

St Marks UMW Update-February 2020

“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

Valentine’s Day. That always brings to mind the shape of a heart and expressions of love and caring.

The Heart Warming Retreat was one of the first things that popped into my mind this month. The retreat had a theme of hearts, love and caring. The activities that we participated in combined with the fellowship, filled our hearts and soul with God’s love. The main activity was to fill a basket with caring items: inspirations, heart shaped cookies that we decorated, prayer squares, angel ornament, tea

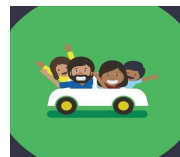
bags, hot chocolate mix, and of course, chocolate kisses – to name a few!

Our mission was to take the Caring Basket to a friend, a shut-in, or anyone that might need some kindness and caring. Cards and reports highlighted the visit and what it meant to the recipient – and to the giver.

I think that is a wonderful example of expressions of love! What other expressions of love can you think of?

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UMW President
Steffmabe@yahoo.com



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



LOVING OUR EARTH

Did you know that bottles used to package water take over 1,000 years to biodegrade and if incinerated, they produce toxic fumes? It is estimated that over 80% of all single-use water bottles used in the U.S. simply become "litter." What can you do to help the earth? Use reusable water bottles. Are you aware that the water fountains at St Marks have dispensers to refill this type of water bottle. If you use a single use water bottle- recycle it. There is a recycling container by the vending machine by Wesley Hall or take it home to your recycling bucket. Thank you.

2020 Pledge Forms.

With the combination of our UMW pledges and project profits we were able to reach out to many community and also some state, national and international programs. If you have not yet completed your pledge for 2020 UMW calendar year, you may still email me with your pledge amount. Please help us continue to meet our UMW mission.

Thank you.

Sarah Lasbury

sblasbury@comcast.net

Checks should be made payable to St Mark's UMW.

END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTION FORMS

The UMW contribution forms for 2019 have been emailed to any member who contributed directly to UMW. If you find you cannot print it, and need a paper copy, please let me know and I will bring it to the next meeting or mail it to you. If you have

any questions, please contact me at sblasbury@comcast.net. or 219+-718-5957.

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 first meeting of 2020 for the UMW Reading group will be **Monday, Feb. 24** at 7:00-8:30 PM in the LIBRARY! The beautiful new library. Sally Hubbard has given us one entire side of the rolling book shelf and we will be reading books from the purple Education for Missions category. A letter with new books will be sent for your information.

And don't forget the Response magazines on the bottom shelf for some inspiring reading on these cold winter nights.

Questions? call Susan Salter, 317-848-1194 or [email sbf5salter@att.net](mailto:sbf5salter@att.net)

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

The Social Action committee met on Monday Feb 3rd. In 2020, the emphasis will be on "Welcoming the Stranger". The winter focus is on Religious Diversity and Interfaith Relation. Join other on Sunday February 9, 16 & 23 at 6- 7 pm for a 3 part special screening and discussion of the award winning PBS documentary " Beyond Our Differences" Sign ups are online or on the Social Justice Connection table.

February/ March Mission:

We are collecting **Individually wrapped Candy and Bath and Body Works soaps and lotions.** This will be for the students at the **Indiana United Methodist Children's Home.** Feel free to drop off a container in one of the **RED TOTES outside Door 2.**

Reminder: We will hold our meeting in the sanctuary this month. Hopefully the construction will be done by next month and we can resume our meetings in the

Chapel. We are getting close 😊

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.

February 2020- Some Luck Jane Smiley
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
Facilitator: Mary Ann Moman

MAKE IT AND TAKE IT

This group is a little crafty, a little messy, and a lot of fun. No special craft skills are needed, and we supply the craft materials for a small fee. Come join the fun! The project for February will be painting a Valentine

surprise! Join us in room GH after the general meeting

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 **February**, we will be reading: **This Is 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)

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



Deb Ranek & Connie Tingley	2/15
Karen Demler, Deb Forbes & Jody Hook	2/18
Debbie Skinner	2/20
Peggy Nicolai & Cathy Wilkinson	2/21
Judy Bonnet	2/22
Linda Duncan & Sharon Roach	2/24
Mary Gospel	2/25
Rita Chreist	2/27
Joyce Click & Lisa Smith	3/7
Leigh Ann Braley	3/9
Rodene Gosselin	3/10
Elaine Lentz	3/12
Katie Kelly	3/15

Let us know if we have left anyone out.

