

First Assembly of God's ladies group is called '**WOW'...Women of Worth.**

We are a group of ladies that love serving God in every area that we can and helping those in need of any kind. We love spending time together, helping others and praying one with another. We not only serve God together but we also enjoy times of fun and laughter...come and join us at our next event. Watch the calendar for activities in the near future!

Do we as Ladies live with understanding?

Mark Twain said "the difference between the right word and almost right word is the difference between the lightning and the lightning bug."

The Bible tells us '**In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.' 1 John 4:10**

God does not love us because of our lovable nature, but because he is such a loving God. Unconditional love is God's type of love.

Mark 1:40 - 45 tells us about Jesus and the leper. It tells us of how a leper was considered an outcast of all outcasts, a reject who not only suffered a horrible skin disease but also suffered terrible loneliness. Yet, when the leper came to Jesus, Jesus showed great compassion to him. The word compassion doesn't mean to just feel sorry for a person. The word compassion means to actually get into the middle of the mess. Jesus took on the burdens of the leper. Jesus does not just want to connect physically or emotionally with you. He wants to be in the middle of your life, including the problems that you encounter.

Romans 5:8 NIV tells us "**But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us**". The world wants us to feel that if someone wrongs us then our mindset should be that payback is coming hard and heavy. The sinful nature that we possess causes us to want to retaliate. God wants more from us!! Jesus' example of mercy and grace is our foundation to living with understanding. We need to allow Jesus to be our example when it comes to our understanding toward others. We need to have a desire to be more Christ-like in the way we treat others. We should check ourselves and ask, 'do I have a heart of understanding for others when they are hurting?' Only through Jesus can we have the proper understanding.

Our prayer should be:

"Father allow me to be compassionate and loving toward those I come in contact with each day of my life and help me show the understanding of the Father to them, so that they may know the Father as I do."

Matthew 5:13-16

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses it's flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill can not be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives a light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven."

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Ladies you are invited!!

"Ladies Prayer Time" Friday February 19th at 6:30 p.m. here at Malden First.

The key to a successful church and strong families is prayer.....come and share communion and prayer as a corporate group with us on this evening!

A great recipe that I would like to share with you all:

Baked Mac & Cheese

4 Cups of uncooked spiral pasta
1/4 cup of butter, cubed
1/2 cup of all purpose flour
4 cups of milk
1/2 tsp of salt
1/4 tsp ground mustard
1/4 tsp Worcestershire Sauce
Dash of ground nutmeg
2 cups (8 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese
1 cup of cubed processed cheese (Velveeta)

Cook pasta according to package directions. In a large sauce pan melt butter, stir in flour until smooth. Gradually add milk, stir in salt, ground mustard, worcestershire sauce and nutmeg. Bring to a boil. Cook and stir for 1 - 2 minutes or until thickened. stir in cheese until melted.

Drain Pasta. Stir in Cheese Sauce mixture. Transfer to an ungreased 2 Qt. baking dish. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes, or until bubbly.

Stir in meat, broccoli, or cauliflower....the ideas are endless to make this a full meal.....ENJOY!!