

# women THRIVE

November 2010  
newsletter



*Celebrate Christmas 2010*  
*Saturday, December 4th*  
*Reservations Begin November 7th through November 28th*  
*Make your reservation in the church lobby or online at [www.highlandswomen.net](http://www.highlandswomen.net)*  
*\$20. per person Please consider hosting a table.*

## The November Project

- . Food and Clothing Drive
- . Special Needs Christmas Party December 4th
- . Operation Christmas Child
- . City of Scottsdale Neighborhood Clean-Up

Find a place where you and your family can serve in the November Project. Stop by the Outreach table in the lobby or check the website [www.highlandchurch.org](http://www.highlandchurch.org) for details. Give Thanksgiving a new meaning!

## Highlands Cancer Care Women's Group



Meeting 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month

This Month: November 2nd and November 16th

Time: 10:00 — 11:30 am

Where:

Rock House Room, Children's Building Highlands Church

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*We will spend time together to support, inspire  
and learn from each other.*



I'm Cathy Kaashoek, the new Women's Ministry Special Event Coordinator. I've been involved in women's ministry for the last 10 years and have been blessed by the many women I have encountered.

My job is to plan and organize special events including: "An Evening with..." when we hear interesting speakers in the fall and spring; the "Holiday Happening" which is now called "Celebrate Christmas!" will be on Saturday, December 4; and the 2011 Spring Getaway, April 1-3 in Prescott.

On October 4, "An Evening with..." presented excellent speakers from Virginia G. Piper Cancer Center.

One of the most popular events of the year is the Christmas luncheon, "Celebrate Christmas!" I need volunteers to take reservations on Sundays, for table hostesses, greeters, and some volunteers to hand out programs, just to name a few enjoyable opportunities. Read the description of this event in the October newsletter [www.highlandswomen.net](http://www.highlandswomen.net) Because seating is limited, reserve your seat early! Make lots of new friends as you volunteer! Contact me at [cathyk316@cox.net](mailto:cathyk316@cox.net)

## A Personal Testimony

*I am currently in the Beth Moore Revelation study and I am so exhilarated!*

*Actually, I have been a little afraid to study this book of the Bible because it seemed too hard to understand.*

*But Beth Moore is revealing the meaning of the symbolism in Revelation and using Revelation to create life time applications for us. I am so blessed to continue to learn who Christ is and who He wants me to be.*

*Carolyn Craig*



## *From My Heart to Yours:*

In Ray C. Stedman's fascinating book, *The Way to Wholeness, Lessons from Leviticus*, the author speaks of people who suffer from what has been called destination sickness. It is the problem of having everything that you want but not wanting anything you have. Sufferers of this

malady no longer have hopes and dreams to aim for in life, because they have already arrived. Yet they are empty, lonely, and miserable inside because they can do anything they want to do, and none of it satisfies.

Most of us can relate somewhat to this dilemma. After all, in comparison with the world population, we are extremely rich.

However, these nagging appetites of "I want", "I need", "I have to have", play over and over in ungrateful hearts.

Where did all this begin anyway? It began with the first couple, Adam and Eve. In Genesis 3, Satan, in a reptile disguise, says in effect – "Eve, look at that luscious fruit over there. How can you live without it? Come on, nothing will happen...take just a little bite." Not only did she sample it but she shared this new found luxury with Adam. Shockingly, instead of getting the promised results, they both began the horrifying slippery slope of death in its many forms. Well, now they truly have been infected with the loathsome destination sickness.

From our first couple we all have the inclination to want more and more. Our luscious fruit comes in the form of catalogues, showrooms, or a myriad of other appetizers.

How can we escape such snares? We must ask God to give us a new heart with new and right desires. (Ezekiel 36:26) God can change a selfish and greedy heart to one of appreciation and generosity. Oh, this new destination is the one that satisfies.

1 Timothy 6:6 Now godliness *with contentment* is great wealth.

This statement is the key to spiritual growth and personal fulfillment.

Begin preparing now for Thanksgiving Day. Dear God, give me a new heart that embraces You. Thank you, thank you, and thank you.

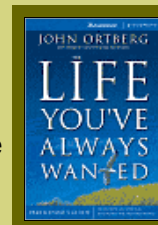
Psalms 118:28 You are my God, and I will give You thanks; You are my God and I will exalt You.

With gratitude,  
Joan Lazear, Women's Ministries Director

## Highlands Book Worms

If you love to read different genres of books and you love to have coffee with other women then this is the group for you! We meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month (September through May) from 9:00 to 10:30 am in the church café.

Contact Bambi Riesen at [Bam11blue@aol.com](mailto:Bam11blue@aol.com)



**Nov. 2** The Life You've Always Wanted

**Dec. 7** December's Book Worm meeting will be special! We all have favorite Christmas books that have become meaningful to us. Come ready to share these favorites and help bring the Spirit of the Season alive!

## Knit WITTERS

Women of all ages, come and join our fun group that involves knitting, crocheting and making new friendships! Bring your own projects. Don't know how to knit or crochet...we'll teach you!

Tuesday Evenings 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
Church Offices Conference Room

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## Highlands Hikers

When: Nov. 13th, 8:00 AM  
Where: Lost Dog Wash Trail  
Intermediate- moderate

This trail is an intermediate, 4.5-mile round-trip hike to a saddle overlooking Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural complex. One sustained, but gradual climb, otherwise only mild inclines. Allow about 3 hours. Meet at the Lost Dog Wash Trailhead at the end of 124th St. north of Via Linda.

More Info at: [www.highlandswomen.net](http://www.highlandswomen.net)  
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