



A Fresh Perspective

January 28, 2017 Gathering of Presbyterian Women of the St. Augustine Presbytery
First Presbyterian Church • 106 SW Third Street Gainesville, Florida 32601

Schedule for the day:

9:00–10:00 am	Registration and continental breakfast
10:00–10:30 am	Worship
10:45 am–12:00 pm	Business meeting
12:00–1:30 pm	Luncheon and Workshops While one group is eating, the other group will attend selected workshop First Seating 12:00-12:45 Second Seating 12:45-1:30
1:45–2:30 pm	Dramatic Presentation– “The Perspective of the Bystanders”

Your registration and payment must be postmarked no later than January 13. If mailed later than the 13th, you will pay an additional late fee of \$5.00, for a total of \$25.00.

If you need to contact Betsy Berry, please email her at betsyberry03@hotmail.com or call her at 352-281-7114

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2017 Gathering Registration Form

Include check payable to: “Presbyterian Women” with completed registration form and mail to:
Mrs. Betsy Berry – 325 NW 28th Terrace Gainesville, FL 32607

Registration fee postmarked on/before January 13 = \$20 • Late Registration fee (postmarked after January 13) = \$25

Name _____ Church/Community _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____ Check number _____

Is childcare needed? Yes No If yes, list names of children and ages: _____

Please bring a sack lunch for children. Childcare registration required by 1/13/17.

Is handicap parking required? Yes No Is assistance needed? Yes No

Workshop selected: (A, B, C, D, E, F or G) 1st choice A) Moderator/Vice M 2nd choice A) Moderator/Vice N

Lunch includes a choice of sandwiches or a vegetarian salad. Select one: Sandwich Salad

If eating at 12:45 presents a hardship for you, enjoy the continental breakfast offered before worship.

Things to Know

Before You Come:

Our high school girls are going to make toiletry bags for Gainesville Community Ministries. Please select travel sized items to donate from the following list: wash cloth, deodorant, shaving cream, disposable razors, comb, shampoo, and liquid soap. Stores like Dollar Tree and Dollar General have these items at reasonable prices. The bags will be given to homeless people who attain housing and do not have the basic toiletry items we take for granted. Your donations will be gratefully collected at registration. Thank you for helping with this mission.

In an effort to be “green”, we request you bring your own bag, pen/pencil/paper and water bottle. We will have water so you can refill your bottle. Please no eating or drinking in the sanctuary. We also encourage carpooling to the Gathering.

Upon Arrival:

Our college students will be out and about to welcome you. If you need to drop someone off at the rear of the church because they cannot walk 50 yards, some of the students will be there to help. We ask you to drop off your passenger and then go park your car in the parking lot across the street from the church. See bottom of Directions page.

While You're Here:

The Worship offering will be split between Gainesville Community Ministries (GCM) and the Kay Beckman Seminary Scholarship. GCM started as a clothing closet in the little building at the back of our parking lot over 30 years ago. Today they provide food, dental and ophthalmic services and GED classes. They are located two blocks south of the church. Please make check payable to Presbyterian Women.

Our lunch is catered by Grace Catering. Grace Catering is located at Gainesville's homeless shelter, Grace Marketplace, and has received a three year grant to train some of the homeless in kitchen and restaurant food preparation skills. Two professional chefs lead the classes and monitor the training. They catered our Thank Offering lunch and we were very pleased. Our lunch provides an important training opportunity for those seeking job skills.

The pies being served for lunch today were made by our women. We make over 1000 pies each fall to raise money to send children and teens to the Montreat Worship and Music conference in June. The pies are made from scratch. Bon Appétit!

Fair trade coffee, tea, and chocolate will be sold during breakfast and lunch times. These products are sold at our cost to help the fair trade farmers. We are not selling these products as a fund raiser. Bring some extra cash if you want to buy a fair trade Valentine's gift.

Before You Leave:

When you get ready to go home, if you exit the east side of our parking lot, you are entering a one way street. You must turn right. Fortunately downtown Gainesville is on a grid system so it is easy to get to where you need to go. There is also an exit on the west side of the parking lot that leads to a two way street.

