



## **MONTHLY Circle / Small Group Information**

<b><u>Circle Name</u></b>	<b><u>Meeting Information</u></b>	<b><u>Leader/Contact Person</u></b>
<b>Abigail</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday @ 10:00 AM Main Building – Room 151	Leader: <a href="#">Lou Huyck</a>

Abigail Circle is composed of ladies who are leading very busy lives involved in their families, the church and helping to raise their grandchildren. We engage in monthly bible study as we enjoy refreshments and fellowship with one another. We support service projects inside and outside SGPC. We welcome all ladies to come and visit or join us.

<b>Friendship</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday @ 6:00 P.M. Member's Homes	Leader: <a href="#">Lee Smith</a>
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The ladies of the Friendship Circle are very friendly, encouraging and supportive towards each other. All ages are welcome. They meet monthly, September through May, and have Bible-based lessons while enjoying a meal together. They contribute to various causes, such as Lighthouse for Life and church mission groups. In the summer, day trips are taken as a group. Come join us!

<b>Lydia</b> <b>(on hiatus)</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 10:30 AM Library (near gym)	Leader: Janet Graham
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Lydia Circle is a group of older ladies and would like to have anyone interested in a morning meeting join us old or young. We enjoy bible study and fellowship and engage in service as we are able in various capacities.

<b>Marie Colberg</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday @ 3:00 PM Library/Resource Room (near gym)	Leader: <a href="#">Kathy Arrowsmith</a>
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Marie Colberg Circle gathers to share in a book discussion by authors such as Max Lucado. Women of all ages are invited to join us. Many women are grandmothers who are helping their families raise children to follow Christ's teachings. We support local individuals in need of basic supplies and other ministries.

<b>New Life</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 7:00 P.M. Member's Homes	Leader: <a href="#">Kay Hendrix</a>
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The new Life Circle is a welcoming and active group of women that meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 7:00 PM in member's homes. They support the Child Development Center and various mission activities within Saxe Gotha. New Life Circle is currently studying the book *The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak* by Shannon Bream.

## **Ladies Auxiliary**

The Ladies Auxiliary was born from women who assisted with transportation of men to a men's group. They meet on the third Tuesday of every month for lunch at Flight Deck in Lexington. There are 26 ladies on the Auxiliary's roster who attend at various times. They normally enjoy the company of 8 to 10 women each month. These ladies pray and enjoy fellowship and lunch together. [For more information contact Edie Athey.](#)



## **WEEKLY Bible Study Group**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Meeting Information</u></b>	<b><u>Leader/Contact Person</u></b>
Monday Morning Bible Study	Every Monday at 10:00 A.M. Room 152	Contact: <a href="#">Debbie Knight</a>
Monday Morning Bible Study welcomes all who wish to join. The group has focused on a variety of wonderful biblical topics and in the past has studied the Beth Moore Video Series on James, <i>Mercy Triumphs</i> , <i>The Law of Love</i> and more.		
Thursday Morning Bible Study <b>(on hiatus)</b>	Every Thursday at 6:00 AM via Zoom	Contact: Michelle Smoak

We invite women of all ages and life situations to join this group for lively faith discussions and life-giving friendship and support.

Friday Morning Bible Study	Every Friday at 10:30 A.M. O'Hara's Bakery Café	Contact: <a href="#">Diana Patterson</a>
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## **Weekly Aerobics**

Aerobics at Saxe Gotha will keep you fit and healthy year round. Vicki Beatty, our Aerobics Director, is a high energy instructor who keeps aerobics fun! Vicki leads the majority of the weekly sessions that take place both morning and evening in the Fellowship Hall. We offer Cardio Aerobics, Advanced Step, Body Sculpting, Pilates, Ballet Barre and Hi/Lo Aerobics/Weights. The official schedule of classes and more information may be found on the SGPC website. Contact [Vicki Beatty](#).

