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# Y-GROUP SCOOP

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Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

May 2010

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Y-Group is a Presbyterian Women Interest Group, principally for women with children elementary age and younger, focusing on family and faith.

## Today's Meeting

Today we are joined by Carolyn Beitmann, Director of Family and Children's Ministries. She will talk to us about the educational programs at BMPC.



## Upcoming Events

*Mark Your Calendars Now!*

May 18, 7:30pm, Book Group

June 8, 7:30pm, Board Planning Meeting

June 10, 9:30am, Book Group

August 8, Backpacks due

September 14, 9:15am, Kickoff Brunch

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## \*Member News\*

We're still in need to a volunteer to be the PW Liaison for next year – see Page 2

If you know of anyone in need of support or know someone looking to become involved in Y-Group, please let Jessica Roberts know, at [jessicaatthebeach@hotmail.com](mailto:jessicaatthebeach@hotmail.com)



**Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Women**

*Witnessing to the Promise*

## DEVOTION

The glory of friendship is not the outstretched hand, nor the kindly smile, nor the joy of companionship; it is the spiritual inspiration that comes to one when [she] discovers that someone else believes in [her] and is willing to trust [her] with [her] friendship.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

## MISSION UPDATE

We are planning to do the backpack project for Presbyterian Children's Village again this spring and summer. A sign up sheet will be passed around at the May brunch. Sign ups should start in May or June. Backpacks will be due in early August. Watch your email for details.

## CHILDCARE

For those of us who use the childcare service during our meeting, please remember that there is a cost associated with it. Most of the Y Group costs are covered under the Presbyterian Woman's budget. However, childcare for our meetings is not covered. We are asking for a donation of \$3-5 per child for each time you use childcare. The contribution basket is near the sign in sheet. You can pay each month or pre-pay – whichever works best for you. Childcare is a great benefit that allows many of us to attend the monthly meetings. It's not something we want to lose!

## FAMILY MINISTRIES

This summer's Vacation Bible Camp will be held from June 27<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>. The theme this year will be Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace. If you're able to volunteer, please contact Marcy DeLOrefice at [marcydelorefice@aol.com](mailto:marcydelorefice@aol.com). You can go online to register and/or sign up to volunteer at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org).

## SOCIAL UPDATE

Thanks for a fun year! If you have any ideas for next year, please talk to one of the new Social Chairs listed on the next page.

## 2010/2011 BOARD OPENING

Please consider taking on the role of PW Liaison and being part of the board. The PW Liaison is responsible for attending monthly PW meetings as our Y Group representative and reporting to PW what we are up to, as well as bringing back to Y Group any information from PW. A quick email can get PW info into our newsletter. This role is not a huge commitment, but important just the same to keep us connected with PW. PW meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the morning, and our liaison would not be required to stay for their entire meeting.

## A FOR APATHY

Back in April 2009, Krista Vaughan started a blog chronicling her life as a stay at home mom. Each month we will try to include an excerpt from Krista's blog. One of her recent entries is below. To read more go to <http://themainlinemom.blogspot.com/>.

As far as Type A personalities go, I've always been an A+, but my kids have mellowed me in certain respects. I have seen enough near disasters to now have a certain sense of apathy when I see them go down. Its not that I lack concern for them or their safety, but I am now pretty indifferent to the acts of them hurting themselves. I learned to suppress my horror when my first born was learning to crawl and started a collection of bruises across his forehead from bumping into furniture and doorjamb. That was just the start of my detachment. I've seen them get kicked in the head by swings, trip into cement steps with their face, fall off bikes and scooters, fall down a full flight of stairs head-over-heels, and hop into the granite counter with their head. Sure, we've had a couple of trips to the ER, but for the most part my kids usually just pop back up and keep going. My 3 year old goes down so often, that we've become accustomed to shouting out "Man down". And 9 times out of 10 there are no tears. He trips, he gets up, and he keeps going. There's no time for or point in me getting upset; within seconds he's forgotten he ever was on the ground.

## BOOK GROUP

*Book Group meets September through June, generally on the **third Tuesday of each month**, at 7:30pm, at the home of a Y-Group Member. We are a casual and lively group of women who enjoy socializing with friends and discussing interesting books!*

**Please RSVP to the hostess if you plan to attend**

### May

**Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30pm. **The Hunger Games**, by Suzanne Collins. Hostess: Stephanie Walsh, 1625 Briar Hill Rd, Gladwyne, [stephaniebwalsh@pro-mic.com](mailto:stephaniebwalsh@pro-mic.com)

In the ruins of a place once known as North America lies the nation of Panem, a shining Capitol surrounded by twelve outlying districts. The Capitol is harsh and cruel and keeps the districts in line by forcing them all to send one girl and one boy between the ages of twelve and eighteen to participate in the annual Hunger Games, a fight to the death on live TV. Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen, who lives alone with her mother and younger sister, regards it as a death sentence when she is forced to represent her district in the Games. But Katniss has also resolved to outwit the creators of the games. To do that she will have to be the last person standing at the end of the deadly ordeal, and that will take every ounce of strength and cunning she has.

### June (Daytime meeting)

**Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**, 9:30am, **Sarah's Key** by Tatiana de Rosnay. Hostess: Sarah Burke, 540 St. Davids Ave, St. Davids.

De Rosnay's U.S. debut fictionalizes the 1942 Paris roundups and deportations, in which thousands of Jewish families were arrested, held at the Vélodrome d'Hiver outside the city, then transported to Auschwitz. Forty-five-year-old Julia Jarmond, American by birth, moved to Paris when she was 20 and is married to the arrogant, unfaithful Bertrand Tézac, with whom she has an 11-year-old daughter. Julia writes for an American magazine and her editor assigns her to cover the 60th anniversary of the Vél' d'Hiv' roundups. Julia soon learns that the apartment she and Bertrand plan to move into was acquired by Bertrand's family when its Jewish occupants were dispossessed and deported 60 years before. She resolves to find out what happened to the former occupants: Wladyslaw and Rywka Starzynski, parents of 10-year-old Sarah and four-year-old Michel.

The more Julia discovers—especially about Sarah, the only member of the Starzynski family to survive—the more she uncovers about Bertrand's family, about France and, finally, herself.

**Summer Reading for September meeting**  
**Pillars of the Earth** by Ken Follett

### Y-Group Board for 2009-2010

<b>Co-chairs:</b>	Jennifer Bowers and Sheryl Parente
<b>Mission:</b>	Kim Chase
<b>Fellowship:</b>	Jessica Roberts
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Gaby Snyder
<b>Communications:</b>	Peggy Hermann
<b>Devotions:</b>	Candace Balch
<b>PW Liaison:</b>	Kirstin Engelman
<b>Book Group:</b>	Sarah Burke
<b>Social:</b>	Whitney Hoffman and Krista Vaughan

As we look ahead to next year we are excited to have our board in place and are already developing a great calendar of meetings and events. If you have any ideas for meeting topics, social events, mission projects or anything else please feel free to contact any of the board members.

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<b>PW Liaison:</b>	Sheryl Rothman
<b>Book Group:</b>	Sarah Burke
<b>Social:</b>	Candace Balch and Marcy DelOrefice

\*\*The new Board will have a planning meeting at Krista Vaughan's house on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.\*\*