



Bayside Presbyterian Women

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Devotion

How to Stop Judging and Start Loving

Before you jump to a conclusion about another person, try this first. **by Pablo Diaz**

Do you have a tendency to quickly judge someone before getting all the facts? You're not alone. We're human and with our conscious and sub-conscious biases, we often jump to conclusions without really knowing a person. And that can lead to false accusations.

Recently, I read a story about a grocery store clerk who wrote a letter to advice-columnist Ann Landers. The clerk wrote that she had seen people buy "luxury" food items—like birthday cakes and bags of shrimp—with their food stamps. The writer went on to say that she thought all people who are on welfare and who treated themselves to such non-necessities were "lazy and wasteful."

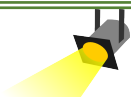
A few weeks later, Landers' column was devoted entirely to people who had responded to the grocery clerk's letter. One woman wrote: "I didn't buy a cake, but I did buy a big bag of shrimp with food stamps. So what? My husband had been working at a plant for 15 years when it was shut down. The shrimp casserole I made was for our anniversary dinner, and it lasted three days."

Another woman wrote: "I'm the woman who bought the \$17 cake and paid for it with food stamps. I thought the checkout woman in the store would burn a hole through me with her eyes. What she didn't know is the cake was for my little girl's birthday. It will be her last. She has bone cancer and will probably be gone in six to eight months."

At times we are all guilty of passing judgment based only on what we see. For example, we live in a society that promotes being thin, and we may pass judgment on a person who is overweight. We do this without having any information about their health or medicines they may be taking that can cause weight gain. Also, it takes money and access to buy fresh produce and healthy cuts of meat and fish.

What if, instead of judging someone, we first seek to get to know them? We will be surprised to discover that most people are fighting their own battles and trying to live the best life they can. The next time you are tempted to make a quick judgment, pause and let love and compassion be your guide.

Benevolence in the spot light



Founded in 1941, Church Women United (CWU) is a racially, culturally, theologically inclusive Christian women's movement, celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice. Church Women United is:

- A movement representing Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and other Christian women;
- biblically based, shared Christian faith;
- organized into more than 1,200 local and state units working for peace and justice in the United States and Puerto Rico;
- supported by constituents in state and local units and denominational women's organizations;
- impassioned by the Holy Spirit to act on behalf of women and children throughout the world; and
- recognized as a non-governmental organization by the United Nations.



The logo of Church Women United is a circle with the exploding sun at the center. The rays suggest the dynamic force, vitality and life of the sun as our source of light and from Jesus, the Son, and our Source

of Enlightenment. The rays also indicate movement, action and power; a coming and going as God's people return to the Source for strength and then go out into the world in mission. The texture and richness of the rays symbolize the qualities the Christian women can contribute to the world. Texture relates to the way constituent parts are woven together. So it is that in Church Women United, Christian women from diverse backgrounds unite in a way that provides body and fullness for witness in a pluralistic, changing society. Learn more at <http://www.churchwomen.org>

Upcoming dates to remember:

- PEVA Fall gathering; Saturday October 5th, 8am – 1pm Stone House Presbyterian Church in Toano, Registration deadline 1 October.
- Ethridge Speaker and Dinner; Oct 5th, 6pm \$15 signup deadline 1 October
- Consecration Sunday; October 6



Beginning Balance: \$ 750.36
Ending Balance: \$ 1609.05



FOOD PANTRY

Always needed:

- Juice (approx. 64 oz) any kind of juice
- Canned fruits – any size



Circle reports

Circle 4: 5 members were in attendance. Hostess and Bible Moderator; Cherie James. Watched DVD and discussed the first lesson. 3 members purchased books, we will take a circle picture next month as we hope to have better attendance. Ann will be our hostess in October, Annette will be our moderator. Prayer concerns: Amanda and family, Betsy's niece Patricia, student Brenda and friends Dave & Tracy and Ann's friend Erica.

Circle 6: 8 members and 1 guest; Emma, were in attendance. Hostesses were Mary Jo Kennedy and Donna Place. Bible Moderator: Emma Ouellette. Emma introduced us to our new Bible study, Love Carved in Stone, A Fresh Look At the Ten Commandments. We had a very interesting discussion on the Ten Words! Prayer Concerns: Janet L. Baker, Jim and Jean Reid and Linda Allen

Circle 8: 10 members present. Hostess: Bobbie Brenton. Bible Moderator: Bob Brenton. Discussion: Circle 8 will sponsor a dinner for Wednesday at the Well on Oct. 30, 2019. Martha suggested Tacos. Circle 8 will support Diamond Springs with items needed. Bobbie will collect each meeting and deliver to the school. For the month of October, members will bring underwear, socks, tissue/Kleenex, baby wipes, hand sanitizer/any size, paper towels. Discussed Circle year meeting places: Oct: Paula J. Nov: Nancy Walker, Mar: Beth Montoya, April: Connie Schrieber, May: Retreat, Dec, Jan, Feb remain open. Church Women United, Human Rights Celebration. Saturday, September 28, 2019. Circle Volunteers: Linda Wallace, Connie Zudemia, Paula Jesberg, Bobbie Brenton. Next meeting will be at Paula Jesberg's home. No Bible Moderator designated. 12 PW Books ordered. 1 more is needed. Money collected and turned over to Marie Parr, Circle 8 Treasurer. Taking a circle picture will be added to next month's agenda. Circle Prayer concerns: Wallace family, Austin, Tom Ross, Family of Mildred Cooperman, Family of Dan Shain, Sandy Geregh's son Chuck, Ed Glucowski, Ed and Mary Jane Borchers, Judy Crossman, Jim Reid, Cathy Holloway, Janet L. Baker

Circle 10: 5 members present. Bible Moderator: Kathy Duncan. Discussion: We are changing the meeting time to begin at 6:30pm. For our upcoming community service project, We decided we will buy tampons for the homeless shelter, Kathy will pick them up for us. We talked about the survey, Wednesdays at the Well, the Church Women United event on September 28.

