



# United Women in Faith



## St Marks UWF Update-November 2022

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

Morning meetings: 9-11 am. Evening meetings: 7-9 pm. Childcare is provided! To register for childcare, please click on the link below:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c094ba9a722a13-childcare>

All are invited to join us for fun and fellowship!

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### The President’s Corner

Turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, pumpkin bread, green bean casserole. YUM! You know what that means – Thanksgiving is coming!! (I hope you bought some of the pumpkin bread at the Arts and Crafts Fair.)

Sharing is an important part of Thanksgiving. It could be cards, letters, telephone calls, visiting and of course, food.

Here are some suggestions that could be used to encourage sharing:

- Make a family Thanksgiving jar. Throughout the year, encourage your

family to write down things that make them feel thankful. Read them at Thanksgiving dinner.

- Create a monthly giving habit. Donating to a charity before year-end can be very helpful for organizations.
- Gratitude tree. Make your gratitude literally the centerpiece of your table. Supply a “pile” of paper leaves. Have them write what they’re grateful for and hang it on tree.
- Gratitude rolls. Write gratitude messages with a fine point magic marker on parchment paper. Pop them into homemade or store-bought dough. (I’ve tried this. It works!)
- Find time for family. Try to arrange a family gathering during the year. There are many ways to encourage the Thanksgiving warmth and spirit. The true purpose of the day is to be thankful, spend time with loved ones and share the love.

2 Corinthians 9:11 says, “You will be enriched in every way to be generous in

every way, which through us will produce thanks to God.”

What will you share this Thanksgiving?

Steff, UWF President  
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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)

### **Distribution List Changes**

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

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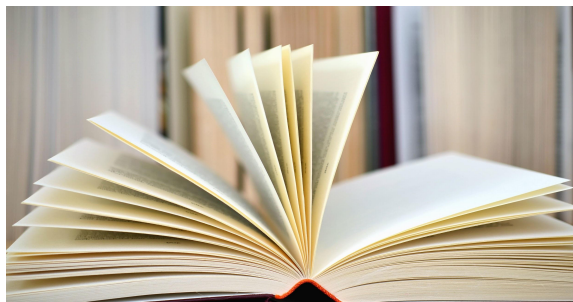
## **2022 UWF Pledges**

**due by Dec. 15!**

If you still have an outstanding pledge balance or would still like to make a 2022 pledge, bring it to the Nov. 8 th meeting, drop off in the church office or mail by Dec. 15 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.

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

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Every year the United Women in Faith's National Office recommends a diverse range of books with the intention of broadening exposure to a variety of concepts. This program organizes books into five categories. Our UMW Reading Program group selects a book from each of the categories and meets five times a year for fellowship and book discussion.

The five categories:

Education for Mission  
Leadership Development  
Nurturing for Community  
Social Action  
Spiritual Growth

= You have until the end of the year to complete your reading for 2022. For more information or to be added to the reading email list email Kathy Lentz at [KathyLentz@gmail.com](mailto:KathyLentz@gmail.com)

*Keep an eye out for 3 newly donated books on the Reading Program cart.*

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### **Social Action and UWF Social Action/ Mission Education & Interpretation**

**Finish 2022 with a Gift or 2**

## **UWF Missions- Local, State, National, and International**

**Ascent 121: [www.ascent121.org](http://www.ascent121.org)**

**Brightwood Center**

**[www.brightwoodcc.org](http://www.brightwoodcc.org)**

**East 10th Street Children's Center**

**[east10th.org](http://east10th.org)**

**Fletcher Place [fletcherplacecc.org](http://fletcherplacecc.org)**

**Family Promise-IHN and ASP**

**[www.fpgi.org](http://www.fpgi.org)**

**Hope Center Indy:**

**[www.hopecenterindy.org](http://www.hopecenterindy.org)**

**Hamilton County Kids Coats**

**[kidscoats.org](http://kidscoats.org)**

**Vida Nuevo UMC / Abundant Harvest**

**UMC [abundantvidanueva.org](http://abundantvidanueva.org)**

**Lucille Raines Residence (owned and operated by United Women in Faith of Indiana)**

**[inumc.org/engage/adults/united-methodist-women/lucille-raines-residence/](http://inumc.org/engage/adults/united-methodist-women/lucille-raines-residence/)**

