

The Gathering

Connecting Through Faith

DIY Mother's
Day Tea

A Lot Happens at
The Dinner Table

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Plants Like
a Pro**

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Yourself**

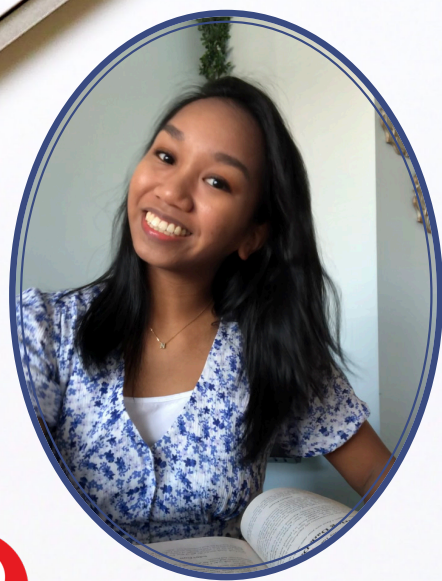


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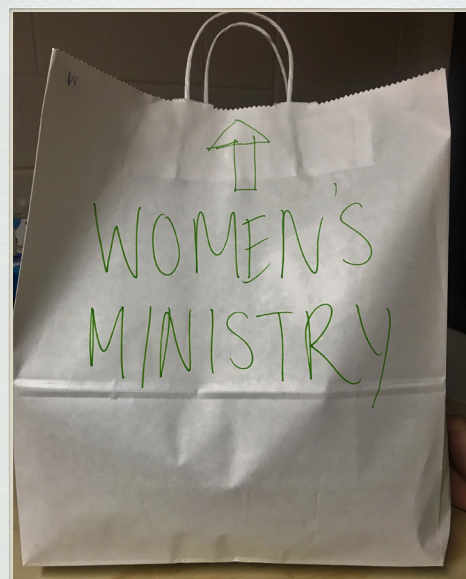
Where there is sunshine, there are smiles. Where there are friends, there is joy. Where there are two or three gathered in my name, says the Lord, there I am also. May I invite you, personally and not in a "get me viral" kind of way, to join this simple community of sisters in faith. As an editor, my main goal is to connect with you, yes you, through this faith we share. I want to ask you, what makes you smile? What breaks your heart? In what ways can we serve you, in what ways can we serve each other? Here is my personal invitation to you. ❤️

Love in Christ,

GT Women's Ministry



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BIBLE CROSSWORD I - SOLUTION

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Across: 1 Shekel, 4 Appeared, 10 Ephesians, 11 Cubit, 12 Rare, 13 Meditation, 15 Raisins, 16 Nathan, 19 Agreed, 21 Torches, 23 Atonements, 25 Baal, 27 Glean, 28 Millstone, 29 Teachers, 30 Rashly.

Down: 1 Shearers, 2 Exhorting, 3 East, 5 Passion, 6 Enchanters, 7 Rabbi, 8 Doting, 9 Bakers, 14 Nineteenth, 17 Ashtaroth, 18 Psalter, 20 Dreamer, 21 Tittle, 22 Taught, 24 Omega, 26 Asia.

May

Birthstone: Emerald
Birthflower: Lily of the Valley

Emerald: Symbol of rebirth.
In Greek, translates "green".

Lily of the Valley: A symbol
for humility and a sign of
Christ's second coming.



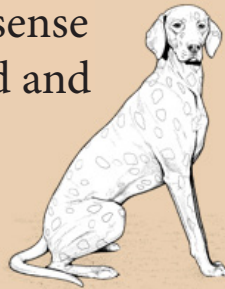
Proverbs

cautions women about contentiousness. Proverbs 25:24, "It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop than to share a house with a contentious woman." (Proverbs 27:15, Proverbs 21:19, and Proverbs 19:13).

You smell like drama and a headache, please get away from me.



You might be contentious if your pet can sense your sour mood and runs and hides.



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You might be contentious.... if you think you JUST have a strong personality. You know, like it's part of your DNA.



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You might be contentious if you are as surprised as everyone else by what comes out of your mouth.



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You might be contentious if one of your shoulders is raised higher than the other, because of a chip.



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You might be contentious if one or more people have commented that you are just like your _____.



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You might be contentious if you are ready for a "throw down" with anyone who wanted one.