To receive reminders about UMW activities, please send a note & your email address to

umw@stmarkscarmel.org.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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

**The Outreach theme for February-
“Random Acts of Kindness”**

Take a moment to introduce yourself to someone new. Smile at a stranger. Send a note to someone who needs a little pick me up. These small acts have a bigger impact than we can realize.

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>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Brightwood Meal

Thanks to everyone who helped with the last Brightwood meal. As always, the meal was well received. The next meal that UMW will provide will be on Thursday, Feb 20th and Mar 19th. We will leave church at 3:00 and should return around 6. Be watching for the sign-up genius to come out about a week before. Thanks for all your help with this important mission.

For questions contact: Kathi Hall
khall7401@sbcglobal.net. or
317-816-0518

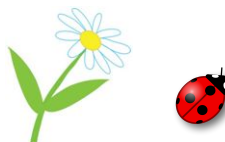


**Thinking of
Spring
Cleaning Yet?**

**Remember
Trinkets and**

Treasures is in need of all your wonderful donations for our sale. It will take place on Friday May 22 and Sat May 23. This is UMW’s biggest fundraiser. Item can be brought to the church on Sunday May 17th. If you do not have space to store your donations, Trisha Stanearth has offered up one of her garages for storage.

SAVE THE DATE



“It’s a buzz....

*Mother/Daughter/Friend
Night Is coming! Tuesday,
May 12, 6:30 – 8:00 pm!*

*Look for daisies and
ladybugs! Save the date!”*



JULIETS (Just Us Ladies into Eating Out) meet every 3rd Thursday to enjoy a meal and each other's company. If you are interested, they will be meeting this month at Rosie's Place in Carmel at 1130. Contact: Barb Johnson

TOUR of IUMCH

The UMW and anyone else who would like to come along will be making a visit to the Indiana United Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon

on Saturday, April 25th. We will carpool from church. We will plan to be there by 10:00. This is the day they have their annual Auxiliary Program, anyone can join the Auxiliary for a minimum donation of \$5.00. They provide some of the extra things needed by the children such as flu inoculations, orthodontia needs, transportation for home visits, educational supplies, trips to Kings

Island, recreational equipment and furnishings for the Teaching family homes. Lunch will be served with the kids joining us. After lunch we will be able to tour the homes and the campus. It will be a great way to meet some of the youth and learn more about the Home. More information will follow in the April newsletter, including registration for lunch (there will be a small charge for lunch). Put it on your calendar. For more information contact: Kathi Hall at: khall7401@sbcglobal.net

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

“What’s Going On In The United Methodist Church?”

You are invited to a congregational forum on Sunday March 8th at 3 pm to learn more about the upcoming General Conference in May. The various proposals for moving forward as a denomination will be discussed. Some of these proposals call for a separation into more than one denomination. Come be part of this information session. More details are coming in the March Jubilee.



DESSERT EXTRAVAGANZA!

Bake it, Make it, Bring it in!

Desserts and sweet treats of all types are needed for our winter fundraiser, Dessert Extravaganza, on February 9th. Cookies, cakes, candy, cupcakes, pie; whatever your specialty, we will sell it! We also encourage you to package your treat donations, keeping in mind a “Sweets for Your Sweetheart” theme. Thank you!

Drop off: You can drop your donations on Saturday, February 8th, 10-12 am, or Friday, February 7th, in the Narthex kitchen during church hours, 9-12 am.

For questions, please contact Sandy Melin at sandymelin01@gmail.com

2020 Calendar - St. Mark's United Methodist Women

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
11/7/20	Sat	Arts and Crafts Marketplace- St Mark's/ Wesley Hall

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

2020 UMW Legislative & Advocacy Day

Thursday, March 5, 10 am to 3 pm



MATERNAL and CHILD HEALTH

Reservations must be made for lunch (\$12), with Carol Tiller before February 28th.
csa5305@gmail.com (317) 313-9376 North
United Methodist Church 3808 N. Meridian St.
Indianapolis, Indiana 46208

