



# Women's Ministries Fall 2018

*For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end.*

—Psalm 48:14



Ladies,

I simply love starting out our new year together. It's a little like Christmas Eve and summer night skies and Thanksgiving dinner rolled into one. I get giddy about September because I know we serve a God who always shows up. He always has something new up his sleeve.

Won't you join us this year to find out what His plans are?

Maybe you've always wanted to be a part of a Bible study but thought you had to have "your act together" in order to attend. Maybe you've been interested in attending a Girls' Night Out but you were worried you wouldn't know anyone. Maybe you love serving but aren't sure how to help out in our community.

We've got a place for you, and you don't have to have your act together to join us. (Praise God for that!) Just come with a willing and open heart. The Lord is up to doing new things this fall, and we want to discover his plans together.

Can't wait to see you!

Many Blessings,





# Discipleship Branch

We understand more of who God is and who we are in Him— His beloved chosen— when we dig into the truth of Scripture. Join a Bible study this fall so we can grow closer to Christ together!

## Sunday School on Monday

Monday mornings 10:15—11:30 A.M.

*beginning September 10, 2018*

All ladies are welcome to join this group that has been meeting in the Geneva Room for decades! Each month you'll hear different speakers from MPC teaching on a variety of Scriptural topics and Bible studies. No sign-up necessary—just come and join us!

## Mug & Muffin

Bi-monthly Saturdays 9:30—11:30 A.M.

*beginning September 15, 2018*

***Discerning the Voice of God*** by Priscilla Shirer

Book cost: \$14 *Led by Debbie Huckestein*

Discover the root to clear and daily communication with God—humble obedience. Learn how surrender unlocks His many blessings intended for us, centers us in His will, and helps us discern His voice in everyday life as we work through Priscilla Shirer's book, *Discerning the Voice of God*.



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## Women to Women

(Weekly event offering multiple classes listed below)

Wednesday mornings 9:30—11:30 A.M.

*beginning September 12, 2018*

Our Wednesday morning studies are a great place to get to know other ladies in our church family, and to be encouraged and challenged by God's word. We begin with 30 minutes of "Connections Time" during which we share a light breakfast and devotional/prayer time together.

We then split into study groups at 10:00 and spend our time deepening our faith through Scripture study and discussion. Childcare is available for \$50 per child, per semester. Please register and pay online for childcare.

### ***The Spirit of the Disciplines* by Dallas Willard**

Book Cost: \$11

*Led by Roger Rumer*

Dallas Willard, one of today's most brilliant Christian thinkers and author of *The Divine Conspiracy*, presents a way of living that enables ordinary men and women to enjoy the fruit of the Christian life. He reveals how the key to self-transformation resides in the practice of the spiritual disciplines, and how their practice affirms human life to the fullest. *The Spirit of the Disciplines* is for everyone who strives to be a disciple of Jesus in thought and action as well as intention.

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### **Going Deeper through Sermon Study** **The Letter to Ephesians and the Book of Habakkuk**

*Led by Pastor Dean*

This class is designed for those who long to go deeper in their understanding of the Bible. Utilizing the sermon of the week, Pastor Dean will undertake a more detailed exposition of the scripture text. Get ready for heart transformation as you meet the Lord in his Word!

### ***Rachel and Leah* by Nicki Koziarz**

Book cost: \$14

*Led by Joleen Clouse and Jen Lowry*

*Two Wednesdays a month/ Childcare is \$25 per child*

Uncover truths you need to arm yourself with when combatting comparison by studying the biblical account of Rachel & Leah. Learn to be content without becoming complacent, and discover godly wisdom to quiet the incessant *Why Her?* question in your head. Because the truth will set you free, and free women don't have to measure up to anyone. Not even her.



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## **NEW this year: Monday Ministry for Moms**

*Occurs every other Monday evening from 7:00—8:30*

*Beginning September 10, 2018*

*Facilitated by Laurie Brown*

This new group for moms of all ages and stages is designed as a place to gather for Bible teaching, fellowship, speakers, and prayer. All moms need encouragement and time to pray together, whether their children are babies or school-aged or full-grown adults. Make Monday evenings your Mom's Night Out!

## **Working Women Study**

### ***Steadfast Love: A Study of Psalm 107* by Laura Chandler**

*Wednesday evenings from 7:00—8:30*

*Beginning September 12, 2018*

*Book Cost: \$14*

*Led by Laura Roy and Michele Holmes*

Psalm 107 is a call to worship. It reminds us that each season of life is an opportunity to reveal the anchor of our souls. In this Bible study from Lauren Chandler, learn to face each season of life with courage and trust in Jesus, and discover how tests in our journeys of faith reveal the true condition of our hearts. For there is no fear for the one who fears the Lord, the one whose soul is anchored in His steadfast love.





# Service Branch

We are called to reach the unreached; to be the hands and feet of Jesus and invite others into a relationship with Him. Could God be calling you to serve the needs of our community? Please join us for service projects throughout the year!

