

SCOPE

St. Mark's United Methodist Women
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Each member of our UMW unit has different gifts and abilities. I Corinthians 12 reminds us that each person in a group has a gift that is important. This will be especially true when we have our annual fundraiser on Saturday, May 4, when we will be selling books, plants, crafts and baked goods. Donations are needed in all four categories. Start looking around and decide what you can do. If you cannot be present on the sales day, donate. If you have a green thumb, start some plants. If you have extra books, donate the ones you will not read again. If you like to cook, bake some desserts. If you enjoy crafts, make something for the sale. If everyone contributes, we will have a successful fundraiser. Please plan now for how you can help.

This month all three circles will gather on the second Wednesday, March 13, for our annual Call to Prayer and Self-Denial. This will include the traditional stone soup. See Arlene Dempster's article for all the details. It will be good to gather as a group for this annual event. See you then.

Judy Edelblute

MARCH 13: A CALL TO PRAYER AND SELF DENIAL

All women are invited to join the three circles for a celebration of the birthday of United Methodist Women and the work we have been doing for the past 150 years as women organized to be in mission. We are also observing a special day, a Call to Prayer and Self-Denial with the theme of Creating a Thriving Generation.

We will hear some success stories, learn some startling facts about how many children and youth around the world are denied opportunities to flourish. We will pray for them, receive an offering which will be used to help even the playing field for young people, and conclude the



morning with a sacrificial lunch, eating our famous Stone Soup.

Join us In the Social Hall at 10 a.m. on Wed. March 13, and bring half a cup of a vegetable to add flavor to the stone soup. Remember we will be receiving a special offering, so come prepared to participate as you are able.

WORLD THANK OFFERING

We all seem to do a lot of traveling these days. How many states have you visited over the years? Add a coin to your bank for each one.

MARCH CIRCLE MEETINGS

FAITH CIRCLE

Wednesday, March 13, 10:00 A.M.

Location: Social Hall

Program: Prayer and Self Denial

Remember Storefront on March 25

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Wednesday, March 13, 9:30 A.M.

Location: New Room, short business meeting

Program: Prayer and Self Denial

Attend program in Social Hall after business meeting

HARMONY CIRCLE

Wednesday, March 13, 9:30 A.M.

Location: Social Hall, short business meeting

Program: Prayer and Self Denial

BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

6 Gee Gee Ferrier
 6 Judy McRae
 7 Karen Scanlon
 8 Dorothy Kay
 11 Wendy Hill
 24 Marilynn Chisholm
 24 Georgia McNeil
 27 Cas Guevara



TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE OF		
ACCOUNT	1/27/2019	\$3,610.73
CREDITS:		
Friendship Circle Pledge		140.00
Harmony Circle Pledge		385.00
Thank Offering		214.00
	Total Credits	\$739.00
DEBITS		
Reception		18.41
District Pledge		500.00
February MOF (Joint Commission/ Mexico)		100.00
	Total Debits	\$618.41
	Balance of Account 2/27/2019	\$3,731.32

MISSION OUTREACH FUND

Red Bird Mission-Red Bird Mission was founded in 1921 in the Southeastern corner of Kentucky to provide education and Christian evangelism ministries to residents of the area. The mission shares God's love and compassion in many ways: through their Christian School, their Dental Clinic, their community outreach, and the Red Bird Valley Kitchen.

COMING EVENTS

March 23, 2019 UMW Birthday Celebration
 March 22-24, 2019 St. Mark's Women's Retreat with Rev. Lydia Sohn at Pine Valley Bible Conference Center
 May 4, 2019 Spring Fundraiser combination: Bake Sale, Craft Sale, Plant Sale and Book Sale

BEYOND THE LOCAL CHURCH

March 16, 2019 District Mission Study, Shepherd of the Hills UMC, Mission Viejo
 April 6, 2019 South District All Day Retreat, Julian

Purpose of United Methodist Women



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.