**Indiana United Methodist Children's**

**Home: [www.iumch.org](http://www.iumch.org) Click here for a list of**

**current needs.**

**Red Bird Mission in Southeastern**

**Kentucky [rbmission.org](http://rbmission.org)**

**United Methodist Committee on Relief**

**(UMCOR) [umcmmission.org/umcor](http://umcmmission.org/umcor)**

**Operation Classroom, Inc. Partnership with the UM Churches of Liberia/Sierra Leone, W. Africa**

**[www.operationclassroom.org](http://www.operationclassroom.org)**

Or maybe you want to give to United Women in Faith <https://uwfaith.org> to support one of the social justice concerns-climate justice, criminal justice, or one of the other areas to help women and children.

Check out the websites to see if you can send money or purchase some of their immediate needs.

### **So many choices, so many needs**

**Any questions? Contact Donna Schwartz at [dehschwartz@gmail.com](mailto:dehschwartz@gmail.com) or 574.780.2039**

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## **UWF Gathering**

***Set up for the Tuesday Gathering is Monday at 1:00. Many helping hands make the duties of set up go very quickly, so if you are available, come be with us for this brief time.***

### **UWF INTEREST GROUPS**

#### **AM**

**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.

**November 2022- My Beloved World by Sonya Sotomayor**

January 2023- The Doctors Blackwell by Janice Nemura

*Please obtain your own copy*

February 2023- The Alice Network by Kate Quinn

March 2023- The Stars are Fire by Anita Shreve

April 2023- The Dutch House by Ann Patchett

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

**COLOR & CHAT:** Enjoy a relaxing time of adding beautiful colors to cards and bookmarks, as scriptures are studied and shared. This meaningful group provides support and encouragement to those participating. Color & Chat is adding some colorful touches to our Dec. ornament favors which will be given to each attendee for the December Gathering.

The group remains in Cornerstone Commons following the UWF Meeting.

Facilitators: **Deirdre Robinson & Cathy Brinkman**

**CULTURAL INSIGHTS:** Each month a different presenter will be sharing experiences from various locations or cultures. In November- **Robin Spyker** will share about her experiences of living in Budapest, Hungary. This group will be meeting in rooms G/H.

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH:** This group will be studying **The Book of Joy** which is a collaboration between the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. This summary is from the book's publisher: "In April of 2015, Archbishop Tutu traveled to the Dalai Lama's home in Dharamsala, India, to celebrate His Holiness's eightieth birthday and to create what they hoped would be a gift for others. They looked back on their long lives to answer a single burning question: How do we find joy in the face of life's inevitable suffering?" Books are being collected and ordered for this study and a syllabus of the monthly chapters for discussion will be coming soon. This group will be gathering in room B/C following the UWF monthly meeting.

Facilitator: **Pastor Karla Elliott**

**PM**

**BOOKMARKERS:**

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

Nov- **The Engineer's Wife** by Tracy Emerson Wood

Facilitator: **Debbie Skinner**

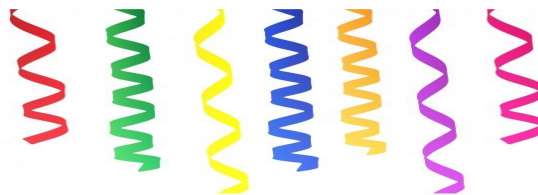
**dskins25@hotmail.com** or call 317-574-1997 with any questions.

**Spiritual Formation:** "Spiritual Formation Feel free to join our exploration of spiritual formation featuring a unique *visio divina* to help guide and focus prayer and share the wisdom of spiritual guide Henri Nouwen's writings. Following the book Spiritual Formation: Following the Movements of the Spirit, we will consider the sculpting work God is doing in your own life. Come, bring a notepad or blank journal, no need to read the book, no homework. Spiritual formation is best done in a community of support.

In our world of many words, sitting in silent reflection with an image may aid in the descent of your mind into the heart."

Facilitator: **Michelle White.**

**Donations for Ribbons of Hope**



Heart Stickers and any Variety of Stickers  
Gift Bags any color ( at least 8 1/2 by 10).

