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*As the deer pants for streams of water, so
my soul pants for you, my God. Psalm 42:1*

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Women's Ministries



The Goal: The goal of Women's Ministries is to see every woman become a mature worshipper of God; that she would know Him personally and be committed to extending His Kingdom in her life, church, community and throughout the world.

The Purpose: Women's Ministries exist to provide opportunities for women to be transformed by the gospel through worship, prayer, study, fellowship, evangelism and service.

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Dear Friends,

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young women shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:28-31)

What great news Isaiah proclaimed! The everlasting God, creator of the universe, faithful, powerful, and wise, never, ever grows weary. This same God promises to sustain us, not as we strive to improve ourselves, but as we wait on Him. HE will RENEW our strength, supplying us with endless supplies of fresh strength. We can trust him.

I invite you to continue on our journey of RENEWAL this winter. Come let God's Word REFRESH you, as you study with others. REJOICE as our children learn about God's incredible grace and love as through the Busy Bees children's ministry. REKINDLE relationships with the Naomi's sisters and friends. If you are a mom of young children, come to MOPS or MomsNext to RECHARGE. REVIVE your soul as you join the prayer team. RECONNECT with the community by helping in our service opportunities. REMIND one another of our many opportunities to live in community with each other.

Take a look at this brochure to find information about each group within the Women's Ministry. If you need help getting plugged in, call me and we can talk.

Renewed by Him,

Cheryl

Create in me a clean heart, oh God, and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10

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And now, dear lady, I am not writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning. I ask that we love one another." 2 John 1:5



Monday Bible Studies

The Psalms of David

Monday, 6-8pm at the Home of Ruth Tindall; no childcare

Leaders: Ruth Tindall, Elaine Holtzman

The Hebrew monarchy was a sign of God's Covenant to His people. David as a true, though imperfect representative of the ideal theocratic king, was given the Lord's Promise that the Davidic dynasty would endure forever and that a future descendent of his would 'perfectly' fulfill the role of the theocratic king and complete the redemption of God's people. The life of David teaches us that God can use imperfect people, David and each one of us, to accomplish His purposes. In addition, many of the Psalms authored by David will be studied. Their richness proclaim David's status as God's anointed and declare what God accomplishes through him and his dynasty. Join us as we study God's Word, engage in a rich prayer time and experience a bonding among women of faith.

The Word of the Lord

2nd and 4th Mondays

7:30-9:00pm at church; no childcare

Leaders: Cheryl Mullis, Kathy O'Neil, Pam Cochran, Catherine Meloy

In the Old Testament, God spoke to his people through prophets - men specially called to speak God's Word to his people. The New Testament makes it clear that such prophets, whether chastising or comforting, testified to Israel's final redemption and ultimate hope: Jesus the Messiah. Through this study we will gain a fresh perspective on the message of the Old Testament prophets and a broader understanding of Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture.

Tuesday Bible Studies

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE **Nehemiah and 1 and 2 Peter: Living for God in Hard Times**

Leaders: Ruth Burge, Dava Unglesbee

9:30-11:30am at church

Christians often have lived in hard times. Nehemiah lived in post-exilic Israel in the midst of much opposition and trial. Peter wrote to churches challenged by suffering and persecution. We each live in our own demanding circumstances. Learn from Peter and Nehemiah how to face difficult things in light of God's good purposes for us in Christ Jesus and in the hope of the Gospel. We will be using 3 study guides from Mathias Media which will be available to you online or in hard copy. Homework could be done in one sitting or divided over several days. Prayer time will cover what we study and personal needs of group members.



Tuesday Bible Studies (cont'd)

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Joshua and Ephesians; Living the Promises

Leaders: Carol Avery, Kathy Shreeve

9:30-11:30am at church

Many of us have heard of Joshua in the Old Testament from Sunday School. Perhaps it was a story of Jericho's falling walls. Perhaps later we learned that Joshua and Jesus are two forms of the same name in Hebrews, and were taught that Joshua's bringing Israel into Canaan was an OT precursor of Jesus bringing us out of our bondage to sin and into fellowship with God. The book of Joshua has much to teach us and our church about following where God leads. Joshua's ringing farewell affirmation in Joshua 24:15, "But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord" is the reason why we will be studying this important book to discover how Joshua became a faithful follower of Christ. Following Joshua, we will be studying Ephesians to help us study our spiritual blessings that are for all followers of Christ. This book covers God's eternal purpose to create through Jesus Christ a new society which stands out in stark comparison to our world today.

