

UMW UPDATE



Welcome to United Methodist Women

Our monthly gatherings are held the second Tuesday of each month from September through May. Morning meetings are from 9-11 am and evening meetings are from 7-9 pm. Childcare is available by registering your children 72 hours in advance on Sign-Up Genius at stmarkscarmel.org/sundaykids

PRESIDENTS CORNER

The spring UMW event line up in the pages of this wonderful newsletter is action packed with much to be accomplished before we wind down for the summer. The 2017/18 season has already been a banner year blessed with an increase in membership, excess charity donations, impact to new missions like *The Hope Center* and *Ascent 121*, and renewed commitment to long time loves like *Brightwood Community Center* and *Fletcher Place*.

We are thankful for new leadership in various roles and the wisdom of those who have served for many,

many years. We continue to work on effective orientation and new ideas. We seek the next thing that God will lay on our hearts and we serve with joy!

Thankful to be a part of this faith, hope and love,
Holly Moore with Susan Salter & Barbie Schmenner

St Mark's UMW Co-Presidents

MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS & FRIENDS BANQUET

MAY 8TH, 6:30 PM



St. Mark's United Methodist Women
**Mothers, Daughters,
& Friends Banquet**
HAT'S OFF TO MOM!
Date: Tuesday May 8, 2018 Time: 6:30 p.m.
St. Mark's Wesley Hall 4780 E 126th St. Carmel, IN 46033
317-846-4912 www.stmarkscarmel.org

- **Adults - \$12.00**
- **Children 6 – 12 years - \$10.00**
- **5 and under – Free**



All women of the church – all ages – are invited. Bring your Mom, your aunt, your daughter, your sister, your friend, and your favorite hat, but don't miss out on this fun evening of fellowship and party favors. Sit back and enjoy being served dinner by the United Methodist Men. Catering by Sahn's. The annual Mother, Daughter Banquet is our largest gathering of the year and volunteers will be needed to help plan and organize. Look for the sign-up sheets at our next meeting.

Contact Steff Mabe for additional information and to volunteer.

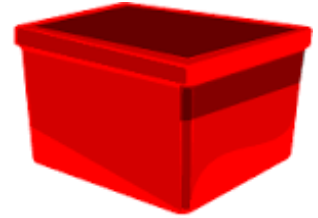
RED TOTE MISSION

Fletcher Place Community Center, located at the corner of State & Prospect in Indianapolis, is dedicated to alleviating poverty & hunger for families, youth and homeless persons in their neighborhood. They provide the support, help and encouragement some families need to overcome financial struggles utilizing a small staff and thousands of volunteer hours each year. *Fletcher Place Community Center* is St. Mark's April mission focus.

Volunteer opportunities range from serving a meal, sorting donations for the free thrift store, stocking food in the food pantry, helping out in the *Art in the City* program, working in the *Seeds of Hope Community Garden Project* or annual *Christmas Store*, or helping with building upkeep. A team from St. Mark's serves breakfast at the center the 4th Thursday of each month.

The UMW will join St. Mark's in supporting this mission opportunity in the month of April. You may donate on Sunday mornings during April or make a donation at the UMW meetings on April 10th.

Linda Schenk
Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation



SOCIAL ACTION

I CAN'T HEAR YOU!

Three members of St. Marks recently told me that they can't hear in numerous church settings. One member thought that he might quit going to a class because he not only could not understand the leader, but also had difficulty understanding other members of the class.

The inability to hear properly leads to social isolation, anger and sadness, but it is very common. Technologies grouped under a category called "assistive listening" may help. These technologies are used with amplified sound such as that provided by a microphone with speakers. They work together with hearing aid compatible receivers. "A receiver is hearing aid compatible when it works with a telecoil installed in a hearing aid or cochlear implant." So these technologies will be available only when the user has a hearing aid or cochlear implant that has a telecoil. One estimate states that 70% of hearing aids and cochlear implants have these telecoils.



What can you do? If you or someone close to you who attends St. Marks has significant hearing impairment, please contact Justin Vance and let him know **if you would be willing to wear something around your neck or would rather have a system installed that automatically works with the hearing aid?** Justin would appreciate any of your comments regarding assisted listening technologies.

Gail Lee
Mission Coordinator for Social Action

BRIGHTWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

The UMW will resume serving meals for Brightwood on Monday, April 23rd, so watch for the sign-up genius to come out the week before.

For questions contact Kathi Hall





BIRTHDAY WISHES

St Marks United Methodist Women would like to wish a very happy birthday to all those who are celebrating this month!

