

October Outreach Opportunity Underwear Drive for Watkins Overflow Shelter

Watkins Overflow Shelter needs new undergarments for the women and children at the shelter. They need regular bras in all sizes and sports bras, too. Underwear, mostly in larger sizes, for the women and in all sizes for the children, both boys and girls, will make such a difference. And everyone needs socks! Drop your donations off at the women's ministry table anytime in October and be a part of the blessing.

Prayer Luncheon

Come and enjoy a lovely lunch, great fellowship and wonderful opportunity to pray for the women's ministries.
Wednesday, Oct. 20th ~ Church Cafe
11:30 AM-1:00 PM
TICKETS (\$5.00) WILL BE SOLD **ONLY** AFTER
SUNDAY SERVICES October 10 & 17
Sorry No Childcare

Save the date!

Celebrate Christmas

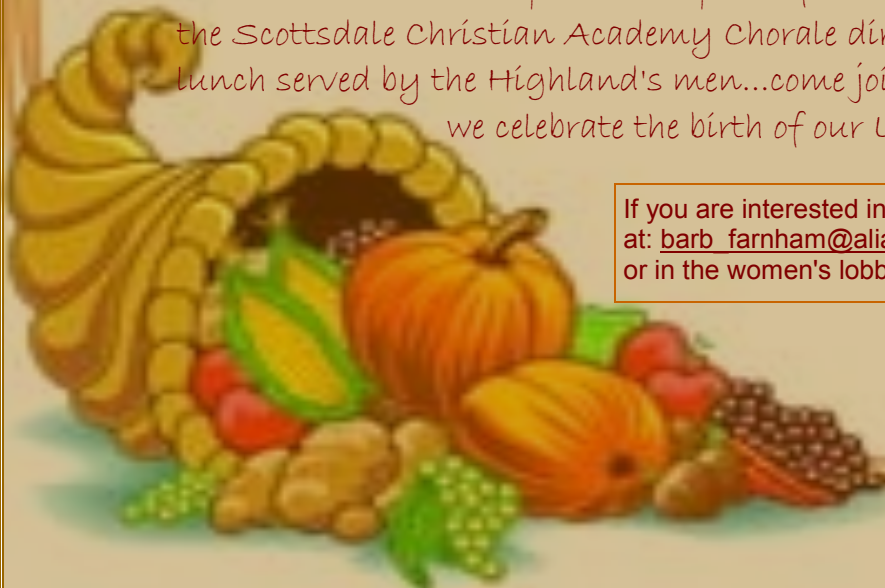
is coming soon!

Save the date for this annual and most popular
women's ministry event!

Saturday, December 4th 9:00 am
in the Highlands Church Lobby.

Our annual women's luncheon event will feature Darlene Danninger demonstrating her "Jesus and Me Tree". Her theme tree keeps Christ in Christmas. Each ornament represents aspects of the Christian walk. Also featuring the Scottsdale Christian Academy Chorus directed by Elaine Brock...a wonderful lunch served by the Highland's men...come join us for fun, food and fellowship as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.....

If you are interested in hosting a table, please contact Barb Farnham at: barb_farnham@aliangroup.com. Tickets can be purchased on line or in the women's lobby beginning on November 7th.





From My Heart to Yours

In early July, 1997, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. When the doctor told me, everything became surreal. I heard the words but I could not absorb their meaning. I was in shock and nothing made sense.

Within days I was sitting with my oncology surgeon asking lots of questions and hearing the plan of attack. In a timely manner I had a lumpectomy and began radiation treatments.

In this confusing and frightening time, my relationship with God became more intimate and dependent. It was very evident that I had no control over the outcome of this serious health issue. God revealed Himself in ways that I had not experienced before. In the midst of the treatment, cancer was on my mind constantly. But God kept reminding me I just had to rest in Him.

Interestingly during this time, I chose these verses to memorize: But I trust in Your unfailing love, my heart rejoices in Your salvation. I will sing to the LORD, for He has been good to me." Psalm 13:5-6

Eventually I came to the realization that I would enter the presence of Jesus earlier than I expected or He would allow my life to continue here. So for the last 13 years I have been "a survivor". Many of you have either experienced cancer or know women who have had it. Some of you have recently been diagnosed or are in the midst of your treatment.

Now I am very pleased to tell you about "An Evening with...event on Monday, October 4 from 7-8:30 PM on campus.

Virginia G. Piper Cancer Institute is sending two speakers to talk about cancer and nutrition. There will be Q and A, goodie bags and refreshments.

On Tuesday, October 19, 10-11:30 AM on campus, Highlands Cancer Care Group for Women will be launched. Lorene Doukas and Sharon Smith will co-lead. If you are currently in treatment or are a survivor, or know of friends or family that would like to be a part of this wonderful group, please come.

Check our website www.highlandswomen.net for more information on both of these events.

God gave us Himself and each other to walk life's road together.

Blessings and love,

Joan Lazear, Director of Women's Ministry

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

October 5th: *The Prize Winner* by Terry Ryan

November 2nd: *The Life You've Always Wanted*



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

Contact: Margaret Ford MargaretFord@dcranch.com 480-502-90304 or Maria Lage marialtage@aol.com 480-998-4788



Highlands Hikers

When: Saturday, October 9th 8:00 Allow 2.5 hours..

Where: GatewayTrail

Level: Intermediate to Moderate

A scenic 3.6-mile loop trail in the Gateway area of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve. About a 700-foot elevation gain on gradual grades. Meet at the new Gateway Access Area on the east side of Thompson Peak Pkwy between Bell Rd and Legacy. www.mcdowellsonoran.org/map.htm

Check our website for information on the November Hike: www.highlandswomen.net

Contact: Wendy Arendt WArendt@yahoo.com 480-321-6161 or

Jennifer Duenas jenniferduenas@msn.com



God is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think. (Ephesians 3:20) Hi, I'm Pat DeMott, your new Outreach and Connections Coordinator and this is the lesson God has been teaching me this summer. This year we changed our focus and summer has been a time of independent study and outreach opportunities. Thanks to your generous donations of time, food, hygiene items, toys, clothing, and money we have been able to bless so many with so much more than I ever thought possible. God touched the hearts of the women of Highlands enabling us to touch the hearts of homeless men and women in several Phoenix shelters. It has been a summer that has changed many of us forever!

Summer may be coming to an end but outreach and connection will be year round projects. Watch the website www.highlandswomen.net for dates and details. Consider connecting with the Highlands Book Worms, Highlands Hikers, or the Knit Witters. Help with outreach by participating in a sock and underwear drive, serving a hot breakfast at a shelter, joining the support team of young women committed to breaking the cycle of homelessness, or volunteering to be part of the outreach planning team. It a privilege to be a part of the team and a part of all God is doing through the women of Highlands!

Get connected:

<http://www.highlandswomen.net> for information on all our programs.