



■ First United Methodist Women ■

The Flame

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First United Methodist Church of Waukesha 262-542-4256

The Flame is the First United Methodist Women (UMW) newsletter to inform the women of First United Methodist Church of Waukesha about meeting dates and events.

This publication recognizes that many women cannot or do not wish to belong to a small group meeting monthly. However, if you believe in the ministry and goals of the UMW, it is hoped *The Flame* will spark your interest in specific programs or projects and you will freely participate.

Join us as we "Follow in the Footsteps of God".

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

2012 Calendar

January 28 – Day Apart Metro South and North

February 18 – Mid-Winter Retreat

March 2 – Church Women United

April 19-21 – Spring Rummage and Bake Sale with set up from April 15-18

May 5 – Spring Gathering: Breast Cancer Walk followed by lunch

School of Christian Mission

Four-day School: Tuesday-Friday, July 31-August 3

Drive In Day: Saturday, August 4

October 4-7 – Fall Rummage Sale; set up begins September 30

May 2014 UMW Assembly – Lexington, Kentucky

Mid-Winter Retreat

LOVING GOD with our Heart, Soul and MIND!

February 18, 9:00am-12:30pm

Refresh Your Spirit! Bring a friend and join United Methodist Women for the annual Mid-Winter Retreat. Lunch will be served and childcare provided if requested. You can make reservations by calling the church office at 262-542-4256. The cost of the retreat is \$5.00 which includes lunch and can be paid at registration (8:45-9:00). All women from the church and community are invited.

Ruth Greenwood will lead us as we consider "Loving God with Our Heart, Soul and Mind". As we move along on our spiritual journey, our understanding of God and the way that we love Him changes. We will explore together how these changes affect our daily lives.

What is a Unit?

A unit is an organized group of United Methodist Women within a church, charge/cluster, district, or online community committed to fulfilling The •PURPOSE•. A unit may have several circles which combine to form the local Church unit of United Methodist Women.

2012 Day Apart

Set some time apart to enjoy fellowship between Metro North and South United Methodist Women and to learn about

All Things Made New

1. *Coming Out on the Side of Grace: Forgiveness and Reconciliation (spiritual growth study)*. Our leader is Rev. Jim Scorgie and he will bring a wealth of pastor experience to this study where Forgiveness is a "Journey" in our Christian life.
2. *Haiti – Challenges and Hope (social action study)*. Our study leader is Nurse Bonnie Falk who has been to Haiti and will impart her extensive experience on this study of Haiti's past and desire to move forward.

Saturday, January 28

9:30am to 3:45pm

Serving continental breakfast and lunch

at Wauwatosa Avenue United Methodist Church,
1529 Wauwatosa Avenue, Wauwatosa

Phone: 414-453-0700

Registration forms will be on UMW bulletin board in the main hallway across from the Hospitality Center.

Mission Giving

United Methodist Women at First Church give generously to missions. So just what does that mean? During the past year, our local group gave \$6000.00 to the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. This money then goes to the World Service Fund that serves globally to help God's children everywhere. The monies donated by United Methodist Women nation wide have been a main support of this fund for many years.

We also contribute to local groups. During 2011, we donated the following locally:

\$150.00 to St. Joseph's Medical and Dental Clinic,
\$150.00 to the Woman's Center,
\$100.00 to Northcott Neighborhood House,
\$100.00 to United Methodist Children's Services,
\$100.00 to the local Salvation Army, and
\$100.00 to the Pastor's Emergency Fund of our church.

These are the main charities that we support. Since we have fewer than 100 members in our local unit, that is very strong mission giving. Congratulations to our unit! Keep this in mind as you participate in some of our many activities.

Thoughts on the Rummage and Bake Sale

Many thanks to all of our members who worked so hard on this fall's Rummage and Bake Sale. The help of every member, no matter how small, is vital to the success of this endeavor. All the money is used for missions here at home, nationally, and abroad to help children and women. Worldwide economic conditions have made our help even more important than ever.

The circles have been planning their meetings during the week of the sale to include members who work during the day and therefore are often unable to spend any other time helping. In a few hours, much was accomplished. Additionally, if you work during the day, you can help with set up (about 40 minutes) right after the first service of worship. Clean up Saturday early afternoon (about an hour) is another option.

If your health precludes you from the physical activity of setting up and/or cleaning up, helping sort the items, working at the bakery table or the check-out table, or providing bakery items would be helpful. This last time bakery from our members was in low supply.

