



Dates To Remember

August 4th (Thursday) Progressive Dinner—6:30pm

August 20th (Saturday) Cool Craft Day—Wreath Making—10:30am

September 1st (Thursday) Movie Moguls "The Help"

Top 10 Activities You Are Most Interested In

10. Collecting & Distributing formal wear to low income girls for proms, homecomings, etc.
9. Stampin' Up card making
8. Jewelry Making
7. Trip to Creation Museum
6. Outreach days helping homebound church members.
5. Learning a new craft
4. Bible Studies
3. Hanging of the Greens
2. Women's breakfast on Saturday mornings with guest speaker

And the top vote getter was . . .

1. Going to a Christmas/Easter Pageant

The Roaming Reporter Dishes The Dirt

The Survey Says . . .

Out of 87 surveys sent out, 26 of you were kind enough to respond. First of all, thank you so much for your kind and encouraging words regarding our Women's Ministry/Soul Sisters program. Kathleen and Lori have enjoyed every minute getting to know you, studying God's Word with you, and of course, having some fun with you.

Here is what you told us:

The reason why some ladies aren't with us on Thursday nights, is because of conflicting schedules. That said, Thursday night was the top vote getter as the best night of the week to meet.

Apparently your favorite activity thus far is . . . Eating. Yes, Dinner Club came in first, next was Movie Moguls, and third was Morning Bible Study.

100% of you are very satisfied with Soul Sisters and agreed newcomers feel welcome and comfortable. All of you also indicated that Soul Sisters is a good way to introduce new people to our church family.

The majority of you would like to participate in a Saturday morning craft event every other month.

Monday and Tuesday mornings are your preference for Morning Bible Study. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings are your preferences for an Evening Bible Study (which we will be starting in the fall)

You are very interested in a Women's Retreat. Most of you would like a one-day retreat at our church or a weekend retreat at Potter's Ranch in Burlington, KY.

The majority of you are more than willing to help plan and execute certain

activities. However, leading a bible study must scare the living daylights out of you, as only 3 people were willing to lead a bible study (I think you can probably guess who those ladies are).

This survey has been very helpful to us in knowing what you want out of your Women's Ministry. We are already planning many of the activities that you are most interested in participating.

In the upcoming months we will be starting a new evening bible study, continuing with our daytime bible study, having our traditional Hanging of the Greens followed by a ladies tea, attending an evening Christmas pageant, going on a day trip for the Metamora Christmas Walk, and a craft day at Bellevue Beadery.

Saturday "Cool Craft" Day

Join us Saturday, **August 20th at 10:30 am** in the fellowship hall at church to make this "gorgeous" front door wreath. **You must RSVP for this activity**, as we will have to purchase the grapevine wreaths and your last name initial to hang inside the wreath. We are estimating that this

craft project will cost approximately \$15 (this is just a guesstimate).

Marea West has kindly agreed to help us with this project. The example here is of a fall wreath, however, you can make a wreath for another season if you wish. Snacks and Drinks will be provided.

Detailed information will be forthcoming.





Who's Who In The Pew—Meet Marea West (no I did not spell her first name wrong). She's the lady who talks like she's not from around here and drives that funny little car with the Union Jacks on her side mirrors. The fact is, she was born and raised "across the pond" in Blackhore, Essex, United Kingdom. Raised in a Christian home all of her life with 7 brothers and sisters, Marea came to know the Lord as a small girl and church became in her words, "my haven."

Martin and Marea have lived in the United States for over 11 years and have two grown children; James (36) is an engineer living in Scotland and Anna (33) is a vice-principal of a public school in England. Marea says she has been married to her very best friend for "39 wonderful years."

Marea is a master gardener and is very involved in the Boone County Arboretum. She has a wonderful ability to identify and work with children and volunteers at her neighborhood elementary school each week. She often helps out in the children's department at church. Both Martin and Marea are very hard workers within our church. In fact, she is responsible for the beautiful landscaping that is evolving all around our new church location.

She shared that she used to be a very shy person until she became a local council woman in England. She was so appalled at some people's behavior she learned to speak up for herself and get things done.

Getting things done is what we think Marea is best at. Our women's ministry program has asked for Marea's help many times, and not once has she ever said "no." She loves women's ministry and has made some good friends in the process. Marea thanks all of us "Soul Sisters" for accepting "this funny lady" into such a wonderful group. We think that having people like Marea West participate and help with our programs makes our women's ministry group wonderful.

What is Marea's new philosophy? "Get over it," something she learned in her later years by a very wise woman in our church:)

PROGRESSIVE DINNER



Like Drive-Thru, but not really!

On Thursday, August 4th we will be going to three of our Soul Sisters homes for a progressive dinner. We will meet at Generations Church at 6:30pm and carpool to our first location Shirley Sears home for appetizers. then on to our second location Merlene Cummins home for the main course. Our last location is at Marea West's home for dessert and coffee. This has always proven to be a fun evening for everyone. Look for your "Evite" Invitation where you will be able to RSVP and indicate what you will be bringing for our dinner. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Abner 781-9068.

Movie Moguls

Thursday, Sept. 1st we will be going to see *The Help* (time TBA). Based on one of the most talked about books in years and a #1 New York Times best-selling phenomenon, "The Help" shows us three very different, extraordinary women in Mississippi during the 1960s, who build an unlikely friendship around a secret writing project that breaks societal rules and puts them all at risk. From their improbable alliance a remarkable sisterhood emerges, instilling all of them with the courage to transcend the lines that define them, and the realization that sometimes those lines are made to be crossed—even if it means bringing everyone in town face-to-face with the changing times.



Where were you?

