

April 2011



# GOOD NEWS!

UMW Newsletter

Dear UMW Member,

## Program - April 5th



Our Hearts and Hands grant recipients will be introduced, to us at this meeting, and each will have an opportunity to tell us about the work of their organizations.

The grant recipients are:

Fair Haven Food Pantry - \$8,000

FamilyPointResources - \$5,000

House of Amos - \$10,000

Literacy Advance - \$5,000

Neuhaus Education Center - \$2,000

Lunch will be served after the meeting by reservation.

New lunch cost is \$7.50.

Our hostesses are the Bible Circle.

## May General Meeting

Our May General Meeting will be held on May 3, 2011, at 9:30 A.M. in Wesley Hall. This meeting is a special one for us as we present our Special Mission Recognition Pins, both from the Unit and individuals followed by our Installation of Officers for the 2011-2012 year. We are honored to have Judy McFarland conducting our installation.

Our luncheon that day will be a salad luncheon and we are asking that each person bring a small salad to serve 4-6.

Our desserts will be provided by our hostess circle, the Women of Spirit.

## President's Corner

Ah spring!! We love it for all of its beauty, and we dislike it for all of its allergies! You must admit, however, that God has painted for us a spectacular display of color with a back ground of the most gorgeous green-a photographer's paradise-and a lovely display for Easter!

April is another busy month for UMW starting off on the 5th with our General Meeting when we get to present the funds raised during our 2010 Hearts & Hands to five lucky Grant recipients. We will hear from each of these organizations about the incredible things they do to help women, youth, and children.

At this same meeting the Nominating Committee will present their slate of officers for 2011-2012. Yes, we do have new Hearts & Hands chairs-Debbie Moore and Pat Noel!! Thanks ladies! We must officially vote these on these new officers, so do come to be a part of the excitement. These officers will be installed at the May 3rd General meeting.

I hope you are planning to be at the all-church retreat-A/Way-on April 9th & 10th. Holy Week begins on April 17th with Palm Sunday and our Chancel Choir concert, "Requiem" that evening at 7 P.M.; Maundy Thursday Communion on the 21st; Good Friday Worship and Drama at the Well on the 22nd; and Easter Sunday on the 24th. Please check the church calendar on-line for a complete listing of Holy Week events and times.

A special thanks to Rev. Suzy Reedstrom and Mary Siegele for the marvelous Spiritual Growth Goals of Excellence Study on March 29th. We had a great turnout and enjoyed Suzy's presentation on the Epistles of John. What a gift Suzy is to this church.

There is so much going on at MDUMC and with UMW and we are so blessed to be a part of such a vibrant church. Please join us for all of these special events!

Blessings,  
Karen Ward

## Hearts and Hands Commemorative Ornament



This year MDUMW will celebrate our 25th year of hosting Hearts and Hands Holiday Market. In order to mark this special occasion, we have commissioned Brookwood Community to produce a commemorative ornament for us. Their fabulous designer has created this one-of-a kind memento. Since this ornament will be for sale this year only, **it will be sold by prepaid pre-order only.** The cost of this ornament will be \$15, and checks should be made out to MDUMW at the time the order is placed. Orders can be placed through our May General meeting (May 3), and delivery will be during Hearts and Hands Holiday Market in October. We will have a table available on Sundays in Friendship Court, but these dates are not yet decided. Orders placed at Hearts and Hands will not be guaranteed for Christmas delivery, and will not be signed by the artist. For more information please contact Barbara Morehouse, 713-977-0906 or [Rmorehbarb@aol.com](mailto:Rmorehbarb@aol.com). The picture shown will give you some indication of how special this ornament will be. Don't be left out!

## Texas Annual Conference Cooperative School of Christian Mission

TAC Cooperative School of Christian Mission  
Lakeview Conference Center  
Palestine, TX  
July 28 - 30, 2011  
"All Things Made New"

Mission Studies:

Coming out on the Side of Grace: Reconciliation - Social Action  
Haiti - Global Study - Education and Interpretation  
Joy to the World - Spiritual Growth

## Santa Maria

SANTA MARIA



One hundred ninety-one bags filled with toiletries have been delivered to Santa Maria Hostel. A huge thank you to all who have contributed items and to those who helped fill the bags.

Since we still have 200 bags, as you are able, please continue to bring travel size toiletries to General Meetings and to your Circle meetings. Shampoo and toothpaste are especially needed, but all items are welcome.

Thanks again for your generosity.

Mary Sue Yeager, Social Action Chairman

## Annual Collection For Our Very Own Mission, Larkin Community Center

Our Larkin Street Ministry needs our help!

At this meeting we will be collecting items for the Larkin Street Food Pantry.