The Spring Rummage and Bake Sale work week will be April 15-21. Plan ahead and hope to see all of you there!

Cindy Epton

First Church UMW Officers

The United Methodist Women Mission Team welcomes the following women as officers.

Betty Moore – President

Joan Dehnel – Treasurer

Jeanne Roney – Secretary

Helen Melzl – Social Action Coordinator

Marilyn Gale – Program Resources

Mary Taft – Membership and Outreach

Special Person – Cookie Walk Coordinator

Cindy Epton – Rummage Sale Chairperson

Joan Dehnel – Library Committee

Helen Melzl coordinates Linden Grove Bingo

Jeanne Roney – Editor *The Flame*

Joan Dehnel – Lockman Circle Chairperson

Mary Taft – Martha/Joy Circle Chairperson

Mary Crown and Kathy Greenwald – Piecemakers (Quilting) Chairpersons

The UMW 2011-2012 yearbook is available from Circle chairpersons. It contains officer lists, dates to remember, membership lists and bake sale information.

It also contains each circle's meeting dates and program information.

UMW Reading Program

Once again, let me reintroduce all United Methodist Women to the Reading Program. This program is a wonderful way to learn more about why you are a member of this international group. You will stretch your mind and learn so much about mission, you will discover new ways to develop personally, you will add to your personal spirituality, you will learn how people around the world are helping in their own communities and find ways to develop your leadership skills. All of these things by reading one book from each category during the coming year.

The program encompasses the books on the UMW shelf in the library that are marked from 2008 through 2112.

For more information, please contact Betty Moore or Joan Dehnel.

All of these topics are current and timely. Let's get reading, one book from each category. Hand in your list to a UMW officer in the fall – our unit will get credit and you will have learned so much.

Church Women United

Our local unit of United Methodist Women belongs to Church Women United (CWU). CWU events give us an opportunity to meet with other women from our community churches and an opportunity for Bible Study and great fellowship. The next meeting is March 2: World Day of Prayer. Please see Betty Moore for details.

UMW 2011 Cookie Walk

There's happy news at First United Methodist Church of Waukesha! Our United Methodist Women's annual Cookie Walk, held on December 3, made a profit of \$2,973, all of which will be used to help fulfill our UMW mission pledge!

Again this year, our first cookie buyers arrived at 7:45am. By 8:00, there were 7 or 8 people in line. By 9:00, when the doors opened, there were over 40 people in line waiting to select their favorite cookies and fudge. The number and variety of beautiful and delicious cookies this year was the greatest ever! After the "big (but extremely orderly) rush", buyers came in slowly, but steadily until the 11:00 closing. At that time, there were 8-9 serving trays of cookies left, which allowed us to sell the remaining lovely variety of cookies on Sunday morning before and between services.

THANK YOU to *all* who helped by baking and/or decorating cookies! Thank you to *all* who set up the long heavy tables, and those who decorated them! Thank you to *all* who worked Friday afternoon assembling boxes, cutting ribbons, and decorating the Dining Room! Thank you to *all* who worked Saturday morning, including those who helped with clean up! Thank you to *all* who donated money toward expenses! Thank you to those who sold the remaining cookies Sunday morning. And lastly, but extremely importantly, we thank you for *buying* cookies! We could not have raised nearly \$3,000 without ALL of you!

See you next year! ☺

Mary Taft

RiverWalk for Breast Cancer – 2012

The snow has barely begun to fly, but it's already time to "SAVE THE DATE" for our UMW Spring Gathering! Our United Methodist Women, along with FUMC members and friends, will once again form a team to walk in the ProHealth Care RiverWalk for Breast Cancer. This year's RiverWalk, held at Frame Park, is Saturday, May 5, at 10:00am. After the walk, those who would like to will again gather for lunch at Dady-Oh's Restaurant in downtown Waukesha.

Last year's Spring Gathering/RiverWalk was a fun, friendship-filled morning of good exercise and good food. It was our first year to form a UMW team. We discovered *almost too late* that we needed to register as many walkers as possible by the Early Registration deadline, because the registration cost increased after that date. This year's Early Registration deadline is March 16! The registration includes a long-sleeved RiverWalk for Breast Cancer t-shirt with our UMW logo on the back. The registration fee will be \$20.00 if registered by March 16; \$25.00 March 19-May 1; and \$30.00 after May 1.

Watch the UMW bulletin board and Sunday bulletins for more information/details of this year's UMW Spring Gathering, May 5. If you have questions, go to www.waukeshariverwalk.org or call Mary Taft.