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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
PORT CHARLOTTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 2016

Sunday Worship: 8am - 9:30am - 11am

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Do You Count?

How many of you watch the news with an overwhelming feeling that the world is in a state of despair and feel hopeless and helpless? Maybe some of you choose to not watch the news at all! The news reports violence, terrorism, poverty, crime, corruption, and tragic realities. At times, it may seem that there is nothing sacred anymore and there is NO safe place to go. It is easy to feel discouraged and isolate ourselves from so much "reality."

Albert Einstein (1879-1955) once said "The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on it and do nothing." Edmund Burke (1729-1797) wrote long before Einstein was born, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

One reason that most people don't "do something" is because they feel overwhelmed and unequipped with the tools it takes to tackle these issues. They feel powerless and thus hope that someone else will find the solution. "What can I do? What can one person do to make a difference?" These are common questions and you are not alone in this thinking. But, it only takes one person to start and make a difference.

Jesus called us to be different and to make a difference. He called the Church to be "The light of the world and salt of the earth." This is a call to influence. We have been given the power to love and to make a difference both individually and collectively, as followers of Christ. Our Intention shows our faithfulness toward our God. We must be a people who "intentionally" trust in God's word and decide to do something that will shine that light so brightly, that people will follow, one at a time.

What can you do, you ask? Do something (anything) with intention and have faith that God's grace will give you what you need to make the world we live in a better place, one person at a time. Then, watch it multiply exponentially!

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Craig

Join us on Sundays

Traditional Worship 8 & 11am

Contemporary 9:30am

Monday, September 12

Clap, Tap & Jingle Begins
9:30am

Thursday, September 15

Lunch & Learn
11:30am

Tuesday, September 20

Women's Bible Study begins
9:30am, 1:30pm & 6:30pm

Sunday, September 18

Haiti Bake Sale/Auction
(after the 11am service)

Tuesday, September 20

Membership Class
5:30 - 7:30pm



SALT & LIGHT



Please welcome these new members to our church family! Our next Membership Class will be held Tuesday, September 20 from 6-8pm. Call the church office 625-4356 to sign up.



Kathy & Jim Baten



Jamie Shirley



Brenda Hoffman



Marie Simond



Linda Wuelling



Our monthly newsletter can now be emailed directly to your inbox! Just visit our website: www.pcumc.info and sign up right on our home page. Call the office with any questions: 625-4356.



We will be having LifeTouch come in January 2017 to photograph new members received since our last printed directory. If you are interested in being photographed, please sign up at the Welcome Center. We will contact you when session sign up times are available. Thank you!

Extravagant Generosity

Assistance report from July 2016:

Y-T-D 7/31/16

Income: \$470,346.39

Expenses: \$444,894.75

Community Assistance: 3

Health Ministry *Jane Flanders*

Once again we say thank you so very much for your donations to the Haiti mission trip in December. You have been the most giving and gracious children of God! Until the end of September, the missions group will accept toothbrushes and Band-Aids (any size) only. Your donations have far exceeded the necessary items Sherry and Glenn White expected. Thank you so much!

The update on the Minute Clinic: CVS on 2400 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda does not expect their clinic to open until March or April of 2017, unfortunately. The closest Minute Clinic at this time is located in Cape Coral at 737 Cape Coral Parkway. The hours are: Monday through Friday 8:30am-7:30pm, Saturday from 9:00am-5:30pm and Sunday 10:00am-5:30pm. There is no appointment necessary and most health insurances are accepted. The clinics are staffed by nurse practitioners and physician assistants who provide treatment for common family illnesses and administer wellness and prevention services, including health-condition monitoring for patients with chronic diseases. Let's hope our clinic opens prior to March 2017!

Our Lunch and Learn in September will be an informative presentation by Ms. Amanda Neel, BSN, RN, CPHQ from Fawcett Hospital on "Stroke Awareness." Hours for the Lunch and Learn are 11:30am - 1:00pm. A complimentary lunch is provided. Please be sure to sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan on attending. No Lunch and Learn is scheduled for October due to our Fall Extravaganza.

