



# Winter/ Spring 2012



## *Women's Ministries*

*"Show me Your ways, O Lord, teach me Your paths; guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long."*

*Psalm 25:4-5*



**Evangelical Presbyterian  
Church of Annapolis**

*The Goal: The goal of Women's Ministries is to see every woman become a mature worshipper of God; that she would know Him personally and be committed to extending His Kingdom in her life, church, community and throughout the world.*

*The Purpose: Women's Ministries exist to provide opportunities for women to be transformed by the gospel through worship, prayer, study, fellowship, evangelism and service.*

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*Dear Friends,*

*Thank you for your interest in the Women's Ministries of EP Church. The prayer of our women's leaders is that within our programs you will find opportunities for the Lord to nourish your soul and encourage your friendships. Whether you are new to our fellowship or have been involved for years, may the Lord lead you to the opportunities He wants you to include in your life this winter and spring.*

*In His Grace, Jenny Woodruff*

## **Learning Hearts: Women's Bible Studies**

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*"Continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught." Col. 2:6,7*

During the school year, Women's Bible Studies meet at the church and in homes at various times throughout the week. These are wonderful opportunities, no matter where we are in our walk, to grow in our love and faith in the Lord and His Word. Our times together provide communities in which to fellowship with other women and build new friendships.

In addition to adult study groups, we offer the Busy Bees Bible Club (children 6 months to 5 years of age) during the Tuesday morning studies. Please register your children with Jill Furniss before attending.

## **Connecting Hearts: Women's Fellowship Class**

Anza Manning 410-757-3908

Jenny Woodruff 410-266-8091 ext.127

*"And now, dear lady, I am not writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning. I ask that we love one another." 2 John 1:5*

Connect with other women of all ages and stages of life in this class on Sunday mornings as we fellowship together with an inductive Bible study. We meet during the 9:15 Sunday school hour.

## ***Nurturing Hearts: MOPS***

Daytime: Julie Millis 410-336-8242 and Lauren Jackson 860-705-3600

Evening: Leanne Doty 410-432-6134

Woodside: Laurie Nelson 410-266-8091 ext. 103

*"Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord, and the fruit of the womb is his reward." Psalm 127:3*

MOPS is a program designed for mothers of young children (conception through kindergarten age) to foster relationships and share Christ with other women who are trying to be better moms, wives, homemakers, and friends...a place where mothers of young children can find friendships, encouragement, and relief. The Evening group meets once a month on a Thursday. No childcare is provided, but nursing babies are welcome. The Daytime group meets two Friday mornings a month and includes MOPPETS, a program for preschool children. Please register before you come. We also have an outreach MOPS program that meets at Woodside Gardens.

## ***Praying Hearts: Women's Ministry Prayer Team***

Jessica Raspa 410-266-5625

Ginny Seidel 410-798-1945

*"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints." Eph 6:18*

We are a team of women who pray on a regular basis for women in our church. This is a great opportunity to serve our church family. What a gift and joy to lift our sisters up in prayer! Our goal and purpose is to pray for every woman in our fellowship regularly by name.

## ***Merry Hearts: Special Events***

Jenny Woodruff 410-266-8091 ext. 127

*"Remember, a merry heart does good, like medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones... The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe." Proverbs 17:22; 18:10*

Special events are important parts of the whole vision of Women's Ministries. During the year, special events and learning activities will call women together for fellowship, teaching, and outreach as we grow together through fun times, celebrations, and retreats. These events provide opportunities for women to build relationships with other women in the Lord as well as to communicate Christ to those who do not know Him.

## ***Comforting Hearts: Naomi's Sisters and Friends***

Jenny Woodruff 410-266-8091 ext. 127

*"the God of all comfort, comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God." 2Cor 1:3b-4*


You are not alone! We are a group of widows and their friends who gather together each month for fun, fellowship and encouragement in Christ. It is a great opportunity to invite a friend and to make new friends.


