



## St Marks UMW Update-Jan 2022

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**“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.**

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### **President’s Message**

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.2 . . . 1!!!! HAPPY NEW YEAR!!  
2022**

**is here! And what comes next? Resolutions!**

A new year is a great chance to start fresh and orient yourself toward your goals. It feels like a new beginning. The definition of resolution is – a firm decision to do or not do something. The idea of a resolution is commonly thought to have begun in ancient Babylon more than 4,000 years ago in an attempt to appease their gods. The Babylonians went before their gods with promises (resolutions) expecting favor in the New Year.

Some interesting facts about New Year’s resolutions:

40% - people make New Year’s resolutions

80% - resolutions are broken by the first week of February

8% - are successful

How other countries celebrate the New Year:

- Greece – an onion is hung on the front door as a symbol of rebirth. On New Year’s Day, parents wake up their children by tapping them on the head with the onion.

- Spain – on each of the 12 strokes of the clock, a grape is eaten.

- Denmark – people stand on chairs ready to “leap” into the New Year at the stroke of midnight.

Including God is an important part of personal resolutions. Your resolutions might make a good study for the month of January. Take three days on each resolution and study what God has to say on the subject. One resolution might be to reconnect with God. The good news is that God is always calling and drawing us back into a relationship with Him.

In Philippians, 4: 6-7, the Lord says, “Grant me peace above all else no matter the circumstances I may face this year.”

**Steff**

**UMW President**

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## Inclement Weather notice



If the regular meeting has to be canceled due to inclement weather, a notice will be put on the Church's Facebook page plus an email blast will be sent out to all members.

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## THANK YOU

Thank you to all who pledged and helped with any fundraising event. As a result, we had an extra \$9,000 to disperse at the end of the year. This is on top of our regularly budgeted disbursements. In such difficult times where charitable organizations are struggling, every little bit extra helps.

Lucille Raines residence - \$2000  
St Mark's Preschool Playground - \$500  
St Mark's Trustee Fund - water heater booster for kitchen- \$500  
SAWS program on behalf of UMM -\$500  
Ascent 121 -\$500  
Heart & Soul Free Clinic \$ 500  
IN UM Children's Home -\$500  
Prevail -\$500  
East 10th street UMC Youth Center - \$500  
Fletcher Place \_\$500  
Carmel UMC Food Bank - \$250  
Open Door in Westfield Food Bank -\$250  
Brightwood Food Pantry - \$250  
Third Phase Food Pantry - \$250  
Roberts Parks Soups On - \$500  
IHN- \$500  
Hamilton County Kids Coats - \$500

If you have questions for Pledges for 2022,, please contact me.

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## Update Articles

Please submit all articles for the "Update" to Peggy-Anne Hoy at [pahat664@gmail.com](mailto:pahat664@gmail.com)

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## Distribution List Changes

Please submit any changes to Laura McCloughan at  
[laura.mcclougham@gmail.com](mailto:laura.mcclougham@gmail.com)

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## Social Action/ Mission Education & Interpretation

### Build a Movement

I was feeling overwhelmed with how many things needed to be done. Then I read the message in the January/February Response written by Harriett Jane Olsen, General Secretary of UMW. Here are some excerpts from that inspiring statement:

*Leaders don't emerge in times of quiet or calm. Leaders step up when change is needed. Leaders steer through the tumult and loss.*

*Members of UMW are called to be leaders in this time in our church. We are called*

*because we know what it means to do God's work in the world.*

*The church can and must show the love of God to their community and demonstrate care for God's good creation. The church can and must be a place of reconciliation and advocacy for justice, and when it is, it will also be a place of engagement and excitement.*

*If we work together, can we evoke a church that is not rooted in patriarchy? Can we help construct a church with diverse leadership that is welcoming to all? Knowing that our cultural, ethnic, racial, gender, sexuality and generational differences are among our most important strengths, can we find ways and places to worship that speak to our hearts and honor our histories?*

Now is our chance to act like leaders, to assess what's happening, take action.

