

Women in the Church Newsletter

Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, encouraging one another in the Lord

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



Bible Study Nugget:

Becoming a Woman Who Loves by: Cynthia Heald

****Due to the holidays and weather, Circle 4 Bible Study will be studying Chapter 3-The Source of Love.**

All other Circles will be covering Chapter 4- Bearing Fruit

This month we will be discussing what it means to abide in Christ. To abide means to *remain, to stay closely connected, to settle in for the long term*. Jesus depicted himself as The Vine, the Source from which His followers draw strength, nourishment, and the ability to bear fruit.

We will also be looking at the contrast between the fruit of our sinful nature and the fruit that comes from the Holy Spirit once our hearts have made new by His work.

One quote from the Chapter 4 states, "Fruit represents good works—a thought, an attitude, or action that God values because it glorifies Him."

"By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit." John 15:8

May we each continue to learn that none of this is possible apart from spending time with the Lover of our souls, Jesus.

*Even if you haven't been attending a Bible Study regularly, please join one of the groups for a sweet time of encouragement in the Lord :)



Pray for our Missionaries

*Dennis & Judy B.
MNA-Philadelphia

*PCA-Admin,
oversight

*Kiersten Hutchinson-
TEAM, Zimbabwe

*Greenville
Presbyterian
Theological Seminary

Sign up for new Sunday School class!!

Starting on **January 13th, 2019**, there will be a new *Sunday School* class offered. We will be studying the book, **Treasures of Encouragement**.

This is a wonderful resource to help you learn how to give encouragement in everyday moments.

**sign up sheets located in Fellowship Hall and Vestibule.

Pray for one another

I pray that _____ would be able to "forget what lies behind and reach forward to what lies ahead, and press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 3:13-14

Testimony Corner by Sarah Reid

"Then Moses said to the LORD, "O Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." So the Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the Lord? Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say." - Exodus 4:10-12

I have experienced so many blessings from the Lord, to choose just one is like playing one note on the piano to describe a full orchestration. As a very young child, I was diagnosed with an inner ear calcification disorder called otosclerosis. I was 90% deaf and adapted by feeling vibrations in the floor or being watchful of things around me. God made me that way and I did not know differently. I had large hearing aids that I would often lose on the playground at school. I remember being lost a lot because I didn't hear my teachers calling our class from lunch or recess. After two defining surgeries (stapedectomies), I gained the gift of hearing. Hearing is a great gift; listening is intentional.

Several years ago, I realized my hearing was diminishing. It was a brutal blow. In the past year, both ears have a significant loss requiring two hearing aids once again. My audiologist cried with me when she placed my aids in my ears and I could hear the noises in her office. God be praised! So many sounds I have been slowly missing have come back to life.

I have chosen to be intentional about what my ear listens to now and designate a sound of the day to share with others joyfully that we may not take God's gifts for granted. My prayer is that I never become slowly deaf to God's voice, but that I work hard to be intentional about listening to Him and His Word. I do not want to be lost in a world of noise and not hear my heavenly Father's voice.

"He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"- Matthew 11:15