Want to stretch your legs? We have two brand new parks within 2 miles of the sanctuary. The first is Depot Park. Go east on SW 2nd Ave two blocks to Main Street. Turn right and go to the roundabout. Go $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way around the roundabout. You are at the park and are on SE Depot Ave. Parking is on Depot Ave or continue until the road turns right and more parking is at SW 4th Street. Visit www.depotpark.org. Free

To get to Sweetwater Wetlands Park, head east on SW 2nd Ave for 2 blocks. Turn right on South Main. Go halfway around the roundabout and go to the next stoplight which is 16th Avenue. Turn left. Go to the next stoplight. Turn right on Williston Road. Go to 325 SW Williston Road which is about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile on your left. Visit www.sweetwaterwetlands.org Cost is \$5.00 per car. There is a boardwalk and local wildlife at this park.

A Fresh Perspective Workshop Descriptions

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A)	Moderator/ Vice Moderator	Learn the roles and responsibilities of the PW Moderator/Vice Moderator positions at the congregational level. Share joys and concerns with other moderators and vice moderators. Presenter: Gayle Bone, Presbytery Coordinating Team
B)	Secretary/ Historian	Learn the roles and responsibilities of the PW Secretary/Historian position(s) at the congregational level. Presenter: Patti Phillips, 2015 PW Moderator of the St. Augustine Presbytery
C)	Treasurer	Learn the roles and responsibilities of the Treasurer position at the congregation level. Presenter: Wynetta Ussery, 2016 Treasurer of PW of the St. Augustine Presbytery
D)	Silence and Solitude	In a world full of constant noise, how do we find time for silence and solitude? Being still is hard for humans. Blaise Pascal wrote "All the unhappiness of men arises from one single fact that they cannot stay quietly in their own room." The Psalmist said "Be still and know I am God." "Silence and solitude are merely a means through which we regularly make ourselves available to God for the intimacy of relationship and for the work of transformation that only God can accomplish" wrote Ruth Haley Barton. This class will focus on the spiritual impact of silence and solitude on our relationships with God and others. Presenter: The Rev. Dr. Bob Shettler has been pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Gainesville for eleven years. Since 2013 he has been engaged with the Transforming Community in Wheaton, IL, completing the certificate in Spiritual Transformation. Bob has been married to Connie for 43 years. They have two daughters and five grandchildren.
E)	Pulling Out All the Stops	"The organ is nothing but a big box of whistles." Have you ever wondered what is behind the pipes that are visible in that big box of whistles? Have you ever played a pipe organ? Come and explore how an organ works, learn what is behind the pipes and hear two incredible instruments at First Presbyterian Church. Presenter: Mark Coffey is Director of Music and Organist at First Presbyterian Church, Gainesville Florida where he oversees an extensive music and fine arts ministry. Dr. Coffey is a founding member of the Gainesville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists where he has served as dean. He has presented concerts throughout the United States. He has also served as organ consultant for churches in the Southeast.
F)	Hidden Rivers	Tom Morris' talk will focus on our state's greatest natural asset, the Floridan Aquifer. He will describe the vast erosional processes underway in the limestone bedrock and how they have shaped Florida's landscape, renowned for its one thousand springs and headline grabbing sink-holes. We will journey with him through beautiful underwater caverns, and discover unique blind animals found only in our aquifer caves. Finally, Tom will discuss threats to the aquifer and what we can do to keep it healthy. His underwater slides will amaze you with the beauty that is beneath us. Presenter: Tom Morris started SCUBA diving in Florida's springs at a young age. He attended the University of Florida and received degrees in Wildlife Biology and Botany. His diving avocation and formal education were a nice match and led to a career that kept him underwater, studying the mysteries of the Floridan Aquifer. If Tom looks familiar, it is because he was in the video that was shown at last year's Gathering at Palms Presbyterian during our morning breakfast session.
G)	Card Crafting	Do you hate paying three or four dollars for a greeting card? Come learn how to make your own and have fun doing it. Also learn how this activity can be an excuse to spend time with other card creators. Presenters: Laura Netardus and Joan Penland. Laura is an infection control nurse and Joan is a retired public school music teacher. These ladies have been in a card making group for several years and are ready to share the joy of making cards with you.

