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St Marks UMW Update- May 2021

“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.

Our May meeting will be a joint meeting held May 11th at 6:30 pm on the church lawn. It will be the Mother/Daughter/Friend Ice cream social. See more information in newsletter.

“She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.” - Proverbs 31:26

“As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you.” – Isaiah 66:13

The commandment to honor one’s parents is compared to honoring God. . . “God your Lord you shall respect, Him you shall service.” – Deuteronomy 10:20

President’s Corner

May always brings thoughts of Mother’s Day. This year it is May 9th. Mother’s Day was founded by Anna Jarvis who had given the idea of celebrating Mother’s Day in honor of mother and motherhood in 1907. Nationally this day was recognized in 1914.

Jesus’ unwavering love for His mother, Mary, set the standard for how children should honor their mothers. A mom’s love is so powerful that God uses it as a metaphor for His love for us.

This is what the Bible says about mothers:

“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” - John 1:4

_____ Is it rightly said that family is the first lesson in relationships with others. So let’s honor our mothers on May 9th – our first teacher. As Michael J. Fox says: “Family is not an important thing. It’s everything.”

No matter what happens, you can always count on a mother to give you love unlike any other. And the same can be said of God.

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UMW President

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Pledges for 2021

You can send your 2021 Pledge to the church or my address:

Sarah Lasbury
17319 Wetherington Drive
Westfield, IN 46074

There is still time to send a pledge if you have not already done so. If it is easier to email the amount to me, that is fine also. (sblasbury@comcast.net).

St. Mark's UMW Members – when you give, St. Mark's gives, and you have given generously. Without our major fund raising projects, our giving this year is greatly due to your generous donations. We donate twice a year to various organizations/charities. Following are just a few excerpts from them thanking you for giving. I wanted to share some of their thoughts with you.

Prevail – Advocating for Victims of Crime and Abuse

Every 98 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted. It is because of your passion and commitment to our agency that these survivors are given a voice. Thanks so much for your generosity.

Operation Classroom

Your donation will be used for our greatest needs – fund work study grants for our Taiana Enterprise Academy students. We have a wish list for projects to expand equipment, facilities and programs (computers, science lab supplies, textbooks, income-producing agricultural programs.

Fletcher Place Community Center

Your support is more important than ever during these uncertain times. FPCC continues to serve those who are hungry. Also we support our preschool students and families as they strive to REACH their full potential. So grateful for your support that gives HOPE, COMPASSION, and RENEWAL as we strive to break the cycle of poverty for our youth!

Ascent 121

Thank you to all the ladies who are a part of St. Mark's UMW. Your support the last few years means the world to us and the teen survivors we serve. We can't do the work we love to do, serving them without support from churches like St. Mark's THANK YOU AGAIN.

Abundant Vida Nueva UMC

Thank you so much for being the hands of Christ in this world, serving others as He did. Your donation will be used to continue the ministry of our Food Pantry in providing food to families especially during these hard times.

Kids Coats Hamilton County

I am thinking of all the ways St. Mark's and the UMW have impacted Kids Coats and helped us get to where we are today. Thank you for all the people, gifts of time and resources from St. Mark's UMW and your greater church family where mission is a way of life.

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



UMW Reading Program

Windows to the World is off for the summer. Our group will continue on Sept. 27. Topic- Social Action with a yellow tag on the spine.

Questions?? Call 317-848-1194 or email me Susan Salter. Sbf5salter@att.net

Social Action and UMW

Climate Justice- Just Energy for All

You may have read in the Indianapolis Star this week that Indianapolis is removing standing old wood forests for development. The national average of urban woodlands is 15% and in Indianapolis it is already down to 4% of total land. Hamilton county is following close with the destruction for development. It is cause for concern for so many reasons, but it affects flooding, our air

quality, and loss of potential recreation and conservation areas.

The webinar that I am including is from the UMW series that you may sign up to participate in or to read after the original presentation. The title is **“Biomass and the Threat It Poses to Climate Justice and Racial Justice”** from April 21, 2021. We may not live in one of the states they mention, but Wood Pellets are in our lives somewhere.

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Or check out the UMW Social Justice web page and download it from there.

There are also books and other resources to look at there.

John Legend gave the commencement speech at Duke University the weekend and gave them this advice, “We all do better when we all do better.”

Social Action Coordinator- Donna Schwartz.

Mission Outreach

Linda Schneck thanks all who contributed to the Spa Day kits for the girls of Ascent 121. She is busy putting the kits together and will deliver them shortly. Here is one that she has already completed. Thanks to Sonjia Clodfelder for all the beautiful cards to attach.



**Tuesday, May 11, 6:30 pm
on the church lawn**

It will be a “HONEY” of an event!

Handel’s ice cream will be served.

**(Single dip of vanilla ice cream in a bowl +
toppings)**

**Learn about “Bees and
Beekeeping” from**

**Girl Scout Allison Pasheilich and
Melissa Wrin from
Sweet Melissa Honey and Hive.**

**Reservations are needed so we
have enough ice cream and a gift
bag of goodies for everyone.**

**Sign up at
stmarkscarmel.org/signups**

**All women of the church of all
ages are invited.**

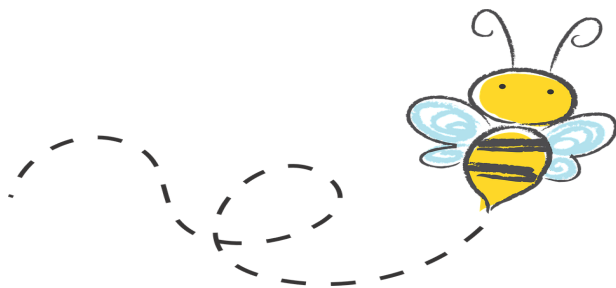
**Bring your own lawn chair and
beverage.**

**In case of inclement weather, the
event will be postponed to a later
date. You will receive an email or
phone call if the event is
postponed. Questions? Call
Mary Etta Yoho at 765/215-7773.**

Bee Blessed!

**“How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than**

honey to my mouth!” Psalm 119:103



**“Who Let the Bees
Out?”**

***“Let There Be
Bees on Earth”***

**Mother/Daughter/Friend
Ice Cream Social**

**Sponsored by United Methodist
Women**

BOOKWORMS-We will join our other UMW sisters for an Ice Cream Social in May and postpone the discussion of the **Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek** until January. In October we will discuss the **Invention of Wings** by **Sue Monk Kid**. In November, we will discuss **Beantown Girls**. Any questions, call **Gail Lee** 317-650-5352.

BOOKMARKERS- will be meeting the 3rd Tues in May so all ladies can enjoy the M/D/F Ice Cream social. We will be discussing **Becoming** by Michelle Obama.

Summer- **My Dear Hamilton** by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie.

Look for an email from Deb with details.
Facilitator: Debbie Skinner
dskins25@hotmail.com or call 317-574-1997 with any questions.

United Methodist Women would like to wish a very happy birthday to all those who are celebrating this May & June.



Lynn Chreist	5/01
Kathy Lentz	5/05
Linda Schenk & Jan Walsh	5/07
Lisa Fowler	5/08
Laura Corry	5/13
Carlabeth Mathias & Jamie Wehmeyer	5/14
Cindy Binder	5/18
Susan Hebert	5/19

Mary Barclay	5/20
Louise Snyder & Mary Weed	5/23
Sandy Melin, Rita Myers & Erica Seasor	5/27
Lisa Meek, Deb Miller & Connie Waltz	5/29
Michelle White	5/30
Brenda Erickson & Jenny Rundle	5/31
Nancy Eikenberry	6/01
Michelle Byrd & Amy Wolz	6/04
Sarah Habegger	6/06
Andrea Muller	6/07
Carol Hollinger	6/12
Cecil Corson & Leslie Gardner	6/13
Carol Anderson	6/14
Jan Bretz	6/17
Linda Mitchell-Powell	6/19
Connie Mehl	6/20
Meredith Anderson & Mary Killingsworth	6/22
Sonjia Clodfelder	6/25
Kay Lipps & Raylene Rolinski	6/27
Debbie Haslam	6/28

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:
 Marilyn Roberts and Sonjia Clodfelder

May Theme from MNO

“I have told you these things, So that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” John 16:33 From

Sarah we learn that God’s promises always come true, and his timing is always best.

UMW Spring Card Sale



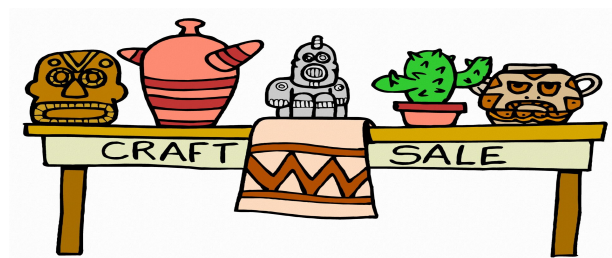
Have you been meaning to order a few of these unique, lovely, 3-D cards? Now is the time, as inventory is getting low! All come with custom envelopes and will sell for \$8.00 each. To order, call/text Peggy Nicolai at 513-374-1371, or email at panicolai@aol.com. Remember, all proceeds will go to UMW-supported missions.



Trinkets and Treasures 2021

Good news! We have decided to move the Trinkets and Treasures sale back to May this year. We can begin accepting donations on Sunday, May 23rd, through Wednesday May 26th. The sale will be Friday, May 28th and Saturday, May 29th. We will have a sign-up Genius sent out next week for volunteers, please watch for it. More volunteers will be needed this

year, as we handle two years of donations to sort and price, as well as additional positions to manage the crowd, and two check-out tables. Remember, donated items should be in good condition, clean, and no clothing or Christmas decor is accepted. Any questions, please contact Linda Schenk at lschenk@att.net. This is the largest fundraiser for UMW for this year, so let's all pull together and make it a great one!



2021 Arts & Crafts Marketplace

St. Mark's UMW Invites you to its 2021 Arts and Crafts Market Place on Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All crafts and art work will be home-made either by area artisans or by members of St. Marks UMW. Refreshments will be available at the Candy Cane Café as well as the bake sale table.

Vendors who wish to rent a table for the Marketplace may contact Gail Lee at 317-650-5352. Vendors may rent either one or two tables. Each table is \$35.00.

Attention St. Mark's Crafters Please begin now to prepare your crafts for the market Place. Popular items in the past have included matching knit scarves and hats, aprons, ornaments, American Girl doll clothes and jewelry.



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 and look for Faith Talks in the blue box.



JULIETS (Just Us Ladies into Eating Out) will be meeting in May & June. **May 20 11:30** at Matt the Millers - 11 W. Carmel Dr. **June 17 11:30** at Wolfies (Geist) - 11699 Fall Creek Contact Barbara Johnson, (317) 863-2689, timberblj@gmail.com, or text 303-918-6308. We are limited to 12 people. COVID protocol will be followed.

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>

2020/2021 Calendar - St. Mark's United Methodist Women

MAY 5/11/21 6:30 pm Mother/Daughter/Friend Ice Cream Social in church parking lot
5/18/21 6:30 pm Book Markers meeting St Mark's Parking Lot
5/22/21 8 am Spreading of the Mulch party at St Marks. Sign up with Signup Genius
5/23/21 1 pm to 4 pm Drop off for the Trinkets & Treasures begins Wesley Hall
5/24 to 5/27 9:30 am to 3:30 pm Trinkets and Treasures setup, sorting and pricing
5/28/21 8 am to 4 pm - Trinkets and Treasures Sale
5/29/21 8 am to noon - Trinkets and Treasures Sale

AUG 8/3/21 7 pm UMW Board Meeting

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

2020 -2021 St Mark's UMW Board

President	Steph Mabe
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Prayer Calendar

The “social distancing” required by the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 challenged faith communities and even families to find ways for members to be together while apart. It was an extreme experience of uncertainties and separations that life often holds in relation to loved ones and friends and life itself. Church groups understandably turned to technology to achieve in virtual worship and study of oneness—of unity and kinship—that faith in Jesus Christ promotes.

Prayer is a steady means of experiencing the unity—the togetherness—of the church as the body of Christ in an imperfect, struggling world. It needs no sanctuary and no technology, although it was a central focus of Christian solidarity as the coronavirus health crisis unfolded. World Christian leaders responded to the declaration of the pandemic by urging believers to join in the Lord’s Prayer at stipulated times, each praying in their own language. Prayer as a symbol of faith and supplication also unifies families and groups in times of grief, pain and fear.

Prayer represents relationships within the “kin-dom” of God—the family of love and compassion created by the grace of God in Jesus Christ. Prayer is both relationships with God and among people with our great and wonderful diversity.

The 2021 Prayer Calendar highlights the value and necessity of love-centered relationships that withstand all separation and adversity. It celebrates lives devoted to God’s mission and to projects that are witness to our togetherness in Christ, even in times of physical distance. It invites us to pray as one people responsive to God’s call to relationships of caring, connecting and healing in a world of uncertainty—uncertain in all but the love of God. Prayer is a pathway to this sense of unity.

MISSIONS**BIRTHDAYS**

MAY 9 The Neighborhood Center, Utica, New York. Enriching lives through cooperative opportunities, resources, and advocacy that embrace diversity, promote empowerment, and foster responsible citizenship.	MAY 9 Cheryl Robinson (DHMR)
MAY 10 United States. New Bethlehem Community Center. Supporting ongoing projects and programs.	MAY 10 Sherlette Lee (DHMR), Erica Oliveira (M), Daniel Yang (M)
MAY 11 Zimbabwe. United Methodist Church of Zimbabwe. Supporting a project to empower women and young girls from Masvingo: poultry production to restart the livelihood of 150 women and girls after Cyclone Idai and floods, as well as business management and leadership skills.	MAY 11 Kazad Kalum Yves (GMF Intl)
MAY 12 Scholarship recipient Jetai Pepsy. Scholarship to pursue an M.S. in wildlife ecology and environmental biology at University of Calabar in Nigeria.	MAY 12 Bridget Bodin (S), Leslie Nedderman (S)
MAY 13 Cambodia. Cambodia Women's Livelihood projects. Providing gifts of livestock and tools for women to create self-sustaining livelihoods.	MAY 13 Kathleen Masters (S)
MAY 14 Liberia. My Heart's Appeal for the Intellectually Disabled. Establishing a campus in Monrovia, Liberia to address the needs of the intellectually disabled.	MAY 14
MAY 15 Susanna Wesley House, Baltimore, Maryland. Providing a safe, clean home and a viable program for women in need and their children.	MAY 15

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.