The Dr. Piper Center for Social Services is looking for Seniors in Charlotte County to provide companionship and friendship to frail elderly individuals who are homebound and live alone. Seniors receive a tax-free stipend of \$2.65/hr., mileage reimbursement of \$.40/mile and paid holiday, vacation and sick leave. If you would like to become a senior companion and you are age 55 and older, able to volunteer at least 15 hours a week and meet financial eligibility requirements, please call 239-332-5346.

The Charlotte County Sheriff's Office is holding a "5K Run for the Animals" on Saturday, October 29, 2016. This run is to benefit local shelters and pet rescue organizations. The event is being held at the Charlotte Sports Park, State Road 776, Port Charlotte. Registration and sign-in is at 7:00am, posting of colors and the national anthem is at 7:45am and the run begins at 8:00am. Please visit runsignup.com to register or donate on behalf of your pet. For more information please contact: Dale Phillips, Crime Prevention 941-258-3900 or email Dale at: dale.phillips@ccso.org.

What is heatstroke? It is known as hyperthermia and happens when the body isn't able to cool itself quickly enough and your body temperature rises to dangerous levels. Symptoms of heatstroke: dizziness, disorientation, agitation, confusion, sluggishness, seizure, hot or dry skin that may be flushed but not sweaty, loss of consciousness, rapid heartbeat or hallucinations. Children are at great risk when in cars! Why? A child's body temperature heats up three to five times faster than an adult. When a child's body temperature reaches 104 degrees, the internal organs begin to shut down. If the body temperature reaches 107 degrees the child can die. Never, ever leave a child alone in the car! Please put something in the back seat that you will need at your next stop. If you should see a child left alone in a car, call 911.

Safe Kids Worldwide is a nonprofit organization that works to prevent childrens' injuries which is the number one cause of death for children in the United States. They are also raising awareness about the dangers of heatstroke. Please call 911 if you see a child alone in a hot car. An average of 37 children die every year from being trapped in a hot car.

The Cultural Center provides transportation for Charlotte County residents. They will take you to your doctor, dentist, laboratory, therapy, grocery shopping or prescription pick-ups. You must be at least 60 years of age and/or a minimum of 55 years of age, and disabled. The areas this service provides are: Murdock to Punta Gorda, including Deep Creek. The service is available Monday through Friday with the exception of holidays. You will be asked to fill out an application at the Cultural Center or applications are available in the Fish Bowl here at church. Please make your reservations at least 24 hours in advance. You must be able to walk to the car or van on your own. The drivers do not carry packages, walkers or other belongings for you. Unfortunately there is no wheelchair access in their vehicles. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS SERVICE! Donations are accepted. Please call 941- 625-4175 Ext. 245.

Chancel Choir *David deSilva*

Rehearsals for the Chancel Choir, which sings every Sunday for our 8:00am and 11:00am services, will begin again on the evening of Wednesday, September 7th, at 6:15pm in the Sanctuary. While we always look forward to seeing our current choir members, we also want to extend a warm invitation to others who might wish to explore this venue for ministry and spiritual nourishment. The ability to carry a tune is essential; the ability to read music is always desirable but not a requirement. People with good ears for music following the lead of the strong music reader next to them also make good choir members! We expect to begin singing for worship again on September 18th.



Frequently Heard Questions *Jonathan Carlsen*

In the August *Frequently Heard Questions*, the last question's answer's last line was inadvertently cut off. Here we repeat the question and the full answer:

Question: If the Trinitarian witness in 1 John 5:7-8 isn't genuine Scripture, why did Wesley believe it was?

Answer: Maybe because it was such a great proof-text. Wesley's sermon, "On the Trinity," based on these verses, lists three reasons: (1) it appears in most copies and in the most authoritative; (2) it was much quoted from John's time to that of Constantine; and (3) the emperor who followed Constantine was an Arian (a Trinity-denier) who removed the text from as many copies as he could. Wesley doesn't specify what he means by "most copies" or "most authoritative." NRSV chief editor Bruce Metzger says it wasn't quoted in early church documents nor in the Trinity debates beginning in Constantine's reign.

