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***Study Group Re-images
"Bad Girls of the Bible"***

"Have you ever wondered what Eve would say about that apple, that snake and Adam pointing the finger at her?" asked Audrey DuPuy, who will lead a six-week Bible Study on women of questionable virtue in the Bible at St. John United Church of Christ, 520 Fairfield Avenue (Route 8), Bellevue, KY, just 1/2 mile east of Newport on the Levee.

The group will focus on Barbara J. Essex's book, Bad Girls of the Bible: Exploring Women of Questionable Virtue, each Wednesday from 7-8 p.m. from April 25 to May 30.

A graduate of the Methodist Theological School in Ohio and a former pastor in the United Methodist Church, Ms. DuPuy said that the study group will allow us to hear the "other side of the story" from Eve, Tamar (Judah's daughter-in-law), Delilah, Jezebel and Gomer (the abused wife of the prophet Hosea).

"These women, over the centuries, have been "bad-mouthed," bashed, besmirched, battered, and belittled by patriarchal religion. But their voices cannot be silenced. We hope that their voices will be a source of spiritual renewal and power for us in the 21st century," DuPuy said.

This Bible Study is a continuation of reflections on Biblical themes conducted by Rev. Keith Haithcock, Pastor and Teacher of St. John United Church of Christ. The series began last fall with a four-week sermon/study of the Book of Job. Last October, Rev. Haithcock led the group in an intensive study of the lectionary scriptures that he preached each Sunday and they concluded that module with a 10-week look at The Heart of Christianity by Marcus Borg.

Patricia M. Miller, Ph.d., a feminist, liberation theologian, will be the guest teacher May 16 when the class considers the story of Jezebel, one of the most vilified and despised women in the Christian scriptures.

"Bad Girls of the Bible" study group is free and open to the public. For more information call (859) 291-2066 or visit the church website at www.StJohnChurch.net.

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