

W.U.S.C.

Women Under Spiritual Construction



January 2009

TICKETS ON SALE NOW for This year's Women's Retreat . . .

“Walking With God Through the Seasons of Our Life”

Saturday, February 21, 2009

9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.



Come walk with a variety of speakers as they share where they are in their walk with God. Don't miss out on this wonderful time of growth and fellowship.

Tickets are \$20.00, which includes lunch, and can be purchased between services on Sundays or through the church office.

Table Hostesses Needed: Would like to host a table at this year's retreat? As it was so successful last year, once again we are asking members of Epworth to host a table. This includes decorating and setting up your own table and playing hostess to those attending the conference. Tables are generally 8-10 people. If you are able to host a table, please contact Patti Floyd at 815-761-3596 or pfloyd12861@yahoo.com OR sign up on

Sunday between services.

A New Year With God

Can you believe it's 2009 already—eek! Where does the time go. As each new year begins, so many of us (I speak for myself of course), make numerous New Year's Resolutions. To loose weight, to exercise, to be a better steward of money. The list goes on. How hard it can be to keep these resolutions. I heard a comedian say he only made one New Year's Resolution a year and it was always the same: "To Only Make 1 New Year's Resolution a Year." He was done before he even started.

Regardless of how you feel about these yearly resolutions, as we make them, they bring us hope and give us encouragement for our future. Where else do we get that? From GOD!

I will probably always begin the year with a New Year's Resolution or two, but my hope is that this year I look to God to help me follow my resolutions. I don't need to be model thin (probably not even a reality), but I can be the best possible me I can be. This means taking care of what God has given me. This includes not only my body, but also my spirit. Although I do talk with God throughout the day, so often it's out of frustration or need, and always talking, not listening. I need to stop and listen once in awhile. I need to give praise of thanks more often. I need to spend time with someone who is always able to find time to spend with me.

In this newsletter you will find many opportunities for spiritual growth through a variety of studies and retreats. This year, resolve to grow in your faith; Take time for you. and Take time for God.

Happy New Year,
Patti Floyd



Turn Over →

WUSC STUDIES

Here are some wonderful opportunities for all women for study, discussion and growth:

Sunday School:

From **9:20 - 10:20 a.m. every Sunday**, WUSC meets in the lower level to share in God's glory of being a women. Beginning January 11th, this group will study from the book "*12 Extraordinary Women*". This book can be purchased for \$10.00 during the Sunday School time.

Wednesday Night Discovery Adults:

Every Wednesday from 6:30—7:30 p.m., women are invited to join in for another study opportunity. In January, this group will be watching the video "Storytellers, the Life of Mary". The video looks at a modern day Mary, and is followed by discussions.

Thursday Night Study:

This group meets twice a month on Thursdays **evenings from 7:00—9:00 p.m.** Currently the group is viewing wonderful and thought provoking videos from Rob Bell. Here are the upcoming class dates:

Jan. 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 19th at 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, ideas or need more information on any opportunities for women, please contact Patti Floyd at:

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I can do all things through Christ.

An Opportunity to Give ...

THE CHRISTMAS JAR

Last year, Marcia Larsen shared a wonderful book in Sunday School called *Christmas Jars* by Jason F. Wright. Destined to become a classic Christmas tale, *Christmas Jars* is a heartwarming story that will restore your faith in mankind and make you want to start your own Christmas Jar tradition.

The book is still being passed around to read, while others have purchased their own copy. Epworth's women's group started their own jar and gave approximately \$256.00 this Christmas to a needy family in the area.

A new jar has already been started. If you are down in our women's room in the lower level, we ask you to toss your change (or bills if you so choose) in the jar. Then right before Christmas, we will leave that money anonymously to someone in need.

Working together, we can make a difference in someone's life!

Would you be interested in being a part of a new ministry:

Knitting/Crocheting

Prayer Shawls

Do you like to knit or crochet? If not, would you like to learn? Do you like the fellowship of other women? If you answered "yes" to these questions, why not take the gift of knitting/crocheting to give to others. The plan will be to meet one Saturday a month (you might have to give up sleeping in once), and the group will knit/crochet for 2 hours together, making prayer shawls for those in need.

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