

American Baptist Women's Ministries of Massachusetts

Women Alive

Fall
2023

AB Women's Ministries of MA presents

10,000 Reasons (*Bless the Lord*)

"Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always." —1 Chronicles 16:11 (NIV)



November 4, 2023

9 AM—3 PM

Registration Fee: \$40

Calvary Baptist Church
16 Hastings St., Lowell, MA

Register:
ABWomensMinistriesMA.org or use the attached form.

Fall Women's and Girls' Day

Join us on Saturday, November 4, 2023, from 9 AM to 3 PM at Calvary Baptist Church in Lowell to learn about Elder Care, worship God, work on service projects, fellowship over lunch, and more!



Our guest speaker is Rev. Christine Schrade-Keddy, who currently serves as Elder Ministry Coordinator for The American Baptist Churches of MA (TABCOM) and is the recently appointed settled pastor of West Acton Baptist Church. She served as Associate Pastor for Family Outreach and Education at FBC Westwood from 2016-2019, where she founded the outreach programs “Kids in the Kitchen” and “Kids in the Story.” Rev. Christine received her Master of Divinity, Magna Cum Laude, from Bethel Seminary in 2015. She pursued Graduate courses in Elementary and Early Childhood Education at Bridgewater State College and holds her Preschool Lead Teacher certification with the state of MA. A passionate lifelong educator, she has been teaching students of ALL ages (from PreK to Seniors) her entire adult life, in a number of different secular and religious settings.

A detailed flyer and registration form can be downloaded from the attachments in the *Women Alive* newsletter email. You may also register online at www.ABWomensMinistriesMA.org.

Coordinator of AB GIRLS

We had a great group of girls join us at Spring Conference for a day of fun, community, and fellowship. The girls shared their unique creative gifts, and how God influences their lives every day. And we played the most competitive game of charades I have ever seen!

I am so excited to see you all again soon at our Fall Meeting in Lowell! We are going to dive into the Bible, and there will be games and snacks!

Looking forward to some games and fun!



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News

Beloved Community

I love books! One of my favorite activities is to read. I read fiction and non-fiction. A non-fiction book can help us learn crucial facts and their place in history.

One such book is “They Called Us Enemy” by George Takei. This very important novel deals with the American internment camps during the 1940’s. Internment camps were the forced relocation by the US government of thousands of Japanese Americans to concentration camps. This is a graphic novel concerning the life of George Takei, as a child in an internment camp in California and Arkansas, as an adult starring in Star Trek and as an activist for civil rights.

On June 10, 2023 at Grotonwood Camp fifteen women met to discuss “They Called Us Enemy.” Our stimulating conversation around this enlightening novel gave us many new facts concerning this difficult time in American history. It tells the story of George Takei and his family’s journey during their incarceration during WWII in American internment camps. In 1942 President Frankling D. Roosevelt and Earl Warren passed laws that created this legalized racism. George’s young life in the camps was led by the loving and courageous example of his parents.



Sharon Gallo-Dunn Viewing Internment Camps Timeline

Our group related personal examples of this period in our history. The Rev. Dr. Loretta Saint-Louis’ grandparents, Rev. W. Carl and Pearl Nugent, were missionaries in the internment camp at Topaz, Utah. Others also shared the effects of the nuclear bomb on the Japanese people.

These wonderful AB women brought our rich, interesting conversation forward to 2023 and connecting it with timely issues such as 9/11, immigration and problems within the Jewish and black communities. Americans need to read more and have these crucial conversations so that we can build understanding and bridges.

For the Beloved Community Ministry,
Sharon Gallo-Dunn



To proclaim good news to the poor... to set the oppressed free...
—Isaiah 61:1

Join Us

Saturday, October 7, 2023

10 AM—Noon

**Green Street Baptist Church
179 Green St., Melrose, MA**

- Hear the testimony of a survivor from Jasmine Grace Outreach,
- learn about human trafficking through Q&A,
- fill Bags of Hope with basic items, and
- write cards of encouragement.