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| Shelly Gidley | 4/1 | Amy Adams | 4/9 | Jane Fecht | 4/22 |
| Kat Howe | 4/1 | Carol Cobbs | 4/10 | Angela Stackhouse | 4/22 |
| Trisha Staneart | 4/2 | Marlene Myers | 4/10 | Leslie Babione | 4/25 |
| Lia Goens | 4/4 | Ali Lemberg | 4/11 | Katie Sjoberg | 4/25 |
| Laurel Smith | 4/4 | Stacey Simpson | 4/14 | Liz Fuller | 4/28 |
| Mary Hayes | 4/5 | Charone Leshner | 4/17 | Helene Wanker | 4/29 |
| Sue Long | 4/8 | Jonene McDermid | 4/18 | Kathy Deakyne | 4/30 |

With faith, hope and love, Sarah Lasbury & Linda Mitchell-Powell
Mission Coordinators for Membership, Nurture and Outreach

CONNECT WITH UMW ON FACEBOOK

Are you on Facebook? I'm a teensy bit embarrassed to admit that Facebook is a primary source of news for me. I love keeping up with my friends & family from all different stages of life. Join our closed group! We post pictures, events and news going on within UMW. These pictures and events are only viewed by our group. If you would like to join the group, type in the name UMW –

St Marks Carmel in the search bar and ask to join. Kathy Lentz, Barbie and I are admins and can accept your invitation. We currently have 48 members in our Facebook group and would love for you to join us!!!

Need a Facebook lesson? Please don't hesitate to give me a call.
Holly Moore



LOOKING FOR THE NEXT UMW NEWSLETTER EDITOR



Do you have basic computer skills that you would like to put to good use and a desire to become more involved with the UMW? Then you should consider volunteering to serve as the *Update's* newsletter editor for the 2018-2019 year. No fancy software is required, just the basic word processing software that comes preinstalled on your computer will suffice. Please contact me for a description of what's involved and to answer any question you may have.

Laura McCloughan
Newsletter Editor

NATIONAL UMW READING PROGRAM

Every year the United Methodist Women's National Office recommends a diverse range of books with the intention of broadening exposure to a variety of concepts. This program organizes books into five categories. Our UMW Reading Program group selects a book from each of the categories and meets five times a year for fellowship and book discussion.

The remaining reading categories and discussion dates for 2018 are as follows:

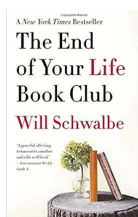
April 30 - Nurturing for Community

August 27 - Social Action

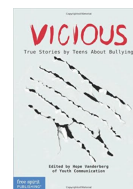
October 29 - Spiritual Growth

Our next discussion is April 30th, 7pm to 8:30pm in the church library. Examples in the Nurturing for Community category are:

- ***The Perfect Place*** by Teresa E. Harris
- ***The End of Your Life Book Club*** by Will Schwalbe



- **Vicious True Stories by Teens About Bullying** Edited by Hope Vanderberg



You are welcome to attend and learn more about the program even if you have not read a book.

For your convenience, brochures describing the reading program are available for pick up from the Library's UMW book shelf or visit the website <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram>

The St. Marks Library has a list of the reading program books in its collection at stmarkscarmel.booksys.net/opac/stmarkscarmel/index.html?mode=main#menuBookLists

Contact Kathy Lentz if you have any questions.

Reading - Learning - Growing - Fellowship

UPCOMING UMW EVENTS

Trinkets & Treasures Rummage Sale
Friday, May 25th - Saturday, May 26th

Has the recent warm weather got you in the mood to throw open the windows and start your spring cleaning? Be sure to gather your non-clothing donations as you clean and remember that Trisha Stanearth has offered her garage to store items for the sale in May. Workers will be needed to sort, organize and price donations from Monday through Thursday leading up to the event as well as to staff the cashier's table and work the floor on Friday and Saturday. The sale ends at noon on Saturday and workers will also be needed to pack-up and clean-up. Be on the look-out for sign-up sheets at our upcoming meetings!

Trinkets and Treasures is our biggest fundraiser of the year with all proceeds going to missions, so be sure to clean out those closets ladies!

For questions, contact Jean Douglas, Kathleen Zelner or Deb Ranek



UPCOMING UMW EVENTS (CONTINUED)

**Collect and Connect****Saturday, May 26th**

If you haven't worn something in 2 years or if it no longer fits, bag your gently used clothing and shoes for "Collect and Connect" where the bags will be donated to Goodwill. For each bag collected, the UMW receives a \$5 clothing voucher that is given to IHN to help families getting back on their feet.