**Donna Schwartz/ Education and Interpretation**

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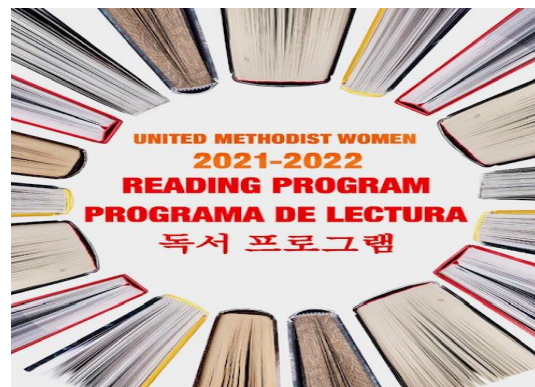
## **Mission Outreach for Jan**

We need: Individual packages of Hot Chocolate, Hot Cider and soup  
Tea Bags  
Fruit and Grain cereal bars  
Small bags of M & Ms  
Little Debbie Treats  
Individually wrapped candy  
Lip balm  
Small tubes of hand cream  
Blank Greeting cards/Think of you  
Glue sticks  
Yarns and Ribbons  
Stickers  
Tissue paper

Small pkgs of tissues/Kleenex  
Small 4 " stuffed animals ( found at some Five Below)  
Small books and devotionals

- - - Really anything that you think someone would appreciate receiving will be used and we are grateful for whatever you share to make this project a successful outreach.

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## **United Methodist Women “Your Window to the World” National Reading Program**

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National Reading Program Update  
9 new books were purchased for the Reading Program that cover all the 5 reading categories. The Reading Program will begin meeting again next year with the first book discussion on Monday, January 24, 2022. The first category is books from the Education for Mission category. Contact Kathy Lentz at [kathylentz@gmail.com](mailto:kathylentz@gmail.com) for more information.

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## **UMW Special Recognition Pins**

At the Christmas gathering, 3 individuals were recognized for all the hard work they do for UMW and the community. The pins were awarded to Kathleen Zelner, Sally Hubbard and Pam Whitehead.



### **Sally Hubbard & Kathleen Zelner**

**Sally Hubbard** -Do any of you know how the St Mark's library began? I believe St Marks library came about via a "Perfect Storm"

First -- George Davis was St Mark's Minister at the time and he believed it was important to provide Christian learning resource materials, books, classes, studies to the membership so they could find out answers to better understand their faith. He believed the better educated the membership was the easier it was for the staff. His goal was to -have a gift shop with books, cards, gifts, etc, and dream of a library in the future.

The second part of the storm has to do with my honoree -- who joined the church in 1995 -- Sally and Jim Hubbard. Sally is one of our Special Missions Recognition persons who I recognize tonight. When Sally arrived at the church she came with a Master degree in Library Science and was a Media Specialist at Lawrence North High School. She was the perfect person who could help George with a

library. With Sally's knowledge and George's dream they started the beginning of St. Mark's library. With the help of Pat Helms, they put in countless volunteer hours setting up a library in a small room. She began purchasing books, ordering bookshelves, organizing shelves, creating Dewey Decimal cards for the "card catalogue" and pasting pockets into the back of the books. Can you visualize the old library? George gave Sally the freedom to build a bigger library for the church and over 26 years later she has turned it into what we have now. She continues to conduct yearly inventories, researches new publications, reviews new books, has raised thousands of dollars through book sales and has implemented and administered the latest technology needed for our new electronic catalog. Her skills have created a highly efficient, up-to-date and beautiful library.

So at long last we are glad to honor this "behind the scene lady", Sally Hubbard. Who has put in thousands of hours volunteering - happily doing what she has always loved. Never asking for recognition or attention for her accomplishments. She justly deserves this award. What she might ask in return is that you use the library.

**Kathleen Zelner**-Our next Special Mission Recognition recipient is quietly in the background volunteering her time to fill needs that come up in the life of St. Mark's and United Methodist Women.

As a founding member of St. Mark's she was there when worship was held at the school down the road. She was already serving others before the church even had an official name. Her family was part of the procession from the school to our current building. Son David carried the wooden cross that became the center of the outdoor worship area.

She also served the community. Her love of children was evident, she was a school crossing guard even on the coldest of days.

If you ever wondered how the church library books get back on the shelves. Our Mission Recognition recipient helps see to that. Have you noticed the seasonal decorations on the library tables. Just an added touch she provides to make the room more inviting.

