

UMW UPDATE



Welcome to United Methodist Women

Our monthly gatherings are held the second Tuesday of each month from September through May. Morning meetings are from 9-11 am and evening meetings are from 7-9 pm. Childcare is available by registering your children 72 hours in advance on Sign-Up Genius at stmarkscarmel.org/sundaykids

PRESIDENTS CORNER

In a recent Response magazine, the official publication of United Methodist Women, two things caught my eye. One was a short article on "Counting Blessings in Texas". As a native Texan, I had to read it. And, what do you know, it was about grateful UMW members in Hondo. Hondo is just a short trip from my hometown of Devine – and Hondo is the main rival of my high school sports teams. They should count their blessings that Devine does not whip them more often in football.

The other article detailed UMW's outreach across the world, using maps. The map of Africa particularly attracted me. In February, for 2 weeks, my husband and I toured South Africa. Among other places, we visited Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela spent 18 of his 27 years in prison. It was all the more important for me, knowing that

Mandela was a Methodist. And, Response magazine was showing me where in South Africa United Methodist Women is making an impact.

Two places, both far from Carmel, but two places I know personally, and connected by women of the United Methodist Church. We may not think often about how what we do in our small piece of this earth affects others. But, through UMW members acting locally, we can see how our actions here can cross boundaries in our country and across the globe. We can draw comfort from our UMW's connectional ministry. May we continue to be a blessing to others in Christ's name through Mission Giving, service, and advocacy.

With faith, hope, and love,
Barbie Schmenner along with Holly Moore & Susan Salter
St. Mark's UMW Co-Presidents

BRIGHTWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

Thanks to everyone who helped with last month's meal. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!!! This month the UMW will serve a meal for Brightwood on Monday, May 21st, so watch for the sign-up genius to come out the week before.



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MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS & FRIENDS BANQUET

MAY 8TH, 6:30 PM



St. Mark's United Methodist Women
Mothers, Daughters, & Friends Banquet
HAT'S OFF TO MOM!
 Date: Tuesday May 8, 2018 Time: 6:30 p.m.
 St. Mark's Wesley Hall 4780 E 126th St. Carmel, IN 46033
 317-846-4912 www.stmarkscarmel.org

All women of the church – all ages – are invited. Bring your Mom, your aunt, your daughter, your sister, your friend, and your favorite hat, but don't miss out on this fun evening of fellowship and party favors. Sit back and enjoy being served dinner by the United Methodist Men. Catering by Sahn's. The annual Mother, Daughter Banquet is our largest gathering of the year and volunteers will be needed to help plan and organize. Look for the sign-up sheets at our next meeting.

- **Adults - \$12.00**
- **Children 6 – 12 years - \$10.00**
- **5 and under – Free**

Contact Steff Mabe for additional information and to volunteer.

SOCIAL ACTION

School Discipline

On March 19th, 2018, Indiana Governor Holcomb signed into law HB 1421. Here is the text from the bill's summary: School discipline. Provides that the department of education's (department) model evidence based plan for improving student behavior and discipline must: (1) reduce out-of-school suspension and disproportionality in discipline and expulsion; (2) limit referrals to law enforcement or arrests on school property to cases in which referral to law enforcement or arrest is necessary to protect the health and safety of students or school employees; and (3) include policies to address instances of bullying and cyberbullying on school property of a school corporation. Provides that, beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, the department, in collaboration with parent organizations, teacher organizations, educational support professional organizations, and state educational institutions, shall, upon a school corporation's request, provide information and assistance to the school corporation regarding the implementation of the school corporation's evidence based plan to ensure that teachers and administrators receive appropriate professional development and other resources in preparation for carrying out the plan. Urges the legislative council to assign to an appropriate interim study committee the task of studying the use of positive student discipline and restorative justice practices by elementary and secondary schools. Requires the department to conduct a survey of school corporation school discipline policies to determine the extent to which positive discipline and restorative justice practices are being utilized. One intent of this law is to short circuit the school to prison pipeline that destroys the lives of especially men of color.

