



# Church of the Saviour

## United Methodist Women

### April 2022

#### BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, April 5, 10 a.m. by Zoom**

#### **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

In 2019 United Methodist Women (UMW) celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the month of March. March 2022 brings the birthday of our new name: United Women in Faith. Over the years, the name of the organization has changed its name at least 25 times. When I was reading some of our very old documents for our group, one of the first names I came across was the Women's Foreign Service Missionary Society. The last name that I remember before UMW was the Women's Society of Christian Service which was changed with additional denominations becoming a part of the United Methodist Church. The current name change was prayerfully and thoughtfully considered over the past several years.

"The vision of the organization remains: Turning faith, hope and love into action for women, children and youth around the world." p.4 response March/April 2022 You will see a new website at <http://www.uwfaith.org>. Even in times of change we still have the need to connect, work, communicate, enjoy worship and each other. These activities will continue but maybe in new ways. We have learned over the past two years to do things differently and some will remain and some will return to pre-pandemic ways. The new mission statement is as follows: *United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.* p. 34 response March/April 2022.

As part of the name change, a new logo has been created which "represents the past, present and future." The symbol refers to our Christian roots with yellow, green, orange and blue parallelograms arranged to form a clear cross. This represents the diversity that we wish to attain along with the inward and outward reflection that we as women of faith engage in.

We will continue to have General and Circles meetings along with our mission projects. Let's all embrace the new United Women in Faith, its logo and new programs.

*Connie Carihfield, President*



## PROGRAM

### Women United in Faith (UMW) Climate Justice Initiative

Join us on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 in the Parlor for  
*Planting for the Planet*

Bradford Road Resident, Peggy Spaeth, will share her experiences about native plants and pollinators.

## FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE WORKDAY – UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UMW)

On Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, twenty women worked together on a variety of service projects. For the **UMC Midwest Mission Distribution Center** we prepared 50 Birthing Kits and 32 Book Bags. Lenten cards were addressed to 29 homebound members and a box of cards were sent to **St. Jude's Ranch for Children**. For refugee blankets, someone knitted and turned in 41 squares. We cut 42 capes for **kids Capes of Courage**. Over 2 laundry baskets of plastic eggs were filled for the **COTS Easter Egg Hunt**.

Thank you to each of you who helped prepare for the day and especially to those who participated. We cannot number the ways it felt to have fellowship together.

*Kevin Schaner*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

By the time you read this, it will be SPRING!!! We've been through a tough winter with two major snow events and still living with Covid.

But, COTS-UMW continues to be active in learning about ways to help groups and individuals who care for children and women in the U.S. and throughout the world.

Our unit's operating balance at the end of February was \$6,701.40. Pledge donations for February totaled \$260.00. Expenses were \$483.54: (\$152.71 for postage to send the UMW newsletter to women who do not have e-mail; \$115.03 for printing - mainly newsletters; \$50 for February's program; and \$215.80 for receiving blankets associated with the March program).

Coming up in April will be the national UMW's Prayer and Self Denial collection, which, this year, will support the Order of Deaconesses and Home Missioners.

In May there will be a Flea Market designed to sell "hard" goods, not clothing. Proceeds from the sale will be used to support organizations that help women and children in a variety of ways. (See more elsewhere in this newsletter.)

If you are not able to participate in UMW activities (a good way to keep in touch with other church members), your donations are always welcome and will be used for UMW missions.

Enjoy the SPRING!

*Arleen Twist, Treasurer*

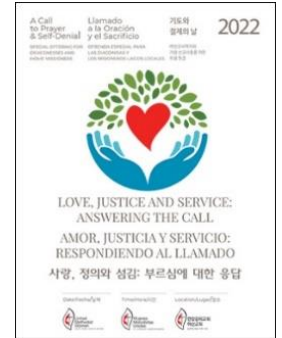


## PRAYER AND SELF DENIAL

This year the theme is Love, Justice, and Service: Answering the Call.

We are honoring deaconesses and home missionaries who have said yes to the call God has placed on their lives. For over 150 years, United Methodist Women members have worked hard to turn faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth in every corner of the world.

We will be collecting this special offering at the April meeting.



## DISTRICT NEWS

The Spring District Meeting was held Saturday, March 19 via Zoom. Approximately 40 women were in attendance to hear keynote speaker Rachelle Milner, Director of West Side Community House. Following comments from Margaret Harvey, Conference Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator, a Remembrance Service for deceased members who passed in 2021 was held. Also, there were recognitions for Mission Today (Rainbow) Units, 5 Star Units and the Reading Program.

Congratulations to Church of the Saviour Women in Faith for their Gold Star Award and to Kevin Schaner for completing Plan 4 of the Reading program.

*Debbie Jones, District Representative*

## Turn It Up! Assembly 2022

May 20-22, 2022

Orlando, FL

In 2022, we will reflect on today's challenges and together find comfort and strength to move forward, building new ways for faith-filled women to make a difference in our communities and the world. We will recommit to our purpose, but also more. For such a time as this we will TURN IT UP!