If there was a holiday event, especially involving children, she was there volunteering her time. UMW rummage sales aka Trinkets and Treasures, you can count on her to be there. Remember bulletin boards? For several years her hands decorated the United Methodist Women's bulletin board with pictures of past events and reminding us of what was happening next. She could also be seen in the church work-room helping collate the Sunday bulletins and church monthly newsletter.

The evening UMW has been the grateful recipient of her gift of decorating. For every meeting she had the perfect seasonal décor. Along with her daughter-in-law Kit, the table was set to receive the food we share during our time together. Always welcoming. Plus doing all the clean-up afterwards!

There are many ways through the years Kathleen Zelner has quietly been here helping our UMW and St. Mark's fulfill its mission of giving and tonight we are taking this special moment to honor her and say thank you. Thank you Kathleen you are truly a blessing to all of us.

**The third recipient Pam Whitehead will be featured next month as she was unable to attend the December gathering due to other commitments.**

## **UMW Gathering Tuesday January 11th**

**Join us this Tuesday, January 11th to begin the New Year with St. Mark's UMW. Morning Gathering is at 9:00 AM and the Evening Gathering is at 7:00 PM. in Cornerstone Commons. Light refreshments will be served, warm fellowship will be present, and you will be encouraged and inspired through our devotions and Interest Group Activities.**

**Hope to see you with us!**

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### **UMW INTEREST GROUPS**

#### **MORNING GROUPS**

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH:** The UMW Spiritual Studies group will use Daryl Stephens book: Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom. Facilitator: **Rodene Gosselin**

**BOOKWORMS** A book discussion group that reads both fiction and non-fiction. 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.

***The following books will be discussed by the Bookworms for the 2021-2022 year.***

***January     The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek by Michele Richardson***

***February   The Chilbury Ladies Choir by Jennifer Ryan***

***March       And Then There were None by Agathe Christie***

***April        The Doctors Blackwell by Janice Nimura***



*We will need to procure our own copies of The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek and The Doctors Blackwell.*

Facilitator: **Gail Lee** 317-650-5352.

**COLOR & 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 & Cathy Brinkman**

**CARE & SHARE:** gift bags/baskets for those needing an extra "you are loved and we are thinking of you". Your hands and hearts are the only requirements, all other supplies will be provided. Facilitators: **Sonjia Clodfelder**

**CULTURAL INSIGHTS:** This group will review different locations from around the world. The leaders have lived in specific regions and will share some of their experiences. Facilitator: **Ann Baker**

### **EVENING GROUPS**

**BOOKMARKERS-** This group reads a variety of subjects. Haven't read the book, then come for the discussion and fellowship.

The book for **Jan- Homecoming by Yaa Gyas ( For Don't Ban Books Month)**

February- Small Great Things by Jodi Piccoult ( For Black History Month)

March- The Girl Who Never read Norm Chomsky by Jana Cassale ( For Women's History Month)

April- The Beantown Girls by Jane Healey ( For WWII History Month)

May- The Paris Library: A Novel by Janet Skeslien ( For Library Month)

Summer Read- Once Upon a River by Diane Setterfield

**Facilitator: Debbie Skinner**

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

**CARE & SHARE:** gift bags/baskets for those needing an extra "you are loved and we are thinking of you". Your hands and hearts are the only requirements, all other supplies will be provided.

Facilitators: **Sonjia Clodfelder & Jodi Horst-Miller**

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**United Methodist Women would like to wish a very happy birthday to all those who are celebrating this January and February.**



Denise Broad & Mimi Stilwell	1/1
Mary Jane Bodnar	1/3
Pat Weeks	1/4
Dawn Stapert	1/5
Lydia Fourman	1/9
Pat Parks	1/10
Mary Ann Moman	1/12
Laura McCloughan	1/13
Lucy Sheehan	1/18
Becky Short	1/19
Karen Stelzer	1/22
Emily Stahl & Nancy Story	1/26
Jennifer Cloud-Buckner & Jane Van Dyne	1/27
Marilyn Bisbecos & Kathleen Wetzel	1/30
Camille Gaughan, Beth Montag & Marilyn Myers	1/31
Julie Gren, Lori Roberts & Victoria Snyder	2/1
Barbie Schmenner	2/2

