

Girlfriends at Grace Email Update!

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I absolutely love this time of the year. I love to watch the process of plowing and planting. I love to watch the flowers and the crops poke up through the dirt. I love the smell of the dirt in the spring. I love the color of the trees and the flowers and I love that fact that springtime in Lancaster County lasts more than a week. In northern Indiana we were lucky to have blooms on the trees for more than a few days, and spring flowers were short lived as well. Spring is always such a wonderful reminder that God brings beauty to our lives after a time of cold, dark circumstances.

*Why not plan some fun into the spring and summer months by joining one of our **Girlfriends at Grace Clubs** for some fun, fellowship and usually food! Here are some highlights for the month of May.*

***Breakfast Clubs** are open to anyone of any age. We have three different clubs that meet once a month; the Wednesday Club, the Friday Club and the Saturday Club. Each of these groups meets at different restaurants throughout Lancaster County for a great time of fun and fellowship.*

***Club 20** is for women between the ages of 20 and 30. You can be married or single, a mom or not, it doesn't really matter! The next activity on May 9 really sounds like great fun, in fact, **Fun and Fondue** is what's happening at the next Club 20 event, Friday May 9 at 7pm at the home of Renee Kegarise, 591 Wood Duck Dr. Manheim. Contact Kelly Kroeck, 367-2992 or club20atgrace@yahoo.com to RSVP.*

*Do you like to work with your hands? Two groups, the **Knifty Knitters** and **The Common Thread**, meet at various times throughout the month for embroidery, knitting, crocheting, quilting and a variety of other handwork items.*

***Ladies of Grace** for women over 50 meets on the last Tuesday of the month for dinner at a local restaurant.*

*If you are an outdoorsy kind of gal, then **Exo-Adventure** will have fun things to do such as hiking, geocaching, biking, canoeing, etc. No better way to spend some time outdoors than with a group of Girlfriends!*

***Women of Faith Conferences** - There are also two opportunities to attend one of the Women of Faith Conferences that come to our area each year. The first of these conferences will be held on **Friday, July 11 and Saturday, July 12 in Washington DC**. Friday nights' special speaker will be Natalie Grant. On Saturday, we will hear from Marilyn Meberg, Sheila Walsh, Patsy Claimant & Sandi Patty. Joining us will be Louise duArt, comedy impressionist, and singer Nicole C. Mullen and others. There is a box lunch included. The conference ends at 5:00. Advance Tours has tickets available for anyone interested in attending. Complete information is available in the **Girlfriends at Grace Mailbox**.*

*Friday, September 12 and Saturday, September 13 Women of Faith will be hosted in Philadelphia at the Wachovia Center. , Sandi Patty and Max Lucado will be joining the regular Women of Faith speakers. Cost for this trip includes transportation, overnight lodging, breakfast, and conference admission. A \$100 deposit is due by **Friday, May 5**. Sandy Yoder is hoping to get a group of **Girlfriends at Grace** to go together. You can contact Sandy at timandsandyoder@dejazzd.com or at 625-2863.*

*Log on to www.lgbc.org. to access complete details and contact information for all of the **Girlfriends at Grace** activities.*

Happy Spring to you!

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