What can you do? You have the opportunity to ask your local school board to develop guidelines consistent with the new bill's recommendations to limit referrals to law enforcement, focus on restorative justice, and formulate policies to address bullying.

Gail Lee
 Mission Coordinator for Social Action





BIRTHDAY WISHES

St Marks United Methodist Women would like to wish a very happy birthday to all those who are celebrating this month!

Lynn Chreist	May 1	Debbie Vance	May 16	Sandy Melin	May 27
Emily Ungar	May 1	Cindy Binder	May 18	Rita Myers	May 27
Kathy Lentz	May 5	Nancy Green	May 19	Erica Seasor	May 27
Linda Schenk	May 7	Susan Hebert	May 19	Lisa Meek	May 29
Jan Walsh	May 7	Mary Barclay	May 20	Deb Miller	May 29
Lisa Fowler	May 8	Louise Snyder	May 23	Connie Waltz	May 29
Teresa Ilten	May 11	Mary Weed	May 23	Barb Hensel	May 30
Laura Corry	May 13	Irene Bublik	May 24	Michelle White	May 30
Carlabeth Mathias	May 14	Nadine Penman	May 24	Jenny Rundle	May 31
Jamie Wehmeyer	May 14	Shirley Hults	May 25		

With faith, hope and love, Sarah Lasbury & Linda Mitchell-Powell
Mission Coordinators for Membership Nurture and Outreach

RED TOTE MISSION

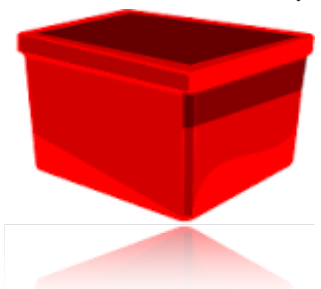
East Tenth United Methodist Children & Youth Center serves children and families on Indianapolis' Near Eastside, providing quality care and education regardless of a parent's ability to pay. They have a sliding scale and during May, St. Mark's collects monetary donations that go to help subsidize parent payments, allowing parents to work. The UMW will also support this important ministry for children and families during the month of April.

Statistics show that the children in this area are faced with many challenges and East Tenth offers a variety of programs to help meet their needs:

- A before and after school program serves children age 5-13. They provide transportation to & from school and all day care during breaks and holidays.
- Summer Days for Youth provides an all-day camp, which focuses on academic enrichment, computer classes, art programs, recreational activities and field trips. The #1 goal for summer is personal development.
- Little Dove Daycare Ministry serves children ages 6 weeks to 5 years old and provides educational and enrichment activities helping them become lifelong learners. Little Dove is a Level 3 Paths to Quality Provider and is working on National Accreditation.

You may make your donation to East 10th Street on Sunday mornings during the month of May or bring to the Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet on May 8th.

Linda Schenk
Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation



NATIONAL UMW READING PROGRAM

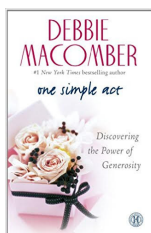
Every year the United Methodist Women's National Office recommends a diverse range of books with the intention of broadening exposure to a variety of concepts. This program organizes books into five categories. Our UMW Reading Program group selects a book from each of the categories and meets five times a year for fellowship and book discussion. You are welcome to attend the discussion and learn more about the program even if you have not read a book.

The remaining reading categories and discussion dates for 2018 are as follows:

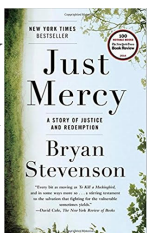
August 27 - Social Action

October 29 - Spiritual Growth

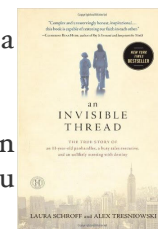
Our next discussion is **August 27th, 7pm to 8:30pm** in the church library. Examples in the **Social Action** category are:



• **One Simple Act** by Debbie Macomber
 • **Just Mercy** by Bryan Stevenson



• **An Invisible Thread** by Laura Schrod and Alex Tresniowski



You are welcome to attend and learn more about the program even if you have not read a book.