Becky Beckman & Joann Herman	2/4
Anna Flohr & Joan Holtzberg	2/5
Pam Bollier	2/7
Jackie Rowell	2/8
Ada Hoffmaster	2/9
Julia Gonzales	2/12
Jennifer Fogo, Holly Moore\,	
Amy Pritchard & Jane Roberts	2/13
Jenny Wilkins	2/14
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

***Let us know if we have left anyone out.***

***To receive reminders about UMW activities, please send a note & your We look forward to hearing from you.***

With faith, hope & love,  
Membership, Nurture and Outreach Chairs:  
Ann Baker and Linda Schenk

## **January Theme from MNO Rejoice and Celebrate!**

**So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!**

**2 Corinthians 5:17 (NRSV)**

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## **Dessert Extravaganza**



**Bakers Needed:** The annual Dessert Extravaganza will be held on February 13. We are asking all our bakers and candy makers in the church to contribute if they can to this worthy event. We will be selling our baked goods outside the sanctuary at the three church services that morning. We are needing a few people to set up the Sat., Feb. 12 from 10-noon. Items can be dropped off at the church during this time period. If nuts are in the recipe, be sure to mark them accordingly. Look for signups in January at the UMW Meetings or online.

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Faith Talks are monthly conversations with United Methodist Women hosted by Jennifer R Farmer, Spotlight PR. Each conversation explores themes and resources that empower us to put faith, hope and love into action.

To access Faith Talks podcasts, go to [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org) and look for Faith Talks in the blue box.



**Carolyn Marshall of Lucille Raines Residence** which is solely supported by UMW. She spoke about the recovery program they provide at our Christmas gathering. She was presented with a check to help with repairs to the building by Mary Etta Yoho and Sonjia Clodfelder.

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## St Marks UMW Facebook Group

All women of St. Mark's UMC are invited to sign up for the Closed Facebook Group.

To sign up go to: UMW - St Marks Carmel



**JULIETS (Just Us Ladies into Eating Out)** Grindstone on the Monon, 17470 Wheeler Rd., Westfield, IN 46074. Thursday, January 20th, at 11:30 AM. Contact Barbara Johnson, (317) 863-2689, [timberblj@gmail.com](mailto:timberblj@gmail.com), or text 303-918-6308 by 1/17 so correct reservations can be made.



