

Fall 2009

Gatherings for Friendship

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New this Fall

*are a plethora of options
for anyone wanting some
mid-week activity and/or
chances to get to know
others or learn skills of
various kinds and more.*

To sign up or ask questions,
fill out the Interest Form
on page 2

The Writing Life

Are you a writer, or have you always wanted to write? Whether you are a creative writer or a diarist, you can discover the writer within in *The Writing Life*. Berta Platas Rowe will lead you through writing exercises that will cover different writing styles, techniques and tools to free your creativity and identify your writing goals. No pressure: you may share your work with the class or keep it private. Depending on class members' computer expertise, there may be an online component. At the organizing meeting, Sunday September 27th at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor, we will determine the details for future gatherings.

Berta has published novels, essays and more. She is co-writing a popular young adult fantasy series, *The Faire Folk Saga*, and writes women's fiction for St. Martin's Press. She is serving as president of the Georgia Romance Writers, a group of 350 authors, both published and unpublished.

Bookworms

For anyone who loves to read and talk about what they have read, Bookworms gathers in members' homes on the 4th Tuesday of the month. We discuss fiction or nonfiction. Meetings are informal, with discussion often branching into diverse areas suggested by comments about the book. Upcoming book selections and author, along with the date, time, and place, are announced regularly in *The Weekly*. Questions about the Bookworms? Contact Jean Ellen Jones. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise announced. This falls selections include:

- Sept. 22: *The Monsters of Templeton* by Lauren Goff, reviewed by Alan Pieper at the home of Becky Battle. The meeting time is 7:00 to allow for the Fall pot luck supper.
- Oct 27: *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman, reviewed by Margaret Ritchie at the home of Sherry and Donn Wright
- Nov. 24: *What is the What* by Dave Eggers, reviewed by Judy Kisla at the home of Beth Grashof

A Bible Study

The gospel of Luke is our adventure this fall. This group will meet initially on Tuesday Sept 22nd at 10:30 am, at the home of Anne Turnage. All interested in a daytime informal, but informative, bible study are welcome.

Moms of Young Children

Have young children? Have an hour for a quick get-away? Chose one: 9am Thursday Sept 17 OR 9 a.m. Friday Sept 18 mothers of young children [up through age 5] will gather at Carroll St. Café in Cabbagetown, off Boulevard, north of Memorial. CHOSE one of these times or come to both. We will see who gathers at which and then decide on 'regular' gatherings throughout the fall. We'll get to know each other by sharing the highs and lows of this parenting thing, exchange our latest parenting tricks, and talk about what else we might do to help/support each other.

Mid-Week Worship for Families

This early evening gathering is designed for families with lower elementary age children and younger. Older siblings would also enjoy this informal time of gathering and worship and exploring various ways of sharing our faith with our children and encouraging their faith formation. Gathering at various homes on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m., and running for 4-5 weeks, this group will meet in some family homes beginning September 23. Initial location details will come to those who express an interest on the attached form.

Parents of Youth - Sunday Nights

While the youth are in youth group, parents will get together in the Parlor to catch up, share secrets of the trade, pray, muse, enjoy others 'in the same stage of life'. The schedule will coincide with the youth's schedule so that parents can come in with their youth, then be finished when they are finished too. First gathering will be September 20 at 5:00 p.m.

Central Men

Central Men are gathering, praying, reading scripture, sharing common concerns, testifying, planning for service, eating and drinking [not necessarily in that order]. We'll push the envelope a little about involving Central's Men in special projects including housing and involving our men in various events: from outreach to our own member's needs to possible additional church acquisitions to birthing new church and cure for the common cold. We meet Sunday mornings at 9:15 in the Brotherhood Room. Watch Central Men's emails for day of the month and time of the evening meetings. Questions? Contact Brian Bishop.

Women's Studies

The Women's Studies Group was formed in the early 1980s to provide a vehicle for exploring issues and topics of particular interest to women. It is an intergenerational group, which brings together not only Central members but also women from throughout the community. The members begin their time of fellowship by sharing a meal before moving on to the evening's main topic of discussion. With the help of books, articles, and guest speakers, the Women's Studies Group has discussed issues as diverse as women's health, the civil rights movement, women's role in the political process, artistic interpretations, and women in the Bible. The group meets in members' homes on the third Thursday of the month, September through May (excluding December).

Women's Studies at Central is open to any woman who would like to attend. We are a very informal group. Dinner is served at 7:00 p.m. and different members sign up ahead of time to bring the pot luck dinner. It's fun to cook, but also a treat to come and eat and enjoy the cooking of others.

Stitch In

Beginning October 1 at 7:00 pm, there will be a "Stitch-In" at Alberta Irwin's home. You can learn how to quilt, or you can bring along a project already in progress—all skill levels are welcome. In the tradition of a "Stitch-In" the warmth of the fellowship can only be matched by the warmth of our quilts.

Gatherings Interest Form

Please place in the offering plate or in the boxes in the office.

Name _____ Phone/s _____

Emails _____

Please contact me with more information about:

- _____ The Writing Life _____ A Bible Study _____ Young Moms
- _____ Family Worship _____ Youth Parents _____ Stitch In
- _____ Central Men _____ Women's Studies _____ Bookworms