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## Seder Meal Scheduled

*"For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been Sacrificed.  
Therefore, let us keep the Festival."  
—1 Corinthians 5:7-8*

The **Passover** is the Old Testament feast that celebrates and remembers God's liberation of Israel from Egypt. The book, Exodus, explains how God freed his people from Egypt. God gave his people a way to escape the destruction of the plagues: the blood of a perfect lamb could take the place of the first-born in the family. God gave Moses instructions in Exodus 12. The celebration of this event is now called Passover because God "passed over" the homes marked with lamb's blood.

The Passover was a celebration, remembrance, thanksgiving, and participation in God's mighty acts of salvation for his people. The New Testament equivalent of the Passover, the Lord's Supper, functions in similar ways for Christians today.

1. A time of remembrance and thanksgiving
2. A time for refreshing and communion
3. A time for anticipation and recommitment

On April 16 at 5:30 in the Social Hall the UMW will be hosting a Seder Meal, the traditional celebration of Passover. Our conference chair for Spiritual Growth, **Leah Griffin**, will be leading us in this time to grow closer to Jesus Christ and increase our understanding of what it means to call him our Passover Lamb. Please join us for the meal (Chicken Thighs), tickets are available from officers and are \$5.

The whole church is invited.

## Book Discussion

Sister's Act, a UMW circle, is inviting all interested parties to join us for our next meeting which will be on the book Three Cups of Tea. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Room on Wednesday, April 20 at 9:00 am. Please come and have read or be reading the book. This is a wonderful story and the book has exceptional insight into the culture in the remote regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan.



**Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace . . . One School at a Time**

By Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin

In *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace . . . One School at a Time*, Greg Mortenson, and journalist David Oliver Relin, recount the journey that led Mortenson from a failed 1993 attempt to climb Pakistan's K2, the world's second highest mountain, to successfully establish schools in some of the most remote regions of Afghanistan and Pakistan. By replacing guns with pencils, rhetoric with reading, Mortenson combines his unique background with his intimate knowledge of the third-world to promote peace with books, not bombs, and successfully bring education and hope to remote communities in central Asia. *Three Cups of Tea* is at once an unforgettable adventure and the inspiring true story of how one man really is changing the world—one school at a time.