**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>

## **2022 Calendar - St. Mark's United Methodist Women**

Tuesday Jan 11th UMW meeting 9-11 am and 7-9 pm

Tuesday Feb 1st UMW Board meeting 7 pm

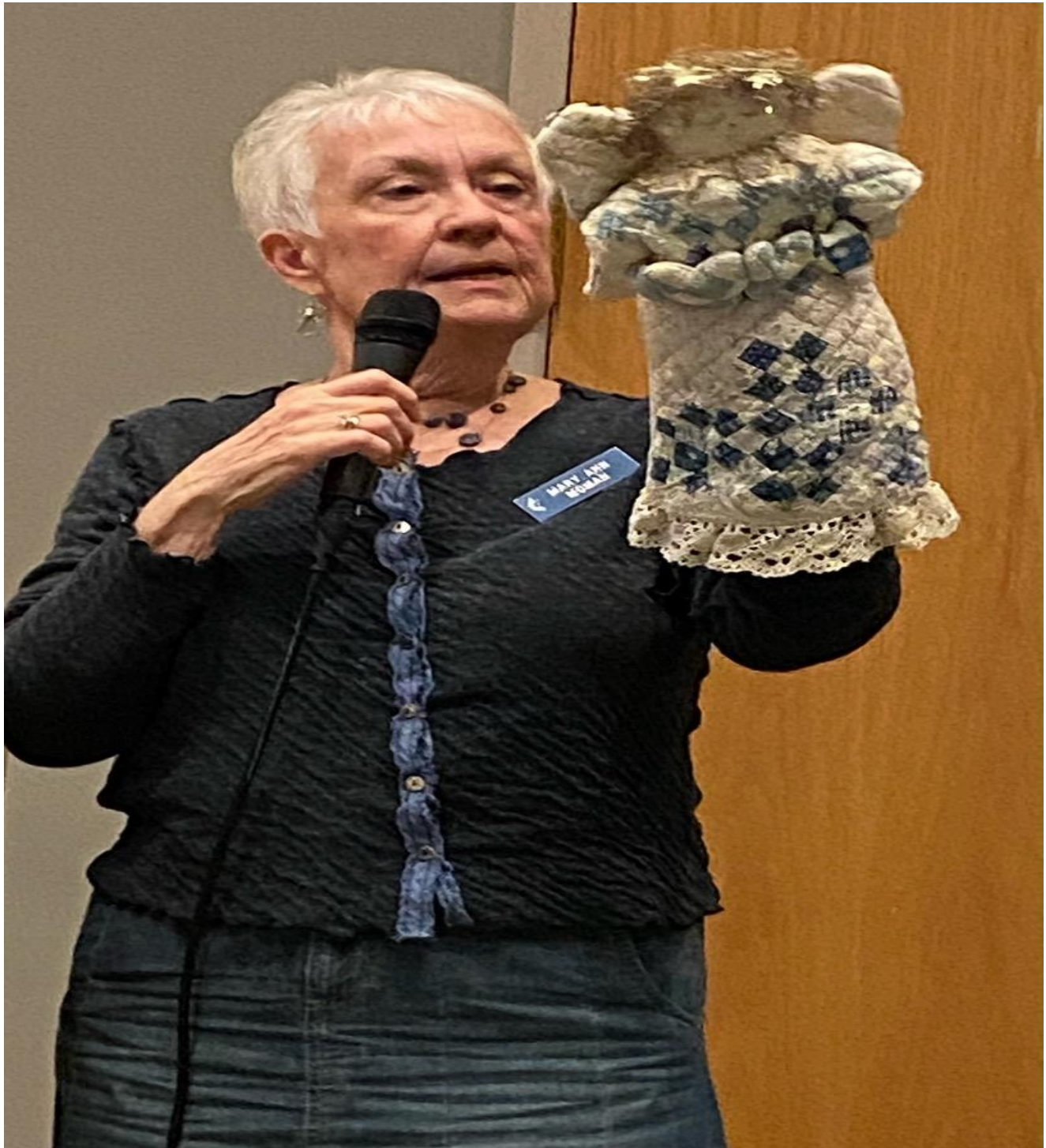
Tuesday Feb 8th UMW meeting 9-11 am and 7-9 pm

Tuesday Mar 1st UMW Board meeting 7 pm

Tuesday Mar 8th UMW meeting 9-11 am and 7-9 pm

Tuesday Apr 5th UMW Board meeting 7 pm

Tuesday Apr 12th UMW meeting 9-11 am and 7-9 pm



THANK YOU and HAPPY RETIREMENT to Rev Mary Ann Moman.  
You will be missed!!!!

## 2022 St Mark's UMW Board

President	Steff Mabe
Vice President of Interest Groups & Programming	Sonjia Clodfelder
Fund Raising Coordinator (Jan- Jun )	open
Recording Secretary	Trisha Staneart
Corresponding Secretary	Beth Montag
Treasurer	Sarah Lasbury
Assistant Treasurer	Cathy Wilkinson
Mission Coordinator/Spiritual Growth (AM)	Lydia Fourman
Mission Coordinator/Spiritual Growth (PM)	Michelle White
Mission Coordinator/Education & Interpretation	Donna Schwartz
Mission Coordinator/Membership Nurture & Outreach	Linda Schenk/ Ann Baker
Mission Coordinator/Social Action	Donna Schwartz
Secretary of Program Resources/Nat'l Reading Program	Kathy Lentz
Communication Chair	Becky Mills
Nominations Committee Chair	Holly Moore
Historian/Photographer	Kathy Lentz / Barbie Schmenner
Newsletter Editor	Peggy-Anne Hoy
Hospitality Coordinator AM	Lucy Sheehan/ Louise Snyder
Hospitality Coordinator PM	shared rotation -open
Pianist AM	Pam Whitehead
Pianist PM	Pat Parks
Songleader, AM	Lydia Fourman
Webmail Manager	Laura McCloughan
Members at Large	Kathi Hall Kathy Dycus Miriam Taylor Mary Etta Yoho