Question: If John Wesley declared that 1 John 5:7-8 was genuine Scripture in his sermon, "On the Trinity," and his sermons are part of our "established standards of doctrine," when our preachers and professors say it isn't genuine, haven't they committed a chargeable offense, "dissemination of doctrines contrary to the established standards of doctrine of The United Methodist Church"?

Answer: They haven't committed a chargeable offense. Not all of John Wesley's *Sermons* are included as part of our "established standards." It's usually recognized that the *Sermons* refer to the first volume only of his *Standard Sermons*. There is disagreement about whether this volume includes nos. 1-44 or nos. 1-52 (or 53, which doesn't *teach doctrine*; it's a funeral message). "On the Trinity" is no. 55 (part of Volume 2). For further information, see Thomas C. Oden, *Doctrinal Standards in the Wesleyan Tradition* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Pub. House, Francis Asbury Press, 1988).

Question: I'm married to a Roman Catholic. She can take communion in our church and her former priest served me in her church. But her new priest says I cannot be served unless I "take instructions," which means, he says, that I become a Catholic. Can I hold dual membership as a UM and a Roman Catholic?

Answer: Technically, there's no rule expressly forbidding it, but ¶241 in the *Discipline* (titled "Withdrawal Without Notice") says, in effect, *if your pastor ever finds out, you're gone!* The pastor is instructed to list you as "Withdrawn." I've repeatedly petitioned the General Conference to drop this paragraph from the *Discipline*. If you explained the issue to your pastor, technically, you wouldn't be "withdrawing" and it wouldn't be "without notice." That's never been tested, to my knowledge. Also, untested is the appearance that this action unconstitutionally deprives you of your right to church trial (¶20). Under ¶242 ("Restoration of Professing Membership"), you could be listed as "withdrawn," and then be reinstated. Historically, many UMC founders held multiple church memberships. Martin Boehm was a United Brethren bishop and a Methodist. Bishop Thomas Coke served simultaneously as a U.S. bishop, the Irish Methodist societies' president, an English Methodist, and an Anglican priest.

More About Stephen Ministry *Dean Winston*



During the last couple of years I have shared with you some actual case histories of care receivers and their Stephen Ministers. I have been careful not to give identifying details, so as to maintain confidentiality. The case histories used were chosen to illustrate the types of crises that could warrant the assignment of a Stephen Minister.

- There was an example of grief over the loss of a second wife, soon after the loss of his first wife, while he was going blind and was estranged from his son because of the quick marriage to his second wife.
- A man's son called and asked for a Stephen Minister for his father because his father had to put his mother in an Alzheimer facility and his father was guilt ridden and unable to cope.
- The beautiful wife of a retired airline pilot learns she is dying with a brain tumor and is asked by a friend if she would like a Stephen Minister. Her friend explained who they were and what they did and she agreed. The relationship between the Stephen Minister and the wife became such an example of love for another, that after her passing, her husband asked for a Stephen Minister for himself to help with his grief.
- Estranged from her daughters, a woman witnesses her roommate in a nursing home have a visit by her Stephen Minister. She asked her roommate how she could have one. The Stephen Minister assigned was able to re-unite the daughters with their mother. Upon the mothers passing the Stephen Minister was asked to speak at her funeral and remains a friend to the family today.
- Most recently you read about the sudden death of a long time married couple and what happened when she realized she didn't have access to any of their financial information because he had always taken care of it. She was a Stephen Minister herself, but asked for one because she was over-whelmed with grief and anxiety as to what to do. The Stephen Minister assigned, with the aid of the daughter of the care receiver, were able to retrieve the vital information from his computer. She went on to educate those in her church the need for advance preparation and shared access to vital information.

The examples above are just a few of the reasons to have a Stephen Minister during your time of need. In addition to grief, serious illness, guilt, anxiety, loneliness, divorce, job loss, financial difficulties, faith crises, retirement, empty nesters, difficult child rearing, etc.

Stephen Ministers are lay people who have a caring heart and want to help others. They are given fifty hours of training over a twenty week period, then commission by the congregation to serve at least a two year term. They have twice monthly meetings, in addition to caring for their assigned care receiver at least one hour a week until no longer needed. We plan on having a class start in January 2017. We currently have four enrolled and need at least two more because of the interaction and role playing. Please prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister. For an application or to answer any questions, please call Dean Winston at 941-661-8825.

