

## **World Day of Prayer**

is celebrated on the first Friday of March each year to encourage Christian women to engage in personal prayer and lead communal prayer within their mission auxiliaries and associations. Women have a strong sense of identification with the needs of other women and children and are better suited to provide the appropriate support. Since 1861, despite strong resistance from the all-male mission boards, women have established several effective boards for foreign and home missions working directly with and for women and children. World Day of Prayer is an initiative of one such board, which aims to make the lives of women and children easier by offering resources and support.

## **HISTORY OF WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

In the 19th century, Christian women of the U.S. and Canada began engaging in cooperative activities to support women's involvement in missions across the world. In 1887, Presbyterian women called for a day of prayer for home missions, which the Methodist women joined from 1892 to 1894, after calling for a week of prayer. The Baptists started a day of prayer for foreign missions in 1891.

Forming a committee in 1897, women from six denominations would eventually start a united day of prayer for home missions. These women took turns in the other participating denominations and organized the common worship service. In 1912, the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions decided that there should be a united day of prayer for foreign missions that would be observed in different parts of the world.

After the success of the Ecumenical Missionary Conference in New York City in 1900, a group of laywomen organized an interdenominational Central Committee for United Study that prepared publications, summer conferences, study days, and courses so that women could be up-to-date about the lives of women in other parts of the world. These courses also enabled them to study biblical foundations and important issues related to mission work. Women took initiatives to organize interdenominational structures that were effective and cooperative in home and foreign missions. In 1908, the women founded the Council of Women for Home Missions that assumed responsibility for the rehabilitation of immigrants and other social issues, and for the preparation of the joint day of prayer.

<https://nationaltoday/worlddayofprayer/>





POTOMAC VALLEY HOSPITAL



Community Group Education & Exercise

## March 2024 WELLNESS ZONE SCHEDULE

CALL 304-597-3702 or 304-597-3694 TO SIGN UP FOR GROUP CLASSES:

Gentle Chair Yoga / Tuesdays / 10 am / 135 Potomac Plaza, Keyser, WV

Circuit Training / Thursdays / 11 am / 135 Potomac Plaza, Keyser, WV

Walk for Wellness / Mondays-Wednesdays-Fridays / 12:30 pm – 1:30pm / J. Edward Kelly Complex at Potomac State College

Practice Made Perfect Cooking Class / March 4 at 5 pm / 135 Potomac Plaza

Families Strong Support Group begins March 5, 2024, at 8:30 am (8-week support class)

**PLEASE NOTE:** If Mineral County Schools have a 2-hour delay or schools are closed due to inclement weather, classes will be cancelled. Cancellations will also be posted on PVH Wellness Zone. Call if any questions.

FIND US IN THE COMMUNITY- BP SCREENING & HEALTH INFORMATION TABLE

March 14, Thursday, 9 am – 10 am @ Potomac Heights, Keyser, WV

March 20, Wednesday, 10:30 am -11:30 am @ Westernport Senior Center

March 27, Tuesday, 1 pm – 2 pm @ Fort Ashby Library

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