For your convenience, brochures describing the reading program are available for pick up from the Library's UMW book shelf or visit the website <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram>

The St. Marks Library has a list of the reading program books in its collection at stmarkscarmel.booksys.net/opac/stmarkscarmel/index.html?mode=main#menuBookLists

Contact Kathy Lentz if you have any questions.

Reading - Learning - Growing - Fellowship

UPCOMING UMW EVENTS

Trinkets & Treasures Rummage Sale
Friday, May 25th - Saturday, May 26th

Has the recent warm weather got you in the mood to throw open the windows and start your spring cleaning? Be sure to gather your non-clothing donations as you clean and remember that Trisha Stanearth has offered her garage to store items for the sale in May. Workers will be needed to sort, organize and price donations from Monday through Thursday leading up to the event as well as to staff the cashier's table and work the floor on Friday and Saturday. The sale ends at noon on Saturday and workers will also be needed to pack-up and clean-up. Be on the look-out for sign-up sheets at our upcoming meetings!

Trinkets and Treasures is our biggest fundraiser of the year with all proceeds going to missions, so be sure to clean out those closets ladies!

For questions, contact Jean Douglas, Kathleen Zelner or Deb Ranek



 UPCOMING UMW EVENTS (CONTINUED)

Collect and Connect
Saturday, May 26th

If you haven't worn something in 2 years or if it no longer fits, bag your gently used clothing and shoes for "Collect and Connect" where the bags will be donated to Goodwill. For each bag collected, the UMW receives a \$5 clothing voucher that is given to IHN to help families getting back on their feet.

Contact Trisha Stanart with questions.

St Mark's UMW Spiritual Retreat

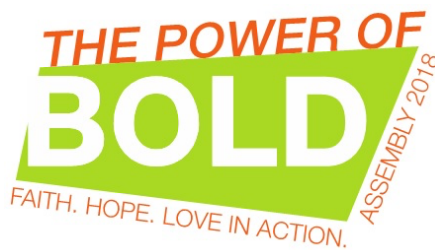
As we begin gathering ideas for a 2018 UMW Spiritual Retreat we are searching for an individual or individuals who would be interested in leading the event this year. Could it be you? Please consider using your talents to lead this year's retreat.

Please contact one of us to volunteer:

- Pastor Mary Ann Moman
- Susan Salter
- Barbie Schmenner



 UPCOMING DISTRICT, STATE CONFERENCE, AND NATIONAL EVENTS

Assembly 2018!!!
May 18th - 20th, Columbus, Ohio


Assembly 2018 is a time for fellowship and an opportunity to empower faithful women to be stronger leaders in their communities. Through moving worship services, inspiring speakers, exhibits, workshops & town hall-style meetings, you will leave Assembly with the knowledge, courage and determination to change the world as part of this daring and compassionate 150-year-old movement.

Registration is still open for a limited number of one day passes. Join us for just a day! Tamika D Mallory, Linda Sarsour, Hannah Adair Bonner,

Michelle Alexander & Marian Wright Edelman of the Children's Defense Fund are the scheduled speakers Saturday, May 19th. Go to umwassembly.org/register to register.

Kathy Lentz, Susan Salter, Barbie Schmenner, Trisha Stanart & Mary Etta Yoho will be among the thousands attending and hope you will join them at this once every four year event conveniently located for midwesterners in Columbus, Ohio.

Limitless 2018: The Mission Crawl June 22nd-24th, 2018

Limitless 2018: The Mission Crawl is a chance for young women (ages 15-40) and experienced mentors to make a difference in the Indianapolis community. Participants will be spending a few hours at a variety of non-for-profits around the metro area and learning how they impact the community. Be prepared for cleaning, painting, manual labor and laughs! The evenings and mealtimes will be spent at the lovely University of Indianapolis. Let us live out John 15:16 ***I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures.***



Registration includes meals and double occupancy accommodations at the University of Indianapolis Friday at 5pm through Sunday at noon.

Register online at: www.inumc.org/limitless

**Early Bird Registration ends April 15th:
\$50 Registration after April 15th: \$60**

Registration Deadline May 25th, 2018

Mission u - Learning Together for the Transformation of the World **Tuesday, July 17th - Friday, 20th** **DePauw University, Greencastle, IN**

Mission u is the primary mission education event for the Indiana Annual Conference and is planned and implemented by United Methodist Women. The studies for 2018 are:

- **Spiritual Growth** - *Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Convenantal Living* - Leader: First Lady Racelder Grandberry-Trimble
- **Geographic** - *Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States* - Leaders: Patsy Fleener and Kathie Clemenz
- **Social Issue** - *What About Our Money? A Faith Response* - Leaders: Rev. Mary Ann Moman, Kathy White and Carol Hancock

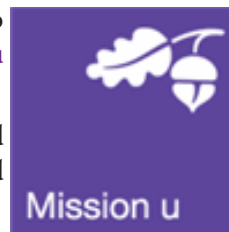
In addition to the adult programming for ages 17 and up, there are two components for youth:

- **ChiMiCa** (Children's Mission Camp) for ages 3 through 5th grade completed (childcare is provided)
- **YoPeMiCa** (Young Peoples Mission Camp) for middle and high school aged youth

The youth and children's studies parallel the adult studies to create an intergenerational program. Studies are always Biblically-grounded, promote spiritual growth, educate and challenge participants to become more actively engaged in mission.

This year, **Mission u** will be supporting Hope Center. Monetary gifts are preferred to kick off their Beauty Training Classes! Make your checks payable to UMW **Mission u** and put "For Hope Center" on the memo line.

Early Bird Registration ends June 15th. Registrations received online or post marked after July 1st, will be an additional \$25 per person. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



The *North Central Connection* and the *Mission Messenger* have an abundance of information about our UMW North Central District and IN conference events. Be sure to check out the newsletters at

stmarkscarmel.org/umw

 UMW CALENDAR 2017-2018

5/1/18	7 pm	Board Meeting
5/8/18	6:30 pm	Mothers, Daughters & Friends Banquet - St. Mark's Wesley Hall
5/18 - 5/20	Fri. - Sun.	United Methodist Women Assembly - Columbus, Ohio*
5/25 - 5/26	Fri. - Sat.	Trinkets & Treasures Rummage Sale - St. Mark's UMC, Wesley Hall
5/26/18	Sat.	Goodwill Clothing Drive (Benefits Family Promise/IHN) - St. Mark's
6/22 - 6/24	Fri. - Sun.	Limitless - University of Indianapolis*
7/17 - 7/20	Tues. - Fri.	Mission u - DePauw University, Greencastle, IN*

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



 MORNING AND EVENING INTEREST GROUPS

There will be no interest groups at our May 8th, joint meeting due to the *Mothers, Daughters and Friends Banquet*. All morning and evening interest groups will resume their usual schedules beginning in October 2018. *Bookmarkers* will continue to meet throughout the summer however. Their next meeting will be on May 15th, at 7 pm in the parlor to discuss *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. All are invited to attend. The date for *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith is still TBA. Contact the *Bookmarkers* facilitator, Deb Skinner, with questions.



 NEW BOARD FOR 2018-2019

St. Mark's United Methodist Women would like to welcome our new officers for the 2018-2019 year. Best wishes to the incoming officers and a heartfelt thank you to all of those who served in 2017-2018 (see the next page for outgoing/incoming officers).

UMW BOARD (NEW IN BOLD)

