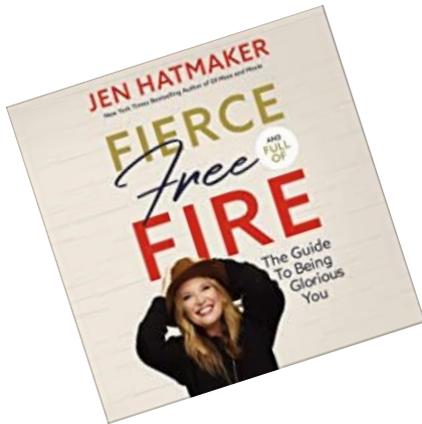


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Book Study for Waterford Women

I warmly invite other women to join me in a time set aside for self-discovery, inner growth, and celebration of the uniqueness of each one of us! Specifically, I invite you to join a five week Zoom book study on Jen Hatmaker's recent book, "Fierce, Free, and Full of Fire: The Guide to Being Glorious You." The covers of the book describe it like this:

"The world is hungry for women who show up and tell the truth, unafraid and free, expanding to the very edges of who they were always meant to be. Hatmaker will lead us through five self-reflective categories – who we are, what we need, what we want, what we believe, and how we connect. With wry humor, earnest passion, and been-there insight, Jen will lead us toward freedom and fierceness as we lean into the identity, convictions, and community we've been given."

We will meet over Zoom for five Monday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. (July 6, 13, 20, 27 and August 3). The gift of Zoom is that you can join us from anywhere, including if your plans take you out of town! During our Zoom gatherings we will discuss our learnings, reflections, and engagement with each of the sections. In the event we have a lot of women

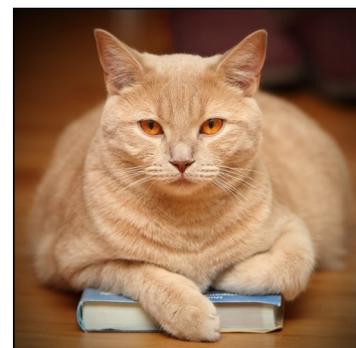
interested in the study, during our Zoom calls we will break out into smaller groups for better opportunities for discussion. While Jen is a Christian author and speaker, this will not be a Bible study. Her faith comes through in the book and our study will be grounded in the beautiful truth that we are beloved daughters of God.

Who might this study be for? Women interested in growing in their self-awareness and inner journey to wholeness while making meaningful connections with other women in our congregation.

Sign up? Sign up for the study by emailing me (cindy@waterfordchurch.org) by June 21 and please indicate if you need me to order a book for you or not. Adult Nurture Ministry Team has offered to cover half of the cost of the books (Thank you ANMT!) so that each woman needs to only pay \$12 to the church office (please put book study in memo line). I will order the books on June 22 so that there is time to get the books and to read and reflect on the first 3 chapters prior to our first meeting on July 6.

I am very excited for this study and for the opportunity to learn more about myself and to learn more about other women at Waterford! I think it is going to be great!

—Cindy Voth, Pastor of Community Life



COVID-19 Mutual Aid Fund update

Thank you to those who have contributed more than \$6,300 to our congregation's COVID-19 Mutual Aid Fund, in addition to gifts you have made to other funds and organizations. This fund at Waterford was established to give flexibility in meeting needs where they seem to be most needed.

To date, we have allocated \$500 to our Jubilee Fund and \$2,500 to the COVID-19 Congregational Relief Fund organized by Mennonite Central Committee, Mennonite Disaster Service, and Everence.

The Jubilee Fund assists those outside our congregation who stop at the church office seeking help. This amount will allow us to purchase an additional 20 Kroger gift cards. The Congregational Relief Fund has received more than 340 applications from Anabaptist and related congregations facing financial crisis from COVID-19. Though June 1, this fund has distributed more than \$715,000 to nearly 200 congregations, particularly those made up primarily of people of color and with budgets less than \$100,000. The story of one congregation which has benefited is at: <https://themennonite.org/daily-news/god-us-new-york-church-epicenter-pandemic-offers-support-hope/>.

Because of its strong balance, we have not currently allocated an amount to our congregation's Sharing Fund, which provides assistance to those in our congregation.

You may make additional contributions to the COVID-19 Mutual Aid Fund by sending a check to the church office or including a notation in your online giving.

—Lyle Miller, on behalf of the COVID-19 Mutual Aid Response Team, including Michelle Horning (Sharing Fund), Carlos Romero (Facilities & Finance Ministry Team), and Cindy Voth (pastoral team)



Tomato and marigold plants were left by the east door of the church for children to pick up after Jerry Landes led the children's time last Sunday on Pentecost and the growth of the early church.



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