## ***Serving Hearts: Service Opportunities***

Laurie Nelson 410-266-8091 ext. 103

*"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And in the church God has appointed... those able to help others..." 1 Corinthians 12:27-28*

God has a place for each of us to serve, both within our congregation and in the community. The outreach ministries of our church provide many exciting opportunities. Pray that the Lord would draw your heart to where He would have you give your time and talents.

Areas of Ministry	Dates and Times	Activity and Place	Notes	Contact
<i>Merry Hearts:</i> Special Events	<p><i>Women's IN-HOME RETREAT</i> Friday &amp; Saturday March 23 &amp; 24 2012 With guest speaker Christine Dow Rubino</p>	<p><i>Redemptive Relationships as we worship, work, live and play together...</i></p>  <p><i>"..so walk in him..." Colossians 2:6</i></p>	<p>Jenny in the Women's Ministry Office 410-266-8091 ext.127</p> <p>If you are interested in hosting one of the groups at your home, please contact the Women's Ministry Office.</p>	
	<p>Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 9:00am-10:15am</p>	<p>Body And Soul Aerobics EP Church L-Room</p>	<p>Exercise to uplifting Christian music. 30-40 min low impact cardio work out and 30-40 minute strength, flexibility and balance. We close with scripture and prayer.</p>	<p>Jackie Greene 321-947-1154</p>
	<p>Saturdays 9:00am-noon</p>	<p>Knitting Group Home of Barbara Ferguson</p>	<p>Anyone who knits or wants to learn how is welcome to join us.</p>	<p>Barbara Ferguson 410-956-6469</p>
<i>Nurturing Hearts:</i> MOPS Mothers of Preschoolers	<p>Daytime MOPS <b>Friday Mornings in the Cove at EP Church, 9:30-11:30am</b> January 6th, 20th February 3rd, 17th March 9th, 23rd April 13th, 27th May 4th</p>		<p>Our Daytime MOPS group has a MOPPETS program available. To check for availability and to pre-register contact Julie or Lauren.</p>	<p>Julie Millis 410-336-8242 juliemillis@verizon.net Lauren Jackson 860-705-3600 l_jackson78@hotmail.com</p>
	<p>Evening MOPS <b>Thursday Evenings at the Woodruff's Home, 7:00-9:30pm</b> January 19th February 16th March 15th April 19th May 17th</p>		<p>Our evening MOPS group does not have child care, but nursing infants are welcome.</p>	<p>Leanne Doty 410-452-6134 dotylrl@verizon.net</p>
	<p>Woodside MOPS <b>Thursday Mornings</b> 10:00am-12:00am</p>		<p>Woodside MOPS is an outreach MOPS group at the Woodside Apts.</p>	<p>Laurie Nelson 410-266-8091 ext. 103</p>

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<b>Comforting Hearts: Naomi's Sisters and Friends</b>	January 26th 5:00 P.M.	Ellen Lyttle's Home	<p>Come join us for a meal! This is a great opportunity to bring a friend or neighbor.</p> 	<p>Women's Ministry Office 410-266-8091 ext. 127</p>
	February 11th 10:00 A.M.	Dawn Powell's Home		
	March 12th 11:30A.M.	Zoe's Kitchen Parole Town Center		
	April 26th 11:30A.M.	Lyn Durland's Home		
	May 14th 11:30 A.M.	Nordstrom's Café' Annapolis Mall		
<b>Serving Hearts: Opportunities to Serve</b>	Tuesday Mornings 9:00am until noon	Busy Bees Bible Club at Church	Meets during our Tuesday morning Bible Studies. We are looking for teachers and helpers with a love for the Lord and a love for children.	Jill Furniss 410-647-0456
	Friday Mornings Twice Monthly	MOPPETS at Church	Have fun while providing care for the children of Daytime MOPS!	Jill Benjamin 410-451-0256
	Weekly on Wednesdays 4:00-5:30pm	Good News Club at Germantown Elementary School	We are looking for teachers, helpers, hostesses to run the weekly Bible Club after school.	Laurie Nelson 410-266-8091 ext.103
	Monday-Friday 3:00pm-6:00pm	Homework Haven Woodside Gardens	Tutor any day for any length of time at the Community Center in Woodside Gardens	
	4th Saturday of each month.	Lighthouse Shelter Hudson Street, Annapolis, MD	Prepare and serve dinners at the Lighthouse Shelter	
	January	Collection of change in Baby Bottles for the Pregnancy Clinic	Opportunity to collect change in support of the Crisis Pregnancy Center	
	June 19th-24th 9:00am to Noon	Vacation Bible School	A delightful and encouraging week to be involved with outreach to children.	Linda Cate 410-266-8091 ext126
<b>Praying Hearts: Prayer Team</b>	January 14th, 2011 8:30-10:30am	Prayer Team Prayer Retreat Breakfast and Prayer at the home of Jenny Woodruff	Last Names: A-M bring bread and/ or sweet rolls N-T bring juice U-Z bring breakfast casserole	Please RSVP to Jessica Raspa djraspa@verizon.net or Ginny Seidel 410-798-1945



## Women's Bible Studies

	Time	Topic	Location	Child-care
<b>Sunday</b>	9:15am-10:30am	The Daily Reading Bible Volume 11	EP Church	Yes
<b>Monday</b>	6:30pm-8:30pm	Acts: Filled with the Spirit	Ruth Tindall's Home	No
	7:00pm-8:30pm	The Daily Reading Bible	Jenny Woodruff's Home	No
	7:00pm-9:00pm	The Promised One: Seeing Jesus in Genesis	EP Church	No
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30am-11:30am	LUKE: Journey to Jerusalem	EP Church	Yes
	9:30am-11:30am	Redemption	EP Church	Yes
	9:30am-11:30am	To Live is Christ: The Life and Ministry of Paul	EP Church	Yes
	9:30am-11:30am	Matthew: Life and Teaching of Jesus	EP Church	Yes
	9:30am-11:30am	Becoming a Women of Simplicity	EP Church	Yes
	12:30pm-2:30pm	Matthew: Life and Teaching of Jesus	EP Church	No
	7:00pm-8:30pm	The Daily Reading Bible	Claybaker's Studio	No
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:15 am-9:30am	Genesis-In the Beginning	Irene Park's Home	No
	12:20pm -1:30pm	The Daily Reading Bible	Panera Bread in Edgewater	No
	7:00pm-9:00pm	Jeremiah	EP Church	Yes
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00am-11:00am	Psalms and Wisdom Literature	EP Church	No

## Children's Teaching Ministry Busy Bees Bible Club



**Tuesday Mornings 9:30-11:30 AM**

Location: EP Church

The **Busy Bees Bible Club** is a time for children 6 months to 5 years of age to meet together in age groups to receive the honey of God's Word just as their moms are receiving it in their groups. We provide a structured, Christ-centered learning environment in the Beehive which will be a step in teaching children to think biblically. These classes are limited in size, so some children may need to be placed on waiting lists and then included as space is available. If you have any questions, call Jill Furniss at 410-647-0456.

### Registration:

Most Studies begin after Christmas the week of January 9th

You may register for both a Women's Bible Study and the Busy Bees Bible Club in one of the following ways:

- Contact the Women's Ministry Office.
- Call Jill Benjamin, 410-451-0256 to register for a Bible study and call Jill Furniss, 410-647-0456 to register children for Busy Bees.



If you have any questions,  
please contact Cheryl Mullis,  
[djclmullis@msn.com](mailto:djclmullis@msn.com) or the  
Women's Ministry Office  
410-266-8091 ext 127.

## **THE DAILY READING BIBLE: Volume 11, Volume 10**

This winter and spring the classes will finish volume 11, and then do Volume 10. Volume 10 includes studies on I Timothy, Exodus 1-18, and studies on "The Christian Calling." Each volume contains the scripture and questions with points to ponder and prayer suggestions for each reading. It's all in one 'take anywhere' volume, on the bus, to the park at lunch or in your favorite chair. The booklet is a collection of 60 daily readings. These studies are designed to encourage us to be reading our Bibles daily, that God's word will infiltrate every corner of our lives. There are several opportunities listed below to gather with others to share what we are learning, ask questions and examine our lives together. Join us as we seek to remember and understand what God has done for us in Christ and what our lives look like as a result of God's gracious restoration work.