Ribbon - variety of widths  
 Tissue Paper - variety of colors.  
 Yarn  
 Packets of Oatmeal, Soups, Hot Chocolate, or Apple Cider  
 Granola & Snack Bars Fruit and Multi Grain Healthy Snack Bars or Snack Cracker Packs  
 Tea Bags  
 Candy Treats- Hostess Cupcakes and Varieties of Snacks.  
 Lip Balm Hand Cream Small Kleenex Packages Small Hand Sanitizer Bottles.  
 Small Stuffed Animals  
 Devotional Books Puzzle Books  
 Encouragement & Thinking of You Cards  
 Blank Cards \*  
 Basically anything and everything will be used and shared in the bags.

**Thank you so very much for helping make this outreach possible. Items may be placed in the Ribbons of Hope clear plastic bin at the main church door entrance anytime. Also items may be brought to the monthly meetings and placed in the Ribbons of Hope bin on the registration table. So far 14 baskets have been delivered this fall.**

**United Women in Faith would like to wish a very happy birthday to all those who are celebrating this November and December.**



Judy Woempner	11/4
Kathi Hall	11/5
Judy Baylor	11/8
Elaine Keyes & Kirsten Turchan	11/9
Missi Koenig	11/10
Diane Schulz	11/11

Joann Burnett	11/13
Susan Sveen	11/15
Kassie Schafer	11/17
Doreen Velde	11/18
Miriam Taylor	11/19
Ginny Nelson & Kit Zelner	11/20
Donna Schwartz	11/22
Leslie Simich	11/24
Steff Mabe & Natalie Maenhout	11/25
Karen Horton	11/27
Amy Jones & Hiliary Turchan	11/28
Benedicta Quist	11/29
Donna Payne	11/30
Betty Bemis & Pam Whitehead	12/2
Jane Fecht	12/3
Fran Hageboeck	12/9
Jodi Horst-Miller & Robin Spyker	12/12
Sarah Copeland & Heather Winters	12/14
Barbara Regnault	12/15
Mary Jo Pittman	12/16
Karen Reist	12/18
Marcia Flora	12/19
Kathy Curnett	12/20
Susan Anderson & Jennifer Denison	12/22
Pat Beutien	12/23
Roxanne Krieg & Pat Swagger	12/25
Mary Engle	12/26
Jenni Zartman	12/27
Sue Roper	12/29

***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

## November Theme from MNO

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

(The Living Bible, Isaiah 40:31)



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### Need a Ride to the Meetings?

If you would like a ride to and from either the morning or evening meeting, please contact the Membership/Nurture/Outreach chairs Ann Baker (812-480-6864 or [ab39@evansville.edu](mailto:ab39@evansville.edu)) or Linda Schenk (812-454-0661 or [lschenk@att.net](mailto:lschenk@att.net)). We'd love to have you join us

### 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: Childcare Available

Beginning in October 2022, childcare for children 5 and under will be available for the morning UWF monthly meetings, which are held on the second Tuesdays of the month beginning at 9 am, through April 2023. In December and May, there are only evening events. You will need to request childcare by the Thursday before the meeting by contacting Linda Schenk at 812-454-0661 (call or text) or [lschenk@att.net](mailto:lschenk@att.net).

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## Mark your Calendar for

### UWF Sunday

This will be Sunday November 13th. United Women in Faith will be greeting, ushering, doing liturgy, making coffee and cleaning up for the 0815 and 1100 services. If you can help, please contact Steff Mabe.



## World Thanks Offering

Don't forget your World Thank Offering!  
Thanking God for all the many blessings throughout the year, remember to bring your World Thank Offering to the Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Forget or unable to attend the meeting, WTO will be collected until Dec. 15. Money or checks (payable to UWF with WTO on memo line) may also be dropped off in the church office.



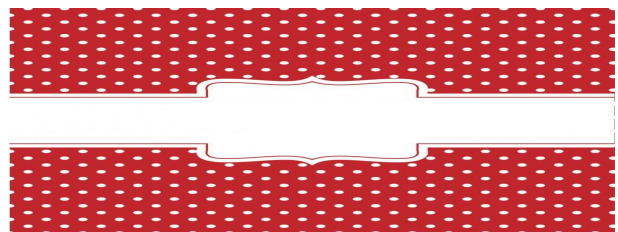
## PECANS PECANS PECANS

They have started to arrive!!! Pecans available for purchase will be: **Dark**

**chocolate, Milk chocolate, Pecan clusters, Pecan pieces and pecan halves.**

The dark chocolate pecans are in and will be available this Sunday (Nov 6<sup>th</sup>). The remainder should arrive soon. They are still only \$10 a bag and make great stocking stuffers. Make sure you get your pecans as quantities are limited.