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Learn to become
or receive care from
a Stephen Minister.

Contact Dean Winston 941-661-8825

God's Love in
ACTION

Bake Auction

to Support the Haiti Missions Team

Sunday, September 18

after 11:00am Service

We are asking all our good cooks to provide a baked item on a non-returnable dish to be auctioned to the highest bidder! Favorite cakes, pies, breads, cookies, or other baked items. (PLEASE - NO "STORE-BOUGHT" ITEMS!!)



1. DELIVER YOUR ITEM(S) TO THE KITCHEN AREA ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 18.
2. LABEL YOUR ITEM WITH: Your name, name to describe your item, ingredients and recipe (optional), any history (where you obtained the recipe).

Did You Know? *Dean Winston, Generosity Chair*

Did you know that the Sunshine Ministry, led by Jane Flanders, has twelve members with two members who either telephone shut-ins, or send notes or cards. One of the members lives in Texas and sends her communication from Galveston. Her name is Sylvia Brooks and she attended our church before moving to Galveston. The other members are: Rosemarie Arnoldt, Jerri Boyd, Veronica Campbell, Albert Hassell, Joan Mackey, Carol McCullough, Peggy Parto, Carmen Stephenson, Veronica Vieux, Fred Wagner, and of course, Jane Flanders. The facilities they visit are: Consulate Healthcare, Village Place, Port Charlotte Rehab and Nursing Center, Village Place Health and Rehab Center, Royal Palm Retirement Center, Solaris Healthcare Center, Harbour Health, Signature Healthcare of Port Charlotte and Life Care Center of Punta Gorda. Members of the Sunshine Ministry may read, talk or pray with their shut-in depending on their need. They may even take them to an activity at the facility at that time. Often, the flowers left at the altar after the services on Sunday are taken to the shut-ins. This Ministry is yet another example of the love our members have for their neighbors. Can you imagine how much these shut-ins look forward to the visits or communication from the Sunshine Ministry members?

Did you know that Grief Share, our Ministry led by Doris and Terri Hixson and assisted by Joan Mackey and Jeanne Spica, was developed by prominent psychologist to assist those suffering with grief from the loss of a loved-one? The program is in thirteen week blocks that meet once a week and may be attended by those grieving as many times as needed. Doris and Terri try to have two thirteen week classes each year. The average number of attendees for these meetings is seven. That is an average of fourteen people each year, from the community -- not just our church, that have been helped to cope with their grief. What a wonderful way to demonstrate love for our neighbors.

Did you know that our church has a Parrish Nurse? Jane Trammell is her name. You can find her between services on Sunday, Wednesday Night Out, or at the 1st Saturday Men's Breakfast testing blood pressure, encouraging regular check-ups with your doctor, answering general questions about medications, or other health related questions.

These are more examples of the ministries we have in this church that serve the needs of the congregation and the community. There are many more to highlight.



NOW COLLECTING:

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Band-aids
- Men's Neckties



We are looking to expand our **Pastoral Care Team**. If you feel led to serve in this ministry, please contact the church office or Terry Hixson 235-3556.

Fall Extravaganza *Nancy Bosserdet*



Are we ready for another October? Of course we are!! What an opportunity we have as a church to reach out using all the resources God has given us. And God has given us each other which is probably our most valuable asset.

If we take a look at Hebrews 10:24-25, we see that God wants us to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, but encouraging one another. This is so applicable to our October and all the things that go on. When you think of the Pumpkin Patch, Story Time and the Fall Extravaganza, it does stir us on toward love and good work in order to introduce others to God's love. We have to meet together and encourage one another to get through it all with love and smiles.

We have an opportunity to reach out and help our community be aware of the help that is available. Maybe we can relieve just a little stress in someone's life or bring comfort for just an instant. Is that not worth everything that we are able to give?

Please pray about what you would be able to give to these three outreaches during the month of October. We would like to bring all three together into an October event that would bring smiles to Charlotte County.

