



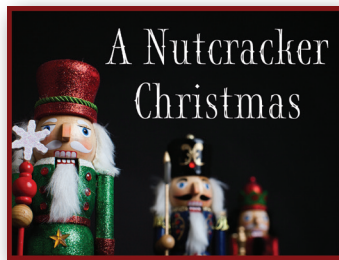
At Mugs & Muffins, ladies gathered for a wonderful morning of fellowship and encouragement while learning about ministry opportunities. (Article on next page)

Women's Ministries Newsletter

August 2018

Ladies' Christmas Brunch

The Christmas season brings with it unique opportunities to share with others the hope that we have in Jesus. Our annual Ladies' Christmas Brunch is designed for that very purpose: to provide a beautifully festive, non-threatening gathering for you to invite your friends to hear the gospel message. We're incredibly pleased to welcome Dr. Pam MacRae, a professor at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, as our speaker.



This year's brunch will be held on Saturday morning, December 1. Guests will enjoy a delicious meal while seated at beautifully decorated tables. This year's Nutcracker theme will bring a touch of elegance to our gathering, and we're currently recruiting table designers who are willing to bring their creative touches to our tables. Never designed a table before? No problem! We have ladies who are willing to come alongside and walk you through the process, even providing dishes and décor, if needed. Please sign up on the Women's Ministries bulletin board in the Welcome Center.

Tickets remain \$10 each and go on sale to the general public on Sunday, November 4.

Welcome Gwen to Children's Ministry!

Hi! I'm Gwen MacDonald, and I have recently become the Director of Children's Ministry here at E-Free. As you may be able to guess, I have a passion for teaching kids about our awesome Savior, Jesus Christ, and I think one of the best things in the world is seeing children come to faith in Christ and grow in their love for him. I am so excited to be a part of what God is doing here at E-Free!



A little about myself: I grew up in a little rural community in Illinois as the third of five kids. I came to saving faith in Sunday School as a child, and started serving in the children's ministry as soon as I could in 6th grade. I graduated from Moody Bible Institute in Chicago with a bachelor's degree in Children's Ministry, and while there I met my wonderful husband, Drew MacDonald. We got married the summer of 2016 and a year later we moved to Sheboygan, where I worked as a teacher in a daycare for the last year.

Some random facts about me: I enjoy reading, especially classic literature. My favorite pastime is to spend the summer sitting in the back yard with a good book and nothing to do. Additionally, I love house plants and have a rather large collection of them. I am a tea drinker and I have a terrible sweet tooth, causing almost anything with sugar to be irresistible.

If I had to pick a favorite passage, it would probably be Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." This has been my mantra for a long time, as it reminds me to trust God when life doesn't go the way I think it should. The Lord is always faithful, and he is always good.



As the seasons transition from summer to fall, we usher in the new ministry year. Mugs & Muffins served as the 2018-2019 kick-off, providing ladies the opportunity to connect, encourage, and learn more about the various ministries of the church.

Women's Ministries seeks to support the church's mission and vision to multiply disciples of Jesus Christ. Committed to the Word as our authority, we're passionate about nurturing a culture in which Titus 2 discipleship (older teaching younger) can thrive by providing opportunities, resources, and support for women of all ages to connect with one another and the Lord Jesus Christ. We invite you to join us!

BIBLE STUDIES:

- **Precepts Bible Study on James** (September – December) and **Jude** (starting March 2019) – Tuesdays at 6:30pm at the home of Chris Schultz or Wednesdays at 9:30am in the church library. Contact Lora Lynds for more information.
- **Tuesday Evening Bible Study** (Tuesdays at 6:30pm) – on *Discerning the Voice of God*; meets at Nancy Veenendaal's house – begins September 4. Contact Nancy for more information.
- **Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study**, studying *The Actions of a Committed Follower of Jesus*, at 9:30am – begins September 5 and meets at church. Contact Kathy Baalke for more information. Childcare will be provided.
- **Young Adults Life Group** (Sundays at 7pm) – meets at Pastor Bennett's house. Contact Pastor Bennett Anderson for more information.
- **First Love: The Stories of Jesus** study (Wednesdays at 9:30am or 6:30pm) – begins September 12 at church. Contact Summar Corrigan for more information. Childcare will be provided.
- **Adorned Bible Study** (Wednesdays at 6:30pm) – begins September 5. Contact Nikki MacDonald for more information.
- **Titus 2 Groups** (various days and times) – beginning in September. Contact Nikki MacDonald for more information.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- **BabyCare** – Contact Marge Voigt for more information.
- **Ladies' Christmas Brunch** – Contact Nikki MacDonald for more information.
- **Awana** – Contact Yvonne Mooney for more information.
- **Children's Ministries**- Contact Gwen MacDonald for more information.
- **Nourishing Body & Soul Meals Ministry & Funeral Reception Help** – Contact Nikki MacDonald for more information.
- **Student Ministries** – Contact Pastor Aaron for more information.
- **Welcome Team** – Contact Nikki MacDonald for more information.
- **Faith Community Nursing** – Contact Kristie Ahlborg for more information.
- **Worship Arts Ministries** – Contact Pastor Bennett Anderson or Mary Dulmes for more information.

Details are also provided in the Women's Ministries resource packet in the Welcome Center and church office brochure racks.



Revive '18 Livestream! September 27-29

You can participate in True Woman '18 via livestream. Whether alone, with a few friends, or a group of like-minded women, join the thousands of women gathering at True Woman '18 in Indianapolis.

There is no cost so that all can experience the Truth that sets women free. Be inspired in worship, be challenged by the speakers, be changed by God.
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