## Arts and Crafts Marketplace



The St. Mark's UWF (formerly known as UMW) invites you to its 2022 Arts and Crafts Marketplace on Saturday, November 5, 2022 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 UWF. Refreshments will be available at the Candy Cane Café as well as the bake sale table.

### Bakers- we need your talents

Cookies, brownies, cakes, squares, loaves of bread, candies are all needed for the UWF bake sale table at the Arts and Crafts Fair. Please package items in smaller quantities such as 4 or 6. These baked goods can be brought to the church on Friday Nov 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to noon at door 2 ( main door). There will be a cart available to put your donations on. **OR** 5-7 pm that same night at Door 1 ( by Wesley Hall)

**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>

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## Looking for a Good Woman

We are looking for a Fundraising Chair for the 2023 UWF board. Since our major fundraisers already have chair people in place, this creative person would just oversee fundraising and provide new ideas for possible future fundraising opportunities. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please contact Holly Moore at [holly.e.moore693@gmail.com](mailto:holly.e.moore693@gmail.com).

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Faith Talks are monthly conversations with United Women in Faith 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 <https://uwfaith.org/resources/podcasts> and look for Faith Talks in the blue box.



Our Christmas gathering will be a joint meeting on Tuesday December 13th. We will start at 6 pm with punch and fellowship. At 6:30 we will have dinner. Please bring either a meat dish, salad, vegetables, appetizers or dessert. We have Mike Chapuran, Director of Family Promise/IHN as our guest speaker. We will be collecting bulk packages of paper towels, bulk packages of toilet paper, new bed Pillows, and new twin sheet sets- some extra long for their apartment project.

Just a thought~ IF 3- 4 women even would join together to get a bulk Pkg.~ The cost would be \$5. Each. Items unwrapped and brought that Dec. 13th.

Set up for this event will be on Tuesday Dec 13th at 1300. A fun evening of inspiration, fellowship, and sharing of the Holiday Spirit is planned.

Following the gathering~ ALL able helping hands are needed so that tear down is quick and the work is as light as possible.





**JULIETS (Just Us Ladies into Eating Out) November 17th- 39 Grille at the Renaissance Hotel. Contact Barbara Johnson, (317) 863-2689, [timberblj@gmail.com](mailto:timberblj@gmail.com), or text 303-918-6308 by 11/13 so correct reservations can be made.**

## **Other Events**

**St Luke's UWF Holiday Bazaar (Indy) Sat Nov 12th 9 am to 3 pm**

**Emmanuel UMC Holiday Bazaar( Noblesville) -Sat Nov 19th 10am to 3 pm**

Harvest Dinner and Silent Auction is also Saturday Nov 19th 5-7 pm. Tickets are required for the dinner and auction. For more details, contact their office

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## **2022 United Women of Faith Calendar**

Saturday Nov 5th Arts and Crafts Marketplace 9 am to 3 pm ( Wesley Hall)

Sunday Nov 6th- Pecan Sales after each service

Tues Nov 8th - UWF Board meeting 7 pm

Sunday Nov 13th- Pecan sales after each service

Tues Nov 15th- UWF meeting 9-11 am & 7-9 pm

Sunday Nov 20th- Pecan sales after each service

Tues Dec 6th - UWF Board meeting 7 pm

Tues Dec 13th- UWF Christmas Celebration ( Joint Meeting) 6 -9 pm

## 2022/23 St Mark's UWF Board

President	Steff Mabe
Vice President of Interest Groups & Programming	Sonjia Clodfelder
Fundraising Coordinator	open
Recording Secretary	Trisha Stanearth
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	Kathi Hall Miriam Taylor

## Daily Prayer Guide 2022      Experiencing God – Finding Joy

“I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart” – the lyric came out of a Methodist summer youth camp in Delaware around 1925 and has been adapted over the last century for use by Sunday schools, revival meetings, pop singers, rock bands, a soft drink commercial and multiple television shows.

What makes “joy” so appealing? The reality and experience of joy, like the song “Joy in My Heart,” has religious tone and tempo. The word “joy” is one of the most common in the Bible, both Old and New Testaments. In Hebrew and Greek terms, it names an internal gladness too wonderful to have any source but God. Joy is steady, jubilant thankfulness. With shouts of joy the Israelites welcomed abundant harvest, water for parched land and the restoration of the holy city Jerusalem (Psalm 126/125).

The birth of Jesus is the joy to the world in the Gospel of Luke. Joy is the second fruit of the spirit, preceded only by love, in Paul’s Letter to the Galatians, and the missionary apostle tells the Romans, “The kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit” (Romans 14:17).

For the Christian, the gift of God’s grace brings joy, filling the hearts of those who in faith respond to God’s love. It overflows into lives of witness, service and advocacy, healing and hospitality, and the protection of creation.

The 2022 Daily Prayer Guide celebrates the joy-filled lives of missionaries, deaconesses and home missioners, and others professionally engaged in God’s mission today. It profiles mission projects and institutions that demonstrate righteousness, peace and joy in their communities. The guide invites and challenges each of us to live lives that reflect and commend joy, even, and especially, in a world of pandemic depression, suffering, discrimination and fear. God baptizes us in joy, and in that gift we find the capacity to exemplify and share joy. Praise God for joy in 2022.

Lectionary Readings	Pray Every Day
<b>NOV 6- Haggai 1:15b—2:9, Luke 20:27-38</b> TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF AFTER PENTECOST	<b>NOV 6- Camp Aldersgate</b> programs and services, Little Rock, Arkansas
<b>NOV 7- Haggai 2:10-19, 2 Peter 1:16-21</b>	<b>NOV 7- Ecumenical Development Foundation</b> , Lusaka, Zambia
<b>NOV 8 Haggai 2:20-23, 2 John 1:1-13</b>	<b>NOV 8 Buckeye Clinic</b> , South Sudan
<b>NOV 9 Zechariah 8:1-17, John 5:19-29</b>	<b>NOV 9 Kapatiran-Kaunlaran Foundation</b> , Philippines
<b>NOV 10 Isaiah 57:14-21, Romans 1:18-25</b>	<b>NOV 10 Tansen United Mission Hospital</b> , Nepal
<b>NOV 11 Isaiah 59:1-15a, 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12</b>	<b>NOV 11 Carolyn Belshe Orphanage Center (CBO)</b> , Mozambique
<b>NOV 12 Isaiah 59:15b-21, Luke 17:20-37</b>	<b>NOV 12 Bethlehem Center</b> , Jackson, Mississippi

**Birthdays of the Week:** Carolyn Winslow, Connie Pilkington, Corrina Sisk-Casson, Genecia Pegues, Josephine P. Pablo, Juarez Goncalves, Katherine Parker, Modesto C. Ramirez-Romero, Rachel Harvey Splaingard, Rosemarie Burgos.

St. Mark's United Women in Faith  
Carmel, Indiana

**My Pledge to Mission for 2023 (calendar year January 2023 through December 2023):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ X 12 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Pledge for 2023.

I will pay: Monthly \_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly \_\_\_\_\_ Another Way \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please describe)

Thank you for your commitment to support United Women in Faith's local, national and global mission outreach.  
May we continue to be a blessing to others as we serve God.

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**PLEASE CUT AT DOTTED LINE ABOVE AND RETURN THE TOP PORTION OF THIS FORM TO THE UMW TREASURER.**  
(You may bring it to the November monthly meeting, drop it off at the church specifying it for UWF,  
email your pledge amount to [maryetta.yoho@gmail.com](mailto:maryetta.yoho@gmail.com),  
or mail it to Mary Etta Yoho, 3305 Heathcliff Court, Westfield, IN 46074.

**THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THIS FORM IS FOR YOUR RECORDS:**

My pledge to St. Mark's United Women in Faith is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month.

	Month	Amount Paid	Date Paid
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All cash donations should be put in an offering envelope with your name clearly written on the outside of the envelope. If your contribution is in the form of a check, you do not need an envelope for the offering plate.

Checks may be made payable to St. Mark's UWF or UMW.

Mailing Address: St. Mark's UWF  
Attn: Mary Etta Yoho, Treasurer  
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[maryetta.yoho@gmail.com](mailto:maryetta.yoho@gmail.com) with questions.