## Collections

*September: NHCO Coat Drive*

*October: Cleaning Supplies & Meal Ingredients for Living in Liberty*

*November/December: Gifts for Uncommon Grounds Café Christmas party and Giving Tree*

## RePurposed Service Night & Dinner September 24, 5:00 p.m.

The RePurposed store on McKnight is looking for a group of ladies to gather in their store to help sort donations and tidy the store. Join us to help them out for a few hours, and then we'll all enjoy dinner together at Panera afterward. This is a great opportunity to meet other MPC ladies, help out the store, and enjoy fellowship over a meal!

## Bulk Cooking Event: November 20 1:00—3:00 p.m. and 5:00—7:30 p.m.

Living in Liberty offers a secure safe house for victims of human sex trafficking and does street outreach with women on the streets of Pittsburgh. They offer meals and cookies to the women at their care centers. Join us in the church kitchen to cook up several meals for Living in Liberty. We love stocking their freezer!

## Christmas Party at Uncommon Grounds Café December 21, 2018

Be on the lookout for more details coming about this exciting service opportunity! We will be traveling to Aliquippa to serve dinner to families in that community and help distribute gifts.





# Caring Branch

We need each other. Caring for one another is God's call on our hearts to live outside of ourselves. Join our community of caring women.

## Freezer Shelf Ministry

Women's Ministries has adopted a freezer shelf in the church kitchen to hold meals for single moms and for families who could be helped out with a meal during a hard time. Can you prepare a meal for a single mom and her kids or for a family who would be encouraged with a homemade meal? Sign up online at [mpcepc.org/women](http://mpcepc.org/women).

*Are you a single Mom who could use a meal this week? Stop in the kitchen anytime and pick up a meal from the freezer. Also, please feel free to update the Women's Min office on ways we can support you.*

## Love Notes Team

Receiving a card in the mail at just the right time is such a blessing, isn't it? Would you like to join our team of card writers? Each woman on our Love Notes Team adopts one month out of the year to be the card coordinator for people in our church who are ill, have lost a loved one, or just need a little encouragement. If you'd like to join our team, please call the Women's Ministry office to sign up!







## Fellowship Branch

We are called to “do life together” so that no one has to walk their journey alone. Join us for these fun fellowship opportunities throughout the year.

### Book Ends

*Meets Thursdays, every other month at 7:00*

Women of all ages are welcome to share their thoughts and ideas on the exciting books chosen for each month. Need a book list? Contact Amanda Rihn at 412.486.6395 or check our web page.

### Girls Night Out

*Monday, September 24*

Service Night at RePurposed & dinner afterwards

### Girls Night In

*Tuesday, October 16 6:00—9:00*

**Jewelry Make & Take Night with Uncommon Grounds Café**

Cost: \$15 (covers dinner and materials)

*See details on last page of brochure*

***Tuesday, November 20***

Bulk Cooking Night for Living in Liberty

***Wednesday, December 5 (this one's a Girls Day In!)***

Join us for the Women to Women Christmas Brunch from 9:30—11:30, open to all ladies of the church. After we enjoy a meal, testimonies, and Christmas carols, we will wrap gifts for the Uncommon Grounds Café Christmas party.





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MOPS

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**MOPS**  
**(Mothers of Preschoolers)**

MOPS provides a place for young moms to find friendship and community while they enjoy engaging speakers and meaningful discussions. Register online or by contacting the Women's Ministries Office.

**MOPS** meets twice a month on Tuesdays  
Begins September 12 9:15—11:30 A.M.  
Childcare is available

## Volunteer Opportunities Available

Do you love to socialize? Are you a party planner? Women's Ministries would love your help! We are looking for a few ladies who would like to help coordinate and attend activities for our Fellowship Branch. Commitment would be 1-2 nights per semester. Please contact us if you're interested!



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# Christmas Spree, Coffee & Tea



Friday, November 2 | 5:00-9:00 p.m.  
Saturday, November 3 | 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

## ANNUAL CRAFTER AND VENDOR SHOW

Come start your holiday shopping with 100+ vendors selling an array of gift ideas sure to please those on your Christmas list! Proceeds from this sale help fund several outreach projects through the year.

Cost: \$2 per person (Includes Coffee & Cookie Bar)





## Advent Devotional

Watch for your chance to write a devotion for this year's Advent Devotional that Women's Min will gift to our congregation. No writing experience needed—just a willingness to share your heart!



**Save the Date: December 21, 2018**

### Christmas Party at Uncommon Grounds Café in Aliquippa

We are serving dinner and providing the gifts for families in the Aliquippa community. We would love to have you serve with us!





COME JOIN  
US FOR A



Make & Take  
**GIRLS**  
— NIGHT —  
**IN**

To Benefit  
Uncommon Grounds Cafe

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**16** OCTOBER | **6** O'CLOCK  
2018 IN THE  
EVENING

Cost is \$15 *Includes light dinner & item you create*

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JOIN US FOR DINNER AND A LESSON IN  
HOW TO UPCYCLE JEWELRY WITH THE  
LADIES FROM UNCOMMON GROUNDS CAFE!



## **Please Contact Us!**

We love to hear from you!

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