TURN IT UP! for spiritual healing and renewal

TURN IT UP! for rebirth in a new time

TURN IT UP! for women leaders

TURN IT UP! for justice for women, children and youth

Keynote Speakers, Soul Care Workshops, Leadership Workshops, Change Makers Workshops, Virtual Workshops, Performers and Fellowship with women all over the world.

Registration fee:

The registration fee for in-person is \$365.00; virtual is \$235.00; and is good December 1, 2021 - April 11, 2022.

Registration closes April 11. (Proof of vaccination required at time of registration. Visit the FAQ page for assistance.)

Registration is online at [www.Assembly2022.org](http://www.Assembly2022.org). Contact Debbie Jones for assistance if needed.

## MISSION u

Please join us at Mission u 2022 as we reflect on the community that Jesus is calling us to be! This year, as we study Luke 13, we find ourselves in a period of disruption and uncertainty. In the midst of a devastating pandemic, divisive political



climate, unaddressed systemic racism, ecological crises and economic turmoil, we turn to the stories of Jesus that have anchored Christian communities for two millennia.

Our newly designed Mission u 2022 is more flexible and intergenerational than ever with curricula for youth, children and adults focused on the 13th chapter of the Gospel of Luke.

The curricula that will be used is available at: <https://www.umwmissionresources.org/> Each book is \$10.

**Who Can We Be Together?** A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13, the 2022 adult curriculum by Candace Simpson brings participants deeper into Jesus' teachings in this chapter of Luke to explore what it means to be in community.

**Community in the Midst of Challenging Times** and **The Growing Tree** are the youth and children's curriculum.

Registration may be made online or by mail. Details will be forthcoming.

Adults via Zoom on July 9/10, and July 16/17: Saturdays from 10am to noon, Sundays 7-9pm

Children and Youth will meet in-person July 22/23 during the In-Person Retreat at Mt. Union University.

2022 Mission u Class Fees: Each age level will be \$30.

Family Discounts

Adult Study & 1 Child or Youth Study \$50 Youth = 7th grade through 12th grade

Adult Study & 2 Child or Youth Studies \$75 Child = Kindergarten through 6th grade

IN-PERSON RETREAT – July 22/23 at Mt. Union University

Adult or Youth: Shared room, one night plus three meals: \$75 plus class fee

Child sharing room with two adult/youth (on floor mattress) plus three meals: \$30 plus class fee

Adult or Youth: single room, one night plus three meals: \$95 plus class fee

Please contact Debbie Jones for a mail-in registration form.

## SOCIAL ACTION AND EDUCATION

Nile Sprague with Tara Barnes, "Bringing Light to the Journey,"

**Response** January/February 2022 pp 20-29.



Wesley Community and Health Centers located in Phoenix began in 1950 and has expanded to three locations. One of the health centers is located next to low-income housing.

The health centers offer family medicine, screenings for breast and cervical cancer, prenatal care, vaccinations and management of chronic diseases. Community centers offer nutrition, community garden experiences, exercise classes plus a healthy box lunch, English as a Second Language classes as well as after school programs. During the pandemic, the Centers helped school children needing computer access.

The health clinics have a patient navigator who guides persons to needed services at an affordable cost. They have connections with institutions such as the Mayo Clinic and Arizona State University. They are grateful for support from United Methodist Women.

*Becky Roberts,*  
Social Action & Education Interpreter

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY

United Methodist Women's Sunday will be May 15<sup>th</sup> at all three services. The preacher for the day will be Rev. Beth Wilterdink. Beth is the daughter of the Revs. Gary and Peggy Streiff who were part of the clergy staff in the 80's and are currently retired clergy affiliated at Church of the Saviour.

## FLEA MARKET

**The Spring Flea Market is coming up on May 20 and 21.** Donations of household items, furniture, books, and toys will be accepted starting Sunday, May 15. **CLOTHING will not be accepted.** In addition to donating items, please plan to donate your time. We need many hands to sort and price items Monday through Thursday. On Friday and Saturday, we need cashiers, greeters, monitors and a clean-up crew. Please keep these dates in mind as we head into spring.



*Mary Freer, Ways and Means*

## CIRCLE MEETINGS

### EDNA RHODES CIRCLE

*Welcome To the Genevieve Seese Library  
with Kathleen Szabo, Librarian*

**Tuesday April 26, 2022**

12:30 p.m. in the Parlor

Please bring a brown bag lunch. Plated dessert and beverage provided. RSVP to the church office so that we may set a place at the table just for you!



### MARTHA CIRCLE

On Wednesday, **April 27**, Martha Circle meets at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. Kathy Dickriede will lead us in a discussion of prayer.

*Submission Deadline for May UMW Newsletter is Friday, April 15.  
Please send submissions to Stefanie Hiles at [shiles9098@aol.com](mailto:shiles9098@aol.com).*