*(Because you can take 'em)



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Ladies, let's claim this verse:

God promises, "And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. Ezekiel 36:26 NLT

Someone just honked to get me out of my parking spot faster, so now I have to sit here until both of us are dead.



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The chains on my mood swing just snapped.



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Gathering Around the Table

Dear Woman of God,

I invite you to sit across the table from me (in our imagination; for now), because I care about you. At my table, I'll share a story or two hoping to make your life better. We will probably laugh. Maybe cry. Definitely confess a short coming or two and laugh again! We will marvel at what God has done and dream of what He might do. We will pray together at this table.

Maybe, sitting together at the table we will plant a miracle seed. Am I asking too much? I don't think so. This very thing happened for the Shunammite

woman in 2 Kings 4:8.

One day Elisha went to Shunem. And a well-to-do woman was there, who urged him to stay for a meal. So whenever he came by, he stopped there to eat.

This dinner invitation changed her life.

Over the course of time the fellowship at that table led this woman to receive a miracle son: "About this time next year," Elisha said, "you will hold a son in your arms." (2 Kings 4:16) A miraculous resurrec-

tion. He said, "Take your son." She came in, fell at his feet and bowed to the ground. Then she took her son and went out. (2 Kings 4:36) And great wealth. "Give back everything that belonged to her, including all the income from her land from the day she left the country until now." (2 Kings 8:1-6).

I'm convinced at the beginning, her motivation was only for giving honor to the man of God. But it became the most pivotal decision of her life. We never know what could happen when women of faith gather. Because of that, I declare God's blessing on you and yours as you commune around the dinner table.

Blessings,

Pastor Jodiann Schott



Pay Yourself

Helpful Savings Tips by Beulah Donison

- ▶ Take public transit wherever possible versus taking your own car
- ▶ Pack your lunch and make your own special coffees and lattes
- ▶ Pay off your credit card charges on the due date, so interest is not accumulated
- ▶ Price-match your shopping at stores that participate
- ▶ Buy generic and in bulk and share the cost with family and neighbours
- ▶ CIBC Dividend Visa Card is one of many cards that has no annual fee, and you can earn cash back on your purchases
- ▶ Join Air Miles and get ready to enjoy many things from groceries to dream trip rewards
- ▶ Shop for sales and at a variety of consignment stores
- ▶ If you have an Entertainment Book, it will save you big bucks
- ▶ Check your flyers for sale items

check out these websites:

Smart Source.ca / Save.ca



Potting Plants Like a Pro

By Lubi Bernardino



Look in your cupboards, grab that old tea pot you haven't used in a while or a basket sitting around collecting dust, and give your potted plants that imaginative touch. Just about anything that holds dirt can become a creative planter. Do it yourself, using items you already have. Now that's a win for any homemaker!



Lubi got inspired and shared these informative photos with us. Thank you, now we are all inspired.

We also found unique ideas from these websites that we think will inspire you.

<https://balconygardenweb.com/planter-ideas-from-household-items/>

Cactus

Kalinda Hens Chicks

Jewel of the Desert

Zebra Haworthia



Inspiration

Mexican Feather Grass

Dracaena Florida Beauty

Yellow Osteospermum



Spider Plant

Kalanchoe Calandiva

Coleus



Cacti

Echeveria Garnet

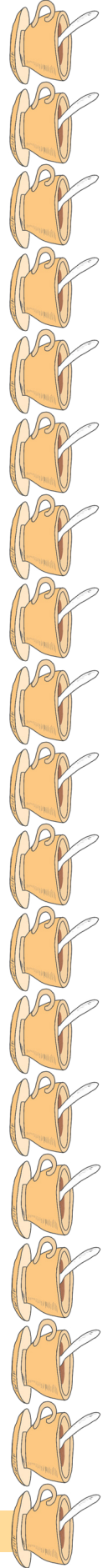
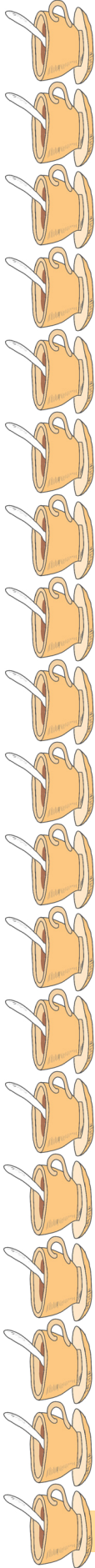
Portulaca Grandiflora

(red)



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BIBLE CROSSWORD II

Answer key in next issue!

