

St Marks UMW Update-Sept 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.

Hello! Welcome back to a new year of United Methodist Women – in person!! I hope everyone enjoyed their summer.

At our first Board meeting last month – in person, I gave a devotion about teamwork. What a better example of teamwork than United Methodist Women!

Let’s start with a definition. A team is a group of people who work together toward a common goal. Members on a team collaborate on sets of related tasks that are required to achieve an objective. (Sound like us?)

God has asked us to work as a team for he knows this is the best way to be successful. Together a united team can serve God more effectively than individual team members can.

Look at what we have accomplished as a team: monthly meetings, Trinkets and Treasures, Arts and Crafts Marketplace (coming up in November!), Mother, Daughter, Friend Ice Cream Social Event.

Some of our relatively new events are pecan sales, greeting cards, and spa kits for Ascent 121. And this was during a pandemic! Look at what we accomplished when we put our heads, hearts and hands together!

On our team, there are individual skills, strengths, creativity and special abilities. As a team, all those “gifts” come together and we can and do, accomplish great mission related activities.

In Romans 12: 4-5, God says: “For just a search of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ, we, though many, form one body and each member belongs to all the others.”

Make sure you are on God’s team.

Steff
UMW President
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Pledges for 2021

For clarification, if you made a pledge last November, it covers the calendar year of 2021-lastJanuary through next December.

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).

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

BEWARE of SCAMS

We often get strange emails from people we think we know. If people are asking for favors or money, chances are good, they are not from your friend. Check the email as scammers are using people's emails but with different endings or adding a letter. We discussed this at the Board meeting and Becky Mills advises they get frequent calls to the Church office about such emails sent to members of the congregation. You should immediately delete the email without responding then empty your trash. Another good habit is to do a hard shutdown on your phones or computer weekly as that helps update your security systems.



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

The next book discussion on is on **Monday, September 27th from 7pm to 8:30 pm** and will be held in the St. Mark's library. In person!

The focus will be books from the Social Action category, such as *Small Great Things: A Novel* by Jodi Picoult which can be found at your local library.

Visit the Reading Program website

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram> for a complete list of eligible books.

New participants are always welcome.

To learn more about the reading program do not hesitate to contact Kathy Lentz at kathylentz@gmail.com

Social Action and UMW

Why does United Methodist Women take positions on social justice issues?

Homelessness, hunger, poverty, racism, illiteracy, economic justice, war and peace, health care for children, international conflicts—the list of national and global issues with which United

Methodist Women has been involved over the years seems endless:

homelessness, hunger, poverty, racism, illiteracy, economic justice, war and peace, health care for children, international conflicts, climate change, criminalization...

How do I get involved with UMW Social Action?

1. **Choose an issue.** Look in your community, your neighborhood or even the world. Find an issue that interests you. United Methodist Women is always involved in social issues and can be a source of support for you.

2. **Narrow your focus.** Social problems can be very complex. If you try to deal with the whole problem you will become frustrated and overwhelmed. So find a focus.

3. **Learn about the problem.** Knowledge is power. (a) Contact your social action coordinator (b) Stay abreast on issues that affect women and families by visiting **www.unitedmethodistwomen.org**.

4. **Design a plan of action.** You have to set realistic goals.

5. **Act.** Your action can take many forms

For more information go to unitedmethodistwomen.org/action

Social Action Coordinator- Donna Schwartz.

Mission Outreach



Linda Schneck delivered the Spa Day kits for the girls of Ascent 121. Here is a text she got back from Kellie Leeper, Director of Development and Communications for Ascent 121.

“Linda! I just opened the box and am blown away! Thank you so much...the kids will absolutely love these. The care and thoughtfulness is super special.”

“Who Let the Bees Out?”



The Mother/Daughter/Friend

Ice Cream Social was held Tuesday, May 11, 6:30 pm on the church lawn. It was our first in person meeting and we were truly grateful to see smiling faces, eat ice cream and have fellowship. We learnt about Bees and Beekeeping from Girl Scout Allison Pasheilich.

UMW Fall Kick-Off

Our UMW is excited that the Fall Kick-Off is approaching. All ladies of St. Mark's are invited to attend either the 9:00 AM or the 7:00 PM Gathering in Corner Stone Commons on Tuesday, September 14th. The Board President of Ascent 121, Kim Biggerstaff, will be sharing an overview of the support and outreach of this vital organization in our community. A continental brunch will be served in the morning and a salad supper will be provided in the evening. The upcoming Interest Groups offer a wide range of possibilities for you to

enjoy. Plan on attending next Tuesday. **Please enter the church via door #1 by Fellowship Hall.** Corner Stone Commons is just down that hallway. UMW looks forward to another great year of Fellowship, Projects for Outreach, Inspirational Gatherings, Welcoming new friends, and service through United Methodist Women. **See you on Tuesday!**

INTEREST GROUPS

UMW Fall Interest Group Our Morning and Evening UMW Meetings are very interesting and we continue to have Interest Group Sessions that you will want to join. Keep watching for the listing of Interest Groups and the new additions! We are looking forward to seeing you!

MORNING GROUPS

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

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. At the September Kick-Off there will be a brief preview of our group. In October we will discuss the **Invention of Wings** by Sue Monk Kid. In November, we will discuss **Beantown Girls**.

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**

September Mission Donation

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: **Christy Kihm, Ann Baker, Kathy Lentz, Ramie Cooney, Barbie Schmenner**

EVENING GROUPS

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

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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Have you had a chance to see the renovations to the kitchen in Wesley (Fellowship) Hall yet? If not, stop by and admire all the new workspace we have. Unfortunately we are low on dishcloths and dish towels to fill the drawers. Consider picking up one when you shop this week. We will have a basket at the Welcome Table for donations.

United Methodist Women would like to wish a very happy birthday to all those who are celebrating this September and October.



Bev Bartel	9/1
Ann Baker	9/2
Susan Salter & Eileen Willeman	9/5
Sally Hubbard & Barbara Johnson	9/6
Liz Rix	9/7
Nancy Harrington	9/8
Barb Woolard	9/9
Stephanie Detamore & Melissa Petro	9/11
Carol Branson, Nancy Heller & Georgia Herzog	9/12
Stephanie Hilton	9/13
Cyndi Kendall	9/14
Judy Martin & Becky Mills	9/15
Lori Eber	9/16
Charlene Goldman & Hannah Mortonson	9/17
Mary Jane Jennings	9/18
Julie Allen	9/19

Melissa Chevalier & Ros Gilson	9/22
Karen Kincaid	9/23
Barb Hahn	9/26
Suzette Masden	9/27
Cathy Brinkman, Karen Dougherty & Carol Hommel	10/1
Judi Pearlman	10/2
Kathy Dycus & Deanne Persinger	10/3
Betsy Gruver	10/4
Bonnie Wilson	10/5
Janet Brown	10/6
Jean Van Leeuwen	10/7

Kathleen Zelner	10/8
Chari Griggs	10/11
Ann Fletcher	10/15
Marilyn Roberts	10/16
Lisa Brown, Mindy Davis & Luci Galloway	10/19
Lynn Akerhielm	10/20
Ramie Cooney & Kathy Witmer	10/21
Greta Carroll	10/22
Karen Boschee & Jennie Harrold	10/23
Marge Patterson & Pat Warrick	10/24
Jean Douglass	10/28
Joan Dunn	10/29

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 Lenda Schenk

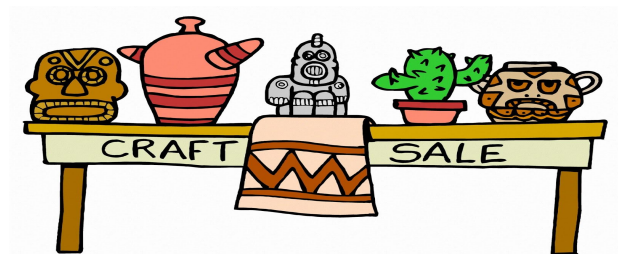
Sept Theme from MNO

“Bring joy to your servant, Lord, for I put my trust in you.” Psalm 66:1



Trinkets and Treasures 2021

This fundraiser was a big success. We raise **\$3145.09** after expenses.



2021 Arts and Crafts Marketplace

The St. Mark's UMW invites you to its 2021 Arts and Crafts Market Place to be held 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. Profits made by the UMW support missions.

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

As of this writing, we have four tables left!!!

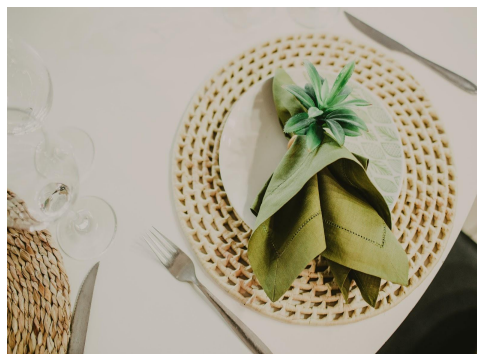
St. Mark's Crafters may also donate handcrafted items to the UMW craft table.

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 at September 16 | 11:30 **Sahms** | 11505 Allisonville Road. Contact Barbara Johnson, (317) 863-2689, timberblj@gmail.com or text 303-918-6308 by September 12 so correct reservations can be made.

PECAN SALE



This will start on Sunday Nov 7th. Cost is still only \$10 per bag. Flavors available will be Dark Chocolate, Milk Chocolate, Cinnamon, Caramel Clusters, whole pecans and pecan pieces.

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

Tuesday Sept 14 UMW meeting 9-11 am and 7-9 pm

Tuesday Oct 5th UMW Board meeting 7 pm

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

Tuesday Nov 2nd UMW Board meeting 7 pm

Saturday Nov 6th Arts and Craft Market Place 9 am to 3 pm

Sunday Nov 7th - Pecan Sale begins during church hours.

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

Tuesday Dec 7th UMW Board meeting 7 pm

Tuesday Dec 14th UMW Christmas Celebration 7-9 pm (both groups)

2021- 2022 St Mark's UMW Board

President	Steph Mabe
Vice President of Interest Groups & Programming	Sonjia Clodfelder
Vice President of Fund Raising (June- Dec)	Peggy Nicolai
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 AM	Linda Schenk/ Ann Baker
Mission Coordinator/Membership Nurture & Outreach PM	Sonjia Clodfelder
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	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
Webmaster	Laura McCloughan
Members at Large	Kathi Hall Kathy Dycus Miriam Taylor Mary Etta Yoho

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**

SEP 5 Wesley House Community Center, Knoxville, Tennessee. Providing educational and spiritual enrichment to children K-8 th grade and weekly lunches to socially isolated senior citizens.	SEP 5 Patricia N. Marks (DHMR)
SEP 6 India. Isabella Thoburn College. Supporting scholarships.	SEP 6 David McCormick (M)
SEP 7 India. Opportunity School. Providing scholarships for special education to children with mental disabilities. Students will learn marketable skills in order to become more independent.	SEP 7 Jane Ann Murray (DHMR)
SEP 8 Scholarship recipient Polina Skelkovich. Scholarship to pursue B.A. in pedagogical engineering at the University of Crimea in Russia.	SEP 8
SEP 9 Philippines. Wesley Divinity School Philippines Scholarship Program. Providing scholarship aid to poor and deserving Master of Divinity students.	SEP 9 Adam Shaw (M)
SEP 10 Rwanda. True Vineyard Ministries. Constructing a facility and a sheep farm that assists in the sustainable employment of widows.	SEP 10 Selena Ruth Smith (DHMR), Christopher Willis (S)
SEP 11 Jamaica. PAPA's Ministries (Pastors and Priests Available for Service). Equipping local church with leadership development and mission training for sustainable outreach.	SEP 11 Grace Musuka (RM), Helen Ryde (DHMR), Jaime Vazquez (REPM)

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.



North Central District Fall Meeting

Saturday, September 18, 2021

1:00 to 3:00 pm

Registration begins at 12:30 am

Elwood First United Methodist Church

1500 N. A Street, Elwood, IN 46036

12:30 pm—3:00 pm—District Celebration,
Memorial Service, & UMW State President,
Kathy Clemenz.

R.S.V.P. by September 13, 2021

To Diana Garner

Phone: 765-552-3527 or via email: digarner@sbcglobal.net

to: Please be sure to indicate if you need Childcare when you R.S.V.P.

If you have a list of names to be remembered at our Memorial Service, OR if you have a list of newborn babies to be celebrated for either 2020 or 2021, please forward them to Peg Peter at peg@andersonfirst.org
