

# The Privilege of Service

2010/2011

Christ Community Presbyterian Church Women's Ministry



## Calendar

9/16	Thurs. Bible Study 9:30-11:00 am
9/20	Mon. Bible Study 8:00 to 9:30 pm
9/26	Retreat meeting 7 pm at the office for anyone interested in helping with this year's retreat
10/3	Social: Money Saving tips
11/13	Breakfast: Baby Shower for A Woman's Choice
11/30	Social: Get Ready for Christmas!
1/8/11	New Year's Breakfast
1/20/11	Tentative start to Thurs. Bible study
1/24/11	Tentative start to Mon. Bible study
2/5/11	Social: Progressive Dinner
TBA	Retreat
4/8/11	Social: Game Night
5/14/11	Breakfast: Here Comes Summer!
6/19/11	Social: A Day at Lake Arietta
7/21/11	Social: Book Club

## This Year's Theme: Serving is a Privilege

*"This service you perform  
is not only supplying the  
needs of God's people  
but is also overflowing in  
many expressions of  
thanks to God."*

2 Corinthians 9:12

When our Father brought us into his family and gave us His name, we received many, many, many blessings: forgiveness, reconciliation, safety, security, joy, peace ... more than we can count. One great privilege of being His daughter that we oftentimes overlook is the opportunity to serve in his

kingdom! We hear the call to get involved, to serve, to love well, to die so that someone else can live and our hearts respond with heaviness - "How can I? I've got too much. It's too hard. He asks too much of me."

This response is from an earthly perspective instead of from the true perspective - His eternal, heavenly one that says "Serving in My kingdom and doing the work I've prepared in advance for you to do is a high honor."

We want to set a high bar this year. We want to elevate the service opportunities as what they are: a chance to be

involved in God's eternal kingdom advancing.

What you do matters and makes a difference in the body of Christ. It will be exciting to see where God convicts us, leads us to repentance, forgives us and transforms us into more grateful, willing workers.

When you are asked to serve, you are invited into something great: the opportunity to express your gratitude and devotion, the opportunity to connect with your Father, the opportunity to grow in holiness, the chance to be involved in something bigger than you!

## Women's Ministry Vision and Values

### Our Vision

Women have a unique value, ability and need to hear, speak and live the gospel truth, therefore CCPC's Women's Ministry exists. We will create connecting, accepting, supportive, gospel-centered places and programs that will result in women who apply the gospel to their every day lives and share it with others

### Our Values

We believe in the **hope** and the **power** that Jesus brings and we believe that through him it will be good for our women's ministry to be:

- A place of connection and belonging, where you are valued

- A place of rest; real, quiet soul rest
- A place you can find and give healing and hope
- A place of repentance and faith with a high priority on the means of grace (the Bible and prayer)
- A place of education and discipleship and accountability
- A place of support for the specific calling of diverse women (employee, wife, mother, single, empty nester)
- A place you can be authentic (be yourself)
- A place you can discover your biblical womanhood and your spiritual gifts and use them as life-givers and helpers.
- A place of community, which will lead to ministries of compassion
- A place of submission in Christ Community and in our homes

### Our Goals for this Year

To provide and encourage opportunities to serve, places for women to use their gifts for the building up of the body of Christ.

To help women who are new to Christ Community connect, make friends and get involved so that we grow together in sanctification.





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## What we do and why

Life is busy. We women are constantly on the move: working, driving, shopping, cleaning, talking, parenting, and on and on. We want to help and “give life” in the midst of it. These explanations may help you understand the reasons behind each of the things we do and prepare you for the year:

#### Bible Studies

**PURPOSE: To glorify God by studying God’s Word together weekly, to become equipped for every good work**

We have an 8-week study on Monday nights and Thursday mornings in the fall and again in the spring. This fall we will be doing a study called *Living the Gospel in Relationships*. As we live and serve in God’s kingdom, we do so for other people and alongside other people. It’s essential to practice the gospel with each other or we end up “biting and devouring each other” (Gal. 5:15)

#### Breakfasts

**PURPOSE: To glorify God through spiritual, emotional and physical nourishment by spending time together over food to fellowship and to hear/connect with one woman’s testimony.**

We have 3 more breakfasts scheduled this year. In November, we’ll have the chance to help the local crisis pregnancy center, A Woman’s Choice, by bringing baby items to the breakfast. In January, we’ll kick off 2011 together. In May, we’ll wrap it all up and look toward summer together. At each we will get to hear a woman’s story of God’s work in her life. Come get to know her and us better.

#### Socials

**PURPOSE: To glorify God by having fun together**

We have some fun, fun ideas this year. In October, come learn from Katonna Clark the amazing ways she saves money while providing for her family. As Christmas approaches, we’ll get together to prepare for the season. We planned this one on a Tuesday night hoping Community Groups can take a week off and then men could plan something fun on the same night. In February, we’ll have dinner together – one house for the appetizer, another for the main course and end at another house for dessert! In April we’ll play games at someone’s house. This spring we will announce a book club selection and then meet in July to discuss it. After church in June we are planning a day at the lake – just us – no kids!

#### Playgroup

**PURPOSE: To glorify God by meeting together weekly for intentional fellowship and encouragement**

Most women who come to playgroup have pre-schoolers at home but anyone is welcome! We meet on Tuesday mornings from 11:30 to 1:30. Even if you aren’t dying to get out of your house during these hours, please consider coming to be a helper and life-giver to those who *are* dying to get out of their houses!!

#### Meals/Showers

**PURPOSE: To glorify God by celebrating and caring for families in happy times and hard times**

Showers and meals are provided for families who need them through our Community Groups but we help by making

sure they get scheduled. We throw a shower for the first baby a woman has while worshipping at Christ Community.

#### Retreat

**PURPOSE: To glorify God by spending extended time together once a year for teaching and fellowship.**

Once a year we go away for a weekend retreat. We’ll invite a speaker who will challenge us to live for God’s glory. We’ll have small groups and fun times planned. It’s a great way to combine all of the elements of our Women’s Ministry Values in one weekend!

#### Mercy

**PURPOSE: To glorify God by supporting Christ Community’s Mercy opportunities**

*Here are ways you can be involved:*  
*Lighthouse Ministries Thursdays:* Christ Community provides childcare every Thursday for the women at the shelter to have a Bible study. We also help serve food to the men. This is organized through our Community Groups. Please support this with a happy and willing heart. It is doing great good in God’s kingdom!

*Adopt-a-Family:* Each Community Group adopts some families from Highland City Elementary for Christmas. We buy them presents and bring them a dinner.

*Nicaragua:* Every summer our church sends a team to work with our missionaries, Robbie and Murray Lathrop. Pray about financially supporting these team members. There will also be a list of things they want/need for us to provide.