



February 2019 edition

As we're winding our way through winter (and a mere 30 days until spring) I'm struck by how we really have skirted the extremes of bitter cold and heavy snow in RI. My apologies to those who LOVE snow.

However, I'm also very aware that we have not skirted around situations that have been tough for so many. My personal prayer journal is over-full and seems to be growing. We've seen many illnesses, deaths in families, and extreme situations within our circle of family and friends. And thankfully, we've also seen joy at answered prayer.

Through it all, I'm struck by how God has directed our Women's Ministry Team this year by following the theme of 'HOPE'. Our fall event centered on the hope we have looking back at what God has done in the past through His Word that transforms us, and the testimony of His work. Soup night helped us focus on how we can have hope in the present days amidst the crazy headlines, keeping our focus on Him as the controller of all things. And our spring event will look at hope for the future (see page 2).

Our team has kept Habbakuk 3:17-18 as our verses for the year *"Though... (all these terrible things happen)... yet I will exult in the LORD, the God of my salvation."* Wow, have I claimed that verse so many times lately!

Another verse from Isaiah: *"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. And through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you."* (43:2) Whew!

And one song lyric shared from dear friends who have walked through some pretty dark days over the past year: *"There is no other, so sure and steady, my hope is held in your hand. When castles crumble, and breath is fleeting, upon this rock I will stand."* (Austin Stone Worship)

WOW, what a soup night!! We matched our goal of 100 women attending, set last year. And this, despite the very warm outdoor temp of 8-degrees! It sure was warm inside though as we enjoyed time with friends, amazing soups and pies, and a challenging message from our friend, Lori Roeleveld. If you missed soup night, we share this link to the recorded messages of our guest speakers:

<http://www.fbcnarr.com/recording-of-guest-speakers/>

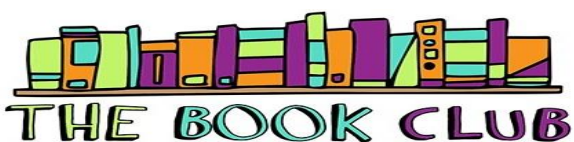
C4C (creating for Christ) Update

Laurel is once again leading the charge of Kids clothing for Malawi ministries. We have seen the great work this group has been completing and you might just be wishing you could be involved. The next date is March 23rd from 9-12AM here at the church. The wonderful thing is...you don't need to know how to sew! There's a job for you! and a great team to hang with 😊

Women's Bible Studies

- Sunday ABF 11-12
- Monday evenings 7-830pm: starting March 11th: studying the book, "Experiencing Contagious Joy"
- Tuesday mornings 930-11am: Studying the book of Numbers

All studies have Open Door policy; join anytime



Current reads:

'Mudbound'

Author: Hillary Jordan

Discussion date: March 2nd

'Caleb's Crossing'

Author: Geraldine Brooks

Discussion date: April 27th

After that: we are open to **your** suggestions

New members ALWAYS welcome
131 Southwinds Dr, Wakefield
Karen Smith for info: 932-2936

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**Spring Women's Retreat** at Monadnock  
Bible Conference Center in Jaffrey, NH

Lori Henry will again be trekking north to participate in the Spring Women's Retreat with speaker, Debbie Williams on April 26-28<sup>th</sup>

Link to more information about the facilities and speaker:

<https://monadnockchristianministries.org/women/>

See or call Lori if you are interested in making the 2-1sh hour trip. She will have pricing info etc....

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In Christ Alone



In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

And NOW..... Save-The-Date!!!!

You are all invited to our
Spring Women's Seminar
on May 4th at FBCN

We are so very excited about our
guest speaker,
Vickie Petz Henderson

Check her out on her blog:
<https://myupsideyourightlife.com/>

or listen to an excerpt of her speaking
ministry:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7VaPmHP3vTs>

Watch for more details in your inbox
as we finalize the schedule for this
seminar. You will NOT want to miss
hearing Vickie!



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