

You are invited to Presbyterian Women
of Southeastern Illinois Presbytery

Spring Gathering

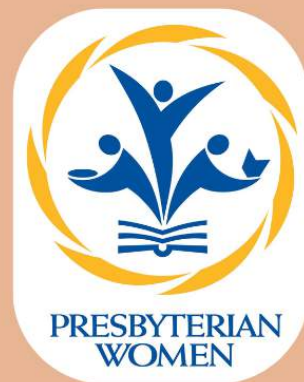
Saturday, May 4, 2024

**First Presbyterian Church
311 7th St., Charleston, IL**

Refreshments at 9 am

Worship at 10 am

followed by Speaker & Lunch: \$10



**We'll hear from
Rebecca Morales
sharing about USA
Mission Experience trip
"Arizona and the
Border Region"
in October 2023.**

**Rebecca is from Dolton,
Illinois and represented
PW of Synod of Lincoln
Trails on the trip.**

To Register for the Spring Gathering,
call or email Ann Brownson by Apr 26th!
217-549-0150 brownson.ann@gmail.com

Women AND Men... you do not need to belong to a
formal PW at your church to attend! See you there!



**Mission Project:
Socks to benefit
Frontera de
Cristo's Migrant
Resource Center**



First Presbyterian Church of Charleston, Illinois invites all members (both men and women) of the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois to the Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering on Saturday, May 4 from 9am-1 pm.

Our guest speaker will be Rebecca Morales from Dolton, Illinois, who served as the Synod of Lincoln Trails' representative visitor to our southern border during the 2023 USA Mission Experience of Presbyterian Women. She will share her experience there, which included walking in the desert to provide water to migrants passing through the desert. For more information about the border and about Rebecca, please read the November/December 2023 issue of Horizons Magazine.

In addition to hearing from Rebecca, we will be purchasing socks for the Migrant Resource Center. An Amazon Wishlist has been set up through a church in Kansas at <http://www.villagepres.org/border>. You can either go online to Amazon and order yourself or bring your gift to the gathering. If you order prior to the gathering, please let us know how many pairs of socks or other items you ordered!

We will also be offering for purchase Café Justo, ground coffee in both regular and decaffeinated. Part of your purchase goes to provide coffee to migrant shelters in several areas near the border through Frontera de Cristo ministries. We will also have order forms if you would rather order from home or you can order direct from <http://fronteradecristo.org>

The schedule for the gathering is as follows:

- 9 am Coffee and continental breakfast. There will be tables with information about the Churchwide Gathering in St. Louis this summer as well as information about Frontera de Cristo and other local ministries.
- 10 am Worship
- 11 am Speaker Rebecca Morales
- 12:00 Lunch
Lunch will be provided by Marsha's Country Catering at a cost of \$10.00 per person
We will also collect for the 2-Cent offering during lunch.

To register for the Spring Gathering, call or email Ann Brownson at 217-549-0150 or brownson.ann@gmail.com. You must register by April 26th so we can plan for the catered lunch. (\$10.00 each, Payable upon arrival or in advance to PW, Box 256, 311 7th St., Charleston, IL 61920.)

Remember that in addition to the women of our Presbytery, we also invite men of our churches to attend this important event!

We look forward to seeing you all after a very long pause in our Gatherings!

In Christ's love and justice,

First Presbyterian Church, Charleston
311 7th Street
Charleston, Illinois