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Women's Ministries

Autumn is already upon us and we are busy gearing up for the 2010-2011 program year here at FPC. Throughout the history of our church community (which dates back to 1869!), women have played an integral role in the life of the church, and this year will be no different.

The women of FPC are part of our Session, Deacon Board, committees, as well as preaching and serving in various other leadership roles. We are so grateful for the spiritual gifts that are shared by all of you and how it blesses all of us.

We also love to grow in the love of Jesus and in community by offering a variety of ways for women to connect. That's what this publication is all about!

If you have questions, please feel free to call Cris Hageman at 734.5510 x16 or email at crish@fpcbellingham.org.

Some of the ways you can get connected:

- ✓ **Women's Bible Study**
- ✓ **Mom to Mom Group**
- ✓ **Women's Monthly Meet-ups**
- ✓ **Women Outside!**
- ✓ **FPC Gatherings**
- ✓ **Hilltoppers**
- ✓ **Café Pres**
- ✓ **Checking Out the Church**
- ✓ **Prayervine Prayer Times**

Bible Study on the Book of John

Taught by Nancy Taylor with small group study and discussion from the Navigator Life Change Series on "A life-changing encounter with God's Word from the book of John." Sign up at Café Pres on 9/19! Study books are \$9.00.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Please note</u>
Wednesdays	9:30-11:30am	FPC Fellowship Hall	Starting 9/22 Childcare provided at morning study
Thursdays	7-9pm	Carol Bajema's clubhouse 933.1477 or 510.7318 4780 Corona Ct. B'ham	→ Potluck dinner on 9/23 at 6:30pm —bring salad to share—everything else will be provided! → Bible study starting on 9/30 always meeting from 7-9pm

Mom to Mom Group

Moms of all ages and stages are welcome to participate on Wednesday evenings as we gather to fellowship study, encourage and pray for one another.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
First Wednesday of the month	7-8:30pm	FPC Fireside Room

Women's Monthly Meet-Ups

VERY casual get-togethers for the sheer pleasure of fun & food—all ages welcome!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>RSVP to Hostess</u>
October 21	Noon	Panda Palace in Sunset Square 1145 E. Sunset Drive #115	Gini Bunnell 527.3690 or kirkngini@comcast.net
November 1	1:00pm	Colophon Café 1208 11th Street	Shirley Burns 676.5393 arlenburns@comcast.net
December 6	11:30am	D'Anna's Café Italiano 1317 N. State Street	Cris Hageman 5734.5510 x16 or 510.2802 crish@fpcbellingham.org

Women Outside! (WO!)

Who are the Women Outside? We are women of all ages who love to spend time outside in the Bellingham area. We are of all abilities. We are not climbers, fast, buff or hard core. Our Motto: We go as fast as the slowest person.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Please note</u>
Monday, 9/20	Sauk Mountain	
Monday, 10/4	San Juan Island	Lopez or Shaw Island bike ride
Saturday, 10/16	Alger Loop	Moderate hike past Squire Lake to the top—elevation gain 1000 feet
Monday, 11/1	Washington Park	Hike through Washington Park in Anacortes
Saturday, 11/13	Interurban Trail	5 mile hike to Teddy Bear Cove—elevation gain 300 feet

All Saturday outings meet at 8:30am in the church parking lot.

Contact Sandy Hunter at 527.3040 or valleybrooke@msn.com for details.

For details about all midweek outings contact Joyce Feil at 734.2645 or feiljj@aol.com.

FPC Gatherings

<u>Day</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Guide</u>
Sundays 9/26-11/7	Creation Gathering: A journey through Genesis 1-3 looking at what it means to be truly human.	1-2:30pm <i>Bring a sack lunch</i>	Fireside Room	Krista Carlson, FPC Intern & Seminary Student
Sundays 9/26- 11/14	Reconciled Gathering: An interactive, relevant, and safe conversation about spiritual dynamics of race as we learn to proclaim God's Kingdom through racial reconciliation.	7-8:30pm	FPC Fireside Room	JJ Kissinger, FPC Intern & Seminary Student
Sundays 9/26-11/21	Spiritual Disciplines Gathering: Join us as we study and practice some of the timeless disciplines of the church that draw us more deeply into relationship with the Triune God.	9-10:30am	INN Building	Mike Yonkers, FPC Intern & Seminary Student
Tuesdays	Spirit Gathering: A nine-week journey into the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit through the whole Bible.	4-5:30pm	FPC Fireside Room	Doug Bunnell, Pastor
Wednesdays 9/29- 11/17	Original Blessing Gathering: A journey from Genesis to Jesus looking at Scriptures from a slightly different angle...one based on the Original Blessing.	6:30-8pm	FPC Fellowship Hall	Lex Rivers
Every other Saturday 9/25-11/20	Bread Gathering: The Bible and bread - discover the significance of bread in God's Word while baking bread together.	6pm	FPC Kitchen For first meeting	Ryan Chace, Bread Maker & Seminary Student
Beginning in October!	Cooking Gathering: More details to come—sign up at the Ministry Fair on 10/3.	TBA	FPC Kitchen	Anna Kuttel Connecting @ FPC Team

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Hilltoppers

Monthly lunch group for those 55+ Thursdays from 1-2:30pm at FPC.

Programs *tentatively* scheduled:

Date Program

- 10/21 Dr. Corey Schlosser-Hall, Executive Presbyter "Is there hope for the PCUSA?" Slide show with Pastor Doug—his trip with Earl Palmer to Oxford, England
- 11/18 Honoring our veterans with speaker Gordon Terpstra, Chaplain and Iraq Vet
- 12/19 Bellingham Showstoppers
- 2/17 FPC Quartet featuring some of the most beloved love songs
- 3/17 Mission to Mexico with Robby Olson, Youth & Contemporary Worship Director
- 4/21 "Hitler's Mom" An original play by our own Sue Norris

Café Pres

Every Sunday after the worship services downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is welcome to join us for beverages, snacks, and a chance to get to know one another.

Also: Sunday Café Pres volunteers needed! Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Date **Women's Bible Study Day!**

Sunday, 9/19 Women's Bible Study will be hosting this Café Pres. This is a great chance to meet leaders, sign up for the study, and purchase your Bible study book.

Checking Out the Church

This is a casual time together with other folks as a chance to get to meet our Pastor and church staff.

No pressure—just a good time of fellowship and chance to check out our church and enjoy a delicious lunch!

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Please note</u>
Sunday, 10/10	After the 11am	FPC	RSVP to Tracy Johnson at 714.8839 or tracyj@fpcbellingham.org

Prayervine Prayer Times

Be part of the group that meets weekly to pray for the needs of our church, community, and world.

Contact: Linda Kolody at lkolody@comcast.net or 676.0766

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Wednesdays	11:45am	Room 1