

WOODBROOK

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Woodbrook Women's Ministries Winter 2012 Update

Dear Woodbrook Ladies,

We are well into the New Year, moving away from the busy-ness of the holidays and entering what is, at least for me, a quieter, gentler time of year. I see such great natural beauty in winter: the barren trees that allow us to see "their bones," which very soon will be filled with bloom and leaf, the dark winter sky that sparkles with stars, the red berries on the holly trees, and the majestic hawks that are so much easier to spot in the tops of tall trees unobstructed by foliage. I hope you will find something wonderful to delight you this winter!

THANK YOU: My thanks are much belated, but I offer my deep gratitude to everyone who helped make the Dessert Gala such a beautiful event. In particular, I would like to recognize Lillian Crenshaw who spearheaded the reception. A special thanks goes to all the adults and children who worked so hard and performed so wonderfully for us. I will never forget the adorable flock of sheep making their way up the aisle!

Also, I am thankful to those of you who continue to create prayer shawls. I recently gave several quilts and two shawls to Dawn Guttman. Dawn works at the Chemotherapy Treatment Center at Park Medical Associates, and shared with me that the patients often get cold during their treatments, and will really appreciate the warmth that the shawls and quilts will provide. Thanks, Dawn, for sharing a bit of Woodbrook encouragement with the patients at Park Medical!

Sarah Van Tiem asks me to share the following announcement about a **Women's Clothing and Fine Housewares Swappe:** Want to freshen up your wardrobe, clean out your closet, and have fun at the same time? Then join us at Woodbrook on Friday, March 30th from 7-9 pm for the 1st ever Woodbrook Women's Clothing Swappe! Bring your gently-used clothing, accessories, and

housewares to exchange for something new-ish! Please sign up in the narthex. Include your email address and the Swappe Faerie will send you instructions. Yes, folks, we have a system! Call or [email Sarah Van Tiem](mailto:sarah@woodbrook.org) for details. And in case you were worried—there will be snacks!

But before you “swappe” clothing and housewares, please take a look at some **upcoming WWM events**. Mark your calendars now so you don’t miss anything!

Ladies Night Out: Sunday, March 11th, 6:00 pm at Ryan’s Daughter in Belvedere Square

Maundy Thursday Set-up: Thursday, April 5th – details forthcoming as date nears

Annual Book Retreat: Saturday, May 19th, 10:00 am-3:00 pm at Emmanuel Monastery (2229 West Joppa Road). We will be discussing the classic tale, *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. I will be leading our time together and am looking forward to sharing one of my most favorite books with you!

Sign-up sheets for all activities will be in the narthex. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone (410-769-9165) [or by email](mailto:kathy@woodbrook.org).
Blessing upon blessing to each of you, Kathy

God has given you time: this day, this hour, this moment...Offer it all to the God who provides it. – Author Unknown
(Remember to celebrate your “extra” 24 hours on February 29th!)