Directions - A Fresh Perspective

Reminder: There are no fast women in PW! Obey the speed limits in the little towns or else this will be an expensive trip. The directions below may be different from what Garmin or Mapquest suggest. We are trying to keep you out of the heavy traffic areas of Gainesville.



Directions from Alachua, High Springs, Branford: Either get on I-75 southbound or go south on Hwy 441. If you choose to go via I-75, go to exit 382/Williston Road and follow the direction for those coming from the south, but count 5 stoplights after you go through the intersection at the bottom of the off ramp. If you choose to go via Hwy 441 you will go through the town of Alachua. After leaving Alachua, you will go through 4 stoplights. The 4th light is at the intersection of Hwy 441 and NW 53rd Ave. There is a Home Depot on the right. Get in the left lane after going through this intersection and go 0.3 mile. Bear to the left. You will cross the northbound lanes of 441 to reach NW 6th Street. You will stay on NW 6th Street for 3.7 miles and go through 6 stoplights. The 6th light is the intersection of W University Ave and NW 6th Street. At the next intersection is a roundabout. At the roundabout, go $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way around it so you are heading east on SW 2nd Ave. We are 2 blocks up the road or 0.3mile and our parking lot will be on your right and the church on your left.

Directions from Malnosh and Ocala via Hwy 441: At the first stoplight in Gainesville, turn right onto SR 331/Williston Road. Get in the left lane and go 0.4 mile to South Main Street. Turn left onto Main. You are going to go 2.2 miles on Main. When you get to the roundabout, go half way around it and stay on South Main going north. At the second light after the roundabout you have now gone the 2.2 miles. The courthouse is on your left. Turn left (west) on SW 2nd Ave. Go 3 blocks. Our parking lot will be on the left and our church on the right.

Directions from Jacksonville: Take I-10 west to Hwy 301 South in Baldwin. Go south on 301 to Waldo. In Waldo, get in the right lane and bear right onto Hwy 24. You will go 11 miles to Hwy 20/26 also called East University Ave. in Gainesville. Turn right onto E. University Ave. and head west. Get in the left lane and go almost 1 mile. Turn left onto Main Street and go 2 blocks. At the stoplight, turn right (west) onto SW 2nd Ave. Go 3 blocks. Our parking lot will be on the left and the church on the right.

Directions from Melrose, Palatka, and St Augustine: Get on Hwy 20 or 26 and head west. These two highways merge into E. University Ave. When you get to Hwy 24/Waldo Road (drugstore, gas station, auto parts store and cemetery are located at this intersection), continue through the intersection, then get in the left lane and go almost 1 mile. Turn left onto Main Street and go 2 blocks. At the stoplight, turn right on SW 2nd Ave. Go 3 blocks. Our parking lot will be on the left and the church on the right.

Directions from the south via I-75: Get off at the first Gainesville exit - Williston Road/Exit 382. At the end of the ramp, turn left and start counting stoplights. Do not count the light at the end of the ramp. Stay on Williston Road through 4 stoplights. The 4th light is the intersection with Hwy 441 or SW 13th Street. Go through this intersection. Get in the left lane and go 0.4 mile to South Main Street. Turn left onto South Main. You are going to go 2.2 miles on Main. When you get to the roundabout, go half way around it and stay on South Main going north. At the second light after the roundabout you have now gone the 2.2 miles. Turn left on SW 2nd Ave. Go 3 blocks. Our parking lot will be on the left and the church on your right.

★ **When You Get Here:** If you have passengers who can't walk very far, you can either drop them off in front of the sanctuary or education wing if there is a parking space available or you can turn right into the driveway beside the education building. Go to the end of the driveway and turn right. If they do not have a wheelchair, drop them off at the door to the education building. If they do have a wheelchair, go a little further to the Mary Gate, where there is a ramp. There will be people there to help you. After you drop them off, please park your car in one of the lots across the street from the church.