

We encourage you to think about who you may miss seeing at church, as so many are still social distancing and worshipping from home. It only takes a few minutes to reach out with a text, a phone call, or a quick card to someone who is on your mind. Let's not forsake being the body of Christ!



God's Renewal Of Women  
Atlantic E-Free Women's Ministry

## Spring 2021

Women's Ministry Update

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

1 Peter 4:10

Be Watching for Upcoming Information on Summer Study for Women.

Yes! We are planning a Summer Study for Women in 2021. Watch the bulletin for more details.

## 2021 Women's Ministry Team

Coordinator: Linda Nichols  
Co-coordinator: Vacant

Spiritual Growth: Peggy Perkins  
Apprentice: Jan Myers

Service & Outreach: Donna Wood  
Apprentice: Cindy Nichols

Congregational Care: Tina Olson  
Apprentice: Carrie Clemens

The purpose of Women's Ministry in the body of the church is to facilitate connection of women with one another, provide opportunities for spiritual growth for women and opportunities to minister to others.

## Women Doing Life Together Titus 2 Style

Over the course of the past 18 months, the Women's Ministry Team has been working on cultivating a culture where women take seriously the instruction Paul gives us as women - to teach each other - to mentor younger women and to be mentored by someone more mature.

Being a mentor. That can sound a little daunting. Self talk begins; Where would I even start? I am not really qualified to do that. I still have so much to learn. What if I end up in some stuffy "program" forced to meet with someone I don't "click" with. I just don't have time.

In the book Organic Mentoring, authors Sue Edwards and Barbara Neumann share ways to make mentoring more organic in nature and less of a program. They show us how to "do life together" and move away from formal programs into a more natural mentoring mind-set. In this new mind-set, we aren't looking for mentors who are perfect examples of Biblical womanhood, rather women who are open and transparent about their struggles and willing to share what God has taught them in the context of an authentic relationship with someone else. This looks a lot more like a long walk or coffee on the porch together than a formal weekly meeting.

To date, about 2 dozen women in our body have read Organic Mentoring. Many have met to discuss and dream about what it could look like to cultivate that culture in our local church body. We found out that many of us are already doing just that, and just didn't know it.

If you are interested in finding out more, please reach out to one of the women on the ministry team. We would be happy to share our vision for an authentic and passionate community that is committed to doing life together. We also have multiple copies of the book available if you are interested in reading it.

## Bible Study Opportunities

*Looking for a bible study to join? Here are a list of women's bible studies that are currently in session:*

- *Elijah Bible Study by Priscilla Shirer – led by Linda Nichols in her home Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:30. They will be starting Truthfilled, a study of Colossians by Ruth Chou Simons beginning March 31*
- *Epic of Eden - Understanding the Old Testament by Sandra Richter led by Jan Myers. Thursday evenings at the church from 6:30-8:30 Start date is Feb. 25 and will run for 12 weeks.*
- *This same study will be held at Donna Woods's house on Friday mornings at 9:00 AM, also led by Jan Myers. The start date for this study is: Feb. 26th.*
- *Titus – Thursday mornings at 9:00 at Galynn Hoye's home and is being led by Galynn.*



1 E 22nd St, Atlantic, IA 50022

712-243-4738

[www.atlanticfreechurch.com](http://www.atlanticfreechurch.com)