

Subject: Notes from 5/08 FCW Gathering

Hello Everyone,

Thank you for attending the May 8th gathering of [First Church Women](#). For those of you who were not able to join us, we miss you! We prayed for you last night and we are continuing to pray you will soon be able to gather with us once again.

Last evening 12 of us met at 5:00PM to share a salad dinner and it was a *delicious* selection. Full disclosure here, I sampled *every* salad! *Yummy* best describes last evening's salad bar... Hmm, we'll need to plan another dinner again - it was fun 😊...

Now on to our 5/08 meeting notes:

- Welcome to [Cindy Daubenspeck](#)! We hope you enjoyed the FCW gathering and look forward to you meeting with us in the coming months! (We meet the 2nd Monday of each month in building #6.)
- [Dianne Bergemann](#), thank you for your devotion by author Mark Batterson where you read to us from his book "The Circle Maker". As you were reading, I heard women acknowledging their understanding of the author's message.

Discussion topics:

- Mission Statement for FCW was discussed again (You will recall this topic has been a carry over since February). [Lisa Hightower](#) will further pursue 'wordsmithing' the sample provided to her which further supports/identifies the mission of FCW. (Why do we meet? What is our purpose?) Thank you [Roberta Reed](#) for asking about the previous mission statement used throughout the past several years. [Pam Barlow](#) will pursue locating a copy of that previous statement and provide to Lisa. At our June 12th gathering, [Lisa](#) will present suggestions for a FCW Mission Statement going forward. With this new statement, it will be used to share with other women as an aid toward future development of FCW.
- Thank you [Judy West](#) for speaking about a memorial gift given in Barbara Waterston's name! Two suggestions were presented: **1) Trades of Hope and 2) Coastal Choices/Grace House**. [Pam Barlow](#) will pursue with our Trades of Hope representative, Spring Minge, for the process of giving a memorial gift in Barbara's name. In the unlikely event a memorial gift cannot be given to Trades of Hope, a gift will be given to Coastal Choices. **Please note: Barbara Waterston's memorial service is**

scheduled for Saturday, June 24th. Refer to future communication/notice within the church bulletin.

- For Pastor Owen and Barbara's retirement, a \$100. gift card has been purchased from a HomeGoods store. The gift card will be given at the retirement reception on 5/25/2023. Bev pursued the direct purchase with our treasurer, Amanda for a 'go ahead' today (since First Church could not order/obtain a card through their current ordering process).
- For the Summer months only, June July and August, we will start our gatherings at 6:00PM. We will return to our coffee/tea/light refreshments service in June. Key Lime pie will be served in June. During our June gathering, **Pam Barlow** will circulate the sign up sheet for 'refreshment volunteers' going forward in 2023.
- Our 5/08 study with Liz Curtis Higgs was a 10 minute discussion on Genesis 19:12-29 surrounding Lot, his wife and family. During this lesson, Liz points the key verse: "But Lot's wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt."
- Our June study next month with Liz will be: "**Dying for a Drink**" The Woman at the Well.

Thank you for reading through this email to keep up to date. I look forward to our **next gathering on Monday, June 12th at 6:00PM, building #6.**