



Monthly Newsletter

Purpose Filled Women of God—1 Peter 4:8-11

February 2023

As we begin a new year for the Lanier Methodist Women's ministry, I want to take a look back at our 2022 year of R.E.S.E.T.—Renew, Engage, Serve, Encourage, Together.

I believe that through our revived monthly brunch meetings we were not only able to renew but also to encourage new connections and relationships with other women in our church. We were engaged in Wednesday Night Bible Study; a Stay-Retreat; Fellowship Events; Devotion; Prayer; Planning; and, Service Projects. We served our local church with random acts of kindness throughout the year to unsuspecting church members through flowers, meals, greeting cards; and, birthday cakes delivered by a group of ladies (H.U.G.S. Squad*); by raising funds for the Women's Ministry through the craft and bake sale from which we were able to donate \$1000 to the Building Fund; by decorating (and un-decorating) the church for the advent season; and, by serving as hostesses at funeral receptions as well as other church fellowship functions. We served women in the community by donating to Whispering Hope 12 baby tie-blankets that were tied as part of our Fall Retreat.



*"God Loves You" Blanket Tying
2022 Wonderful World Retreat*

We also reached out further by collecting feminine hygiene supplies and donations which enabled us to pack 51 feminine hygiene kits for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) at a total value of \$700.



*51 Women's Hygiene Kits
Ready to go to U.M.C.O.R for disaster relief*

These kits will be shipped by UMCOR to areas in our country to aid women in areas affected by disaster.

The Women of Lanier stand ready to serve when called on. Together, we became a renewed community of "Purpose Filled Women of God!"

I am proud to be a part of such a dynamic, fun and caring group of women whose sole purpose is to know and trust a God whom they love. I am looking forward to what God has in store for the coming year.

Blessings,
Chris Williams
Women's Ministry Director

**H.U.G.S. Squad = Helping, Uplifting, and Giving Support Squad. If you want to be a part of the Squad, contact Virginia Smith.*



UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

The LMW monthly Brunch Meeting is held on the 4th Saturday of the month unless otherwise announced. Please note all dates are subject to change. Watch the Sunday bulletin and church newsletter

February 22—Ash Wednesday
6:00-6:45—Ladies' Bible Study
Introduction Meeting
7:00 Ash Wednesday Service

February 25
First regular meeting of 2023

February 26
First Sunday in Lent

March 25, 2023
Regular brunch meeting



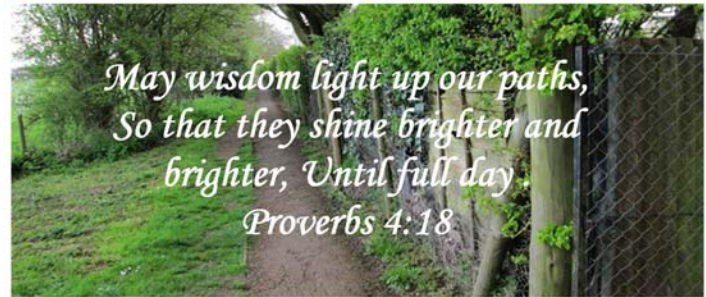
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Lanier Methodist Women (LMW) is a community of women whose purpose is to know and trust God; to connect women of all ages, supporting each other spiritually and personally; to provide opportunities for growth and fellowship; and, serving our church, community, and Christian sisters worldwide

LADIES' SPRING 2023 BIBLE STUDY

PROVERBS—THE WAYS OF WISDOM

An Eleven-week study by Kathleen Buswell Nielson



Wednesdays from 6 until 7 p.m. Beginning 2.22.23
 Meeting in the Classroom in Lauren Hall. Cost is \$12/person

"The Proverbs are richly rewarding to study. Each wise saying we read in this book repays thoughtful reflection and the main themes we find in Proverbs touch on all the main issues of life. If we read by faith, they will also remind us of Jesus Christ, who is the true wisdom of God (see I Cor. 1:30). " — *Taken from Study Guide's Forward by Philip Graham Ryken*

"With rich insight and wisdom, Kathleen Nielson invites her students to 'grapple with the text' as she provides helpful contexts and comments interspersed through stimulating study questions. Kathleen's studies are good food for the soul—challenging, convicting, and very, very encouraging."

— *Carol J. Ruvolo, Author, Light for your Path Bible Study Series.*

Pease come on February 22 at 6:00 in the Lauren Hall Classroom. New members are always welcome! Our first meeting will be a short introductory meeting. And study books will be handed out. Please note there is a \$12 cost for the study book. If the book cost is prohibitive, please let me know. There is scholarship money available. There is a sign up sheet and sample study book on the kiosk in the Narthex. Sign up is not required, but helpful for planning.