**Sunday Mornings**, 9:15-10:30am, Cost: \$5.00 Location: EP Church

Women's Fellowship Sunday School Class

Anza Manning, Jenny Woodruff

This class will meet at church during the 9:15am Sunday School hour, the class will start January 8th.

**Monday Evenings**, 6:30-8:30pm Cost: \$5.00 Location: Jenny Woodruff's Home

Jenny Woodruff, Daria Darby

This class will start Monday, January 9th.

**Tuesday Evenings**, 6:30-8:30pm Cost: \$5.00 Location: Claybakers Pottery Studio

Jenny Woodruff

An opportunity to use your creative side, while we talk about our insights and questions from our daily readings. We meet in the upstairs studio of the Claybakers Pottery Studio located on Main Street in Annapolis. This class will start January 3rd.

**Wednesday Lunch**, 12:20-1:30pm Cost: \$5.00 Location: Panera, Edgewater

Jenny Woodruff

This class will start Wednesday, January 4th. We will enjoy our lunches while we share what we are learning in our readings.

## **ACTS: Filled with the Spirit**

Elaine Holtzman, Ruth Tindall

Monday Evenings, 6:30-8:30pm Cost: \$10.00 Location: Ruth Tindall's Home

Come join us as we fellowship and study and capture the spirit of the apostles and the early church and have it shine in our hearts as we continue our study in the Book of Acts. We will commence this study in chapter eleven. Central to the focus of Acts is that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and it is upon this rock that the Christian church is built. Three decades of church history are recorded in Acts through the contributions and labor of two main apostles, Peter and Paul. Acts establishes the true condition of the church and the living presence of the Holy Spirit marks its progress until the day Jesus returns. Through fervent prayer and study time may our hearts be lifted to Jesus, our Saviour and King. Suggested homework includes scripture study, thought provoking questions and answers and prayer time which challenge the participant to her evangelistic approach.

### **THE PROMISED ONE: Seeing Jesus in Genesis** (A Study for Church Officers' Wives)

Cheryl Mullis, Kathy O'Neil, and Team

Monday Evenings, 7:30pm-9:00pm Cost: \$20.00 Location: Cove at EP Church

*The Promised One* by Nancy Guthrie provides a fresh look at the book of Genesis, leading women in discovering how its stories, symbols, people, and promises point to Christ. As we study, we will see Christ as the agent of creation, the offspring who will crush the head of the serpent, the ark of salvation, the source of righteousness credited to Abraham, the substitutionary sacrifice provided by God, the savior to whom the whole world must come for life, and much more. This study is designed for church officers' wives to study His Word together, to pray for our husbands as they lead, and to grow together. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.

### **LUKE: Journey to Jerusalem**

Bonnie Zadoretzky, Ruth Burge, Barbara Shoemaker

Tuesday Mornings, 9:30-11:30am Cost: \$10.00 Location: EP Church

In the first half of his Gospel, Luke records the stories of Jesus' birth, childhood, and the early years of miracles and large crowds. But now there are only six months left to go.....Jesus has set His face like a flint towards Jerusalem and the Cross that awaits Him there. Time to disciple the Twelve is waning fast. Consequently, in the second half of this Gospel, we find a major shift in focus to training and preparing the disciples. Nearly half of Jesus' teaching in this section is unique to Luke. Join us as we sit at His feet and listen as He readies His followers for His departure and how they will continue the mission and spread the Gospel in the power of His Spirit. In addition to individual study questions, time will be devoted to learning to use inductive Bible study methods which will enrich Scripture reading, help in discerning God's truths and encourage applying those truths to everyday life.

