Spotlight on...

Creative Crafting Night
May 8

Dish towel 'dresses'

Brighten your kitchen with a fun tea towel 'dress'

Creative Crafting's May project is a colorful dish towel that will hang on your oven door like a little girl's dress. This would add a fun touch to your kitchen or it

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"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds"
Hebrews 10:24

Dear Jacque

It's Retreat Time! Almost 80 women are heading off this weekend for the annual NMC Women's Retreat. Whether you are going or not, please join the Mosaic lead team and the retreat committee in praying that it will be a weekend filled with teachable moments for those who attend and a time of true fellowship among the women of North Metro.

Special thanks to Jenny Kerns and her committee that has worked hard at planning this year's retreat. The committee includes Stacey Schofield, Laura Bjorklund, Heather Davis, Debra Foje, Irene Gish, Joey Lane, Lucinda VanVleet, Ashley Hammond and Pam Wood.

NEW BIBLE STUDIES START
Registration opens Sunday, May 3 for the summer Women's Study Groups. Please note that all registration will be done online at the church website, http://northmetrochurch.org. Two studies will be offered, one on Sunday at 9am and 10:45am; one on Thursday morning from 9-11am. The Sunday study will be "Soaking in the Word." The Thursday study will be "Rebuild - a Study in Nehemiah." Limited childcare will be available on Thursdays. For information on either of these, contact Kathy Slade at kathyslade8@gmail.com or 303-523-7896.

CRAFT, READ, PLAY, RIDE FOR FUN
There are lots more women's events planned in May and June.

A fun Creative Crafting night is planned with a cute project for your kitchen or to make as a gift. Not interested in that? Bring what you are working on and join the women for a evening working together and enjoying a night out with some new friends.

Love to read? Then join the North Metro Book Club. In May, the group is reading a 2014 Colorado Book Award winner, Monument Road by Charlie Quimby. The story follows an aging rancher who lives outside of Grand Junction as he encounters memories and obstacles as he drives into the Colorado Monument to sprinkle his
might be a thoughtful gift for Mom that Sunday on Mother’s Day. The evening starts at 7pm May 8 at the North Metro Church Student Center.

To make the dish towel dress, bring the following on May 8:
* 1/2 yard of fabric
* one dish towel
* 2 yards of ribbon or bias tape
* 10-12 inches of lace or rickrack
* buttons or other embellishments

Not interested in this project? Bring your own project and join the fun on May 8 or the upcoming June 6 event. Creative Crafting times are a great time to work on any project with other women, sharing conversation and laughs.

For additional info, contact coordinator Dottie Cowan, nmcwomen@northmetrochurch.org.

wife’s ashes one year after her death. It is a story full of humor and sadness and a deep understanding of how people face the changes that life brings.

Rather play games? Join the group Friday, May 22, for an informal game night at the church. Come play some board games, try your hand at some puzzles or just hang out and have some fun. It all starts at 7 p.m.

More Events continue in June with another Creative Crafting event on a Saturday morning, a get together for those involved with Secret Sisters, and book club, this time on a Tuesday night.

June 20 will also be the Bike to Breakfast morning. The trail and breakfast stop have not yet been selected, but it is always a great time filled with laughter and delicious food.

Find out more about what's happening in all the different programs that are part of Mosaic by 'liking' the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MosaicWomensMinistriesOfNorthMetroChurch.

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Upcoming Events

Weekly Events:
Mon Moms in Prayer, 11am-noon, NMC, Room 107

Scheduled Events:
5/1 Moms of Faith, Fri., 9-11am, NMC Cafe
5/3 Online registration begins for summer Study Groups. "Soaking in the Word" Sundays at 9 & 10:45am. "Rebuild - a Study in Nehemiah" Thursdays at 9am
5/1-3 Mosaic Women's Retreat, Glen Eyrie
5/8 Creative Crafting, Fri, 7pm-midnight, NMC Student Center
5/15 Moms of Faith, Fri., 9-11am, NMC Cafe
5/15 Book Club, Fri., 7-9pm, at home of Mona Neeley Clifford, 1414 E. 130th Dr., Thornton. (We will be reviewing Monument Road by Charlie Quimby.)
5/22 Game Night, 7-9pm, NMC Cafe
5/31 Summer Study Group begins. Groups will meet for 8 weeks. The Sunday morning study (9am & 10:45 am) will be "Soaking in the Word."

