compiled 100 bags for the Area Agency on Aging and Disability
- Filling 50 Christmas Stockings for the Salvation Army
- The Giving Tree for Northside Neighborhood House
- Sponsored the church Christmas Dinner
- Annual Ladies Luncheon (Project—Collected paper products for Ronald McDonald House)
- Sponsored John Calvin Apartments Craft Activity
- Children's Birthday Bags for Salvation Army
- Providing cookies for Hope House & helping to serve meals.
- Providing a cake each month for the St Matthew's Shelter residents.



2023 PW Summer Salad



Salvation Army Christmas Stockings



PW 2023 Gathering



**PW SUNDAY SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER**  
**Rev. Dr. Wendy Neff, General Presbyter**

Wendy received her MDiv and DMin from Columbia Theological Seminary. She served for a year in Belfast, Northern Ireland as a Young Adult Volunteer in Mission through the PCUSA. Prior to being called to serve as General Presbyter for the Presbytery of East Tennessee, she gratefully served three different congregations in this presbytery.

Wendy is passionate about equipping and encouraging congregations to be “communities of faith, hope, love, and witness.” (BOO G3.0301). She seeks to do this through nurturing relationships with pastors, congregations, and communities. She is excited to be in ministry with Presbyterians and our partners in East Tennessee.

When asked about PW, Wendy shares that her earliest church memories are PW events she attended with her Mom. Joining in those early PW mission projects contributed to her faith formation.

“PW has been foundational in my understanding of the church, the gospel and my own calling as a minister of the Word and Sacraments. I continue to be grateful to the faithful witness of PW in our churches.”

Wendy lives in Knoxville with her husband, two teenage children, and two dogs. She enjoys baking, gardening, reading, walking with her dogs, and streaming British television.

**Presbyterian Women makes a difference in the lives of so many.**

Presbyterian Women’s groups have been a source of inspiration, growth and encouragement for women all over the country (even the world!) for almost 40 years (or close to 200 years if you count PW’s predecessor organizations)! These caring communities of women, organized at all levels of the church, have been instrumental in developing new leaders, inspiring mission, and deepening the faith journeys for so many.

Put another way, participating in Presbyterian Women has blessed the lives of countless individual Presbyterian women and beyond.

PW is a celebrated partner and integral part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Presbyterian Women strengthens the ministry of the church and expands its boundaries, pushing for wholeness and welcome for all people. PW in the Congregations, Presbyteries and Synods identify mission partners and give generously of time, talent and treasure to help these partners thrive.

Because Presbyterian Women give so generously, a number of PW’s national programs offer financial support to dozens of programs and ministries each year. The Birthday and Thank Offerings and Mission Pledge (PW’s annual fund) make possible work and opportunities that improve the lives of women and families the world over.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN STATEMENT OF 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.

**Important PW dates to remember:**

Birthday Offering **June 2**

Summer Salad Gathering: **August TBA**



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