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St Marks UMW Update - April 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

Sisters,

“We have all heard the saying, “Seeing is believing.” We’ve been taught this concept our whole lives. It would be easier at times to believe in God if I could see Him.

However, shouldn’t we see God in each other? I never want to tell someone I’m a Christian. I want them to see there is something different about the way I live my life. For so many Non-Christians, the first way they see God is through other people.”

...excerpt from *Nothing But a Seed – Finding God*. This really resonates with me. It comes from a collection of authors with ICHTHUS Ministries. Jesus was never afraid to ask questions, or to answer a question with another question. He taught us to seek first the kingdom of God, not certainty.

Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:12

In His Name,

Holly Moore

President

Holly.e.moore693@gmail.com

Rides to meetings/carpools

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 Sarah Lasbury 219-718-5957 sblasbury@comcast.net. 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 Karen Demler, UMW Treasurer @ 317-407-2339 or karend21856@gmail.com

We are thankful for the enthusiastic, involved members of St. Mark’s United Methodist Women.



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

The next UMW reading program meeting is Monday, April 29 at 7 PM in the church library. The other 2 dates for 2019 are: August 26, October 28

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

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: Racial Justice and United Methodist Women

Human rights for all people is a historic and ongoing principle of United Methodist Women. As United Methodists, we believe that:

“God is the creator of all people of all races, and we are all God’s children. Therefore, opportunities for fellowship and service, personal growth and freedom in every aspect of life are inherent rights of everyone.”

For over 150 years, women of the United Methodist tradition have worked to build a racially just society. From founding one of the first colleges for African-American women in 1873 to marching on Washington for civil rights legislation in 1963, United Methodist Women have led the way. Today, UMW continues to lead the fight on one of the most pressing racial issues of our time; mass criminalization of people of color. To learn more about the racial justice history of United Methodist women, Click the following link: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/rjtimeline>

Submitted by Kate King

April Mission Focus: Ascent 121 Prayer Journey

The Ascent 121 Prayer Journey is an opportunity for you to drive through the near east side of Indianapolis and pray for areas affected by trafficking and exploitation.

Through this experience, you will learn about the different social systems and recovery services available to survivors. Guided prayer stops allow you to pray for survivors, teens at risk, and those involved in the many social services that serve these young people.

St. Mark's UMW is sponsoring a Prayer Journey on Saturday, April 27 from 9 am to 12 noon. The journey begins at West Morris Street Church. We will leave St. Mark's at 8:20, if you would like to go with a group. The Prayer Journey is best experienced with small groups in a car. Each person needs to sign up individually by visiting ascent121.org and clicking on "Get Involved".

If you have questions about this opportunity, please contact Linda Schenk at lschenk@att.net or 812-454-0661.

Brightwood Meal

Thanks to everyone who helped with the February meal at Brightwood. The kids always enjoy our Mexican taco salad. The next meal UMW will serve will be Thursday, March 21. The sign-up genius will come out about one week before that. We will be leaving church at 3:00 and should be back by 6 if anyone wants to go serve. Contact Kathi Hall, khall7401@sbcglobal.net with questions.

NEEDS FOR THE MUSTARD SEED

The Mustard Seed of Central Indiana is located in Fishers. It is an organization that helps the homeless (especially veterans) by providing furniture and basic items once they are in homes. See the Mustard Seed website for a complete picture of the services they provide.

The Mustard Seed is in IMMEDIATE need of the following kitchen items:

**Dinner plates Salad plates Soup
bowls Drinking glasses Coffee
cups/mugs
Forks, knives, spoons Kitchen towels
Dish cloths Pot holders**

They also need:

Bath towels Wash cloths Hand towels
Queen sheets/spreads Full sheets/spreads
Please search your cabinets and closets for items you no longer need or use. You have no idea how much they will be appreciated!!!

You may bring your items to the fellowship hall at the church, or UMW member Janice Presley will pick them up at your home. Please call her at [217-621-8839](tel:217-621-8839) to arrange a pick-up time. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

UMW Interest Groups

A good portion of our monthly gathering is dedicated to breaking into small groups each with it's own topic of interest. These groups offer an opportunity to get to know fellow UMW members with common interests to share, learn and grow as fellow Christians.