2019 -2020 St Mark's UMW Board

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Mission Coordinator/Spiritual Growth (PM)	Miriam Taylor
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Mission Coordinator/Membership Nurture & Outreach AM	Ann Baker
	Linda Mitchell-Powell
Mission Coordinator/Membership Nurture & Outreach PM	Sonjia Clodfelder
Mission Coordinator/Social Action	Kate King
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Hospitality Coordinator PM	Kathleen Zelner
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Pianist PM	Lydia Fourman
Songleader, AM	Laura McCloughan
Webmaster	Kathi Hall
Members at Large	Kathy Dycus
	Holly Moore

Prayer Calendar

Some of us may remember the children's Sunday school song "Jesus Wants me for a Sunbeam." The simple verse reminds us of two basic Christian affirmations: First, that God is light, the source of all truth, goodness and love: and secondly, that followers of Jesus are expected to convey and be the light of God in the world. The identification of God with light is a frequent biblical theme from Genesis 1 – when God commanded "Let there be light"- to Revelation 22-God as illuminator in the new creation. Jesus refers to himself as "the light of the world" in John 8:12, and the disciples as such in Matthew 5:15, the passage in which the life of faith is likened to a candle shining in the darkness. The 2020 Prayer Calendar explores light as a theological and personal reality – the experience of God's light shining on and through us. It uses words and images to bear witness to God's light and to dramatize the various ways in which holy light brightens our individual and corporate dark places. The prayers here help us to shine a light on situations and sorrows in our world that need hope and healing, challenging us to expose abuse and evil that leave many people in shadows of despair and fear.

MISSION FOCUS

BIRTHDAYS

FEB 9 Camp Aldersgate, Little Rock, Arkansas	FEB 9 Theodore Warnock(M)
FEB 10 Kenya. Hope Foundation for African Women. Improving the health and economic well-being of women, children and youth living in Nyamira County.	FEB 10 Haniel Garibay(DHMR), Maria Maine(DHMR)
FEB 11 Ecuador. Iglesia Evangelica Metodista Unida Del Ecuador. Providing Christian education and socioeconomic development programs for children and families.	FEB 11 Rukang Chikomb(M)
FEB 12 India. Scholarship for Children for Education at Mabel Jones Hostel. Providing shelter and education for children in need.	FEB 12 Yelitza Aleman(S), Lucie Fortier(DHMR), Enock Gustave(DHMR)
FEB 13 Belize. Belize Methodist High School Scholarship and Construction Fund. Constructing a high school to build youth leadership and congregational development.	FEB 13
FEB 14 Liberia. Bishop Judith Craig Children Village. Providing basic needs, education, counseling and healthcare to orphaned children.	FEB 14 Lawrence Kies(M), Florence Ogugua Mefor(M)
FEB 15 Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia.	FEB 15 Rachael Antwi(S), Amy B. Fuselier(S)

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.

Spiritual Growth Retreat April 3-4, 2020

Begins Friday 7:00 p.m. Eastern— Saturday 3:00 p.m.
FRIDAY DINNER IS NOT INCLUDED

Rev. Regina Proctor
"30 Seconds and Then ALL Out!"
Luke 12:48b and Mark 12:39

Don Hall's Guest House
1313 W. Washington Center Road,
Fort Wayne, IN 46825



Cancellation Notice: Please be mindful that the conference incurs certain fixed costs due to contractual obligations. Because of our desire to be good stewards of mission funds, participants are asked to give at least 14 days' notice of cancellation.



Registration and payment need to be received by **February 29, 2020**. (Note the above 14 day cancellation policy.)

Name _____ District _____
Address _____ Church _____
City _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Please specify your choice by checking the appropriate option		
Room Type	Meals Included	Cost
1 person per room	Saturday breakfast and lunch	\$ 130
2 persons per room	Saturday breakfast and lunch	\$ 90 per person
3 persons per room	Saturday breakfast and lunch	\$ 75 per person
4 persons per room	Saturday breakfast and lunch	\$ 60 per person
Commuter (no overnight room)	Saturday lunch	\$ 35 per person

_____ Need Handicap Accessible Room Special Diet _____, Specify _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ (Make check payable to UMW of IN)

Roommates: (1) _____, (2) _____, (3) _____

Remember, registration is not complete without payment. Please send completed registration with your check made payable to UMW IN to: Marilyn Chittick 1705 S. Williams Road, Frankfort, IN 46041

Questions? home 765-654-6870 / cell: 765-652-5888 / chittick39@gmail.com



United Methodist Women of Indiana

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