Subject: Women's Ministry Update: July 2019

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Welcome! Whether you are new to PV or have been here for years, consider this your personal invitation to meet, eat, study, laugh, and love together as sisters in Christ through the opportunities below.

This issue includes information about Heartfelt, Dinner-and-Devo, the Sunday morning study of women in the Bible, new studies this autumn, and a special event in October for a day of art, prayer, praise, and fellowship.

Find us on <u>Facebook</u> and check the PV events <u>calendar</u> for updates throughout the month.

Heartfelt

- Sign up now for the 4th season! We're in our final weeks of registration. Heartfelt is for women of all ages and stages from 18 to 108! We are moms, daughters, sisters and friends who meet in homes one night a month. With "older women teaching younger women" (Titus 2:3-5) and creating space for conversations and companionship. Mary-Kathryn Rector and Kathy Carter are coordinating the 2019-2020 season contact them with any questions.
- Reveal day is August 18th and is the kickoff event where groups are announced. If you have already signed up and would like to volunteer, committee leaders are looking for extra hands to help set up, decorate, and welcome everyone! Please reach out to <u>Tiffany Greenway</u> if you would be interested in helping out!

Dinner and Devo

- Thursday, July 11, 6 -7:45 p.m.
- D&D is a "brown-bag" dinner a casual, come-as-you-are, when you can, no commitments, no homework. Just come hang out with the gals! We're an informal small group, meeting for a social and devotional time. D&D is a great opportunity for women who want a small group to just to meet and mingle. No RSVP is necessary. All are welcome! We meet the 2nd THURSDAY of each month in the PV Shower Room (enter through the Family Life Center). Contact Tamara

Planning Meeting

Interested in steering Women's Ministry into the future? All are welcome! The next planning meeting is July 24, 5:30 pm, in the PV Shower Room. Contact <u>Laura Riedinger</u> or <u>Tamara Gill</u>.

Sunday Morning Bible Class

- Room 118 (next to the gym) | 9:30 -10:30 am.
- The summer series, *Women of the Bible, Then and Now,* is underway. <u>Click</u> for a sample of what's to come.

Roe's Circle: Post-Abortion Healing

You are not alone. The guilt, humiliation, and shame carried after an abortion cripples many of us. Some for a season, some for a lifetime. Unable to forgive yourself? Doubt, anxiety, fear of being "found out," believing you're an impostor posing in the church? God's message is, "I love you. You can be lifted from this despair and sorrow. Christ has died, taken that burden, but you need to let it go and let my healing and wisdom enter this very private, painful, sad memory." The grace of Jesus is available to you, to us.

A special group is forming for women healing from abortion experience: based on *Saveone* by Shelia Harper, *Surrender the Secret* by Pat Layton, and *Deeper Still*, a national program in post-abortion healing. This is a confidential, private group. Contact <u>Laura Riedinger</u>, 501-681-9194, for more information.

Save the date: Women's Day at PV!

October 5 | 9 am - 3 pm | Relate, Rejoice, Refresh, Renew: Living Abundant Life

Attend a celebration of discovery and opportunity. Through four sessions covering a variety of topics, you'll make new friends, create beauty, connect to community resources and worship in prayer and song. Childcare and lunch provided when you pre-register.

Come for the day, or drop in for a session. Bring a friend or two! Schedule of events and registration information coming soon. Team leads: Janine Rector, Rita Medlock, Tamara Gill, Laura Riedinger, Amy Lee, Hannah Hart, Tonya Striping.

Join the Team! Let us know if you can help with:

- Worship and Praise (Team Lead Amy Lee)
- Hospitality (food, greeting, hostess, clean up, set up)
- Promotion/Inter-congregational Invitations
- Registration (online registration, and day-of-event desk registration and greeting (Team Lead Tonya Stripling)
- Logistics (helping each e-wing team with audiovisual, trash collection, and room set up throughout the day)
- Event clean up and reset for Sunday morning classes
- Childcare (Team Lead Hannah Hart)

Jail | Prison | Reentry

Our jail ministry to women detained at Pulaski County Jail in Little Rock includes note-writing and prayer components that do not require you to go inside the walls at the jail, or at the other women's units in the AR Dept. of Corrections. Contact <u>Susan Long</u> if you have questions or interest in serving in this ministry. (Men are also needed to teach in the men's units.)

Fall/Spring Self-Study

Embracing Purpose, Finding, Loving and Living Your God-Given Purpose

- The content of this 10-session "Self Exploration" study requires a commitment to attend each session and prepare for the class: THERE IS HOMEWORK. Small group(s) limited to 12 women. The schedule is for one cohort, facilitated by <u>Vicki Wallace</u> and <u>Rita Medlock</u> other cohorts may form (depending upon interest). Sign-up begins in July.
- Sept 3 & 17, Oct 1, 15 & 29, Nov12, Dec 3 & 17, Jan 7 & 21, Feb 4
- For more information about this program, see https://embracingpurpose.org.

Central Arkansas Area Events

Iron Rose Sister Ministry - This women's ministry associated with the Downtown Church of Christ in Searcy, is holding its Destination Retreat at Camp Areopagus in Conway, Arkansas in November 1-3, with a new Bible study, "I Already Am." Cost is \$120, for two nights, five meals, and materials. Register at the <u>IRSM web site</u>.

PV Women's Ministry serves all the women at PV by equipping disciples, encouraging unity in service to God and Church, and helping women move into and beyond the role of learners so we can support, encourage and strengthen our abilities to disciple others inside and outside our walls.

Email news items to Laura Riedinger (501-681-9194), next newsletter deadline: August 8, 2019.



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