



United Women in Faith



St Mark's UWF Update Newsletter -May 2023

"St Mark's United Women in Faith "
monthly gatherings take place September through May. They are held the second Tuesday each month.

Morning meetings: 9:30-11:30 am.

Evening meetings: 7-9 pm. Childcare is provided for AM meetings! We ask that you put your request in the Thursday prior to the meeting to allow time to obtain staffing. To register for childcare, please click on the link below:

All are invited to join us for fun and fellowship!

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ba9a722a13-childcare4#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ba9a722a13-childcare4#/)

The President's Corner

Do you remember these themes from TV?

Friends theme – "seems you're the only one who knows what it's like to be me."

Golden Girls – "thank you for being a friend. Travel down the road and back again. Your heart is true, you're a pal and confident."

Who wouldn't want friends like those? Do you have one of those friends who may not live close to you, but when you do talk or meet – it's like no time has passed between you two? How about that friend that you can call in the middle of the night no matter what?

A true friend is the gift God has given us. Friends can help you celebrate good times and provide support during bad times. Friends prevent isolation and loneliness and give you a chance to offer needed companionship too. Friends can so increase your sense of belonging and purpose.

A true friend is someone who is there to support you whenever you need them. A friendship is a supportive relationship filled with mutual service and affection.

The song I think I like the best is "What a friend we have in Jesus. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?" Originally written by preacher Joseph M. Scriven as a poem in 1955 to comfort his mother.

Who do these "friend" qualities describe? Jesus has been and always will be the ultimate friend – he gave his life in love for us. Now it is our turn to be Jesus' friend, which means that we love one another as he has loved us.

So, my good friends have a great summer. Meet your friends. Talk to your friends (as well as Jesus). See you in September.

Steff,

UWF President steffmabe@yahoo.com

Update Articles

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

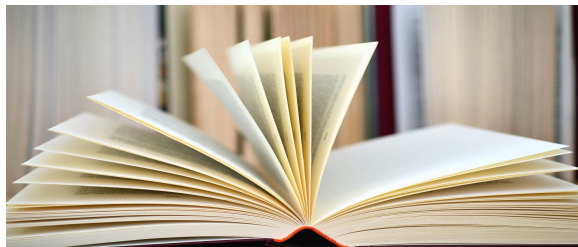
Distribution List Changes

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

2023 UWF Pledges

Pledges can be brought to the
meetings, drop off in the church office or
mailed to Treasurer, Mary Etta Yoho,
3305 Heathcliff Ct., Westfield, IN 46074.

Our pledges are a major resource for
UWF to respond to the needs of others
locally, nationally, and globally.



UWF Reading Program “Your Windows to the World” St Mark's Church Library

Women are invited to participate in the
cherished United Women in Faith tradition
that brings together members in mission as
they explore, share, and discuss books from
each of the reading categories.

The Reading Program books are divided into
five categories: Education for Mission,
Leadership Development, Nurturing for
Community, Social Action, and Spiritual
Growth.

Books from the various categories are
available in the St. Mark's Library on the
UWF bookshelf or at your local library.
Contact Kathy at KathyLentz@gmail.com
for more information on how to participate.

**Discussion dates are all on Mondays from
7pm to 8:30pm.**

**June 26 Nurturing for Community
September 26 Social Action
October 23 Spiritual Growth**

Social Action and UWF Social Action/ Mission Education & Interpretation

We Believe Love in Action Can Change the World

Faith, Action, Sisterhood!

United Women in Faith and uwfaith.org
Google the name or the website to stay up to
date about how you can be part of the
change! God has called us to help and
advocate for others. Most importantly Jesus
told us to love others. Not just the “others”
that are easy, but the ones who need us and
Him the most. Here are some things to
check out this summer:

· Faith Talks (UWF website) May 4, 2p.m.
there was a discussion “Supporting
Mothers”. You can see what was discussed.

Watch the movie “Push Out—Criminalization of Black Girls in School” by registering on the website May 8, 7-9 p.m. (book is in St. Mark’s library on the UWF cart).

