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Listen Love Pray

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Meaningful Connections



One year ago, many commented on the beautiful setting and inspired teachings at LLP's women's retreat. But, the predominant sentiment was that women felt it was a *safe space to be real*. This quality of relationship can be elusive. Julie Bailey, LCPC, points out that "our world needs to heal" and part of the solution is revisiting "the lost art of human connection, deep conversations, and bonding."



After this year's retreat, participants again expressed thankfulness for the atmosphere of safety and peace they experienced. LLP was overjoyed to hear some of the ways God was able to heal.

Maureen noticed that "beginning with testimonies at the start set the stage for what to expect" and "the expectation (was) that this *is a safe space*." ML was grateful for "the love that went into the retreat and openness of everyone to share." Andrea echoed her appreciation of "the speakers' openness, love, service, and sacrifice and God's presence, love, and message for me."

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Testimonies

Renewal at the Women's Retreat



I feel completely renewed! We're all out there living and working in difficult situations and facing deep personal pain and today has been such a blessing to come together in a safe space. To be reminded that Jesus transcends the world and that He has made promises that we can count on. We have sisters to walk this journey with us and to remind us that there's more to this world than the pain and the anger and the negativity and the chaos that sometimes lives right here, in front of our faces. I am walking out of (the retreat) renewed and convicted that Jesus and the Word is The Way. —Amy

<https://youtu.be/RcJvMxP9jg>

We Walk by Faith and not by Sight



I've heard that (many times) but the revelation and the a-ha moment is when I don't like what I'm seeing with whom I'm with, I'm not walking by that sight, I'm walking by the faith that God is working in that situation. He is with me. He sees me. He also sees the situation. I matter to Him and I can trust that He's going to do

what He's done for me today (at the retreat). Remind me that I am a new creation and that His creation never stops and (in) whatever situation occurs, I can walk by faith and not by sight. —Judy

<https://youtu.be/01E1jT2Byz8>



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Debbie loved the whole day saying, “the connection was deep and meaningful – no small talk here.” This same word, *meaningful*, was used by Daphne, to describe her experience when she went to “the altar to release bad thoughts, memories and receive affirmations of scripture. I sincerely took those and read them to myself and said ‘this applies to you’ when I looked in the mirror.” Amy agreed, saying the “mirror exercise following the discussion of vows that we have created as a response to hurtful words and experiences (was a) great way to shed those unproductive/ungodly strategies.” And for Jane, “the mirror (was) a chance to truly see who God created in His image – regardless of wrinkles, fears, losses, I will continue to bear His image.”



The retreat included two small-group discussion times for personal sharing. Kelley noted, “the small group opportunities were so meaningful – a way to respond to worship/talks/etc.” Kim tagged on to that thought, adding that she enjoyed “sharing stories and faith in small groups.”

Another highlight was “the soaking prayer time (that) allowed me to rest in the Lord,” wrote Denise. She was able to “discover areas that need healing and the Holy Spirit moved in me and spoke who God thinks I am.” Rosetta said that, “each talk spoke to my heart, and (I) really appreciated one of the speakers walking us through breathing and the quiet, soaking time.”





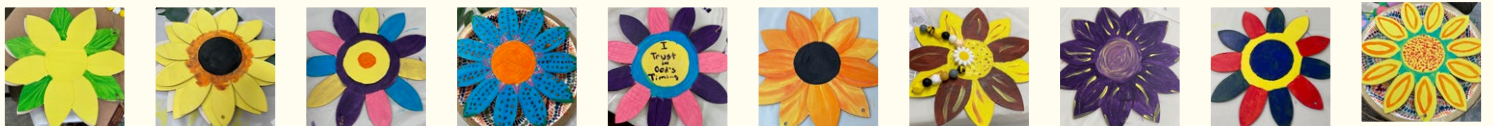
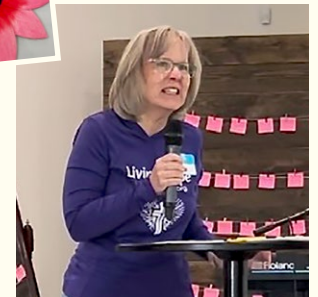
Many thanks to our planning team: Lucinda, Anna, Katharine, Judy, Nancy and Tandi (L to R above) who followed the inspiration of Holy Spirit and brought us a day to treasure. All glory to God who has made us new creations in Christ.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here! — 2 Corinthians 5:17



All the Talks are on YouTube:

- **"God Defines You"** by Judy https://youtu.be/V_vj27h5f-k
- **"Identifying Insecurities"** by Anna <https://youtu.be/ZiLvTwliGe0>
- **"Discarding Inner Vows – Stepping into New Creation Life"** by Lucinda <https://youtu.be/n4aZM7QyJM8>
- **"Living in God's Truth"** by Tandi <https://youtu.be/XKGIbGm7WE4>



Welcome Bruce! LLP's New Board Member

Join us as we welcome Bruce Michael to our Board of Directors! Bruce and his wife, Debbie, currently reside in Terra Alta, WV. Former residents of Mt. Airy, MD for 30 years, they attended Calvary UMC with their four children where Bruce served for over 15 years as a Youth Ministry volunteer. Bruce learned about Healing Prayer at CUMC and has been an LLP prayer minister and recovery team member since the foundation's inception.



Bruce holds a BS degree in Zoology from NCSU, a Masters degree in Environmental Science, and an MBA. For 42 years, he worked for the State of Maryland in the environmental field, focusing on Chesapeake Bay protection and restoration strategies and programs. He retired in 2022, and now works part time for Garrett County. Bruce has participated in multiple mission trips in eastern Kentucky through the Christian Appalachian Project. He has a heart for serving the Lord and helping others in need. Welcome Bruce.



Lucinda Nelson with her Mom

How God brought healing after a stroke

Lucinda Nelson, Executive Director of LLP, interviews her Mom two and a half years after she had a double stroke along with a double pelvic fracture. After months of rehabilitation, the hope of returning to independent living was fading. Hear how God stepped in to return her to wholeness, and how He is using her to inspire others. (<https://youtu.be/NS0eC23NqGE>)





ListenLovePray Events



July

- Jul 17 Ladies Recovery – Kelsey's House**
Monday • 5:30 pm
- Jul 17 Ladies Recovery Step Work with Emotional Healing**
Monday • 7:00 pm (on Zoom)
- Jul 18 In-Person Healing Prayer Service**
Tuesday • 7:00 pm at NBNC
With communion & worship with live streaming
- Jul 19 Ladies Recovery – Andrea's House**
Wednesday • 5:30 pm (on Zoom)
- Jul 20 Celebrate Recovery at Beacon House**
Thursday • 7:15 pm at FRM
- Jul 23/30 Men's Recovery – Beacon House**
4th & 5th Sundays • 6:00 pm at FRM
- Jul 25 Zoom Healing Prayer Service**
Tuesday • 7:00 pm (on Zoom)



August

- Aug 1/15 In-Person Healing Prayer Service**
1st & 3rd Tuesdays • 7:00 pm at NBNC
(in person and now on YouTube Live;
no streaming on 3rd Tuesday)
- Aug 2/16 Ladies Recovery – Andrea's House**
1st Wednesday • 5:30 pm (at Andrea's House)
3rd Wednesday • 5:30 pm (on Zoom)
- Aug 3/17 Celebrate Recovery at Beacon House**
1st & 3rd Thursdays • 7:15 pm at FRM
- Aug 7/21 Ladies Recovery – Kelsey's House**
1st & 3rd Mondays • 5:30 pm
- Aug 7/21 Ladies Recovery Step Work with Emotional Healing**
1st & 3rd Mondays • 7:00 pm (on Zoom)
- Aug 8/22/29 Zoom Healing Prayer Service**
2nd, 4th & 5th Tuesdays • 7:00 pm (on Zoom)
- Aug 9 Recovery Ministry – Beacon House**
2nd Wednesday • 10:30 am at FRM
- Aug 12 Prayer Blitz at Faith House**
Saturday • 9:00 am at FRM
- Aug 15 Special Contemplative HP Service:
Sketching Our Prayers with Edi**
Tuesday • 7:00 pm at NBNC
- Aug 24 Continuing Education**
Thursday • 7:00 pm (on Zoom)
- Aug 27 Men's Recovery – Beacon House**
4th & 5th Sundays • 6:00 pm at FRM



Strong Front Line

A one-day workshop for folks who help others into recovery, including parents, siblings, spouses, friends, clergy, sober home managers, peer recovery workers, AA-NA-CR-Credo

When: September 30, 2023 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Where: New Beginning Nazarene Church

The workshop features talks by community recovery leaders, focus groups, and resources.

Lunch provided. Free registration at listenlovepray.org



Top: Judy, Maureen, and Lucinda in purple shirts (Part of the May 28th recovery team for Frederick Rescue Mission. LLP continues to bring the healing love of Jesus to those in recovery.)

Bottom: Ken gives a 'How to hear God's voice' lesson to a packed house at FRM

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LLP works in recovery centers, churches, and the community. Jesus still heals and delivers people today!