Register early.

Contact Marilyn Glover via email,
glovermariyn46@gmail.com, or call 781-322-5631.

The Beloved Community is presenting Jasmine Grace Organization/Bags of Hope on Saturday, October 7th from 10:00 AM to noon. Our hosts for the event are the women of Green Street Baptist Church in Melrose.

Come learn about the Jasmine Grace Organization which helps women break free from drug addiction, sexual exploitation, and a hopeless way of life, write notes of encouragement, and help fill Bags of Hope with basic items that we take for granted every day. Women living on the streets or in programs will be given Bags. When the women affected by trafficking, prostitution, addiction, and homelessness receive a Bag, it lets the women know there is a better way, they are treasured, loved by Jesus, and there is help available.

Register today!

Partnering Ministry



We are continuing our partnership with Massachusetts Baptist Multicultural Ministries (MBMM). MBMM works at the grassroots level with refugee communities in the area of advocacy. Their goal is that refugees seamlessly achieve a path to self-sufficiency, inclusion, and become active citizens in their new communities. They are active in Somalian, Congolese, Burmese, Bhutanese, and Iraqi refugee communities in the Middlesex and Suffolk counties.

The Partnering Ministry enables women's groups, individuals, mission committees and/or churches to support ministries in the TABCOM family, provides choices, gives opportunities to do hands-on-mission, and brings exposure to AB Women's Ministries of Massachusetts, which provides a variety of opportunities to women and girls across the state.

MBMM has provided us with a list of requested items, which is at the end of the newsletter. These greatly needed items will benefit the new Americans MBMM serves. Do not get intimidated by the requested quantities. Provide what you can provide. Make a copy of the form and use it as a packing slip when you drop off or mail your gifts.

The Partnering Ministry is the eighth step in our Eight Steps of Giving. When you support AB Women's Ministries of MA partners, you have completed this step.

Association News

The Judson Women's Association's Annual Meeting and Spring Celebration was held at the Saugus First Baptist Church on May 20th. Rev. Rebecca Driscoll, Creation Care Minister for TABCOM presented a program about how we can be better caretakers of our environment and how our churches can benefit from this program. Everyone enjoyed being together, sharing ideas, and planting seeds of different types of herbs to take home.

The Judson Women's Toy Harvest will be held on Saturday, October 28th, at 9:00 AM at First Baptist Church Melrose, 561 Main Street. This popular event will feature Rev. Dr. Mar Imsong, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Baptist Multicultural Ministries and the ACE Center for New Americans, as the speaker. A portion of the toys and gift cards that are collected by the Judson Churches will be given to the children of families that Dr. Imsong's groups serve. The children of people who are incarcerated at the Middlesex House of Correction in Billerica will also receive a portion of the donations. The Judson women and their congregations enjoy working to collect toys and gifts for the Toy Harvest each year, and they also have fun exchanging ideas for projects and programs at the Judson meetings.



For the Women of Judson Association,
Pat Fish

National News



The 2023-2025 Ministry Focus is **Be Strong, Be Courageous**. As we walk shoulder to shoulder, connected heart to heart in God's call on this ministry to lift up women and in doing so we lift our denomination. We continue to seek holy wholeness, divine discernment to Let the Walls Fall Down (Ministry Focus 2021-2023) removing all spiritual, emotional, and physical walls, and now we will be bold and courageous with love. Consistent with Joshua 1:9, God has commanded us to Be Strong and to be courageous. We will not be afraid or discouraged For the Lord our God is with us, wherever we go.

2023 Fall Webinar Series Be Strong, Be Courageous

Be Strong! Be Courageous! Follow Examples God Gave Us!

Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 8:30 PM
Speaker: Joyce Camp, a registered nurse

Leadership: Enjoying the Journey

Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 8:30 PM
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Patricia Murphy, Ecclesiastical Endorser for Chaplaincy, ABHMS

The Power of Persistent Prayer

Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 8:30 PM
Speaker: Lisa Murray, Vice President of Prayer, Baptist Women of North America

Finding Strength to Lead Using God's Gifts

Thursday, November 30, 2023, at 8:30 PM
Speaker: Jessie Bandaru, Director of Dietary in the healthcare and hospitality industry

To register for a webinar or to learn more about AB Women's Ministries ABCUSA visit www.abwomensministries.org.

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www.ABWomensMinistriesMA.org



Partnering Ministry Request 2023

Partner: Massachusetts Baptist Multicultural Ministries
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 Contact: Mar Imsong, Executive Director
mbmm@mbmm.org / www.mbmm.org
 781-457-8058

New Toiletries	Quantity	Amount Spent	New Home Goods	Quantity	Amount Spent
Tooth Brush			Masks		
Tooth Paste			Disinfecting Wipes		
Floss			Dish Liquid		
Mouthwash			Laundry Detergent		
Razors			Fabric Softener		
Shaving Cream			Hair Styling Items (i.e., dryer)		
Aftershave			Sponges		
Brush/Comb			Dish Cloths/Towels		
Deodorant			Dish Brushes		
Moisturizer			Scouring Pads		
Shampoo			New School Supplies		
Sunscreen			#2 Pencils		
Insect Repellent			Colored Pencils		
Lip Balm			Pencil Sharpeners		
Facial Cleanser			Ballpoint Pens		
Feminine-Hygiene Products			Highlighters		
Hand Sanitizer			Erasers		
New Clothing			Post-It-Notes		
Underwear (men/women)			Crayons		
Undershirts			Markers (Water Soluble)		
Bras			Notebooks (College Rule)		
Socks			Binders		
Winter Hats			Pocket Folders		
Swimsuits			Graph Paper		
Footwear			Sketch Book		
• Sneakers			Watercolors		
• Boots			Paint		
• Leisure Shoes			Paint Brushes		
• Dress Shoes			Scissors		
• Sandals			Rulers		
• Snow Boots			Graphing Calculator		
• Baby Shoes			Glue Sticks		
			Pencil/Pen Bag or Case		
			Backpacks		
			Insulated Lunch Bags		
			Water Bottles		
			Coloring Books		
TOTAL COLUMN 1			TOTAL COLUMN 2		

New & Lightly Used Clothing	Quantity	Amount Spent	New & Used Housewares (Continued)	Quantity	Amount Spent
Sleepwear			Cookware		
T-shirts			• Pots and Pans		
Casual Shirts			• Mixing Bowls		
Jeans			Small Kitchen Appliances		
Pants			• Toaster		
Shorts			• Coffee Maker		
Dresses			• Blender		
Skirts			• Food Processor		
Sweaters			• Electric Griddle		
Sweatshirts			• Air Fryer		
Scarves			New & Lightly Used Misc.		
Gloves/Mittens			Children's Toys		
Winter Coats			Children's Books		
Raincoats			Small Electronics		
Athleticwear			Batteries		
Jackets			Nerf Balls		
Suits			Sporting Goods		
Ties			• Basketballs		
Belts			• Soccer Balls		
Purses			• Baseballs		
Aprons			• Baseball Gloves		
Infant Clothing			• Footballs		
Bibs			Board Games		
New & Used Housewares			Card Games		
Sheet Sets (All Sizes)			Puzzles		
Blankets (All Sizes)			Bibles		
Comforters (All Sizes)			• Spanish		
Quilts (All Sizes)			• Burmese		
Pillows			• French		
Dishes			• Portuguese		
Glassware			• Arabic		
Flatware					
Potholders					
TOTAL COLUMN 3			TOTAL COLUMN 4		

Date:
Name/Organization:
Church:
Address:
City/State/Zip Code:
Email/Telephone Number: