



St Marks UMW Update-March 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:

<http://www.stmarkscarmel.org/umw>

All are invited to join us for fun and fellowship!

The President’s Corner

As I sit here, creating The President’s Corner message for March, it’s raining turning into snow. As I’m watching the flakes of snow falling, I’m thinking about how blessed my family and I are to be inside a nice, warm house.

I’m also thinking about the many homeless people who are outside on this cold, rainy and snowy evening. It brings up the memory of the 2019 UMW Annual Celebration. At this event, there was a wonderful choir called Matthew’s Voices, entirely made up of homeless men and women.

The speaker for that night was Maurice Young, Homeless Advocate.

Mr. Young chose to be homeless himself – “I needed to see the world through the eyes of the homeless people.” Through his eyes, we heard of the problems of homelessness and how to begin to recognize some of the barriers.

The hands-on mission opportunity that day was to assemble Blessing Bags. We were to keep that bag in our car and give it to someone in need when we encounter a homeless person.

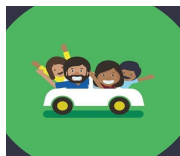
Our ongoing mission projects are many: Oatmeal for Fletcher Place Food Pantry. UMW asks members to donate oatmeal every month to serve those in need. Mustard Seed is an organization that helps the homeless by providing furniture and basic items once they are in homes. Dessert Extravaganza every February is a tasty way to raise money that is used for our mission projects. Soup’s On at Fletcher Place is a mission to provide food for the homeless downtown.

I am so proud to be a UMW member!

Steff

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

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.

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

Update Articles

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



UMW Reading Program

"Your Windows to the World"

St Marks Church Library

The National UMW Reading Program met Monday, Feb. 24 and discussed our books from the

Education for Mission Section. We welcomed Kathy Deakyne as she was curious about a book group where everyone reads a different book. It works and everyone attending learns from the other readers. Our March meeting will be the last Monday of the month on March 30 meeting from 7-8:30 with books selected from the Leadership section (Books in this group will have a green tag on the spine and are on the movable book shelf in the church's library.)

Even if you have not read a book, feel free to join us and add your thoughts.

Email or call Susan Salter with questions. 317.848.1194 or sbf5salter@att.net

Distribution List Changes

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

Social Action and UMW

"Welcoming the Stranger: Religious Diversity & Interfaith Relations is the topic for the 2020 winter quarter of St. Marks' Social Justice Committee. Please join our book discussion on Sunday, March 22 at 9:40 as Mary Hayes leads the conversation on the book, "Beyond Tolerance" by Gustav Niebuhr. Jesus told us we are to love one another, not just tolerate. Let's see how Mr. Niebuhr approaches this. Books are available for \$5 on the mission table. If you haven't read the book join the discussion anyway...I'm sure we have all tried to "love" someone when "tolerate" was the best we could muster.

March Mission:

We are continuing to collect **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.**

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.

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. In March we will be making an Easter decoration. Come join the fun! 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 **March**, we will

be reading: **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**



Gayla Breslauer	03/21
Jan Gappa	03/23
Becky Bultemeier	03/27
Nyla Johnson & Marilyn Kruger	03/28
Trish Boger	03/29
Carole Browning & Debra Uhl	03/30
Shelly Gidley & Kat Howe	04/01
Trisha Staneart	04/02
Lia Goens	04/04
Mary Hayes	04/05
Sue Long	04/08
Amy Adams	04/09
Carol Cobbs & Marlene Myers	04/10
Ali Lemberg & Gail Slaton	04/11
Stacey Simpson	04/14

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 March-
“March Faithfully in Prayers for
Others”**

**St Marks UMW is organizing a 24
hour Prayer Vigil. It will be held
Saturday May 2nd at 7 am to Sunday
May 3rd at 7 am. More details next
month.**

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, 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. Items 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.

Questions- call Trisha at
317-430-4490

Attention all Ladies of the Church!

You have a "Daisy Date"! Yes, a "Daisy Date" on Tuesday, May 12, for the Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet "Upsy Daisy"! How many times we fall in life only to have God there to pick us up again and say "Upsy Daisy". It will be an evening full of daisy fun-shine with family and friends. Light appetizers with daisy punch, games, photo booth and more will begin at 6:00 pm. Catered dinner followed by "daisy-fun" and spiritual growth will begin at 6:30 pm! Watch for ticket sales in April. Adults - \$12; Children ages 7-12 - \$7; Children ages 6 and under are free.

***Things are buzzing....be on the
lookout for daisies and ladybugs!***





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 Sahm's -11505 Allisonville Rd, Fishers at 1130. Contact: Barb Johnson 317-863-2689 or timberblj@gmail.com

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



DESSERT EXTRAVAGANZA!

A big thanks to all who baked, sold or bought desserts. We earned \$730 dollars for missions. A special thank you to Sandy Melin for coordinating this event.

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.



Nell Mason (second from left)

The women of St Marks UMW would like to acknowledge the passing of a great lady - Nell Mason. Nell was heavily involved with UMW. She was an interest group leader; a volunteer for Fletcher place breakfast; she went on a mission trip to the reservation in South Dakota, a tireless Trinkets and Treasures worker and the keeper of St Marks World Famous Hot Chocolate recipe to name just a few of her attributes. If there was a UMW event happening, you could be assured that Nell would be there to assist. She could easily outwork women who were 30 years her junior. She will be greatly missed by her sister Doris Jean Carlow, good friend Ada Hoffmaster and all the women of St Marks UMW.

2020 Calendar - St. Mark's United Methodist Women

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
* 4/25/20 10 am	Indiana United Methodist Children's Home Tour
5/2 - 5/3/20 7am - 7 am	24 hr Prayer Vigil
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
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

2019 -2020 St Mark's UMW Board

President	Steph Mabe
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Vice President of Fund Raising	Peggy Nicolai
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Mission Coordinator/Spiritual Growth (PM)	Miriam Taylor
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	Linda Mitchell-Powell
Mission Coordinator/Membership Nurture & Outreach PM	Sonjia Clodfleder
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Pianist PM	Pat Parks
Songleader, AM	Lydia Fourman
Webmaster	Laura McCloughan
Members at Large	Kathi Hall
	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

MAR 8 Della Lamb Community Services, Kansas City, Missouri.	MAR 8 Maria de Lourdes(LuLu) Ramirez Meneses(M)
MAR 9 Zimbabwe. Eco Congregational Programme. Raising awareness of climate change and the environment and creating livelihood projects for the church community.	MAR 9 Marsha Gail Alexander(M), Michael Buscano(GMF Intl), Velda Dhanoolal(S)
MAR 10 Mozambique. United Methodist Women, Mozambique North Annual Conference. Training women in sewing skills and providing them with a starter kit to begin their own businesses.	MAR 10
MAR 11 Kenya. Rural Women & Young Girls Leadership & Empowerment Project. Raising rural women entrepreneurs and leaders for sustainable livelihoods.	MAR 11 Juliet Choi(DHMR)
MAR 12 Russia. Camp Voronezh. Improving the facilities of a camp that hosts annual events for women and children.	MAR 12 Martha Knight(S), Pierre Diamba Many(GH), Elizabeth McCormick(M)
MAR 13 Democratic Republic of Congo. Care and Feeding of Street Children. Providing shelter for vulnerable children.	MAR 13 Tatiana Dwyer(S), Janet Horman(CCW), Marilia Alves Schuller(M), Julian Uzumefune(S)
MAR 14 Dulac Community Center, Dulac, Louisiana.	MAR 14 Glen Kernell(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.



Indiana United Methodist
Children's Home
Hope Has A Home

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join
us!

**April 25, 2020 for the
Annual Auxiliary Program**

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 25th at 10:00 a.m.** This is the date for the Annual Auxiliary program and open house held at Gress Chapel (615 West Essex) located on the Lebanon campus. During the program, you will hear about our successful Teaching Family Model and we will announce the Auxiliary Student of the Year. Special music will also be provided to lift your soul! Following lunch with our youth, tours will be available of the campus which includes a visit to one of our Teaching Family homes, the school and our chapel. For your planning purposes, the entire event is usually over by 2:00.

Since a delicious lunch will be catered, reservations must be received by April 14th. A free will offering (suggested \$10) will be collected for the meal. For reservations, please use the form below and mail it in the enclosed envelope. Or, you may call 765-482-5900 and ask for Susan Bennett or send e-mail to susanb@iumch.org

Anyone can come! It's a great outreach trip for your mission teams, United Methodist Women or your next door neighbor! ALL ARE WELCOME!

317-816-0518

For St Marks members - please contact Kathi Hall khall7401@sbcglobal.net

Auxiliary Annual Program and Luncheon | Saturday, April 25th, 2020

Gress Chapel, Lebanon Campus, 615 West Essex, 10:00 a.m. (Coffee and donuts served at 9:30 a.m.)

Lunch will be served in the James E. Davis School Gym.

Reservations needed by April 14, 2020

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____ Email _____
Home church _____
Number of reservations _____

Please return form in the enclosed envelope.
You may also RSVP by calling Susan Bennett at 765-482-5900 or
send e-mail to susanb@iumch.org

