

Boise Valley
Christian Communion
2009 Annual Ministry Report



MARY MARTHA FELLOWSHIP – WOMEN’S MINISTRY
Grace Ruddy, Team Leader

Mary Martha Fellowship is a ministry to women at BVCC and in our community. One pillar of the Mary Martha Fellowship is our spring and fall Bible study classes. In January 2009 we began a Beth Moore study of the book of Esther. We learned that God puts us in circumstances for “such a time as this.”

In April we spent a lovely weekend at Trinity Pines Camp in Cascade for our annual ladies’ Advance. Ann Ralstin spoke from Psalm 16 about how we are chosen, blessed, broken and given. Many of the women faced fears and “flew” down the mountain on a giant zip-line. During the summer we read Francine Rivers’ “Mark of the Lion” trilogy of books. We met each month to sit on a patio and discuss the themes of each book.

Our fall Bible study, *Rising Above Worry and Stress*, was an appropriate study for many of us. Each week a woman from our body taught us about remaining peaceful in the storms of life. In our small groups we shared and prayed for one another. Our Christmas Open House was hosted by Ann Ralstin. We shared cookies, tea and fellowship on a snowy December Saturday.

We invite all women to come to our morning Bible studies: Sundays 9:00-10:30 or Tuesdays 9:30-11:30. Childcare is provided. We would also like to invite women to our spring Advance April 23-25.

Our hope is that women will be blessed and challenged through Mary Martha Fellowship. Also that each woman is growing in her faith as we “...consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:24-25.

Mary Martha leadership team members include Brenda Nelson, Denice Cain, Leanne Clark, and Grace Ruddy. Heather Guizzo stepped off the MMF team in the summer. We thank her for her two years of service. Cyndi Ashton is transitioning off the Mary Martha team. We are so grateful for her 10 years of service. We welcome Deana Durfee as the newest member of the team.

We want to thank Idona Majors and the Deeper Roots Children’s Ministry for creating a wonderful place for our children during Bible study. We want to thank the office staff: Melisa Pearson, Nancy Loftus and Deana Durfee for their patient and wonderful support. We also thank Heather Guizzo, Dee Swanstrom, Tami Reames, and Char Nelson for leading us in worship and Bobbie Hobson and Francine Baldwin for helping with A/V. Our thanks also goes to Lisa Matthews, our custodian.