

NORTHRIDGE women

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✘ Welcome! ✘

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We hope this newsletter will encourage you, inspire you and help you understand that you are loved!

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I am really pleased to say that our women's ministry has started to take shape with some fun and inspiring occasions that many of you women have attended and it has been such a blessing to work together with some truly amazing, loving and talented people.

For those who haven't yet had an opportunity to come out to anything we have done so far, kickboxing was by far a huge hit, and we are very much looking forward to more and wearing off some shortbread after Christmas! The bookmark making was lots of fun, and from what I hear the women of Costa Rica "treasured" this very simple gift that we made. Beth Lortie's Bible study on Wednesday mornings is going very well and the women are really enjoying the study by Beth Moore. Beth plans on having another study by the same teacher in the new year. Debbie Faber has offered her home on the last Monday of every month for scrapbooking. Debbie teaches scrapbooking and sells supplies, so it is a perfect opportunity for any who have wanted to even try it out but need some personal instruction.

Our next event is the potluck at Marla Connor's house on Friday November 20th. This is an informal event just for all of us ladies to get together and eat, chat and play a game or two. Please sign up on Sunday for what you would like to bring - we would love to see many of you there!

Also in the next few weeks, Krista Filmore will be organizing the assembling of Christmas gift baskets to give out to families who could use a little extra help this time of year.

There are many opportunities to be involved in, so please join us! Also if there is anything that you would like to see happen please email me as I am looking forward to many more varied opportunities for us to get together and share God's love outside the boundaries of the church building.

Meet Maureen Floris

You may have seen me around... probably standing around the Welcome Table! I would love for you to come and say hi because I would love to meet you and answer any questions you may have!

Our family has been attending NorthRidge for over a year now and absolutely love the friendly and caring attitude of our new family! My husband Dave and I have three teenagers and although it brings all kinds of challenges, it's better than changing diapers!! It is my privilege to be a part of the Women's Ministry, publishing this very newsletter you are reading and Dave loves to help with the set up crew whenever he can. Early next year we will be leading a 'Parent of Teen' 9 week series - please consider joining us and pick up some sanity tips!

These past couple of years have brought so many changes for us - moving (twice), three different jobs for myself, and now starting a new business, two of the kids starting a new school, starting a new church - it's like moving to a new community without leaving town! We are very thankful that God has been there, although it has been very challenging at times. I've been reminded recently of Sarah as she had to wait for God's promise to come true - I'm glad we didn't have to wait 70 years! I'm not sure I would have been much more faithful than she was! (see Genesis 16 to see Sarah's choice...) But we are able see the end of this stage and the beginning of a new one... very exciting!





Yummy Cookies!

Birds Nest Cookies

1/2 c. butter
 pinch salt
 1/4 c. brown sugar
 1 egg white
 1 egg yolk
 finely chopped walnuts
 1 c. flour

Empress raspberry jelly
 (or other)

Cream butter & sugar.
 Add egg yolk. Add salt
 to flour and gradually
 add to butter mixture.
 Keep butter cool, or
 chill in fridge for a bit.
 Roll small ball in palm

of hand. Approx. size of
 walnut. They will
 expand. Slightly whisk
 egg white with fork.
 Drop ball into egg
 white, then roll in the
 chopped walnuts. Put
 on a cookie sheet and
 make small indent in
 centre of ball with your

finger. Bake 325
 approx. 15 min. or until
 golden brown.
 Parchment paper will
 help to avoid burning
 the bottoms. While still
 slightly warm fill indent
 with a bit of jelly.

Thank you Michelle!

Potluck Nov 20!

Sunday is a great time to
 signup for our first
 women's only potluck!



We would love to see everyone there - come join us for a
 fun evening of eating, playing games and getting to
 know each other!

ever 'turkey and the fixin's'
 dinner at Timberline
 Ranch! The first 20 tickets
 are \$20 each and then
 after that they go up to
 \$25. Don't wait!



If you have younger
 children, there will be a Christmas extravaganza
 available special for them! For a full night of fun
 including dinner, a craft and games, the cost is \$15/kid
 for a maximum of \$50 per family. All the money raised
 goes directly to our youth who will be helping again this
 year in Esperanza. There is a sign up sheet at the
 Welcome Table or talk to Leah Schofield
 (604-323-4337) if you would like more information.

Christmas Dinner

What a great excuse to get dressed up and dress up your
 significant other and come join everyone for our first

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DATES TO REMEMBER!	Potluck/Game Night @ Marla's	Scrapbooking @ Deb's 7-10	Christmas Dinner for Adults @ Timberline	Weekly Fitness Nights!

Mothers of Preschoolers

Looking for a break? A
 chance to meet other moms
 just like you? Would you

love to be able to finish your
 coffee - while it's still hot?!

You are invited to join the
 Maple Ridge MOPS group
 and enjoy some time just
 for you!

Come join us every first and
 third Wednesday from

9:30-11:15 at the Maple
 Ridge Christian Reformed
 Church - 20245 Dewdney
 Trunk Road.

Nov 18 is an extra special
 morning, which includes a
 business fair - a great
 chance to get a head start

with your Christmas
 shopping!

For more information,
 please call Carla at
 604-463-9185.

Shall We Dance?

John 3:16 says “For God so loved the world...” Most of us know that but sometimes we need to stop and make it personal. God loves you! He loves you totally and completely, inside and out and just the way you are. His love for you is more than you can understand or comprehend and He longs to pour out His love on you to the excess!! You are beautiful to Him. His eyes are constantly on you. And He longs to dance with you! He wants you to allow Him to take you in His arms so you can feel His strength and He can lead and guide you through life. He wants to show you what He has planned for your life.

In a dance your focus is entirely on your partner and his on you, regardless of how many others are there. This is true when you dance with God. As you gaze into His face and He into yours, your surroundings fade away. As you dance together your pains become His pains and your fears become His fears and you then are calmed, healed, restored and given hope. He sees what you can become and redeems what has been.

To dance with God does not mean life will be easy or free from pain, disappointment or struggles but it does mean that you can be loved the way you were created to be loved and can rest in the arms of your Creator and He can give you the hope you need to face life day by day.

As we approach the Christmas season remember afresh the one who loves you, the one who is longing to hold you in His arms and the one that is asking you to dance. Are you willing to say yes to the dance of a lifetime?

(Inspired from Do You Think I'm Beautiful? and WHEN WALLFLOWERS dance by Angela Thomas)

Thank you Beth for your contribution!

Holiday Fashion Tips

Enjoy some tips to look your best this Christmas season (or anytime you need a little pick-me-up)!

- GOLD either in clothing or accessories, gold adds drama especially to black.
- Multi strand necklaces in pearls, beads or chains
- Large scale (statement) bracelets or necklaces
- Sparkling sequins and or beads for evening or daytime on clothing and accessories
- A focal point for the season is the lower leg so pair up shoes or boots with fancy stockings, decorative leggings, capri length pants, dresses or skirts with uneven hemlines.

Thank you Roxanne!

