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Honoring Our Moms

Do you have someone who has made a profound effect on your life? For most of us, it is our mother, our grandmother, or a mentor who served as a “mother figure”. Our character may have been shaped or the values we hold dear were first introduced and inspired by these women. You are in for a special treat as our guest speaker, Jackie Newell, shares a dramatization of a mother from the Bible, and you’ll see why children love being in her class! We invite you to our next Teatime, “Honoring Our Moms”, where we can celebrate these special individuals together. Invite a friend who needs uplifted and join us.

This Teatime’s ministry focus is the Blue Ridge Women’s Center. For 40 years, BRWC has been offering a safe and supportive environment to vulnerable women who are facing unexpected pregnancy, feeling alone and uncertain, by providing free medical support, birth and parenting classes, community resources, and compassionate care. A BRWC representative will be at our Teatime to share their vision and mission, and we will have the opportunity to contribute financially to their “318 Building Campaign” as they expand their invaluable ministry in our hometown. Remember Proverbs 31:8-9, “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.”



Info

TEATIME

Honoring Our Moms
April 20th, 2–3:30pm

MENU

Sausage & Cheese
Mini Quiches
Ham Rolls
Hash Crowns
Yogurt Fluff
Donut & Fruit Skewers

FEATURED TEA

Breakfast in Paris

Tickets are \$12 for Ladies
and \$6 for Girls under 12

Teatime Ministry Update

Special Thanks: We want to express our gratitude for your contributions to the church’s Food Pantry at our last Teatime. Many families were taken care of during the holidays because of your continual generosity!

Looking Ahead: Please join us after our next Teatime for a quick group photo. It has been a while since our last photo, and we’d love to update it to include our many new Tea Sisters!

The last day to purchase your tickets for Teatime is Sunday, April 14th!

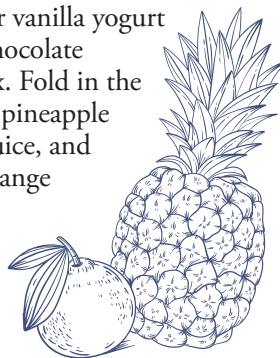
We will be unable to accommodate any ticket purchases after this date.

This deadline allows us to make accurate purchases and preparations for the menu, favors, and table settings. Thank you for understanding! Checks payable to Debbie Ayers can be mailed to: 258 Jay Ridge Road, Cloverdale, Va 24077. Feel free to call or text Debbie with any questions at (540) 915-8470.

Yogurt Fluff

- 1 (16 oz.) package Dannon Light & Fit vanilla yogurt
- 1 small package Jell-O sugar free instant white chocolate pudding mix
- 1 package Cool Whip, thawed
- 1/2 can crushed pineapple, partially drained
- 1 can mandarin oranges, drained

Mix together vanilla yogurt and white chocolate pudding mix. Fold in the Cool Whip, pineapple with some juice, and mandarin orange slices. Chill and serve!



Deb’s Book Review Corner



Sweet Tea for the Soul: Down-Home Devotions to Comfort the Heart, by Linda Kozar

This charming light-hearted little 90-day devotional book will bring fresh thoughts and a smile to start your day. Written by Linda Kozar from Dayspring Publishing, it’s the perfect blend with your favorite cup of tea!

Available at Hobby Lobby.



It is a pleasure to introduce you to a very dear friend of Teatime, our guest speaker Jackie Newell. Jackie and her husband Tom have been married for 40 years and have been members of our church family for 10 years. They have 4 children and 9 precious grandchildren. They both possess boundless generosity and have the most dedicated servants hearts. We appreciate that Jackie has shared in numerous ways at Teatime, and Tom has played piano for us as well!

Additionally, Jackie has served as Deaconess, Praise Team member, Sunday School Superintendent, has directed and taught at VBS, and served in missionary work for the Grace of God Children's Project alongside her husband. The GOGCP orphanage is in Kenya, and they have traveled there for numerous years to support them. Jackie mentioned that chai is Kenya's favorite tea to drink!

Jackie's hobbies include cooking, reading, and teaching water therapy. Her passion is teaching children and young ladies the truths of the Bible. She believes that our children need the entire armor of God to fight the culture they live in today. Her favorite Bible verse is Romans 12:2, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will." That is a tremendous verse to adopt for our times.

Something that no one knows about Jackie is that she has published two recipes: one in Light & Tasty Magazine, and one in the WDBJ7 Cookbook! She won a Thanksgiving recipe contest and prepared her recipe on air during the morning show. Now that we know we have a celebrity chef as a Tea Sister, we may have to invite her to cook for us at Teatime!

For this Teatime, however, we've requested she portray a Bible character and share a devotion with us. Jackie is certainly a gifted friend who cheerfully agrees to tasks! Thank you, Miss Jackie, for being a wonderful friend to Teatime!

"She is worth far more than rubies... She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks... She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy... She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue... Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her; "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised."



– Proverbs 31:10, 17, 20, 25-26, 28-30

Tea Trivia with Connie

- ☞ Paris Tea by Harney & Sons has black tea, oolong tea, vanilla, black currant, caramel, and lemony bergamot oil.
- ☞ Yellow tea is the rarest category of tea in the world, and is micro-fermented to make it more mellow than green tea.
- ☞ According to Washington State University, brewed tea should not be left out more than 8 hours due to possible bacteria contamination. Refrigerate in an air-tight container.
- ☞ The largest scale tea plantation in the US is the 127 acre Charleston Tea Plantation on Wadmalaw Island outside of Charleston, South Carolina. Other large US plantations are found in Hawaii and Oregon.

Tea: A History, Part 7

Ashley & Kelly's 12-part series on the history of tea!
Part 7: European Tea and Influential Women

The Portuguese and Dutch imported tea first, but it wasn't widely popular in England until Princess Catherine of Portugal married King Charles II in 1662. She shared with her friends at Court, and the popularity spread. Only the wealthy could afford it, making it a symbol of status and intellect. It wasn't until the 19th century that it became popular with the working classes.

Tea rooms in the Victorian era were instrumental in spreading independence for women, creating a place for them to meet and strategize ways to fight for their right to vote!

In addition to our usual prayer request cards on the tables at the tea, please feel free to mail your prayer requests to the church:

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