### **REDEMPTION: Freed by Jesus From the Idols We Worship and the Wounds We Carry**

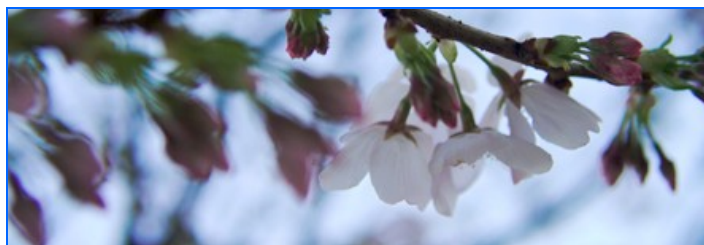
Mary Thompson, Natalie DeVries, Lindsey Wilkins

Tuesday Mornings, 9:30-11:30am Cost: \$20.00 Location: EP Church

As Believers, most of us would say that we desire to obey God because we believe He is sovereign, good, and wise, and because He loves us. But when unexpected situations arise that seem unjust, painful, or even dreadful, we sometimes find ourselves asking "Where is God?", "Why is God allowing this?", "Does God even care?", and "Is God really in control?"

Join us as we study **Trusting God, Even When it Hurts** by Jerry Bridges as we explore the scope of God's power not only over nations and nature, but over our individual lives as well. Growing to know Him more will enable us to trust Him more completely, even when life hurts.

This study begins January 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be finishing **Redemption: Freed by Jesus from the Idols we Worship and the Wounds We Carry** beginning January 10<sup>th</sup>. Consider joining us for the remainder of that study as well.



## **To Live is Christ: The Life and Ministry of Paul**

Jill Benjamin

Tuesday Mornings, 9:30-11:30am Cost: \$22.00 Location: EP Church

Join us on a journey into the life and heart of Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, who served faithfully and loved heartily. More than any other person, Paul provides us an example of sold-out servanthood. He understood what it means to die daily, crucified with Jesus Christ. As a result, Paul shows us how to live fully as a bond servant to Christ. As you study the Book of Acts and the Letters of Paul, you will come to know the characters personally. Most of all you will feel the challenge to follow Paul's example just as he followed the example of Christ.

## **Becoming a Woman of Simplicity**

Carol Avery, Kristine Vander Wall

Tuesday Mornings, 9:30-11:30pm Cost: \$10.00 Location: EP Church

*Becoming a Woman of Simplicity*, by Cynthia Heald. We live in a world where doing, communicating and possessing so rule our lives that we have allowed even good things to overtake our time and distract from the best. The purpose of this study is to encourage us to live a life the way God has planned for us. Come join us as we learn that a 'woman of simplicity' is one who lives a God-paced life.

## **MATTHEW: Life and Teachings of Jesus**

This class is a DVD series from Covenant Seminary. It is a study of the life and teachings of Jesus, with a special emphasis on the work of salvation that He accomplished. While concentrating on the Gospel of Matthew, the class examines the historical setting of Jesus' ministry with a special emphasis on each Gospel and the implications of the Gospel in our daily lives. Join us as we discuss our readings and the lessons, seeking to deepen our understanding of the Gospel, the life of Jesus and what He continues to teach us.

**Tuesday Mornings**, 9:30-11:30pm Cost: \$10.00 Location: EP Church  
Leslie Wilkins, Kathy Shreeve, Betty DeGrafft

**Tuesday Afternoons**, 12:30-2:30pm Cost: \$10.00 Location: EP Church  
Leslie Wilkins, Sara Hoover, Lisa Robbins

## **GENESIS – IN THE BEGINNING**

Bonnie Zadoretzky, Jackie Billingsley, Barbara Shoemaker

Wednesday Mornings, 8:00-9:30am Cost: \$10.00 Location: Irene Park's Home

God opened His revelation with a book of beginnings. To understand the rest of Scripture, one needs to start in Genesis, where all the great themes of the Bible find their roots. Humankind's most basic questions are answered by God: Who are we? Why are we here? Why is the world the way it is? What can we hope for in the future? Underlying the familiar narrative are echoes of the greater story of God's persistent grace and unbreakable promises about the One to come who would redeem and restore what was lost and broken. The epic account of creation up through God's call and covenant with Abraham will be covered, closing with the birth of his own son of the promise, Isaac. In addition to individual study questions, class members will use inductive Bible study methods to enrich Scripture reading, help in discerning God's truths and encourage application of those truths to everyday life.

