

# Meet Your Women's Ministry Team:

## Jan Derby



### **Involvement with PCA Women's Ministry:**

- 35+ years of participation in local church PCA women's ministry.
- Served as Heritage PresWIC VP and President (1998-2003)
- Currently serving as Northeast Regional Advisor on PCA WM team.

**Home church:** We have been members of Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Newark, DE since 1978. I love serving in women's ministry as a teacher as well as through various roles on our council. To keep connected with the younger generation, I enjoy serving in nursery, as a leader in Pioneer Club (grades K - 2), and as a mentor mom for our MOPs program.

### **What is on your nightstand?:**

1. *The Envy of Eve* by Melissa Kruger (currently teaching this study)
2. *Rooted—The Apostles' Creed* by Raymond Cannata & Joshua Reitano (current small group study)
3. *Choosing Gratitude—Your Journey to Joy* by Nancy Leigh DeMoss
4. *This Old House* magazine (my husband's copy, but I love looking at the "make-overs")

**What makes you laugh?:** My husband (his dry, well-timed humor) and my daughter, Melissa, who from a young age earned the title of "family entertainer". Her Facebook postings are my daily chuckle!

**Favorite meal?** Anything my husband grills, especially pork chops! I also love all types of pasta.

### **Your hopes and dreams for PCA Women's Ministry:**

It breaks my heart to see covenant children not walking with the Lord. It challenges my heart that so many people have no church background or have a misguided understanding of spiritual matters. I pray that through sound and vibrant intergenerational women's ministry more lives will be transformed as we teach truth and invest ourselves in genuine relationships that reflect the love of Christ.

**Family:** My husband Dwight is a ruling elder and oversees outreach ministries and has helped to lead small groups and SS classes. We have been married for 40 years and have three married daughters who have blessed us with 12 grandchildren. Our children attend three different PCA churches, all in Heritage presbytery!

**A Woman Who Has Shaped You & Why You Pick Her:** Ruth Auffarth was our pastor wife when I first came to EP Church. I, like many others, consider her a spiritual mother as I sat under many years of her teaching—learning from the Word and by her example the joy of biblical womanhood and a better understanding of covenant theology. She demonstrates such a servant heart, an interest in others, genuine humility, a deep faith and radiant joy in her daily walk with the Lord.