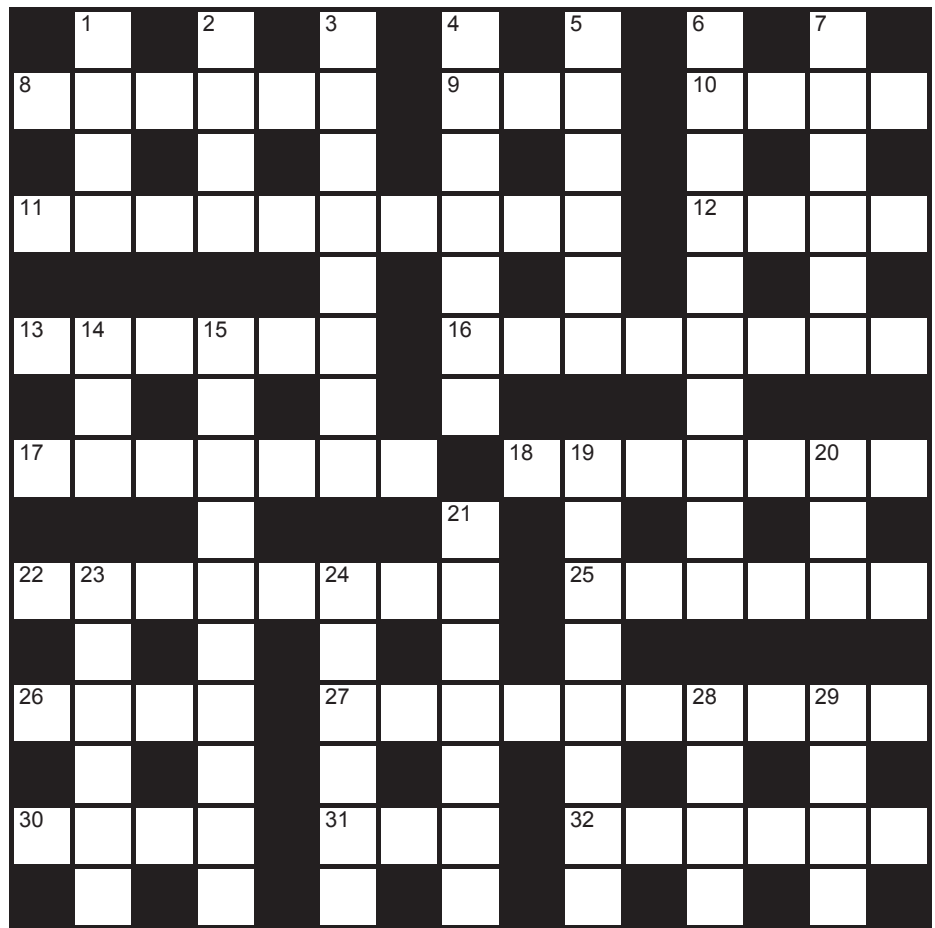
Across

- 8 Religious service (6)
9 Vessel (3)
10 Drive forcibly (4)
11 Christ does this for us (10)
12 Bethesda was the name of this (4)
13 Servant of a prophet (6)
16 One who leaves the straight and narrow path (8)
17 Check the money (7)
18 Fragrant offering; make angry (7)
22 Come out from among them (8)

- 25 Works with clay (6)
26 Main part of text (4)
27 Chucked it too far (10)
30 Treachery sealed with this (4)
31 Simon washed his (3)
32 Migratory grasshopper (6)

Down

- 1 Standard for the tribe of Judah (4)



by Philologus

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2 Brother of James; Hardy book (4)