## **ANNUAL/SEASONAL Opportunities to Serve**

- ❖ **Decorating Committee:** Madonna Moore and Sandy Walker co-chair our decorating committee and coordinate and implement special holiday decorating at Christmas and Easter including decorating the Sanctuary and sale of Poinsettia's and Easter Lillies. Many hands make light work and volunteers are necessary to assist in the Decorating Committee's responsibilities. [For more information, please contact Sandy Walker.](#)
- ❖ **Women's Spring Luncheon:** Our annual spring luncheon is held each year on the last Sunday in April. Planning begins in earnest in January. We are always seeking input and assistance in selecting and securing a featured speaker and planning and implementing the luncheon. If you would like to assist in any way, [please contact Michelle Smoak.](#)



## Many Women in Ministry Also Support Congregational Care Ministries

### OTHER Ministry and Service Opportunities

<p><b>Prayer Shawl Ministry:</b> Compassion and the love of knitting/crocheting have been combined into a prayer ministry that reaches out to individuals in need of comfort or solace. Many blessings are prayed into every shawl that's created. The shawl maker begins with prayers for the unknown recipient and the intentions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. Upon completion, a final blessing is offered before the shawl is sent on its way. If you like to knit, or would like to learn to knit, then this ministry needs you. The group meets on the 1st &amp; 3rd Thursdays of the month (during the school year) in the Main Building, Room 154 from 10-11:30 am. This ministry is for beginners and advanced knitters, as instruction is provided for those who are new to this craft and ministry. Newcomers only need to bring needles. To get involved in this ministry, <a href="#">please contact Polly Askeu</a></p>	<p><b>WINGS (Widows in Group Share):</b> This fellowship group provides support to widows. The group is made up of Saxe Gotha widows and their friends who are also widows. Meets the 2nd Saturday of every month for a time of Christian fellowship and sharing. <a href="#">Please contact Carol Harden</a></p>
<p><b>The Bereavement Team:</b> This team provides a meal to the home of the bereaved, coordinates a light reception here at the church, and ease the burden of so many details surrounding a loss. To get involved in this ministry, <a href="#">please contact Marti Brodie or Vicki Williamson</a></p>	<p><b>The Caring Connections Ministry:</b> A Seniors' ministry here at Saxe Gotha. This compassionate group specializes in outreach to members who are no longer able to leave their homes unattended. This group communicates closely with family of these members in order to reach out when they need to help. Caring Connections volunteers may just make a phone call to say "hello" to someone who is not able to have visitors. Yet their work is God's work and it's extremely important to those who they serve. If you'd like to learn more about this ministry, <a href="#">you can contact: Kathy Arrowsmith.</a></p>
<p><b>Compassionate Care Meal Ministry:</b> This vital ministry provides a caring meal when perhaps it is needed the most. Such circumstances include the loss of a family member, the birth of a child, or a hospital stay. Every attempt is made to help members serve those neighbors who are in need. This ministry is a wonderful way for individuals or families to show care and concern to friends and neighbors! <a href="#">To get involved, please contact Marti Brodie</a></p>	<p><b>Compassionate Care Card Ministry:</b> Each week this ministry team follows up with each listed prayer concern with a handwritten note. Some notes are sent due to personal loss, medical condition, deployment or merely a praise for great news. This is a terrific way to serve and remind others of the love of Christ when they need it the most. To get involved in this ministry, <a href="#">please contact team member Judith Haile</a></p>

For more information on ALL service opportunities, please visit the church's website: [www.saxegotha.org](http://www.saxegotha.org).



### **Annual Woman of J.O.Y Award**

We annually present the Woman of J.O.Y. Award which was established to recognize women who has shown distinguished service to SGPC through contribution to mission and activities of the church, its members and community, both close by and around the world. All of this work to honor the glory of God.

The word JOY in this award stands for Jesus, Others, Yourself, and is based on the scripture from **2 Corinthians 9:13:**

***Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.***

Council is presently receiving Nominations for the Woman of J.O.Y Award. If you have a nomination, please contact any Council Member.

### **WOMEN IN MINISTRY COUNCIL 2022-23**

**Council** meets the first Sunday of each month at 4:00 P.M. in Room 206. Council is made of a Moderator, Moderator-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and Women's Circle/Small Group Leaders and the Decorating Committee Chairs.

Council supports all women in ministry at Saxe Gotha and is dedicated to showing and sharing Christ's love at Saxe Gotha through service to our church and community, locally and internationally.

Moderator	Michelle Smoak
Moderator-Elect	Vacant
Secretary/Historian	Tara Black
Treasurer	Marian Newman
Decorating Committee	Sandy Walker
	Madonna Moore
Abigail Circle Leader	Lou Hyuck
Friendship Circle Leader	Lee Smith
Lydia Circle Leader	Janet Graham
Marie Colberg Circle Leader	Kathy Arrowsmith
New Life Circle Leader	Kay Hendrix

Council is presently in need of a Moderator-Elect to serve on Council. Service includes participating on Council and forming and leading the Women's Luncheon Committee to host our Annual Spring Luncheon. Moderator-Elect becomes the Moderator after serving a two-year term. If you are interested in serving, please contact Michelle Smoak.

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