

Late Summer edition  
Aug/Sept - 2020



My life is but a weaving between my  
Lord and me.

I cannot choose the colors He  
worketh on steadily.

Oft times He weaveth sorrow and I  
in foolish pride  
Forget He sees the upper, and I the  
underside.

The dark threads are as needful in  
the weaver's skillful hand.

As the threads of gold and silver in  
the pattern that He's planned.

Not till the loom is silent and the  
shuttle cease to fly, Shall God unroll  
the canvas and explain the reason  
why.

Author unknown

## Women's Ministries at First Baptist Narragansett

Late summer greetings from our team:

Fully acknowledging that there are many of us who unwillingly face September and summer's end...we do know that September in RI is always amazing. So, don't be discouraged about the calendar as summer is still here until September 22<sup>nd</sup>!!

Our ladies Bible study has concluded for a few weeks; but not without some amazing learnings from those bad girls. Their lives, and the lives of those around them, are not so different from what we see around us in current times.

It was great having homework questions. I was drawn to one in particular that focused on Romans (1:20) when Paul was explaining God: *"For since the creation of the world, His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse"*. It tells me that there is no room to blame God for any lack of awareness of Him. AND... we have this assurance in Isaiah (30:18), *"The LORD longs to be gracious to you, He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him."* It's beyond exciting that we can have a gracious, compassionate and personal relationship with our God!!

Our final homework assignment was to read I Chronicles 16:23-36—to read it out loud—and listen to yourself as you read—then to sit down and write out your first/immediate thoughts. Not sure if you've had time, but it only takes a few minutes. I had one response from someone who had the benefit of living near Switzerland over the past few years. She wrote out the verses and added a beautiful picture taken in the alpine town of Adelboden. IF you haven't yet read the verses, or even if you did not join the study...I have attached her printable/frameable rendition to the end of this newsletter for your convenience. (Thanks, Diane)

As our team moves forward into this new year of ministry, we feel strongly led to continue learning from the lives of women, including their weaknesses, strengths, and experiences. This will include other Bible women AND each other.

Our theme statement is *"Though it may seem that our threads are fraying, God is weaving a beautiful tapestry through His steadfast love"*.

And our theme verses are taken from Ecclesiastes (chapter 3, vs 1&11) -*"For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven. He has made everything beautiful in its time"*.

Thus, the Wednesday evening Bible study will continue by studying the Old Testament books of Ruth and Esther. We will begin on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7PM on Zoom. If you have not previously joined in, PLEASE consider doing so this fall. We would love to 'see' you on our screens. Our time together is sweet as we learn from each other and as we pray together for any needs within the group. Don't miss out.

Meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88028724410> Meeting ID: 880 2872 4410



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DON'T MISS OUR.....

## “Season Opener”

on **Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**.

on Zoom from 7PM – 8:30 PM at the following link→

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81501774159>

What you can expect? A collection of women that love to see each other, laugh together lots, and enjoy each other's company. Look for the upcoming bulletin insert for details.

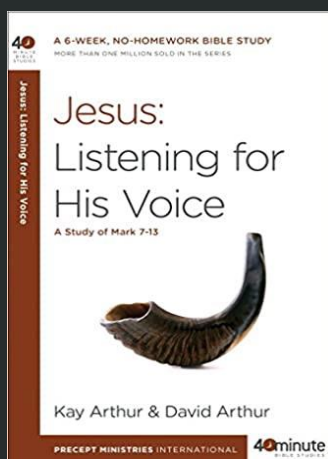
Invite a friend or two to join us!



We look forward to hearing YOUR story this year as our schedule rolls out

## Other learning opportunities:

1. Sunday school weekly following the 10 AM morning worship service. Kerry Hanby will resume her study on the book of Mark titled “Jesus: Listening for His Voice”. The class will maintain social distancing and use of masks to meet the recommended guidelines ✓ It's OK to jump in anytime.
2. Tuesday Ladies Bible study with Kathy and Judy still on hold for now. Will be in touch when we know more.





**C4C** --- Laurel is restarting C4C on September 19<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-noon.

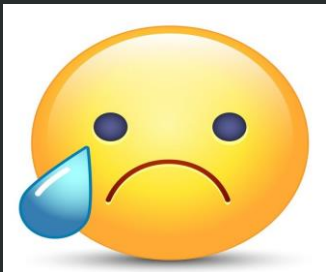
For those who do not know what this is all about: Laurel (our resident quilter and seamstress-extraordinaire leads a group with a goal of creating for Christ (thus the name C4C).

The church basement is already ideally setup with socially distant workstations.

Her plan is to work on prepping the designer pillowcases that we have typically added to the shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse ministry.



**Walks with Hannah** ---will be resuming this fall. Watch for additional information in the bulletin as to meeting place and date/time.



Lori Henry regretfully reports that the wonderful **Monadnock Women's retreats** will not be happening this year due to COVID. Please pray with the center as they are facing a decision on final closure.



**BOOK CLUB** - no immediate plans to restart yet. Will keep you posted.

**Enjoy our last month of summer!**

1 Chronicles 16:23-36

Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his dwelling place.

Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him.

Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. Tremble before him, all the earth!



The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved.

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;

let them say among the nations, *“The Lord reigns!”*

Let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them!

Let the trees of the forest sing, let them sing for joy before the Lord,

for he comes to judge the earth.

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

Cry out, *“Save us, God our Savior; gather us and deliver us from the nations,*

*that we may give thanks to your holy name, and glory in your praise.”*

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

Then all the people said *“Amen”* and *“Praise the Lord.”*