

Subject: Notes from FCW Dinner/Gathering on 7/08/2024

Hello Everyone,

It is a beautiful sunny day as I type these notes. True, I'm 'hiding' in the house staying cool, and as I reflect on the past 48 hours, I'm reminded of the opening prayer Pam spoke prior to our meal. Pam prayed for all our blessings and the opportunity we have for gathering together in a safe and loving fellowship environment. And, our continued prayers for those in need of prayer for health concerns and safety/recovery from the recent storms. Thank you, Pam!

**The "Food From Around the Globe" was a fun event!** 15 women participated in our special gathering in our Church Parlor (room 113). It was a treat to have foods from several countries! And to be sure, none of us left hungry-WOW! Appetizers/salads, main dishes and desserts were shared - SO YUMMY! Countries represented by our shared dishes: Germany, Norway, Scotland, Philippines, Sweden, Czech Republic, and The United States (Louisiana, Kentucky). No doubt, many of the recipes were handed down from our families, cookbooks we have in our 'stash', plus some from our online library.

Following dinner, Shirley Burtnett read us a beautiful devotion from "Mornings with Jesus". ([please refer to attached document](#)). Scripture passages from Hebrews were referenced in her reading:

**Hebrews 12:1** Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us (NIV)

**Hebrews 11:13** All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. (NIV)

Following the devotion, I read from my book, "[A Table of Grace](#)" (author Alda Ellis). The writing I shared was [Gatherings](#): Alda wrote: "Sharing an evening with good food and good friends is very rewarding"..."We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."...

Such true words(!), and I'm blessed to have shared the evening with you.

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate at our dinner. For those who were not able to attend, we missed you(!) and look forward to seeing you at our August FCW gathering. **Note: Please read below for dates to save in August!**

God's Blessings to all of you, Bev Drazul

### **Reminders for August**

- August 12th: FCW will meet at 6:30 PM in building #6
  - Pam Barlow - Opening Devotion
  - Judy West - Refreshments
  - Libby Goens - Bible study
- August 14th: Spaghetti dinner fund raiser for stained glass windows August 14th. Please save the date to help Hollie Hastings! More information to come on this topic as Hollie confirms LEC availability for August 14th and timeframe.