The following interest groups normally meet each month following our regular meeting.

Morning Interest Groups

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

This group will be studying the book *Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living* by Jessica Stonecypher. The study will explore our relationship with creation, others and ourselves. We will engage in conversations with Biblical texts, current realities and possible ways to respond. Facilitator: Mary Ann Moman

BOOKWORMS

Bookworms is the UMW morning book discussion group. For April, The Bookworms will read *The Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline. While the books are seldom of a religious nature we will ask the question, "Do you see God's grace or redemption at work in the book?"
Facilitator: Gail Lee

MAKE IT AND TAKE IT

For April, we are making fabric covered Easter Eggs. They are so cute. Come give it a try!
Facilitated by Marilyn Roberts and Kathy Dycus.

SAMS (School Age Moms)

We are continuing our new group for Moms. SAMs (School Age Moms) will meet two Tuesdays a month. There will be a discussion group for the UMW morning and evening gatherings, and then we will meet the last Tuesday of the month. We will be using "*Where Moms Connect*" as our guide.
Facilitator: Ali Lemberg

Evening Interest Groups

BOOKMARKERS

Join us at BookMarkers, the evening book discussion group. We read anything and everything, and enjoy a lively discussion, fellowship and support. Please come, even if you haven't had a chance to read the book. We add an extra meeting in May and in the summer. The book for **April** is: **Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson**

List for the season:

May – Last Bus to Wisdom by Ivan Doig
Summer – The Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Rely

Contact Deb Skinner,
dskins25@hotmail.com or call
317-574-1997 with any questions.

SAMS SCHOOL AGE MOMS)

Same format as morning group.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

Facilitator: 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 will be using the DVD *Israel's Mission* by Ray Vander Laan which explores welcoming strangers and prodigals the Lord longs to embrace. Facilitator: Beth McGill



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

Shelly Gidley & Kat Howe 4/1
Trisha E. Stanart 4/2
Lia Goens 4/4
Mary Hayes 4/5
Michelle McClelland 4/7
Sue Long 4/8
Amy Adams 4/9
Carol Cobbs & Marlene Myers 4/10
Ali Lemberg 4/11
Stacey Simpson 4/14
Charone Leshner 4/17
Pat Jones & Jonene McDermid 4/18
Jane Fecht 4/22
Leslie Babione & Katie Sjoberg 4/25
Liz Fuller 4/28
Helene Wanker 4/29
Kathy DeaKyne 4/30

Please let us know if we left anyone out.

A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Pastor Brian will celebrate his 60th Birthday this year and it just happens to fall on a Sunday! Please join us in the Narthex on Sunday May 12th to recognize this special day for strawberry shortcake. Brian would also be honored by contributions to the scholarship in his name at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. Donations can be made via the website or in the church office to: Brian White Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary Scholarship Fund.

A FOND FAREWELL

Best wishes to Justin Vance
Hopefully you've heard that Justin Vance has accepted a position with Post Road Christian Church. His last Sunday will be April 28th. Please hang around in the Narthex after the Current, have some cake, and show your appreciation for the integral role that Justin has contributed to the Current over the last 7 years. It has been so fun to witness his gifts. If you would like to contribute towards a gift for Justin, please donate via the website or in the office noting your contribution is for Justin Vance.

ASK A FRIEND

The end of the year is coming. You still have April and the Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet to ask someone to come to a UMW meeting/banquet. The Trash and Treasures can be fun to work at with a friend. Thanks to those of you who extended a welcome to a potential member this year. Keep opening the welcome doors to invite a friend to become part of UMW at St. Mark's. Membership, Nurture and Outreach Chairs
Sarah Lasbury, Linda Mitchell-Powell and Sonjia Clodfelder

UPCOMING EVENTS

Brightwood Meal

Thanks to everyone who helped with the March meal at Brightwood. The kids always enjoy our Mexican taco salad. The next meal UMW will serve will be Thursday, April 25. The sign-up genius will come out about one week before that. We will be leaving church at 3:00 and should be back by 6 if anyone wants to go serve. Contact Kathi Hall, khall7401@sbcglobal.net with questions.