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The Person of Jesus

Leaders: Mary Thompson, Natalie Devries, Jen Park, Allison Dorsey

9:30-11:30am at church

We will explore *The Person of Jesus* studying the scriptures to see and understand the varied ways Jesus lived in community, applying humility, kindness, and grace in His many encounters and relationships. Some of the topics covered include compassion, judging, self-righteousness and grace, power for love, good anger, a time to shut up, and reconciliation. We will dedicate one week each month to prayer. Come join us as, together, we encourage each other to put into action what we are learning about living life together, loving our Lord, and serving those around us.

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Ephesians

Leaders: Collette Rau, Barbara DeVries

9:30-11:30am at church

Sometimes being a Christian can seem ordinary. Paul tells the Ephesians and us that being a Christian is definitely not ordinary nor insignificant. We are lavishly loved by God! *Walk This Way* will help us discover God's great purposes for us and how we are to walk in them. Join us as we dig into Ephesians and emerge with a better grasp of foundational truths about spiritual darkness, redemption, right relationships, and godly living. This study will challenge us to live authentic Christian lives in a broken world.



Tuesday Bible Studies (continued)

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Daily Reading Bible

Time: Tuesday, 9:30-11:30am

at the home of Jenny Woodruff with childcare

Leaders: Jenny Woodruff, Donna Tull, Julie Millis

This Spring we will be studying Volume 14 of the Daily Reading Bible Devotional booklet. The book study guide is a collection of 60 daily readings. Each reading includes the full text of the scriptures from the ESV, with a couple of questions, a point to ponder and thoughts for prayer. All in one booklets, these are a great take anywhere tool to use in our desire to be in God's word daily. Join us as we gather each week to share what God is teaching us from our daily feeding in His word.

Daily Reading Bible

Time: Tuesday, 7-9pm

at the home of Susan Fox, no childcare

Leaders: Susan Fox, Debbie Williams, Jenny Woodruff, Donna Duarte

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Study in the Cafe

Time Tuesday, 9:30-11:30am

Leaders: Doreen Mori & Valerie Chick

Women are good at loving God with our hearts. We are good at engaging our emotions in our pursuit of God. But the God who commands us to love with the totality of our heart, soul, and strength also commands us to love Him with all of our minds. I know we will bring our emotions to the study of God's Word, and that is good and right. But together we will learn what it means to also engage our minds. God intends for us to be good students, renewing our minds and thus transforming our hearts.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Prayer Changing Prayers

Time: Wednesday 8:00-9:30am

at the home of Irene Park, no childcare

Leaders: Bonnie Zadoretzky, Barbara Shoemaker

The Bible speaks of prayer in ways that are far from simple. Jesus and the other biblical authors saw it as more than just talking to God. The prayers of the apostle Paul and other saints are touching, profound, eloquent, and living. Studying and learning from them can revolutionize the way we pray. Paul's heart was fixed on the essential things, things which are true, of utmost importance and indispensable. DO we know our real problem? Do we know who can fix it? DO we know what is truly valuable and worth having? If we do, then our prayers will reflect it.. In addition to individual study questions, class members will use inductive Bible Study methods to enrich Scripture reading, help in discerning God's truths, and aid in applying these truths to everyday life.

Friday Morning Bible Study

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**Abide: A Study of 1st, 2nd, & 3rd John
2nd & 4th Fridays**

Time: 9:30-11:30am in EP Church Parlor

Leaders: Cheryl Mullis, Natalie DeVries, Brenda Lueck

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What does this passage teach about God?

How does this aspect of God's character change my view of myself?

What should I do in response?



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Children's Teaching Ministry Busy Bees Bible Club

Tuesday Mornings 9:30-11:30am

Begins: January 6th Location: EP Church

The **Busy Bees Bible Club** is a time for children 6 months to 5 years of age to meet together in age groups to receive the honey of God's Word just as their moms are receiving it in their groups. We provide a structured, Christ-centered learning environment in the Beehive which will be a step in teaching children to think biblically. These classes are limited in size, so some children may need to be placed on waiting lists and then included as space is available. Please contact Lorraine Fortlage 410-266-8091 ext. 108.

The Homeschoolers Class is a supervised study time with some group activities available for Homeschoolers, through grade 5, whose mothers are attending a study on Tuesday mornings.

Registration:

Studies start the week of September 16th

You may register for both a Women's Bible Study and the Busy Bees Bible Club in one of the following ways:

- Register online at epannapolis.org
- Contact Cheryl Mullis in the Women's Ministry Office 410-266-8091 x127.
- For questions regarding Busy Bees Registration, please contact Lorraine Fortlage in the Women's Ministry office at 410-266-8091x108.