3 Choice by vote (8)

4 Evening glow (7)

5 All sing the tune (6)

6 To reduce deficiency (10)

7 Take no notice of (6)

14 Look at (3)

15 Alternative Revelation (10)

19 Son of Jacob (8)

20 The blind will (3)

21 Regrets; Serpent (anag) (7)

23 Angels by another name (6)

24 Decorates (6)

28 Say it and you will be in danger of the council (4)

29 Cleanse (4)

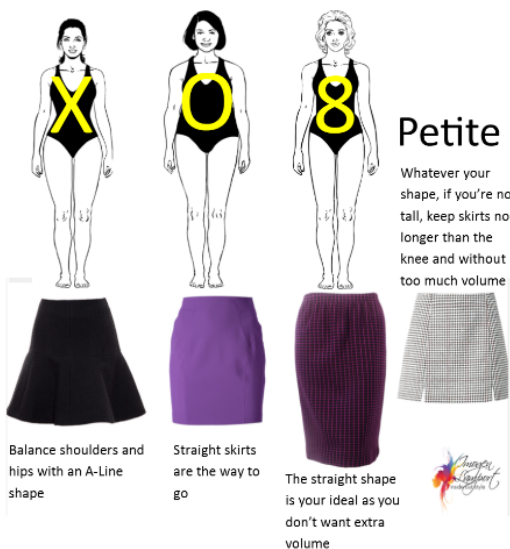
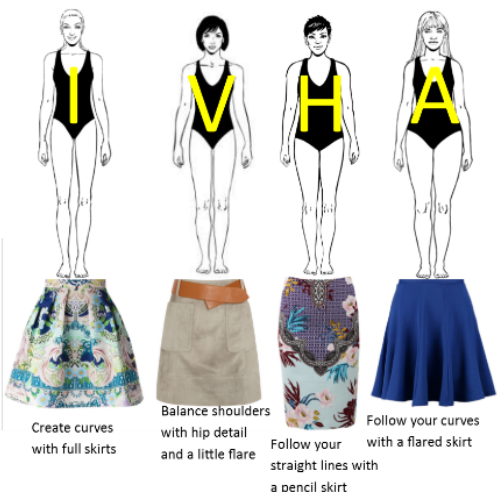




The Best Skirt for Your Body Shape

With Imogen Lamport AICI CIP

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Thanks to our Facebook friends
for all the tea recommendations!

Time for tea!

Ginger/Peach
Peppermint
Lady Grey
Earl Grey
Chai (Extra Spicy)
Orange Pekoe
Honey-Lemon
Honey-Ginger
Lemon-Ginger
Ice Wine Tea
Chamomile
Rooibos
Green Tea
Jasmine
Tulsi Original

Did you know?

The London Fog tea latte was
invented in Vancouver,
British Columbia

check out the full story at EatNorth.ca

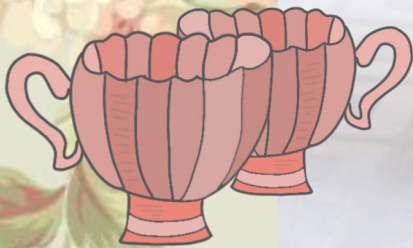


Traditional English *Afternoon Tea* menu

The final course is mini sweets and pastries, served from the top tier. This course is also eaten with your fingers.



On the bottom tier consists of assorted sandwiches. They are the first course. These savories are eaten with your fingers.



Third Course: Sweets



Second Course: Scones
(with cream & jam)



First Course: Savouries



Learn more at: www.theteacupoflife.com



Next is the scones served from the middle tier. Eaten with jam, clotted cream and lemon curd. The only utensil used is a knife for spreading. The scone is eaten with your fingers.



COOKIE RECIPE

By Tina S.

INGREDIENTS

4 Macintosh toffee bars
2 tbs. cream
3 cups corn flakes
1 cup coconut

We love this tasty recipe idea because it's easy and versatile. Great to whip up when the grandkids are coming over. Marion says, "it's my grandson's favorite dessert" Make this as one of your sweets for afternoon tea! Thank you Marion Wallis.

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Best Overall: Republic of Tea

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BLUEBERRY LEMON CURD

By Diana Rattray

INGREDIENTS

2 cups fresh blueberries
1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
3 egg yolks
1 whole egg
3/4 cup sugar
4 Tablespoons of small cubed unsalted butter

Tea Etiquette

Afternoon tea began as a social gathering around the 1840s in England.

Porcelain teacups made in China, starting around 620 A.D. had no handles.

To hold the cup and not spill the hot liquid, one gently raised their pinkie finger up for balance.

The tradition continued when the Meissen Porcelain Company in 1710, introduced the handle to the teacup. Squeeze the handle in your finger tips with pinkie pointing down; referred to as pinching.



Tea is the most consumed beverage in the world (just behind water), being the favorite drink of the world's two most populated nations - India and China.

Stir the tea with a teaspoon up and down (6 o'clock to 12 o'clock motion), 2-3 times silently. Then set the teaspoon on the right hand side of the saucer.

Serve your guests their tea first making sure you don't overfill the teacups; up to 3/4 full. Allowing room for your guests to add milk, lemon or sweetener if desired.