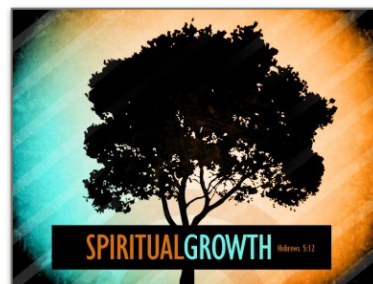
Contact Trisha Staneart with questions.

**St Mark's UMW Spiritual Retreat**

As we begin gathering ideas for a 2018 UMW Spiritual Retreat we are searching for an individual or individuals who would be interested in leading the event this year. Could it be you? Please consider using your talents to lead this year's retreat.

Please contact one of us to volunteer:

- Pastor Mary Ann Moman
- Susan Salter
- Barbie Schmenner



UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

North Central District Spring Meeting

Saturday, April 28th, 1-3pm

Registration begins at 12:30 pm

Speakers: Missions in Albania - The River Church of Marion

Location: Fowlerton UMC, 117 W. 3rd Street, Fowlerton, IN 46930

**Come and Celebrate!**

RSVP by April 20th to:

Marilyn Chittick

1705 S Williams Rd., Frankfort, IN 46041

765-654-6870 or chittick39@gmail.com

Please be sure to indicate if you need childcare when you RSVP.



UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS

It's Time to Prepare for Assembly 2018 May 18-20, 2018!



Registration is open at www.umwassembly.org. The cost is \$330 and includes 2 healthy lunches on Friday and Saturday. [Click here for more information.](#)

Assembly 2018 is a time for fellowship and an opportunity to empower faithful women to be stronger leaders in their communities. Through moving worship services, inspiring speakers, exhibits, workshops & town hall-style meetings, you will leave Assembly with the knowledge, courage and determination to change the world as part of this daring and compassionate 150-year-old movement.

Kathy Lentz, Susan Salter, Barbie Schmenner, Trisha Stanearth & Mary Etta Yoho plan to attend and invite you to join them.

If you need more information or help, please contact the Indiana Conference Assembly coordinator Rita Gaither-Gant at 317-549-3574 (home) or 317-752-6464 (mobile) or at gaitrgantm@aol.com.

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The *North Central Connection* and the *Mission Messenger* have an abundance of information about our UMW North Central District and IN conference events. Be sure to check out the newsletters at stmarkscarmel.org/umw

UMW CALENDAR 2017-2018

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| 4/3/18 | 7 pm | Board Meeting |
| 4/10/18 | 9 am & 7 pm | Morning & Evening Meeting/Interest Groups - St. Mark's UMC |
| 4/28 | 1 - 3 pm | North Central District Spring Meeting - Fowlerton UMC* |
| 5/1/18 | 7 pm | Board Meeting |
| 5/8/18 | 6:30 pm | Mothers, Daughters & Friends Banquet - St. Mark's Wesley Hall |
| 5/18 - 5/20 | Fri.-Sun. | United Methodist Women Assembly - Columbus, Ohio* |
| 5/25 - 5/26 | Fri.-Sat. | Trinkets & Treasures Rummage Sale - St. Mark's UMC, Wesley Hall |
| 5/26/18 | Sat. | Goodwill Clothing Drive (Benefits Family Promise/IHN) - St. Mark's |

*Indicates off-site events, Update & other newsletters available via link: stmarkscarmel.org/umw Questions: umw@stmarkscarmel.org



MORNING INTEREST GROUPS

Spiritual Growth

Facilitator: Pastor Mary Ann Moman

This group will use the book *Between the Dark and the Daylight* by Joan Chittister. We will continue exploring the ways that we grow through difficult circumstances. Books are available.

Bookworms

Facilitator: Robyn Robeson

For April, we will be discussing *A Single Act of Gratitude* by John Kralide. Our remaining book selection for the 2017-2018 year is *Act of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein.

Make It and Take It

Facilitators: Marilyn Roberts and Kathy Dycus

In April we will be making cherry blossom branches to use in your spring décor. Join us for another fun crafting experience!

March's *Make It and Take It* participants



Color and Chat

Facilitator: Becky Mills

Coloring isn't just for kids! Come enjoy fellowship while coloring with UMW friends. This group will color and discuss pages with inspirational quotes and scriptures.

