

St Marks UMW Update- November 2019

“St Mark’s United Methodist Women” monthly gatherings take place September through May. They are held the second Tuesday each month.

Morning meetings: 9-11 am. Evening meetings: 7-9 pm. Childcare is provided! To register for childcare, please click on the link below:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignup/10c094ba9a722a13-childcare>

All are invited to join us for fun and fellowship!

The President’s Corner

Since I wrote last month, our calendar has been filled. In addition to our monthly meeting, there has been the Annual Conference at St. Luke’s UMC, The Fall Festival, and another gathering for women – “Heart Warming Retreat.”

The Annual Conference at St. Luke’s was an uplifting and educational experience for the UMW women who attended. A choir made up of homeless men and women from Indianapolis entertained us. As they lifted their voices to the songs, you could see the joy and hope on their faces. After their performance, the members of the choir joined the women at their tables for dinner. What uplifting stories were heard! The speaker for that night was a college educated man who decided that the best way he could help was to become homeless himself and

live among these men and women. During his presentation, he spoke of many ways that a solution for this problem could be realized. There is still a lot of work to do, but he expressed hope.

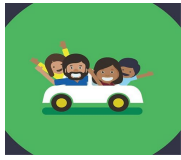
The Fall Festival was a fun event for the UMW of St. Mark’s. In a room decorated with a Halloween theme, we welcomed children and their parents. The volunteers dressed up and had games and candy available for the ghosts, goblins, pirates, and other characters. I don’t know who had more fun!

The Heart Warming Retreat was truly heartwarming. Our flyer says it best – “A perfect way to fill your soul with God’s love. A bible study emphasized the importance of caring for others followed by a “hands-on” mission project assembling baskets that will be given to church members who need our caring thoughts and love.”

In this upcoming holiday season, let’s keep the homeless, children, and in need church members in our thoughts and prayers. Reach out and make someone smile!

Steff, UMW President

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Rides to Meetings

We have members who have signed up in our survey to provide rides, and we would be happy to coordinate this with those who need rides.

Please let me know if you need a ride to the day meetings contact Ann Baker 812-480-6864. For evening meetings, Sonjia Clodfelder 765-744-6035, clod1725js@aol.com

2019 Pledges for UMW

Through the UMW channels of mission giving, we can help to provide hope and security to marginalized people both locally and beyond. In this season of giving, UMW members can thank God through our service, prayers, pledges and offerings. Your 2019 Pledge will help support the numerous mission programs of St. Mark's UMW.

Cash donations or checks are welcome.

Checks should be made payable to St Mark's UMW. For questions, please contact Sarah Lasbury at sblasbury@comcast.net or 219+-718-5957. We are thankful for the enthusiastic, involved members of St. Mark's United Methodist Women.

****If you pledged funds to our UMW for the 2019 year, please plan to complete your giving by the December 10th meeting.** Reminders are being sent out to those who completed a pledge, indicating the current status.**

2020 UNITED METHODIST WOMEN READING PROGRAM



UMW Reading Program “Your Windows to the World” St Marks Church Library

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 five categories:

Education for Mission
Leadership Development
Nurturing for Community
Social Action
Spiritual Growth

The next UMW reading program meeting will be in February due to the church's construction and lack of access to books. The date, topic and location will be decided in the New Year. If you have not reported your reading for this year, you still have til Dec 31st. Please let Susan Salter know. Check out the National UMW Reading Program website at:

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram>

Do not hesitate to contact Susan Salter at Sbf5salter@att.net or 317-848-1194 if you have any questions.

Update Articles

Please submit all articles for the "Update" to Peggy-Anne Hoy at pahat664@gmail.com

Distribution List Changes

Please submit any changes to Laura McCloughan at laura.mccloughan@gmail.com

Social Action and UMW

Gun Violence and Our Youth

All forms of violence are detestable, but guns make violence more deadly and more frequent. From Columbine, to Sandy Hook, to Parkland, gun violence against our youth has become an all-too-frightening phenomenon.