## **JEREMIAH Part II (Chapters 25-) You've Forsaken Me: Repent and Return**

Carol Bishop, Susan Fox

Wednesday Evenings, 7:00-9:00pm Cost: \$20.00 Location: EP Church

Discover truth for yourself through this in-depth, inductive study. You will find help in understanding God's Word better, bring healing to your soul & get direction for your life. Jeremiah was one of the most vulnerable & personal Old Testament prophets. His prayers, struggles, questions, disappointments, doubts & tears will show you how to walk more honestly & as a result, more intimately with God. God's heart is not judgment - it's repentance! He can turn bad situations around at any moment - but we have to listen!! This is a Precept Upon Precept Class; we will discuss the homework and video teaching of Kay Arthur. This class starts February 1st and goes until March 28th.

## **PSALMS AND WISDOM BOOKS**

Jenny Woodruff, Brenda Lueck, Donna Tull

Thursday Mornings, 9:00-11:00am Cost: \$10.00 Location: EP Church

This is an interactive video class taught by Dr. Phillips Long, former professor at Covenant Seminary. We will discuss the need to accurately and biblically think through how one is called to dissect the Psalms and Wisdom books, with emphasis on application to contemporary concerns. Many have found comfort in the Psalms; the tools we will have after this class will encourage us to see God's gospel of grace and delight in His Word.

**Mark your calendars - save the date and your flight miles!**

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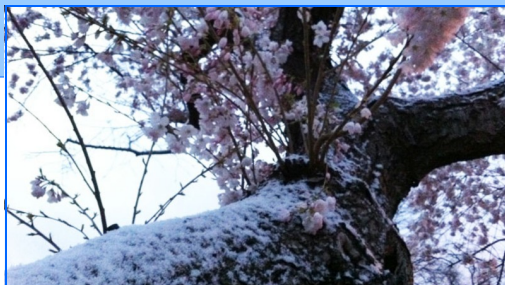
**Here Is Our God! God's Revelation of Himself in Scripture**

It's a conference that will improve our eyesight. How amazing that God actually showed himself to his people at crucial points throughout biblical history – and that they were allowed to write what they saw. This conference will call us to look up to see the God of the Scriptures. Continuing The Gospel Coalition's commitment to the most excellent biblical exposition, our plenary sessions will focus on a series of Scripture texts in which God shows himself to human beings. We'll hear teaching from women who love to expound the Word, and from several of TGC's founding members. A rich selection of seminars will be offered by women who are living out the biblical gospel in a wide variety of contexts, seeing God and serving God with transformed and transforming lives. Keith and Kristyn Getty will lead us in rich musical worship. Our ultimate aim is to fix our eyes together on the Lord God who has shown himself to us in Jesus Christ. Seeing him more clearly will send us out to serve him more powerfully.

For information, details and list of speakers go to [thegospelcoalition.org/conferences/2012-women](http://thegospelcoalition.org/conferences/2012-women)

# Mark Your Calendars

January	6th	Daytime MOPS
	Week of 9th	Bible Studies Resume
	14th	Women's Ministry Prayer Team Retreat, Bible Study Leaders Meeting
	19th	Evening MOPS
	26th	Naomi Sister's Dinner
	20th	Daytime MOPS
February	3rd	Daytime MOPS
	11th	Naomi Sister's Lunch
	16th	Evening MOPS
	17th	Daytime MOPS
March	9th	Daytime MOPS
	12th	Naomi Sister's Lunch
	15th	Evening MOPS
	23rd	Daytime MOPS
	23rd & 24th	Women's Ministry In-Home Retreat
April	13th	Daytime MOPS
	19th	Evening MOPS
	26th	Naomi Sister's Lunch
	27th	Daytime MOPS
May	4th	Daytime MOPS
	Week of 7th	Last week of Bible Studies
	14th	Naomi Sister's Lunch
	17th	Evening MOPS
June	22nd-24th:	Gospel Coalition Women's Conference, Orlando FL



**Women's Spring  
In-Home Retreat**  
*Friday & Saturday*  
*March 23rd &  
24th, 2012*  
**Redemptive  
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For more information about the  
Women's In-Home Retreat call:  
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