Coming Next Month:
6/4 Thursday Study Group begins, 9-11am, NCM Cafe, "Rebuild - a Study in Nehemiah."
6/6 Creative Crafting, 9am-noon, Student Center
6/11 Secret Sister mid-event, 6-8pm, NMC Cafe
6/16 Book Club, Tues., 7-9pm, at home of Mona Neeley Clifford, 1414 E. 130th Dr., Thornton. (Note that the date changes to the 3rd Tuesday of the month for June, July and August. The new book reading list has not yet been selected.)
6/20 Bike to Breakfast, 8am-noon, location to be announced

Devotional by Jacque Johnson

Spring Cleaning

It's finally spring and that means ... Spring Cleaning! I thought it would be timely to discuss the topic of hoarding. Do you know a hoarder? Are you a hoarder?
Let's check out the definition of HOARD:

noun
1. a supply or accumulation that is hidden or carefully guarded for preservation, future use, etc.: a vast hoard of silver.

verb (used with object)
2. to accumulate for preservation, future use, etc., in a hidden or carefully guarded place: to hoard food during a shortage. Before 900; Middle English hord (e), Old English hord; cognate with Old Norse hodd, Old High German hort, Gothic huzd treasure; see hide1, hide2

The Wed night women's study group recently completed the study, Breathe - Making Room for Sabbath by Priscilla Shirer. I was looking forward to a nice "light" study about making room (margin) for God in my life - something most of us need encouragement to do. However I began to discover the study was anything but light!

One week the topic of hoarding came up - I thought 'oh no,' here we go again' - another push on my guilt button. Yep that's right. I'm a hoarder. There I said it. Until now I had really not stopped to ask the Lord 'what's up with my hoarding?'

In order to explain the Sabbath principle (to cease, stop striving, and trust), Priscilla asked us to look at the story of the Israelites in the Book of Exodus (Chapter 16). This was after the Lord brought them out of Egypt. They had been traveling about a month when the grumbling began - yes this is when they started saying crazy things like 'Oh, that we were back in Egypt...at least we had plenty to eat.' In addition to covering the camp with quail, our merciful God told Moses to tell the people that He was going to rain down food from heaven and sure enough the morning following the quail feast, when the dew disappeared, something like frosted flakes covered the ground. Each household was instructed to gather as much as was needed. They were NOT to keep any overnight (they were NOT to hoard it) and on the sixth day they gathered twice as much. They were to gather for six days and on the 7th, they were to rest. The coolest thing - those who gathered a lot had nothing left over, and those who gathered only a little had enough!

Many of you know the story. Some of them didn't listen and tried to keep some (hoard) until morning and boy were they surprised. It was full of maggots and smelled to high heaven! However on the seventh day, the leftover food (from the 6th day) was perfectly fine - no maggots, no foul smell. Of course some went out on the seventh day to see if they could gather more of those tasty flakes but none were to be found, exactly as God had told them. And why did the Lord provide what was called manna for His people for 40 years? Well it kept them alive in the wilderness and it taught them to depend on Him rather than themselves and that interesting sixth day double portion thing...taught them to set aside time to rest (to cease, stop striving and trust) in the Lord, to enjoy His presence and remember they used to be but were no longer slaves! (Deut. 5:12-15)

So what does this really have to do with hoarding???

"The Sabbath principle is not limited to our calendars and schedules. It also applies to the spaces in which we live, work and play. Our tendency toward too-full lives often expresses itself most tangibly in our overcrowded closets, unmanageable table surfaces and cluttered desks as we cram them full of far more than we need." (Pricilla Shirer)

Why do you think we humans have a tendency to accrue and keep massive amounts of stuff? There could be a variety of reasons we hoarders hoard. I'm no psychologist. The Lord showed me that I have a tendency to put my security in family more than Him. Many of the things I have hoarded (see the definition of hoard; notice the word treasure) over
the years (I'm not talking about valuable family heirlooms that could pay for our grand-kids college education) are boxes of my mother's things (she passed away in '93) and our children's school papers, creations, etc.

Remember ... the reason the Lord taught His people the Sabbath Principle? He taught them to set aside time to rest (to cease, stop striving and trust) in Him, to enjoy His presence and remember they used to be but were no longer slaves! By the way, on that double portion sixth day - it was the Lord that provided the double portion - they did not work harder to gather! He wanted them to trust Him and experience His faithfulness to provide for them. Today I am remembering I am no longer a slave to gathering! I am remembering that He is and always will be my security - my TREASURE. I don't have to hang on to stuff anymore! I'm opening my hands.

How about you? Are you hanging on to someone or something that the Lord has asked you to release? (Remember what happened to that day-old manna? It was stinky!)

This Spring I'm looking forward to seeking the Lord's guidance and strength to let go of things that are getting in the way of enjoying Him and others in my life. I'm looking forward to creating space to rest more fully in Him!