Join Kate King on November 17 at 9:40 a.m. for a discussion of "*A Mother's Reckoning Living in the Aftermath of Tragedy*," a haunting chronicle of the grief and shame Dylan Klebold's mother experienced in the wake of the Columbine shooting. This book sheds light on one of the most pressing issues of our time, recognizing and responding to emotional distress in our youth as well as the connection between brain health and violence. Stop by the Social Justice Connection table to purchase a book and sign up . . . and join our *Friends of Social Justice* email list to receive regular updates from the St. Mark's Social Justice Team.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God."—
Matthew 5:9

October was National Domestic Violence Awareness month.

Information cards about **Prevail** (which serves the community as an advocate for victims of crime and abuse in Hamilton and surrounding counties) are being added to all restroom in the church,\.

UMW November Mission:

Fletcher Place Christmas Store

Fletcher Place Community Center has designed a Christmas shopping program for families struggling financially during the holiday season, to shop at no cost for their children's Christmas gift of toys and clothing. Each family also receives a food order and a special gift for the parents. This year St Marks has been asked to consider to bring the following:

Toys, games or art supplies for children 6- 10 years old.

Canned peas, carrots or mixed vegetables. Dried beans- pinto, black or lentils.

These items can be left by Sunday Nov 24th in the boxes marked Fletcher Place in the Narthex. Delivery of these items to Fletcher Place will occur Tuesday December 3rd. If you would like to help, please contact Linda Schenk.

UMW Interest Groups

Morning Groups

BOOKWORMS

A book discussion group that reads both fiction and nonfiction. The books may or may not be related to Christianity, but we will often ask if the material points us

toward redemption, reconciliation and grace. November 12, 2019- **Little Heathens by Mildred Kalish**

January 2020- Sea of Memories Fiona Valpy

February 2020- Some Luck Jane Smilely

March 2020- A Piece of the World Christina Baker Kline

April 2020- The Boys in the Boat Daniel James

Facilitator: Gail Lee

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

In Practicing Resurrection, author Janet Wolf explores what it means to live a life of radical discipleship today using the Gospel of Mark as the foundation. The stories of the women in Mark are a particular focus in this study. Wolf's book (\$10) is available from Mary Ann Moman, Facilitator

MAKE IT AND TAKE IT

We will be making Christmas ornaments that will add a little sparkle to any Christmas tree! All materials will be supplied. Come join the fun!

Facilitators: Kathy Dycus and Marilyn Roberts

Color and Chat

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.

Facilitators: Deirdre Robinson and Cathy Brinkman

Evening Groups

BOOKMARKERS

The evening Bookmarkers read anything and everything, and enjoy lively discussion, fellowship and support. For November, we will be reading:

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens.

JANUARY - The Girl with Seven Names by Hyeonsceo Lee and David John

FEBRUARY - That's How It Always Is by Laurie Frankel

MARCH - A Mighty Long Way by Carlotta Walls Lanier

APRIL - Sensible Shoes by Sharon Garlough Brown

MAY - Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds

SUMMER - The Crazy Ladies of Pearl Street by Trevanian

Facilitator: Debbie Skinner

dskins25@hotmail.com or call 317-574-1997 with any questions.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

Spiritual Reflections will use an Adam Hamilton study called *The Call: The Life and Message of The Apostle Paul*. We

will use this study to guide our thoughts on how this might apply to our current life. No preparation required. We watch a video and discuss its content. You can study the lesson in advance if you want or not.

Facilitator: Holly Moore

(If there is an interest group you would like to see offered or you would enjoy facilitating,

Contact Mary Etta Yoho at 765/215-7773 or maryetta.yoho@gmail.com)

REMINDER -

November is **World Thank Offering** Month. It is a time where we collect our spare change. The funds collected are used in the total program of mission and advocacy in the United States and around the world. The change will be collected at the meeting.

Pledge Service

At our November meeting, we will have our pledge service for 2020. Please prayerful consider how you can support UMW in the upcoming year.



