



FRESH TALK WITH MOPS

Coordinator

Good Morning,

Breathe Deeply, Live Fully through Celebration – and that's what we plan to do today!!! Celebrate all that it is to be a woman, a mom...a MOP!

I can't believe this is our last meeting of the year. I hope you have enjoyed this year as much as I have. We have heard some fabulous speakers, created a variety of awesome crafts, enjoyed a lot of delicious food, opened ourselves up to other women in our group, and formed special friendships all along the way. I believe that gives us many reasons to celebrate.

There are not many occasions where we are celebrated as moms and women. We don't have yearly reviews, raises, gold stars, progress reports, promotions, etc. but one thing we do have is TODAY! Today is all about YOU! We have put a lot of time, energy and excitement into making this day a special day for all of you. We hope this meeting is one of your 'Favorites'!

I have enjoyed being your Coordinator for the past 2 years – I feel I have gotten so much more back than I gave. I just need to thank everyone in leadership this year for doing such an incredible job. They definitely made my job very easy! We have a wonderful new

Steering Team and Group Leaders for next year and today you will get to meet them. Our theme for next year is: **the HOME factor: BEGIN HERE...GO THERE!**

Three key elements of this theme that we will explore throughout the year are:

- ♥ Our homes are where we bond, cocoon, build inwardly.
- ♥ Our homes are where we re-fuel so that we can live fully in the world beyond.
- ♥ Our homes are a picture of Jesus' dwelling within us.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer. Use this time to get outside, get some fresh air! Enjoy your summer with your family and friends and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Tammy

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Today's Meeting Agenda:

9:00 – 9:15	Food and Fellowship
9:15 – 9:20	Devotional/Opening Prayer
9:20 – 9:30	Fresh Talk – Group spotlight
9:30 – 9:45	Welcome, theme for the day (Fresh Air...Breathe Deeply, Live fully through CELEBRATION),
9:45—9:55	Goals—Group Discussion
9:55– 10:15	A Little Surprise
10:15 - 11: 05	Craft
11:05 – 11:20	Announcements /Thank You's
11:20 – 11:25	Closing Prayer (Kimber)
11:25 – 11:30	Please Help us Clean up
11:30	Pick up Children at Moppets

Events:

♥ **June 3rd PICNIC**

MOPPETS

Thank you to all of your for making MOPPETS working nicely this year. Your help and support was truly appreciated. It has been great to see our children grow this year.

Before we leave today, let's remember to **thank our caregivers**. Without them, MOPPETS could not have work...
Have a great summer! Breathe deeply, live fully! ♥ Jacinthe and Eileen

Happy Birthday Wishes to the following:

Apr 25	Joli Groomes	Jun 4	Chris Ford	Jul 17	Cory Rupe
Apr 26	Deena Ottinger	Jun 4	Christine Henson	Jul 31	Pamela Kopec
May 16	Beth Welmaker	Jun 7	Allison Thorne	Aug 3	Jennifer Grimmer
May 21	Britta Pekofsky	Jun 9	Tiffany Hoyt	Aug 16	Kate O'Rourke
May 22	Tammy Muir	Jun 14	Jennifer Shaffer	Aug 25	Michelle Nester
May 28	Susan Schafer	Jun 19	Lauren Ryan		
May 29	Kim Brown	Jun 26	Ashley Marosek		
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One Last Breath...

What a year we have had! It seems like we just got started with decorating our MOPS bags, and now we're already celebrating the hope we have received over the year. With the winter lingering on for so long, it seems that we can only now really breathe fresh air! How encouraging to know that we can finish the spring and enter the summer prepared with the tools to get us through any season. Let's review our year together:

We began our year with the introduction of our theme: "Fresh Air: Breathe Deeply, Live Fully" and learned that by just taking a moment to fill our lungs with oxygen, we can better handle the day ahead. Then we had help recognizing that it's okay to take time for ourselves, to give ourselves permission to focus on our **IDENTITY** as a woman. We were challenged by a walnut illustration to give the beginning of our day to God, and 'see what happens', learning that by putting our focus on God, He gives us the ability to handle all of our responsibilities. When put into practice, this causes **GROWTH** as we continue learning to depend more on God. We then were challenged to put into **PERSPECTIVE** the relevance of the Christmas season and ask ourselves why we only think about Jesus around Christmas. Why not think about Him the other 364 days of the year?! The times when we may not understand why someone hurt us, or times when we see such inexplicable joy in our children's faces, or simply when we're in the grocery store! Then, we were given detailed **HELP** with our eating habits (not sure we were ready for that one!) and encouraged to give our children foods that will help them grow up to be healthy boys and girls. We then opened up with one another and learned, by way of jewelry making, the colorful array of **RELATIONSHIPS** we have with one another and the world around us. Now, everywhere we go, we can be reminded of the beautiful artistry of our Creator. Many of us received more **HELP** from our professional organizer, just in time for spring cleaning! Then, we gathered together, and were inspired by words of **HOPE** from one another that showed us that we don't have to go through our daily life alone; God has provided many 'shoulders to lean on' and we all have a story to share!

Finally, we are gathering together one last time in **CELEBRATION**. Remembering what we have learned, we celebrate the life we have been given and recognize that it was intended to be lived fully! With each other's help, we can accomplish whatever it is we are called to do, whether it's to change ten diapers a day, or drive children to ten places a day! God has given us everything we need to meet life's challenges, and it can all be found in the life that Jesus offers.

May you all have a wonderful, prosperous summer, and look forward to gathering together in September, bringing a smile and an open heart. For those of you moving on, may God bless you as you continue in your motherhood and womanhood! Look for one another on the playground or at the grocery store and take a deep breath together.

It has been my pleasure serving you,

Your Assistant Coordinator,

Candace Scarpulla

Craft Corner

We would like to thank Beth Ann from Beth Ann's Flowers for donating several floral arrangements for our Tea & Testimony. They were beautiful! Beth Ann's Flowers are located at 426 Main Street in Royersford. You can contact them by phone at 610-948-8999.

We would also like to thank Veronica Buckwalter from Party Magic Plus for her generous donation of many of the balloons used to make our last meeting fun and festive. Her balloons are the longest-lasting balloons you'll find anywhere! Please see their advertisement for more information.

Finally, we would like to thank our craft committee for all their hard work this year prepping the crafts prior to the meetings as well as guiding your group through the crafts each time. It's been fun working with you and getting to know you all!

Your Craft Coordinators,

Dana & Gretchen

Hospitality News and Events

End of Year Picnic

Last official MOPS get together, don't miss out!

June 3rd 12:30

Location: Lower Providence Park

Pavillion # 2

(Directions at your table)

Lunch and Drinks will be served. Sign up sheets for snacks and desserts will be at your table.



A HUGE Thank You to all the Hospitality Members this year for helping out and making all our events run so smooth! You guys are the BEST!

Congratulations to **Amy Buehler** for winning the MOM Award for April. This mother of 3 boys is a dedicated member of mops, always has a smile on her face and is a very strong person!



SAVE YOUR MOPS SPOT

Can you believe our year is coming to an end?

It is time to save your Mops spot for next year. Fill out a new Registration form and pay your Mops to Mom connection fee of \$20.00. Make checks payable to St Luke's UCC MOPS and give your information to Michelle Wilson.

Thanks for a Great Year!!!!

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Closing Prayer

Dear God,

Please bless us as mothers, giving us the wisdom and grace to handle the challenges and joys we will face in the month ahead until we reunite again in friendship and faith.

Amen

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