

Fall 2009



• ARDEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2215 HENDERSONVILLE ROAD ARDEN NC 28704

Women's Ministries Fall Highlights

We are Family!

Happy New Year!

As we transition to a new ministry year, Women's Ministries at Arden will focus on the theme of God's Family.

In 2008-2009, we focused on the doctrine of adoption. We began the year with our adoption themed Ladies Night Out and carried that principle with us throughout the ministry year. We considered the implications of living life as beloved daughters of God.

In 2009-2010 we want to expand this theme. If I am a beloved daughter of God, and *you* are a beloved daughter of God, that makes us sisters! How does this affect our interactions with one another in the Body of

Christ?

At Ladies Night Out, speaker Carol Davis spoke candidly sister-to-sister, reminding us that rather than comparing ourselves to one another, we must look to God's Word, the only unchanging standard, for our identity.

Our Tuesday morning ladies Bible study will explore the Letter to the Hebrews, written to brothers and sisters in Christ struggling to hold onto faith in the face of extreme persecution. The writer of Hebrews reminded them—and us—of the unchangeable character of God's purpose, that it is a "sure and steadfast anchor of the soul." The Hebrews were to encourage one

another and remind one another of the Truth of God's Word. Let's commit to love and encourage our Arden family, likewise.

This newsletter aims to inform you of many opportunities to love and serve your family at Arden. Make a meal for a family in need, sew or craft with friends, send a note of encouragement or transport a cancer patient to treatment, or "adopt" an Arden student to love and pray for this school year.

May we remember that in Christ we are beloved daughters of the Most High God...and may we enjoy getting to know our beloved sisters in Christ!



Arden Care Ministry

Forming community through acts of service

Arden Care Ministry (formerly Meals & Ministry) will expand and centralize the ministry of providing meals to Arden families in times of need (births, illness, surgery, etc.). Jenn Gwennap will coordinate Arden Care Ministry. Everyone in the church is invited to participate, with the vision of forming a stronger community at APC to lovingly meet the basic needs of those around us.

To simplify the coordination of meals, we will be using the webpage **Care Calendar** (www.carecalendar.org). This website will

show dates meals are needed, supply information about special needs such as food allergies, and even provide driving directions! You can also see the menu for other meals provided—thus avoiding three lasagnas in one week! For those who prefer not to use the website, call Jenn Gwennap at **687-7153** to sign up to provide a meal.

To be part of this important ministry, please give Jenn a call or email her at jgwennap@gmail.com.

Don't Miss This! Fall Events at APC

Midweek at Arden,
Wednesdays, 9/9-11/18
Dinner: 5:00 PM
Program: 6:00 PM

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study
The Letter to the Hebrews
Tuesdays, 9/15- 11/17
9:30-11:30 AM, Fellowship Room

Sew-n-So (Much More)!
Sewing, Crafting, Fellowship, and Fun!
For all ages—nursery provided by reservation.
First and Third Fridays, 9:30 AM, Room 10

Sewing Circle
A Crafty Outreach Ministry
Second Mondays, 9:00 AM-Noon, Room 10

SWISS
(Single Women in Support and Service)
Third Thursdays, 10:00 AM, Fellowship Room

Ladies of Arden, please join us!



THE LETTER TO THE
HEBREWS

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

September 15-November 17

9:30-11:30 AM, Fellowship Room

Loving childcare provided.

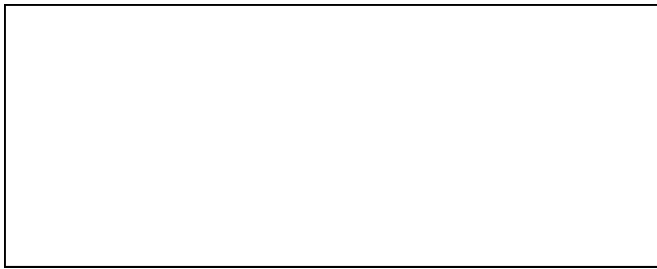
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Bring a Friend!

Women in the Church
Holiday Dessert Gathering
Tuesday, December 8, 2009
6:30 PM
Multipurpose Room

This evening is an informal gathering for Arden members and friends. Join us for dessert, coffee, music and a holiday-themed devotion. This is a great opportunity to bring friends who don't normally attend church! The holidays are very busy, so mark your calendar now!



Needed: Ladies to decorate and host a holiday-themed table, greet our guests, or serve coffee and dessert. We need lots of helpers!

Please call Jean-Marie in the church office for more information or to volunteer.

Hands of Faith

Hands of Faith reaches out with the love of Christ to cancer patients and their families through prayer and practical service. This ministry provides meals, transportation, shopping, light housekeeping, and encouraging gifts including the scripture quilts made by Sewing Circle. Hands of Faith meets monthly to pray, plan, and send notes of encouragement. Currently nine Arden family members are undergoing treatment for cancer.

On September 27, Dr. Tim Vanderkwaak, an oncologist and an APC elder, will share a Hands of Faith update with the congregation during an Arden Focus. After the service, Hands of Faith volunteers will be available to answer any questions you may have and to encourage you with practical

ways you may participate in caring for those with cancer.

The congregation is invited to join us Thursday, October 15, for a church-wide open meeting to present information on cancer and ministering to those who have been affected by it.

For more information, please contact Wilma Conner at 692-6763 or Mary Ann McMinn at 684-8300.



Attention: Moms of College Students!

Please call the church office with updated contact information for your college student, especially mailing instructions. Women in the Church delights to send our college students care packages at exam time. Misdirected packages are no fun—except perhaps for the kid in the dorm room where your child lived last year!

Adopt-a-Student

Arden students in middle school, high school, and college need your prayers. Make a friend—and impact a life—by adopting an APC student and committing to pray for them for the school year.

To volunteer or for more information, please contact Rev. Brian Russ in the church office or Sue Baker at 684-6656.

Help Wanted!

Arden Women's Ministries needs your photos! If you have pictures of APC events, please share them. Our new newsletter format will allow us to include color photos. Please email photos to Jean-Marie at jmvun@charter.net.

For More Information about Women's Ministries at APC, please contact:

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