EVENING INTEREST GROUPS

Bookmarkers

Facilitator: Deb Skinner

For April we will discuss *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper* by Phaedra Patrick.

Our upcoming selections are:

May - *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah

Summer - *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith

Spiritual Reflections

Facilitator: Holly Moore

Applying biblical study to our everyday lives. This group uses a series of videos and study guides to help us apply the teachings of Jesus to our life challenges. We'll continue with *God Heard our Cry*, 5 faith lessons from Ray Vanerlaan.



UMW BOARD 2017 - 2018

| Board Position | |
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| Co-Presidents | Holly Moore, Susan Salter and Barbie Schmenner |
| VP of Programming & Interest Groups | Steff Mabe |
| VP of Fund Raising | Kathy Dycus |
| Recording Secretary | Trisha Stanearth |
| Corresponding Secretary | Beth Montag |
| Treasurer | Karen Demler |
| Assistant Treasurer | Ada Hoffmaster |
| Spiritual Growth | Susan Salter |
| Education & Interpretation | Linda Schenk |
| Membership Nurture & Outreach | Linda Mitchell Powell and Sarah Lasbury |
| Social Action | Gail Lee |
| Secretary of Program Resources | Kathy Lentz |
| Nominations Chair | Gail Lee |
| Publicity & PR Chair | Marilyn Roberts |
| Communications/Newsletter Editor | Laura McCloughan |
| Members-at-large | Kathi Hall, Peggy Hoy and Sandy Melin |
| Support Team | |
| Historian/Photographer | Kathy Lentz and Barbie Schmenner |
| Hospitality Coordinators AM | Cathy Wilkinson and Janice Presley |
| Hospitality Coordinators PM | Kathleen Zelner and Kit Zelner |
| Pianist AM | Pam Whitehead |
| Pianist PM | Pat Parks |
| Song Leader AM | Lydia Fourman |
| Bulletin Board Coordinator | Kathleen Zelner |

APRIL PRAYER CALENDAR

God calls each one of use to love and serve Jesus Christ and our neighbors near and far. God calls the church to do the same. How do we live out our calling in our time and place? What keeps us grounded when we experience challenges in our call? How do we enable others, both the empowered and those on the margins of society to fulfill their calls?

The women and men featured in the annual Prayer Calendar are faithful disciples of Jesus Christ who discern and respond to God's call in mission service in the United States and around the globe.

The Prayer Calendar presents callings in words and pictures that remind each of us of our calls, pointing us toward the great things God expects of us as we respond in faith to God's grace. Our response in faith includes the tithe of our time, our talent, and our resources—in prayer, action, and monetary gifts.

God calls us—let us joyfully and prayerfully respond.

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| APR 8 Gum Moon Residence Hall, San Francisco, Calif. | APR 8 Margaret Madison (CCW) |
| APR 9 Barbados. South Caribbean District of the Methodist Church of the Caribbean and Americas. Support to develop materials and programs for faith evolution of children, contributing to staff benefits, and costs of resources. | APR 9 |
| APR 10 Bolivia. Federacion Femenina Metodista De Bolivia. Equipping indigenous women through vocational training in leadership, business, and agriculture with faith and justice. | APR 10 Sahndirai Bwawa (GMF Intl), Nancy K. Gordon (DHMR) |
| APR 11 Columbia. CEPALC. Leadership development of church women, children, and youth in Colombia on inequality, discrimination, and violence to better prepare each group to build real peace in their communities. | APR 11 |
| APR 12 Democratic Republic of Congo. GO-UP Groundbreaking Primary School Construction in DRC. Building a primary school for boys and girls of Ntambo and the surrounding villages of DR Congo. | APR 12 John Jessup Peterson (DHMR), Rafael Ponce De Leon (S) |
| APR 13 Democratic Republic of Congo. Information Communication Technology for Development – ICT4D. Enabling access to information technology. | APR 13 Asha Cobb-Jones (S), Joanne Reich (DHMR) |
| APR 14 Hattie B. Cooper Community Center, Roxbury, Mass. | APR 14 Mozart Makafui Adevu (M), Ngoy Mulanga Kalangwa (M), Grace Mallare (DHMR) |

Field of Work Categories: CCW = Church and Community Workers, DMHR = Laypeople, GH = Global Health, GMF Intl = Global Mission Fellows – International, GMF US-2 = Global Mission Fellows US-2, HM = Home Missionary, M = Missionaries, REPM = Racial Ethnic Plan Missionaries, RM = Regional Missionaries, S = Staff