- Response Magazine- learn about service and advocacy, missions, and resources.
- How can we be part of the solution, not part of the problem in the world and in our community--- Infant and maternal mortality rate is increasing; the working hungry in urban and rural communities; unfair criminalization of women and minorities; LGBTQ+ needs; domestic violence and child abuse; gun violence: mental health needs; human trafficking; the needs of new immigrants; needs of the indigenous people of our country; needs of our environment-God’s creation? How long can this list be? How do we pray? How do we act? How do we vote? So much to learn!

Ascent 121 Prayer Journey—some of you have asked how and when to participate in the journey. Check out their website to register on Saturday June 4, August 5, September 23, or November 4 at 10 a.m. If we have 10 or more, we can select a date. Register online, participants must be 18+ years old, and the journey is 2-2.5 hours long. Participants are asked for a \$10 donation. Contact me if you are interested so that we can carpool. (3-4 per car).

If you have any questions please contact Donna Schwartz
dehschwartz@gmail.com



St. Mark’s UWF May 9th Spring Celebration

After months and months of planning, our special evening of inspiration and fellowship with our St. Mark’s friends and guests is here. Thank you for helping share the invitation to others, and for signing up to help supply the request for food items. If you have not looked at the “Help with Spring Celebration Food Items”, please look on Sign Up Genius. There are just a few items still needed. A cart will be by Wesley Hall this Sunday, May 7th for any of the non perishable items requested. There is table space available for a few more to attend. You can sign up on Genius, or contact Sonjia, or call the office, and we’ll get you included. It is going to be a wonderful evening and you will not want to miss any part of this event. We gather at 6:00 and the meal begins at 6:30. Ali Lemberg will share about her Iron Man Triathlon experiences and how God’s Ribbons of Strength have carried her through many trials.

Kassie Schaffer and Jill Hackett will provide beautiful music for us. You will enjoy a delicious meal, capture memories at the Cell Phone Pic Corner, have the opportunity to create of poster of "How God has and is offering you strength", plus the fun/laughter/and fellowship of this gathering can not be adequately described in words.

Please plan on helping with the set-up on Tuesday, May 9th beginning at 12:30. Even if you have not signed up on Genius, there are many, many jobs that are easy and do not require lifting. We just need helping hands and willing workers to make set up go as quickly as possible.

Tear down can also go rapidly with many helpers staying for just a brief time to help us clear the decorations. This is a very exciting event and everything you have done to help make it a wonderful evening
~ IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

UWF INTEREST GROUPS-

Interest groups are not being held so all ladies can enjoy the Spring Celebration dinner.

Bookmarkers will meet on 5/16 to discuss the Light Years by Elizabeth Jane Howard.

Summer Reading - Resistance Women by Jennifer Chiaverini.

Facilitator: Debbie Skinner
dskins25@hotmail.com or call
317-574-1997 with any questions.

REMINDER: Starting in September, the AM meeting times will be 9:30 to 11:30. This is to avoid traffic congestion with the Preschool drop off.



United Women in Faith wish the following ladies a Happy Birthday in the month of May and June

Lynn Chreist	5/1
Kathy Lenz	5/5
Linda Schenk & Jan Walsh	5/7
Lisa Fowler	5/8
Laura Corry	5/13
Carlabeth Mathias & Jamie Weymeyer	5/14
Cindy Binder	5/18
Beverly Dickison & 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 Walz	5/29
Michelle White	5/30
Brenda Erickson & Jenny Rundle	5/31
Nancy Eikenberry	6/1
Michelle Byrd & Amy Walz	6/4
Sarah Habegger	6/6
Jayne Harlor & Andrea Muller	6/7
Carol Hollinger	6/12
Cecil Corson & Leslie Gardner	6/13
Carole Anderson	6/14
Jan Bretz	6/17
Linda Mitchell-Powell	6/19
Connie Mehl	6/20
Laura Isaacs	6/21
Meredith Anderson & Mary Killingsworth	6/22
Sonjia Clodelder	6/25
Kay Lipps & Raylene Rolinski	6/27
Carol Blackwell & Debbie Haslam	6/28
Sandy McLaughlin	6/30

Let us know if we have left anyone out.