Position	Outgoing 2017-2018	Incoming 2018-2019
President	Holly Moore, Susan Salter, Barbie Schmenner	Holly Moore
President Elect	(New Position)	Steff Mabe
VP of Programming & Interest Groups	Steff Mabe	Steff Mabe
VP of Fund Raising	Kathy Dycus	Kathy Dycus
Recording Secretary	Trisha Staneart	Trisha Staneart
Corresponding Secretary	Beth Montag	Beth Montag
Treasurer	Karen Demler	Karen Demler
Assistant Treasurer	Ada Hoffmaster	Ada Hoffmaster
Spiritual Growth AM	Susan Salter	Gail Lee
Spiritual Growth PM		Miriam Taylor
Education & Interpretation	Linda Schenk	Linda Schenk
Membership Nurture & Outreach AM	Linda Mitchell Powel, Sarah Lasbury	Linda Mitchell Powell, Sarah Lasbury
Membership Nurture & Outreach PM	Holly Moore	Sonjia Clodfelter
Social Action	Gail Lee	Kate King
Secretary of Program Resources	Kathy Lentz	Susan Salter
Nominations Chairperson	Gail Lee	Marilyn Roberts
Publicity & PR Chair	Marilyn Roberts	Teresa Ilten
Communications/Newsletter Editor	Laura McCloughan	Nadine Penman
Members-at-large	Kathi Hall, Peggy Hoy, Sandy Melin	Peggy Hoy, Sandy Melin
Brightwood After School & Lebanon CH	Kathi Hall	Kathi Hall
Historian - Photographer	Kathy Lentz, Barbie Schmenner	Kathy Lentz, Barbie Schmenner
Hospitality Coordinators AM	Cathy Wilkinson, Janice Presley	Cathy Wilkinson, Janice Presley
Hospitality Coordinators PM	Kathleen Zelner and Kit Zelner	Kathleen Zelner and Kit Zelner
Pianist AM	Pam Whitehead	Pam Whitehead
Pianist PM	Pat Parks	Pat Parks
Song Leader AM	Lydia Fourman	Lydia Fourman
Bulletin Board Coordinator	Kathleen Zelner	Kathleen Zelner

MAY PRAYER CALENDAR

God calls each one of use to love and serve Jesus Christ and our neighbors near and far. God calls the church to do the same. How do we live out our calling in our time and place? What keeps us grounded when we experience challenges in our call? How do we enable others, both the empowered and those on the margins of society to fulfill their calls?

The women and men featured in the annual Prayer Calendar are faithful disciples of Jesus Christ who discern and respond to God’s call in mission service in the United States and around the globe.

The Prayer Calendar presents callings in words and pictures that remind each of us of our calls, pointing us toward the great things God expects of us as we respond in faith to God’s grace. Our response in faith includes the tithe of our time, our talent, and our resources—in prayer, action, and monetary gifts.

God calls us—let us joyfully and prayerfully respond.

MAY 6 Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, East St. Louis, Ill.	MAY 6 Noe Cenal (GMF Intl), Margaret Fenton (S)
MAY 7 Sri Lanka. LEADS. Provision of the therapeutic care and legal services to sexually abused children in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka.	MAY 7 Pamela Johnson (DHMR)
MAY 8 Costa Rica. Women’s Economic Development Network. Deepening understanding of gender equity towards greater decision making by grassroots women leaders of businesses and community organizations.	MAY 8 Maneul Padilla (S/REPM), Larry Schmitz (M), Carla Warnock (M)
MAY 9 Costa Rica. Women’s Economic Development Network. Expanding the social and financial sustainability of women-owned businesses through an exchange of knowledge between women entrepreneurs from El Salvador and Guatemala.	MAY 9 Vincent Chaeruka (GMF Intl), Lisa Katzenstein (S), Cheryl Robinson (DHMR)
MAY 10 Cote d’Ivoire (Ivory Coast). Leadership Development Program. Developing leadership for church leaders, clergy, and laity.	MAY 10 Sherlette Lee (DHMR), Erica Oliveira (M), Daniel Yang (M)
MAY 11 Cote d’Ivoire (Ivory Coast). Radio Ministry, Broadcasting radio ministry for evangelization, and social development.	MAY 11 Stephen Quigg (M), Joseph Russ (GMF Intl)
MAY 12 MacDonnell Children’s Services, Houma, La.	MAY 12 Quest Hunter (CCW), Leslie Nedderman (S), Cynthia Rodriguez (S)

Field of Work Categories: CCW = Church and Community Workers, DMHR = Laypeople, GH = Global Health, GMF Intl = Global Mission Fellows – International, GMF US-2 = Global Mission Fellows US-2, HM = Home Missionary, M = Missionaries, REPM = Racial Ethnic Plan Missionaries, RM = Regional Missionaries, S = Staff