United Methodist Women would like to wish a very happy birthday to all those who are celebrating

Susan Sveen	11/15
Kassie Schafer	11/17
Doreen Velde	11/18
Miriam Taylor	11/19
Ginny Nelson, Frances Palmer & Kit Zelner	11/20
Dorothy Ensign	11/21
Janice Jackson & Donna Schwartz	11/22

Leslie Simich	11/24
Steff Mabe & Natalie Maenhout	11/25
Karen Horton	11/27
Amy Jones & Janet Lucas	11/28
Donna Payne	11/30
Pam Whitehead	12/2
Ingrid Fitschen	12/3
Fran Hageboeck	12/9
Jodi Horst-Miller & Robin Spyker	12/12
Sarah Copeland & Heather Winters	12/14
Barbara Regnault	12/15

Let us know if we have left anyone out.

With faith, hope & love,
Membership, Nurture and Outreach
Chairs
Ann Baker, Linda Mitchell-Powell and
Sonjia Clodfelder

Reminder- The Mission Messenger which is the Indiana UMW newsletter is available via link on the St Mark's UMW website. <http://www.stmarkscarmel.org/umw>

GEORGIA PECANS

The UMW is selling pecans again this year. The candied pecans are packaged in lovely foil bags, pretty enough for gift giving. (Think: teachers, business associates neighbors and other hard-to-buy-for friends)

This year we will have: Milk Chocolate, Dark Chocolate, Pecan Clusters (like "Turtles"), Cinnamon Glaze and new this year are Glazed Pecans. Of course we will have the 12 oz whole pecans and pecan pieces for baking and snacking.

Schumer Pecans have been able to control their costs so we can still offer these delicious pecans at \$10.00/bag.

All the proceeds from this sale will be given to the many missions of your UMW. Thanking you in advance for your support.

Questions? Email Susan at sbf5salter@att.net or Linda Mitchell Powell at linda1271@sbcglobal.net





Arts and Crafts Marketplace

Saturday November 16,
9:00 am-4:00pm

The UMW Arts and Crafts Marketplace date is quickly approaching! Remember to stop in for fun, unique Christmas shopping, as all items are beautifully handmade. There is also a bake sale, with a large selection of yummy foods made by UMW members. Stay for a delicious, light lunch with homemade soup, sandwiches, and dessert offerings. All proceeds will go toward our many UMW mission projects. We hope to see you there!

We also will have a UMW booth with craft items made by our members. If you have any crafts that you would like to donate, bring them with your name attached and suggested price to

the church office the week of the sale.

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Ada Hoffmaster at
ahoffmaster@indy.rr.com



In the Mood for Baking?

The 2019 Arts and Crafts Marketplace, to be held on Saturday, November 16th, will once again feature a bake sale table. Fudge, cookies, brownies and pies have always been popular items.

Cakes and quick breads will be in demand. Since we are selling St Mark's world famous Bean Soup mix, some savory bread to go with the soup will also be welcome. Please label your treats and note if they contain nuts. The grouping of cookies and brownies in batches of 2, 3, 6 or 12 works well. Some of our vendors purchase these for a mid-morning snack. Baked goods may be received Friday, November 15th from 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. or early Saturday morning in the fellowship hall. Any questions?- please contact Gail Lee



SAVE THE DATE

UMW Christmas Gathering – Tuesday, Dec. 10th, 7 pm

Save the date! We will have a celebration of Christmas on December 10th. Guest speaker will be Shannon Priddy, National President of United Methodist Women. Bring a dessert or appetizer to share. Come and enjoy , food, carols, and fellowship.