Service Opportunities

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And in the church God has appointed...those able to help others." 1 Corinthians 12:27-28

God has a place for each of us to serve, both within our congregation and in the community. The outreach ministries of our church provide many exciting opportunities. Pray that the Lord would draw your heart to where He would have you give your time and talents.

Please contact Laurie Nelson, our Outreach Coordinator, at 410-266-8091, ext. 103 for all service opportunities.

Ways to Serve

- ♦ **Winter Relief: January 26-February 2 Ep will be housing 25-30 people that are homeless. We will be providing food, clothing, and shelter, and many volunteers will be needed. Please consider volunteering for this great opportunity to serve.**
- ♦ Volunteer in our Midweek Childcare Ministry (Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday mornings), or for our Sunday School Ministry. We are looking for teachers and helpers with a love for the Lord and a love for children.
- ♦ Good News Club—A bible club for young children after school; Located at Germantown and Hillsmere Elementary Schools. Please contact Laurie Nelson if you are interested in helping.
- ♦ The Lighthouse Shelter—Prepare and serve dinner on the 4th Saturday of each month to residents of the Lighthouse Shelter located on Hudson Street in Annapolis.
- ♦ Homework Haven—Assist children from the Woodside Gardens community with their homework; Monday-Friday, 3-6pm

You can also serve closer to home! Christian community is fostered by selfless care of one another. Here are some suggestions of ways to serve:

- ♦ Send an encouraging note to a friend
- ♦ Babysit children for a single mom
- ♦ Take a meal to someone in need
- ♦ Visit an elderly person that lives alone
- ♦ Shovel someone's driveway—take your kids along to help!



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Naomi's Sisters and Friends

"the God of all comfort, comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God" 2Cor 13b-4

You are not alone! We are a group of widows and their friends who gather together each month for fun, fellowship and encouragement in Christ. It is a great opportunity to invite a friend and to make new friends. We usually meet at a local restaurant for lunch or perhaps someone's home for brunch. After contacting the Women's Ministry Office, a post card will be mailed to you each month with details of our monthly time of fellowship. Please contact Cheryl Mullis at 410-266-8091, ext. 127 to register.

Upcoming Naomi's Sisters Dates & Locations:	January 8th	11:30am	Lunch @ Nordstrom Café
	February 14th	10:00am	Valentine's Brunch at Dawn Powell's Home
	March 12th	11:30am	To Be Determined

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Women's Ministry Prayer Team

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints." Eph. 6:18

We are a team of women who pray on a regular basis for women in our church. This is a great opportunity to serve our church family and you don't even have to leave your home to do it!. What a gift and joy to lift our sisters up in prayer! We are always looking for more women to join us in offering the gift of prayer.

With the New Year, we are beginning a Wednesday Morning Prayer Group. This group will meet from 8:00-8:30am, weekly, in the Women's Ministry Office. We will be lifting up our church, our church body, and our community in prayer. Come pray with us....

If you would like to join our prayer team, please contact Cheryl Mullis or Lorraine Fortlage in the Women's Ministry Office at 410-266-8090.

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Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord, and the fruit of the womb is his reward." Psalm 127:3

MOPS is dedicated to meeting the needs of every mother of preschoolers (conception through kindergarten). MOPS is a place where moms can gain practical insight into things that are important to us. During the MOPS meeting moms will get to know other moms in a comfortable atmosphere; a place where mothers of young children can find friendships, encouragement, and relief. MomsNext is a similar group oriented for mothers of school aged children. While MOPS & MomsNext are meeting, our children have their own special program called MOPPETS. MOPPETS is a program staffed by trained teachers who will nurture our children in a pre-school-like environment.

We have two daytime MOPS programs. One group meets on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month. The other group meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. MomsNext meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month. All three groups have programs for children. We also offer a Mom's Day Out on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. This give moms an opportunity to drop of their child and have some time to themselves for a few hours. You can register for Mom's Day Out on our website under Women's Ministries, or call Lorraine Fortlage at 410-266-8091, ext. 108.

Registration Information

MomsNext—1st Wednesday of the month, 9:30 – 11:30 am, please contact :
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MOPS—1st & 3rd Friday Morning 9:30 -11:30am, please contact:
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Nuala O'Leary 410-404-0568 nules99@hotmail.com

MOPS—2nd & 4th Wednesday Morning 9:30- 11:30am, please contact
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April 10-12, 2015

Registration begins January 25th



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