Items needed are:

Diapers, sizes 3, 4, 5

Baby Food

Canned Food

Meats

Fruit

Vegetables, **no corn**

Chili

Cereal -

Corn Flakes

Oatmeal, small size

Macaroni & Cheese, in box

Spaghetti

Spaghetti Sauce

Saltine Crackers

We will be collecting these items at meetings on the following dates:

General Meeting - April 5

Circle Meetings - April 18, 19, and 20

## Taste of Spring Branch



Date: Sunday, April 10th, 2011

Time: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Please join Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) in the 2nd Taste of Spring Branch community event. The purpose of this event is to raise community awareness of MAM and join together to celebrate and sample flavors from a diverse list of Spring Branch area restaurants. This year the Taste of Spring Branch will be held on Sunday April 10, 2011 at the MAM grounds. 25-30 local restaurants are expected to participate and will provide samples of their food. Guests will dine with live entertainment in the background, have a chance to win a bottle of wine in the wine pull fundraiser, and shop 'til they drop in the MAM Resale Store. Live music from Flat Cat!

## Holly Hall Spring Bazaar

**Holly Hall**  
**Spring Bazaar**

*40-Years of Tradition*

**Friday**      **Saturday**  
**APRIL 8**      **APRIL 9**  
9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.      9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

2000 Holly Hall Street at Fannin  
(East of Reliant Center on Metro Train Line)

**FREE ADMISSION**

Other Holly Hall News

**Save the Date! Save the Date!**

**2nd Annual Holly Hall  
Art Show and Sale  
featuring the art students of Nancy Paris  
Pruden**

**Thursday, April 28th  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Holly Hall Retirement Community  
2000 Holly Hall Street**

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Holly Hall Book Review Series tickets are for sale now. They have gone up to \$35.00 for four book reviews. Holly Hall Book Review, 2000 Holly Hall Street, Houston, Texas 77054-4029, or call Katherine Dowdell at 281-936-2802

Child Care



CHILDCARE POLICY

This is just a reminder that there will be nursery care provided for the General Meetings, but all other UMW activities require advanced reservations through Louise Kiel. If you have questions or need to make a nursery request please contact Louise at 713-467-0606.

Remember to Recycle



## Help Memorial Drive UMW to become a green Unit.

### Remember to Reduce/Recycle/Reuse

Avoid spray products for cleaning, air-freshening, and cooking.

Use non-toxic dish detergent, laundry detergent, and cleaning products.

Do not let water run while doing tasks.

## A Message from the Treasurer



To all UMW members and Members at Large:  
One last reminder from the treasurer! All pledges to be credited for the 2010-2011 year are due by the end of April. Circle treasurers should turn their packets with all circle financial records in to Melissa Evans after their April circle meeting.

Thanks for your help this year!

## Mission Stitchers



Mission Stitchers would like to invite anyone interested in stitching to join their group on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in The Connection Center. All projects that are created are sold to raise money for missions.

## April Circle Meetings



**Betty Landrum Circle** is meeting Tuesday, April 19, at 10:00 A.M. at the Egg and I restaurant on Memorial at Kirkwood.

**Bible Circle** will meet on Wednesday, April 20, at 1:00 p.m. in Room D126. Helen Williams will lead our discussion of the final chapter, Chapter 6, "Loyalty and Discipleship," in our study book, Abiding in Love, a Study of 1,2,3 John.

**Common Thread Circle** will meet in Room D220 on Tuesday, April 19, at 9:30 a.m. You are welcome to join us and help make the many handcrafted items we send to the patients in Houston area hospitals.

If you cannot join us on the 19th, you will find us at Town & Country Starbuck's every Monday afternoon between 2 and 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

**Edith Moore Circle** will meet on Tuesday, April 19th, at 9:30 A.M. in Room D127.

**Mary Lee Marshall Circle** will meet on Monday, April 18th, at MDUMC, in room D220.

The circle meets at 6:30 for light refreshments and begins the meeting at 7.

**Music Circle** will meet on Tuesday, April 19th, at 9:30 A.M., in Room D126. The program will be presented by our own Janet Kennedy: "Life in the Parsonage".

**Reading Circle** will meet on Tuesday, April 19th, in Room D222. We gather at 9:30 A.M. to visit and have refreshments with the meeting at 10:00 A.M. We will discuss the book "Choosing To See" by Mary Beth Chapman and make plans for the upcoming year.

**Women of Spirit Circle** will meet on Tuesday, April 19th, in Room D219. Loretta Shadden has some projects for us to work on for VBS.

## Dates to Remember

April 8	Holly Hall Spring Bazaar 9:00 - 4:00
April 9	Holly Hall Spring Bazaar 9:00 - 3:00
April 9 & 10	AWay - All-Church Retreat at Trinity Pines (see Lynet Dunn)
April 17	Palm Sunday and Choir Concert - "Requiem" by John Rutter, 7 p.m.
April 18-23	Holy Week, please check MDUMW website for complete calendar of events.
April 21	Maundy Thursday Communion Service, 7 p.m.
April 22	Good Friday, The Well, 5:30p.m. & 7:30 p.m., Worship & Drama
April 24	EASTER SUNDAY
April 26	MDUMW Executive Board Meeting, Room D-219, 9:30 a.m.
April 28	Holly Hall 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Art Show and Sale 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
May 3	May General Meeting - Installation of Officers, Wesley Hall, 9:30 a.m.
May 6	Church Women United - May Friendship Day At Holly Hall Retirement Community