2019 -2020 St Mark's UMW Board

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	Kathy Dycus
	Holly Moore

2019- 2020 Calendar - St. Mark's United Methodist Women

11/12/19 9am & 7pm	Morning & Evening Meeting/Interest Groups – St. Mark's UMC
11/16/20 9am-4pm	Arts & Crafts Marketplace, St. Mark's UMC, Wesley Hall
12/3/19 7 pm	Board Meeting (finalize budget)
12/10/19 7pm	Christmas Gathering (Mission Recognition) - St. Mark's UMC
1/7/20 7pm	Board Meeting
1/14/20 9am & 7pm	Morning & Evening Meeting/Interest Groups – St. Mark's UMC
2/4/20 7pm	Board Meeting
2/9/20 Sun.	Bake Sale Extravaganza – St. Mark's UMC
2/11/20 9am & 7pm	Morning & Evening Meeting/Interest Groups – St. Mark's UMC
3/3/20 7pm	Board Meeting
3/10/20 9am & 7pm	Morning & Evening Meeting/Interest Groups – St. Mark's UMC
4/7/20 7pm	Board Meeting
4/14/20 9am & 7pm	Morning & Evening Meeting/Interest Groups – St. Mark's UMC
5/5/20 7pm	Board Meeting
5/12/20 6:30pm	Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet – St. Mark's/Wesley Hall
5/22-5/23 Fri.-Sat.	Trinkets & Treasures Rummage Sale - St. Mark's/ Wesley
5/23/20 Sat.	Collect and Connect- Goodwill Clothing Drive – St. Mark's

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

Prayer Calendar

This year, we celebrate United Methodist Women and the General Board of Global Ministries as we consider how the legacy of mission compels us forward. Amidst the harsh demands of the world, mission offers a vision of a full and abundant life for all individuals and communities in partnership with the God of Shalom. Shalom, a Hebrew word, is often translated as "peace," but also implies harmony and wholeness. Missionaries proclaim good tidings through their words, deeds and sometimes their resistant silence. Often working against challenging forces in their community, culture and even church, missionaries continue to seek shalom and to pursue fullness of life – for the transformation of the world. In this new year, let us all respond to God's call to work for shalom in our own contexts.

MISSION FOCUS**BIRTHDAYS**

NOV 10 Wesley House Family Services, Key West, Fla.	NOV 10
NOV 11 Burundi. Burundi Annual Conference of the Africa Episcopal Area. Women's Coordinator: Valentine Cimpaye.	NOV 11 Diane Hassell (DHMR)
NOV 12 Sierra Leone. Sierra Leone Annual Conference. Young Women's Coordinator: Mary Nguanya Foday.	NOV 12 Senia Robinson (S)
NOV 13 Nigeria. Nigeria Episcopal Area. Women's Coordinator: Eunice Iliya.	NOV 13 Alysha Thompson (S), Alana Walls (S)
NOV 14 Poland. Poland In Mission Together. Supporting partnerships between churches in the United States and Poland's UMC.	NOV 14 Patricia Boudreaux (S), Jennifer Moore (M), Albert Willicor (M)
NOV 15 Romania. Romania In Mission Together. Strengthening and expanding the church and contributing to the transformation of society.	NOV 15 Rocio Barcenas Jauregui (M), Arrie Brandon (DHMR), Kennedy Oafallas Cruz (M), Rhett Thompson (M)
NOV 16 Wesley-Rankin Community Center, Dallas, Texas	NOV 16 Emma Cantor (M), Jin Yang Kim (M)

Field of Work Categories: CCW = Church and Community Workers, DHMR = Order of Deaconess and Home Missioner, GH = Global Health, GMF Intl = Global Mission Fellows International, GMF US-2 = Global Mission Fellows US-2, HM = Home Missionaries, M = Missionaries, REPM = Racial Ethnic Plan Missionaries, RM = Regional Missionaries, S = Staff.

Arts and Crafts Marketplace

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Twenty Five Vendors

featuring unique, handmade items
perfect for holiday gifting and decorating!

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Painted Rocks



Quilted Purses



Knit & Crochet Items



Handmade Jewelry



Jeweled Frames &
Trees



Ornaments



Wooden Toys



Decorative Scarves

Enjoy home-baked items and a light lunch at our Candy Cane Café.



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