

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Bill Brown, Esther Chesney, Debbie Darnell, Gordon Darnell, Midge Detwiler, Dave Duke, Archie Keller, John Kelly, Vic Kovaloski, Dave Minehart, Jean Nedimyer, Jim Poirrier, Ray Ramstad, Sr., Heather Sollenberger, Jim Stotler, John Vance, Jim Way, Ken & Audrey Woomer, & Ken Zitsch. Pray for the unsaved by name. Pray for the end of abortion on demand. Pray for the purveyors of terror to be captured by Christ. Pray for our wounded veterans. Pray for World Missions and for our missionaries by name. Pray for persecuted & imprisoned believers and refugees around the world. Pray for our local, state & political leaders. Pray for our nation's police officers and those who govern their procedures. Pray for our outreach into our community. Pray for Spiritual Revival in our church, local community, nation, and in our world! Pray for a solution to the opioid epidemic and the rise of mass killings in our nation.



Our Mission is to Love God and Care for People:

We strive to be a place of healing and a people of joy, dedicated to bringing others into a living relationship with Jesus Christ and to help them become active members of His family.

It's all about His love!

++++++ We are collecting soap & body wash for clients of our local food bank. Bring items to box in the Gathering Room.

++++++ Want to make a positive difference in someone's life...and make a new friend? Call today to learn how to become a Foster Grandparent or Senior Companion. Tax free hourly stipend, paid holidays and mileage reimbursement are offered. Applicants must meet age and income requirements. Call the Volunteer Program Office of Blair Senior Services, Inc. At (814) 946-1235.



++++++ FOR YOUR INFORMATION: WE ARE A "SAFE SANCTUARY"

LADIES SPRING ENCOUNTER

Saturday, April 14, 2018

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

(Doors to the ballroom open at 9:00 am)

Blair County Convention Center, Altoona, PA

SANDPAPER PEOPLE

Mary Southerland is an author and speaker. She is also a survivor. Women identify with Mary because she has survived the road of clinical depression, infertility, adoption, full-time ministry, sexual abuse, chronic physical pain and the daily stress of life. Through God's power, Mary has emerged with joy, strength, and victory. Her heart's desire is to encourage women with a message of hope and equip them with practical truths from God's Word to face every part of their lives with power and purpose.

She is Founder of Journey Ministry and Co-founder of Girlfriends in God, a non-denominational ministry that crosses many boundaries to bring the Body of Christ together as believers.

The unwanted intrusion of a nosy neighbor...the exasperating antics of the teenager who constantly pushes your buttons...the infuriating behavior of a co-worker or the hurtful words of a spouse. Mary will help us discover how to deal with the difficult relationships in our lives.



Mary Southerland
Girlfriends in God

ADVANCE TICKET DONATION:

\$25 event/\$15 lunch | \$30 at the door/no lunch available

Advance Ticket Sales at businesses and on our website, www.ladiesencounter.com end April 8 for Ladies Encounter and April 15 for Teen Encounter

WILL-CALL EVENT TICKETS (NO LUNCH) AVAILABLE

LADIES ENCOUNTER APRIL 8-13 AND TEEN ENCOUNTER APRIL 15-18

Call Doris at (814) 224-5443 or Joyce at (814) 224-5119

LUNCH MENU: Marinated grilled breast of chicken on a bed of mixed greens with tomatoes, olives, red onion, cucumbers, mild pepper rings, shredded cheddar cheese and a balsamic vinaigrette dressing (preset on table not on salad), bread, carrot cake with a cream cheese filling and toasted coconut, iced tea and hot beverages.

-A gluten free or vegetarian option is available.

-Be sure to check your lunch choice on the ticket order form.

-You may go off-site for lunch, but no food or beverages may be taken into the Convention Center.

TO ORDER TICKETS FOR BOTH LADIES AND TEEN EVENTS:

-Purchase tonight at the Ladies Encounter Product Table. You do NOT need to fill out the form.

-On our website, www.ladiesencounter.com.

-At local businesses beginning March 1. Locations will be listed on our website in January and also on our posters.

-Enclose the completed form below along with a check payable to Encounter and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Send to: Doris Miller, 3209 Lafayette Road, New Enterprise, PA 16664



**SATURDAY
APRIL 14**

LADIES ENCOUNTER:

SANDPAPER PEOPLE with **Mary Southerland**

_____ Ladies Event tickets (\$25 donation each)

_____ Lunch tickets (\$15 donation each)

() Chicken () Gluten Free () Vegetarian

**THURSDAY
APRIL 19**

TEEN ENCOUNTER: *WHOYAWANTABE* &

WHATYAWANTADO with **Kirsten Hart**

_____ Teen Event tickets (\$10 donation each)

\$ _____ Total of check enclosed

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

(Ladies Encounter does not share addresses or e-mails with other organizations)

Church Name: _____

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

MARCH 25-April 1st:

Sunday, March 25th is Palm Sunday.

WEDNESDAY, March 28th: The Men's Promise Keepers' Group will meet as usual. There will be no Women's Bible Studies or Choir Rehearsal.

THURSDAY: March 29th: Our Maundy Thursday Service with Feet Washing and Communion will be held in the Gathering Room, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY: March 30th: A Good Friday Cantata/ Drama will be held, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY begins with our Sunrise Service with Communion at 6:30 a.m. followed by a Sunrise Breakfast provided by the men of the church, Our Easter celebration service will be at 9:30 a.m. There will be no Sunday School on Easter.



Help is needed for our **SUNRISE BREAKFAST** - Easter morning.

See sign-up sheets in Gathering Room.



Interaction with Today's Sermon
The Palm Sunday Challenge
John 12:12-26

Introduction: Palm Sunday commemorates the coming of Jesus into Jerusalem at the beginning of Holy Week. His entrance into the city was cheered, but by the end of the week the people were driving Him outside the city limits with shouts of "Crucify Him!" This brings us to the Palm Sunday Challenge: Will we crown Jesus King of our lives today or will we crucify Him all over again?

Questions for Exploring:

Why were the people of Jerusalem excited to see Jesus come riding into the city? What kind of mood did the majority exhibit?

- 2) What was unusual or unexpected about the way Jesus chose to enter Jerusalem?**
- 3) What were the common people hoping for from Jesus? What were their expectations?**
- 4) What possible interpretations or "spins" might have been given to explain Jesus' seemingly humble entrance into the city?**
- 5) Why was Jesus' appearance in Jerusalem truly good news? What promise(s) did He bring with Him?**
- 6) What do verses 20 and 21 seem out of place in the story? According to today's message what is required of those who "would see Jesus?"**
- 7) According to today's sermon what is the central message of the Palm Sunday drama?**
- 8) In light of the story of the Triumphal Entry, what is the Lord asking you to do today? _____.**