

SCOPE

St. Mark's United Methodist Women
President: Judy Edelblute

March 2020
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Sisters in Christ,

As I look at our schedule of UMW events, I am reminded of how we are connected to other United Methodist Women groups. The district UMW officers provided training for us in January. They also sponsor mission studies and Quiet Disciple recognitions events each year. One of the Conference UMW officers spoke at our UMW Sunday potluck.

The National officers provide the Program Book, Prayer Calendar, and materials for Call to Prayer and Self Denial, which we will use on Wednesday, March 11. The offering collected that day will be pooled with the funds collected at all the other celebrations done nationally to fund special projects. We are part of an organization that is 800,000 women strong. Our influence, with your help, can be global. Please join us on March 11 and be part of the solution to global problems.

Judy

MARCH 11: A CALL TO PRAYER AND SELF DENIAL

We will look closely at this year's theme: "Let Your Light Shine", consider how we receive and reflect the love of Christ in our daily lives, with an eye toward striking a balance that encourages vitality of spirit. Inspired by each other and the success stories of women working to help children and youth around the world, we will pray, offer our gifts for mission, and conclude the morning with a sacrificial lunch eating our famous Stone Soup.

All women are invited to join the three circles in the Social Hall at 10 a.m. on Wed. March 11, 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

March 2nd is **Read Across America Day!** OK, gals! Let's start dropping in those coins for something we all enjoy and are grateful for: BOOKS! Think about some of your favorites and then generously donate for each one.

On the subject of books, we have two new thought provoking additions to our social action section: ***Six by Ten: Stories from Solitary***, 13 personal essays from those experiencing the impact of solitary confinement; and, ***What Comes With the Dust***, detailing the plight of the Yazidi people living under the Islamic State and their indomitable spirit amidst this oppression. **UMW Reading Program** participants need to remember that book checkouts are for one month. Please return books in a timely manner. For more information, call Wendy Rader.

MARCH CIRCLE MEETINGS

FAITH CIRCLE

Wednesday, March 11, 10:00 A.M.

Location: Social Hall

Program: Call to Prayer and Self Denial

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Wednesday, March 11, 10:00 A.M.

Location: Social Hall

Program: Call to Prayer and Self Denial

HARMONY CIRCLE

Wednesday, March 11, 10:00 A.M.

Location: Social Hall

Program: Call to 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



MISSION OUTREACH FUND

Blackfeet United Methodist Parish-through global ministries- This plan for mission is a practical approach to “go and make disciples”. The agricultural equine training and livestock production programs will promote a mutually beneficial ministry for outreach and discipleship among the people of the Blackfeet Nation.

COMING EVENTS

March 14, 2020	Noon. Memorial service for 18- month old Elias Galan, Audrey Derwin’s great grandson. Pat Comer needs help with a salad or money for fruit to serve at the reception that is likely to number 300 people. Call Pat at 858-278-3011
March 20-22, 2020	St. Mark’s Women’s Retreat with Rev. Jan Wiley at Pine Valley Bible Conference Center
May 2, 2020	UMW Spring Sale,8:00A.M.-1:00 P.M.

BEYOND THE LOCAL CHURCH

June 6, 2020	Quiet Disciple Recognition, Escondido, UMC
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TREASURER’S REPORT

BALANCE OF		
ACCOUNT	1/22/2020	\$2,071.01
CREDITS:		
Friendship Circle Pledge		355.00
Harmony Circle Pledge		505.00
Faith Circle Pledge		600.00
WTO		210.62
Memorial Receptions		275.00
Gift to Mission		50.00
Total Credits	\$2,034.62	

DEBITS

Receptions	86.10
Response	168.00
District Pledge	500.00
Books	78.45
MOF (UMCOR/Puerto Rico}	100.00
Total Debits	\$932.55
Balance of Account 2/26/2020	\$3,173.08

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.