



# The Linkage

Presbyterian Women of San Jose Presbytery

November is recognized as Native American Heritage Month. These recognitions celebrate the 3.5 million people in the United States who identify as solely American Indian and Alaska Native, and the additional 6 million who identify as American Indian or Alaska Native and another group.

The first recorded "Thanksgiving" celebration occurred in the Massachusetts Bay Colony to give thanks for "subduing the Pequots" after Dutch and English mercenaries massacred over 700 Indigenous people during their Green Corn Dance in 1637. European people coming to this land joined (willingly or not) in the genocide of Indigenous peoples.

In Santa Clara County, land historically belonged to the Muwekma Ohlone, Amah Mutsun, Esselen, and Taymen tribes. Out of the county's 2 million residents, about 1.2% of residents self-identify as American Indian/Alaskan Natives. Let us remember our local tribes this Thanksgiving.



Join us to celebrate on January 7 !  
Yes, we are returning to our traditional  
Tea, Cheesecake and Taize worship.  
See the flyer inside for details



**You are invited to Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church to meet  
Mission Co-Worker Rev. Dr. Karla Koll from Costa Rica  
Sunday, November 26 at 11:30 am  
In person in Soule Hall and Zoom**

Rev. Dr. Karla Koll serves PC (USA) as a professor of history, mission, and religion at the Latin American Biblical University (UBL). She has served at this ecumenical school in San Jose, Costa Rica since 2013. She began her Central American ministry in 1986 in Nicaragua and served for thirteen years in Guatemala before being called to UBL. All are invited to learn about reconciliation in an area that struggles for peace and justice. [PW will host a potluck in Coleman following her presentation.](#)





**PW OF SUNNYVALE PRESBYTERIAN  
Christmas Angel Luncheon  
Thursday, December 14 at 11:15 am  
Fellowship Hall**

All are invited to the annual Christmas Angel Luncheon to celebrate the holiday season. At festively decorated tables, homemade quiche, soup, salad, and bread will be served with dessert. The Mountain View High School Madrigals led by Jill Denny will share some charming acapella holiday music. Register on the church website. Cost is \$17; non-PW guest is \$10.



## Emmaus House

Emmaus House provides safety, counseling, and emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children. PW has supported this program since 1998. Please remember them on the 12 Days of Christmas this year when contributions are matched.

### Send donations to

Patrice Kuerschner, CEO  
Emmaus House  
440 San Benito St.  
Hollister, CA 95023





# Save the Date

to gather in person and  
in faithful community  
**at the 2024 Churchwide Gathering  
of Presbyterian Women  
August 8-11, 2024**

***"Shall we gather at the river . . ."***

at the confluence of  
the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers,  
that is—in the city of St. Louis!  
[presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://presbyterianwomen.org/gathering)

## PW Women

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.

Dear PW Sisters and Friends,  
Hogmanay is the Scots word for the last day of the old year and is synonymous with the celebration of the New Year. And as many of you know, I was born in Scotland and we did bring some of the traditions with us including my religion  
=Presbyterian!!

So this year, I will wish all of you an Advent full of blessings, a Christmas full of Joy and a Happy Hogmanay.

Peace, Justice and Love,  
Rosaleen Zisch, PWP Moderator  
San Jose Presbytery



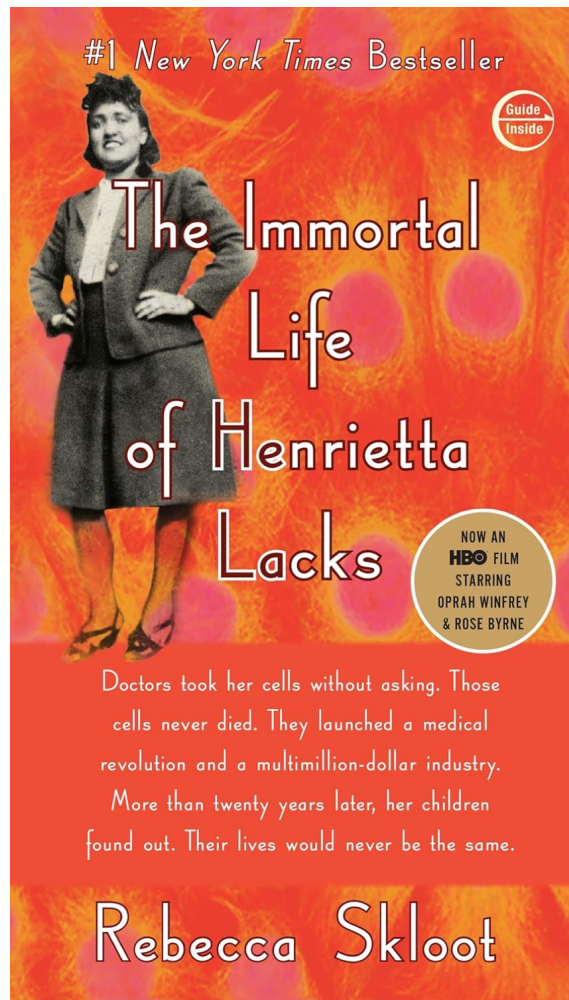


## The first Book to discuss in the **JUSTICE AND PEACE PW SERIES**

**JANUARY 8, 2024**

*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot (Crown, 2011)

Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor Southern tobacco farmer who worked the same land as her slave ancestors, yet her cells—taken without her knowledge—became one of the most important tools in medicine: The first “immortal” human cells grown in culture, which are still alive today, though she has been dead for more than sixty years. Henrietta’s family did not learn of her “immortality” until more than twenty years after her death when scientists investigating HeLa began using her husband and children in research without informed consent. **TO REGISTER – GO TO [PRESBYTERIANWOMAN.ORG/JUSTICE](https://www.presbyterianwoman.org/justice)**





*Returning to Presbyterian Women's Traditional Celebration !!*

*Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of San José  
Invite you to an Epiphany Tea*

***GOD'S PROMISE IS HERE***

*Begin the New Year with food for body and soul. All are invited.*

*Featuring a candlelit experience of worship in the style of the Taizé  
Community - chanted song in prayer, meditation in scripture and seasonal  
readings.*

Sunday afternoon, January 7, 2024  
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Stone Church of Willow Glen  
1937 Lincoln Avenue at Clark Way, San José

RSVP

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