SAVE THE DATE

“Purse Full of Blessings” ... MOTHER, DAUGHTER, FRIEND BANQUET Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 PM



All women of the church - all ages - are invited. Bring your Mom, your aunt, your sister, your friend, and your favorite purse, 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 Sahm's. The annual Mother, Daughter, Friend Banquet is our largest gathering of the year and volunteers will be needed to help plan and organize. Look for the SignUp Genius on email. Contact Steff Mabe at [317-374-2529](tel:317-374-2529) for additional information and to volunteer.

Trinkets and Treasures

Friday 5/24 and Saturday 5/25

I have been asked to explain what Trinkets and Treasures is. We realized not all ladies are aware of this mission. Trinkets and Treasures is UMW's largest fundraiser. It is a giant rummage sale held Friday May 24th 8am to 4 pm and Saturday May 25 8 am to noon. Belongings can be brought to the church starting the Sunday May 19th. It is a monumental undertaking to sort ,

price and display all these treasures which is done Monday through Thursday. If you have an hour or two to spare, all help is welcome. A perk of working is that if you see something that you *must* have, you can purchase it before the sale to the public starts on the Friday.

We do not accept clothing.

but

Your used clothing can be bagged up for

“Collect and Connect”

which is held on **Saturday May 25th**

8 am -12 noon . For every bag of clothing that we collect for Goodwill, we get a \$5 voucher which we give to donate to missions such as IHN.

Trisha Stanearth has offered her garage to store your treasures if you do not have room.

Spring Retreat

2019 St. Mark’s UMW Retreat

Saturday, June 1st

10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Teter Lodge at Teter Organic Farm

10980 E. 221st Street, Noblesville

Want to get your hands dirty? Join with other women of St. Mark’s in our faith journeys as we help at the farm, enjoy the beauty of Mother Nature and plant “seeds of hope” in our souls. Mark your calendar and set aside time for You! Submitted by the UMW Retreat Committee

Reminder- The Spring Mission Messenger which is the Indiana UMW newsletter is available via link on the St Mark’s UMW website.



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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

<p>APR 7 Gum Moon Residence Hall, San Francisco, Calif.</p>	<p>APR 7 Mariellyn Dunlap Grace (CCW), Yvonne Njoroge (S), Soila Vincent (S), Laura Young (DHMR)</p>
<p>APR 8 Columbia. Iglesia Colombiana Metodista. Healthcare for Families Most Impacted by the Drug War – supporting the work and healthcare provided to rural communities near the Clinton Rabb Clinic.</p>	<p>APR 8 Margaret Madison (CCW), Odilon Mwaba (GMF Intl)</p>
<p>APR 9 Ecuador. Iglesia Evangelica Unida del Ecuador. Women’s Training and Empowerment – strengthening the spiritual formation, witness and mission service of the members of the Methodist Federation of Ecuador.</p>	<p>APR 9</p>
<p>APR 10 India. Imayam Social Welfare Association. Improving Maternal and Child Health – addressing maternal and child health in Coimbatore, India, through counseling on early marriage, healthy pregnancy and delivery, and family planning and nutrition.</p>	<p>APR 11 Naftal Guambe (GMF Intl)</p>
<p>APR 11 Costa Rica. Agua Viva Serves . Providing clean water to those in need.</p>	<p>APR 11 Naftal Guambe (GMF Intl)</p>
<p>APR 12 Cote d’Ivoire. Primary and Secondary Schools Construction. Constructing and providing schools in urban and rural areas within newly evangelized districts.</p>	<p>APR 12 Asha Cobb-Jones (S), John Jessup Peterson (DHMR), Rafael Ponce de Leon (S)</p>
<p>APR 13 Dulac Community Center, Dulac, La.</p>	<p>APR 13 Didier Monga (M), Alma Navarro (M), Joanne Reich (DHMR)</p>

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.