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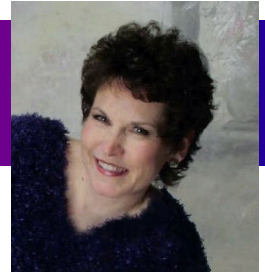
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Women's Ministries

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Dear Ladies,

It's already time again to start preparing for the **Women's Fall Retreat**. The retreats are the first two weekends in November, (5-7, 12-14, 2009.) We are going to be blessed with an amazing speaker, Joanna Weaver, who is best known for her #1 selling book, "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World." I have totally enjoyed the book, it is about finding intimacy with God in the busyness of life. Her book now includes a 12 week Companion Bible Study. Her second book "Having a Mary Spirit" is about allowing God to change us from the inside out. I was just on the internet reading 36 different reviews of her book and bible study and they will bless you major along with Joanna as our speaker. We are really privileged that she can come to Northern New England District to be with us!

We are again encouraging ladies to bring every lady in your church, young and old alike. These retreats will be a blessing to all, also for mothers and/or daughters (age 15 and older) this year. We are planning workshops for all ages. What a wonderful way to bond with one another. How about you and your girlfriends in one room and your daughters in the connecting room? A fun time for all! (Please note, the theme is not mothers and daughters. We do not want anyone to feel uncomfortable because they don't have a daughter or a mom to bring.) Master's Commission will be with us for both weekends. Our theme is always learning and growing to be all that God wants us to be, even if it isn't stated or published. That is our theme for life as Christians.

This year's decorations will be the Nutcracker which will begin to get us ready for the Christmas holiday season. I am asking each group to bring empty boxes beautifully decorated with wrapping and bows (about the size of a shoe box) to place on the banquet table as a decoration for the centerpiece. We will need three wrapped boxes for every 10 ladies or part thereof. If you are coming the first week please feel free to leave the boxes for the second week. Ladies will enjoy many boxes from the previous week and what they bring as well. What a beautiful stage and banquet we will have. Thank you for adding to the event!

We will again have the Silent Auction. It was a success last year. Each church group is limited to 3 entries. It is never too early to start planning on what your group wants to bring for this fun time. We like all price ranges so everyone can feel like they can take part in the silent auction.

All the forms will be on the WM website at <http://nnedaog.org/WM.HTM>. You can download bulletin inserts as an advertising tool for the retreat along with any additional posters and forms you may need. Enclosed in your packet is a DVD of Joanna Weaver and an insert for your church bulletin. Please show the DVD to your ladies. Remember, there is limited space at each retreat, so please don't wait until the deadline! Many churches are planning on bringing large groups so don't procrastinate! A few of the workshops have a limited number of participants so register early.

Register for one of the retreats by following these steps:

Fill out your forms and mail them to the district office along with your check made payable to NNED or fill in the appropriate information for credit cards. If you send a check, it **MUST** accompany your registration. No registrations will be processed without a check in the correct amount or the credit card information. If you are planning to bring a guest but aren't sure who it is, just fill out a form with: Guest of (your name). Be sure to let us know their name as soon as they have agreed to go with you.

Make your hotel reservations after June 4. You will be required to make a one night deposit on your credit card. You will then pay for the other night when you arrive for the retreat.

Prayer Team - Included in this packet is a form for the pastor to fill out for each lady who would like to be considered for the Prayer Team. Each of the approved ladies will have a special name tag that will identify them as part of the prayer team.

Blessings,

Bevie Jo Marquardt
District Women's Ministries Director
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PS: Be sure to note the flyer for the Women in Ministry Breakaway. You should contact those who would qualify for this event (ministerial staff wives and credentialed women only). I encourage each WM group to consider paying for those eligible. Please have them set aside September 10-12, 2009 on their calendars for this wonderful event!

PSS: On the DVD are the pictures from this year's mission trip to the Dominican Republic. (a short version and a longer version) There is also a picture of the house we are doing the make over on in Waterboro, ME for the Home Mission Trip this year on June 9-14th.