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

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

MayTheme from MNO

Lamentations 3:22-23 (RSV)

**²² The steadfast love of the LORD
never ceases,
his mercies never come to an
end;
²³ they are new every morning;
great is thy faithfulness.**

St. Marks UWF Facebook Group

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

**To sign up go to: UWF - St Marks
Carmel**

Reminder- The Mission Messenger
which is the Indiana UWF
newsletter is available via link on
the St Mark's UWF website.
<http://www.stmarkscarmel.org/uwf>

**Collection Request: Were you aware
the EBT or SNAP cards do not cover
Feminine hygiene supplies? For the
months of April and May, we will be
collecting pads and tampons for a
number of agencies. They can be
placed in the red tote by Door 2.**



Juliets

May 18th Verde Flavors of Mexico located at 1111 W. Main St., Carmel Juliets (Just Us Ladies Into Eating Out Together) Contact Barbara Johnson (317) 863-2689, timberblj@gmail.com, or text 303-918-6308 by 5/14 so current reservations can be made or for more information.

June 15th Woody's Library at 40 E. Main Street, Carmel



Faith Talks are monthly conversations with United Women in Faith hosted by Jennifer 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 <https://uwfaith.org/resources/podcasts>



Trinkets and Treasures

Spring is a great time to get rid of unwanted items in your home. Our largest fundraiser Trinkets and Treasures is just around the corner in May. No space to store stuff? Trish Stanearth has volunteered one of her garage bays. Give her a call to arrange storage at 317-430-4490. Sign ups for this event will be at the meeting and on SignUp Genius. **You can start dropping off items Sunday May 21st from noon to 3 pm then the following Mon to Thurs 9 am to 4 pm. Sale starts Friday May 26th 8 am to 4 pm and Sat May 27th 8 am to noon.**

WANTED!!

We are in need of trucks or a vehicle with a trailer hitch to pull St Mark's trailer plus able-bodied people to move some furniture from 2 locations to the church on the afternoon of Sunday May 21st. If you are available , please contact Peggy Hoy at 317-850-3132 or pahat664@gmail.com. Thanks in advance



Calling all Crafters!!!

The Arts and Crafts Marketplace will take place on Saturday November 4th. Take the time this summer to make something to donate to the UWF Craft table. Not a crafter, no worries, we also will have a baked good table. 😊

2023 United Women of Faith Calendar

Tues May 2nd- UWF Board Meeting 7 pm
 Tues May 9th - Joint UWF meeting
 (Spring Celebration)
 Tues May 16th- BookMarkers reading group 7 pm
 Sun May 21st- Trinkets and Treasures- Set up and Collection drop off starts
 Wesley Hall - noon to 3 pm
 Mon May 22nd to Thursday May 25th 9 am to 4 pm- T&T sorting and pricing
 Fri May 26th- Trinkets and Treasurer's Sale 8 am - 4 pm
 Sat May 27th Trinkets and Treasurer's Sale 8 am to noon,
 Clean up noon to 2 pm
 Tues May 30th - loading boxes from T & T if needed.

Sat Jun 3rd- Castleton UMW Ladies Day 10 am to 4 pm. Hand and neck massages.
 Thurs June 29th to Sat July 1st- Mission U

Sun Jul 2nd- UWF Sunday at St Marks

Tues Aug 1st- UWF board meeting 7 pm

Tues Sept 5th - UWF Board meeting 7 pm

Tue Sept 12th- Fall Kickoff 9:30 -11:30 am and 7- 9 pm

Sat Sept 16th- North Central District Fall Meeting being held at St Mark's

Cornerstone Commons 1 to 3:30 pm

Tues Oct 3- UWF board meeting 7 pm

Tues Oct 10- UWF Meeting 9:30 -11:30 am and 7- 9 pm

Sat Nov 4th- Arts and Crafts Marketplace

Tues Nov 7th- UWF board meeting 7 pm

Tue Nov 14th- UWF Meeting 9:30 -11:30 am and 7- 9 pm

Open Board Positions

We are still looking for a few good women to fill out our board. Want to work with a bunch of women who like to laugh and have a good time? We are the group for you! We currently need people for AM and PM hospitality which coordinates refreshments for meetings, A nomination chair and a VP of interest groups and programming Candy Cane If any of these positions call to you, please contact Steff Mabe at steffmabe@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY JULY 2ND

UWF will be assisting at all 3 services. We need greeters, coffee makers, liturgists, ushers and communion servers. If you can help, please contact Steff Mabe.

2023 St Mark's UWF Board

President	Steff Mabe
Vice President of Interest Groups & Programming	Sonjia Clodfelder
Fundraising Coordinator	Jackie Mock
Recording Secretary	Trisha Staneart
Corresponding Secretary	Beth Montag
Treasurer	Mary Etta Yoho
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	open
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	Miriam Taylor

Daily Prayer Guide 2023 Reflecting on God's Faithfulness

In the well-loved hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," Thomas Chisholm celebrates God's absolute steadfastness. Just as we cannot earn God's favor by our actions, we cannot escape God's love and compassion.

The Bible powerfully declares that life's joys and pleasures reflect God's gifts and goodness, while life's pain and disappointments are tempered and transformed by God's constant presence. New mercies appear morning by morning as expressions of God's unchanging allegiance. God never stops calling us in gentle and sometimes fierce ways not loving relationships with God and our neighbors.

A sense of God's total faithfulness guides our individual and collective commitment to minister to and change a hurting world—to extend mercy and justice, achieve peace, care for the needy, and comfort the brokenhearted.

This year's Daily Prayer Guide offers glimpses of God's faithfulness through the reflections and prayers of missionaries, deaconesses/home missionaries, staff of National Mission Institutions, retirees and others, and also through the art of children. The witnesses of the biblical text and the sharing of these witnesses may connect with your own story. When have you experienced God's faithfulness in times of doubt? Of joy? Or celebrated God's faithfulness in your life and calling? Do you have practices that help you remember God's faithfulness in the midst of disasters and injustices, or when God seems far away? Or close at hand? Is there someone who would be blessed by glimpses of God's faithfulness in your story? In your journey with Jesus Christ?

The hymn writer points to nature and the seasons, seedtime and harvest, as signs of God's faithfulness. Are we also signs of God's faithfulness? When we are confident of God's faithfulness, we are strengthened to live out our own callings to service, to giving, to witness, and to advocacy for equity and just systems that honor the image of God in every person.

In God's faithfulness we find "strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow."

Lectionary Readings

Pray Every Day

MAY 7 -Acts 7:55-60, John 14:1-14 Fifth Sunday of Easter	MAY 7 Murphy-Harpst Children's Centers, Cedartown, Georgia
MAY 8 Exodus 13:17-22, Acts 7:17-40	MAY 8 Ministry with Women, Children, and Youth- Zimbabwe Episcopal Area of the United Methodist Church, Zimbabwe
MAY 9 Proverbs 3:5-12, Acts 7:44-56	MAY 9 UMCOR United States Disaster Response and Recovery, United States
MAY 10 Proverbs 3:13-18, John 8:31-38	MAY 10 Elisha Muntazir, scholarship recipient pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Education at Kinnaird College for Women in Pakistan
MAY 11 1 Genesis 6:5-22, Acts 27:1-12	MAY 11 Clinton Indian Church and Community Center, Clinton, Oklahoma
MAY 12 1 Genesis 7:1-24, Acts 27:13-38	MAY 12 Manos Juntas Mexico, A.C. (Hands Together Ministry, Mexico
MAY 13 Genesis 8:13-19, John 14:27-29	MAY 13 Mary Elizabeth Inn, San Francisco, California

Birthdays of the Week: Cheryl Robinson, Daniel Randall, Daniel Yang, Erica Oliveira,
Leslie Nedderman, Pamela Johnson, Sherlette Lee.