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2. Sundays starting September 15, 9:30-10:15 am, Ann Over will lead a scripture-based study and conversation. Curriculum to be confirmed by ASF team and announced soon.

If you have any questions or input, please contact Ann via email or phone (annover@icloud.com, 216.225.6549).

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COME TO THE TABLE TRAINING

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Please watch for the weekly Kid's Worship emails that will contain important dates and information! Not getting those? Message kanaris@mhcucc.org to sign up!

BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION

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Save the Date - September 29

Sign up for the project of your choice in the church lobby beginning on September 1, 8, 15 and 22 or view projects and sign up through our website.

Donations Needed

- Artificial Christmas greens, small ornaments, garlands, small pinecones, silk poinsettias or other Christmas themed decorations, plus small baskets or containers. We are making arrangements to be sold by Church Street Ministries at their annual holiday sale. Last year's sold like hotcakes.
- Individually wrapped toothbrushes, toothpaste, bar soap, shampoo, shaving cream or lotion for packaging and donation to Trials of Hope.
- New socks for men, women or children for Trials of Hope.
- Pill bottles – NO LABELS. If you cannot get the label off, neither can we. These will be cleaned, packed and donated to Matthew 25 in Cincinnati where they will be sent to developing countries.

Wondering about our continued relationship with **CHURCH STREET MINISTRIES?**

churchstreetministries.org

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