We have a binder available at the Welcome Center with all the different categories that will need volunteers. We hope each and every person in our congregation will find the right line for their name. It takes so much to make this work but it also gives back many blessings. Please join in and let's make this October the best ever.





Student Ministries *Barbara Hald*

I cannot believe summer is over and a new school year has begun. And as children go back to school remember it's our job to send them to school equipped. As I said in my Children's Moment, a few weeks ago, "You can take Jesus to school with you if you carry him in your heart." No one can stop you from loving Jesus. But there are a lot of children who don't know who Jesus is and it is our job to teach them. So, our student ministry will be working on a new invite card that we can give to every child we meet and invite them to church and learn about the love of Jesus.

Youth Room Project

We have been busy giving the youth room a face lift this summer and we are almost done. Come down and see our improved space. I have moved my office to a cozy closet -- with computers, we don't need as much room as before. We opened up our game room to fit foose ball and air hockey. We built a stage area for lessons and music, and now can fit more students comfortably. Thanks to every one who donated time, money and talents for this project.

Youth Band

We are blessed that our contemporary band, Carnival of Soul are willing to teach the youth some songs. We have a keyboard, drums and guitar that need people to play them. If you are in 8th grade or older, and you would like to join us, please talk to me or Sean about practice times.

A Shift in Passions

Elizabeth Ziegelbauer who has been the Children's Assistant, is now overseeing Children's Ministry. I am still overseeing The Port (all children). Any questions for children newborn thru 6th grades go to Elizabeth first.

Bookstore

We are still looking for a few people to man "The Word" store on Sunday and Wednesday nights. Also, we are in need of Youth and Children volunteers for the same days.

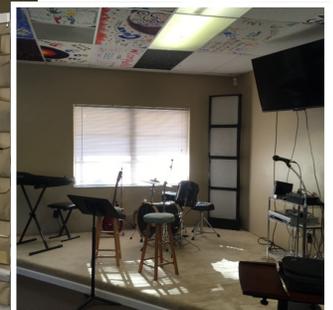
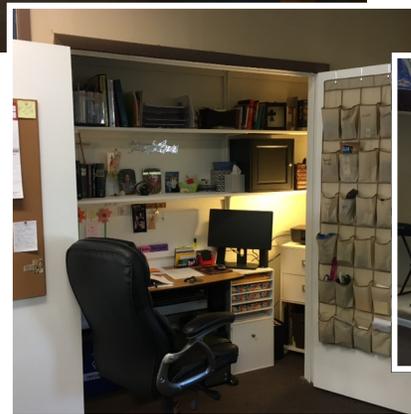
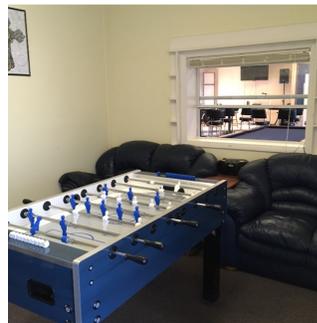
Thank you so much for your continued prayers & support!



Birthday Bash
Donations Needed!

Our GEMS Club (Girls' Everywhere Meeting the Savior) will be collecting donations of small health and beauty items **September 4-18** for their "Birthday Bash." (nail polish, lotions, soaps, hair clips/ties, makeup, shampoo/conditioner, etc.)

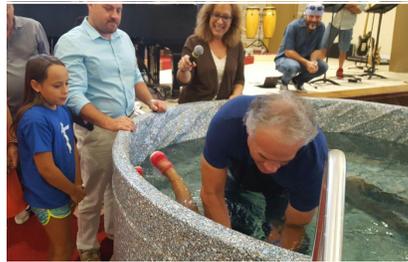
Please contact Elizabeth Ziegelbauer with any questions: 625-4356 / children@pcumc.info.





Baptism Celebration

Celebrating the baptisms of
Audrey Harvick, Ava Harvick,
Elijah Owen, and Matthew Wiley
on July 31.



If you are interested in baptism,
please contact the church office,
625-4356.

September Birthdays

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| 01 J. C. Spann | 14 Tom Segur |
| 01 Wanda Roberts | 14 David Cox, Sr. |
| 01 Sophia Bailey | 14 Tony Leonard |
| 02 Steve Cox | 14 Glenn Payne |
| 02 Jessica Mathias | 16 Myra King |
| 02 Tyler Dampier | 16 John Kelly |
| 03 Hazel Guyler | 17 Rindi Welton |
| 03 Marcie Marshall | 17 Jill Mandrick |
| 03 Marie Bailey | 17 Jonathon Hyndman |
| 04 John Seyfried | 19 Marjorie Fuller |
| 04 Jesse Roguska | 19 Bernice Schwartz |
| 06 Betty Ruth Mason | 20 Joanie Marshall |
| 06 Jeff West | 21 Arthur Rochester |
| 06 Kaysen Williams | 21 Anneliese Ackerman |
| 07 Loretta Graney | 21 Lloyd Brown |
| 07 William West | 21 Eugene Edgington |
| 08 Alice Heidenis | 21 Judy Ammon |
| 10 Calvin Tschetter | 21 Nina Schwartz |
| 10 Gladys Hilbert | 22 Christina Jack |
| 11 Lisa Flanagan | 23 Art deSilva |
| 12 Billie Deaton | 23 Barbara McManamy |
| 12 Marlene Marecek | 23 Jerry Albert |
| 12 Sandy Segur | 23 Amanda Cates-Wegert |
| 13 Les Reiselt | 24 Carmen Stephenson |
| 13 Leslie Griner | 24 Bettylou Miller |
| 13 Lydia Rose Rich | 25 Pat Boyd |

- 25 Marjorie Clark
- 25 Leonard Alsene
- 26 Kenneth Vida
- 28 John Bittner
- 28 Joe Sikora
- 29 Bruce Foster
- 29 Martin Wilson, Jr.
- 30 Whitney Cates



September Anniversaries

- 03 Don and Pat Butler
- 04 Robert and Christine Burr
- 04 Arthur and Mildred Rochester
- 07 William and Penny Bryan
- 07 Guy and Annette Emerich
- 11 Rick and Carol McCullough
- 12 Elbert and Sharon Chinn
- 15 Kenneth and Lorraine Vida
- 17 Paul and Odie Coker
- 18 Bernie and Anneliese Ackerman
- 20 Joe and Diane Geiss
- 22 Brian and Laurie Leskanic
- 27 Lyman and Rindi Welton



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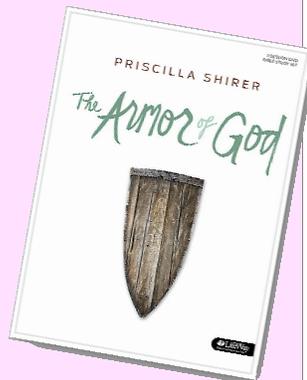
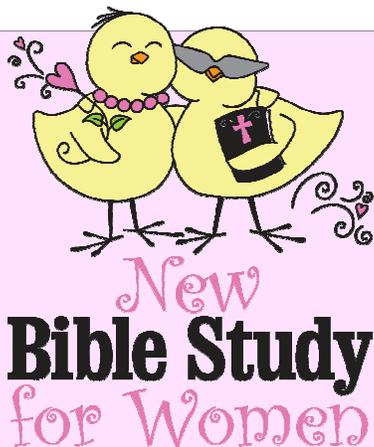
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Begins Tuesday, September 20
9:30am, 1:30pm or 6:30pm
Meeting in the New Room

We will be studying Priscilla Shirer's
"The Armor of God."

The cost will be \$20 which will cover the work book
and part of the cost of the video set.

Please contact "D" Fletcher at 623-0642 or by
email at djfnrs@centurylink.net if you are
interested in joining.



United
Methodist
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Port Charlotte United Methodist Women meet at
6:30 pm the second Thursday of each month in
The New Room.

September 8th Program:
A PURPOSE-FILLED COMMUNITY

Objective:

To understand community as modeled by the Holy
Trinity and discover how United Methodist Women
practices community through its Purpose, in local
groups and throughout the world.

All women over the age of 18 are invited - come
and join us - bring a friend!