



GOOD NEWS!

Dear Member,

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Please remember to wear a name tag to the General Meeting.

UMW decided to no longer keep UMW name tags, but every member is requested to use any name tag they have so new and other members can know your name. Thanks!

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Today's Program



We are honored to have Dr. Susanne Carreker, vice-president, research and program development, from the Neuhaus Education Center as our guest speaker. One of the most important parts of the work at Neuhaus is to teach teachers how to teach dyslexic children to read.

Dr. Carreker has written most of the curriculum for Neuhaus and has a passion for all children to have the ability to read. Neuhaus Education Center is a premier source for solutions, support, and successful reading instruction for every educator. Our UMW has been supportive of Neuhaus and the wonderful work they do for many years and we are pleased to be able to offer this program.

We will have refreshments and fellowship at 9:30 AM with the meeting starting at 10:00 AM.

Hostesses are the Reading Circle

Quick Links

[MDUMC UMW Website](#)

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President's Corner



Did you know that heart disease is still the #1 killer of women? Did you know that February is the American Heart Association's "Go Red For Women" movement month? As well-informed women, it is imperative that we know and spread the word about heart disease. So, wear RED this month and share this website with at least five other women:

GoRedForWomen.org

The New Year is off to a grand start and we are all excited about all of the happenings with UMW. If you haven't checked out the Display cases in the Friendship Court and the Reception Area, please do so - they feature UMW and all of the marvelous things we do. Our Hearts and Hands Vendor Committee is already at

work receiving applications for our 25th Annual event; the Nominations Committee is preparing a slate of officers for next year; and it will soon be time to hand out those long-awaited Grants from the money we earned at Hearts & Hands! Before we get there, however, we will be hostesses of the District Local Officer's Training on February 5th; we will have the first of two Mission Studies with Social Action on February 8th and Spiritual Growth on March 29th. In between these studies we will celebrate UMW Sunday on March 6th by helping with Communion as well as being greeters and presenters of the elements. At noon we will meet in Wesley hall for a wonderful luncheon and a special program. Kristie Collum, Pediatric Care Manager for Houston Hospice is our speaker. You won't want to miss hearing her amazing story. **Reservations will be required for lunch.**

Do mark your calendars for these events. We have a wonderful and very active Unit of UMW and I cannot begin to express how honored I am to be your President. You are marvelous and caring group of women and it is a pleasure to serve with you!

Bless your hearts and Happy Valentine's Day!
Karen

Goal of Excellence Study



Joy to the World, Mission in the Age of Global Christianity

Tuesday, February 8th at 9 a.m.
Room D-220

The Reverend Sally Couvillion will lead us as we learn as followers of Jesus Christ how we have spread and continue to share the "Good News" through mission and evangelism. We will conclude with lunch and be finished by 1:30 p.m.
Hope to see you there!

UMW Communion Sunday

March 6th is UMW Communion Sunday. We will be helping serve Communion. If you would like to help at the 8:15, 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. service, let Karen Ward know at egkmward@comcast.net or 713-789-1886.

Donations for Santa Maria Hostel



Thank you one and all for your generosity in donating personal hygiene items for Santa Maria Hostel. Since it takes hundreds of items to fill the over 400 bags that the Common Thread Circle made, our collection is going to be an ongoing project. Please continue to bring items from the list below or a small monetary donation to our meetings through this UMW year. All items should be small travel sizes like those provided in hotels and motels. Toothpaste and toothbrushes are especially needed.

Toothbrush	Shampoo
Toothpaste	Conditioner
Soap	Body/hand lotion
Lip Balm	Combs
Emory boards	Deodorant

Whenever there is a good enough supply, I will set up a time when you can help fill the cloth bags. Watch for an announcement. Thank you to the Bible Circle and the Women of Spirit Circle for filling enough bags to deplete our supply of toiletries. If you have any questions, please call me.

Mary Sue Yeager, 713-785-1017

Reading Program

Stop by the Reading Program display table at our General Meeting next Tuesday and pick up your copy of the list of books for 2011. Many of the books will be on the table, or you can check them out in the church library during the week. The selections this year are especially exciting since there are three books whose authors are "special" to us. In addition to Touch: Pressing Against the Wounds of a Broken World, by Rudy Rasmus, local author and pastor of St. John's UMC in Houston, look for Not Just A One-Night Stand: Ministry With the Homeless, by long-time co-pastors, John Flowers and Karen Vannoy, at Travis Park UMC in San Antonio. Their story is a moving testimony to what can happen in a church that makes Christ, Lord, and looks for that Lord on the margins.



The third book to look for is My Sister the Father, written by Meri Whitaker of the Cookson Hills Center in Oklahoma. Rave reviews are coming in from those who have already purchased this book. You can have your own copy for \$15.00. Multiple copies will be available at the book table, or you may contact either Helen Williams or Barbara Morehouse to get your copy. (There is also a copy of the book available for check-out---if you are lucky to get it!).

Also at the table will be information pamphlets that will tell you everything you need to know about how to get involved in our Reading Program. Start now---the program "runs" from January to December. A special recognition will be given at our meeting for those who have completed the program during 2010: Katherine Galpin, Joan Garofalo, Louise Kiel, Mary Lu Mase, Barbara Morehouse, Nicolette Morrison, Carol Scarbrough, and Karen Ward

25 Years of Hearts and Hands



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, we will be taking pre-orders beginning at our February General meeting. The cost of this ornament will be \$15, and checks should be made out to MDUMW at the time the order is placed. Please be sure to look for the table in Wesley Hall this Tuesday so you can place your order and not be left out. Orders can be placed through our May General meeting (May 2), 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. For more information please contact Barbara

Morehouse, 713-977-0906 or Rmorehbarb@aol.com. The picture shown will give you some indication of how special this ornament will be. Don't be left out!

Help Memorial Drive become a Green UMW Unit

Remember to Reduce/Recycle/Reuse

Turn off TV, computer, microwave, etc. at the strip/plug.

Run full loads in the dish washer, washer, and dryer.

Use short cycles

Replace all incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs.

Mission Stitches



Mission Stitches are beginning their eleventh year of raising money for missions.

Members welcome anyone interested in stitching and sewing. Meetings are every Thursday morning, at 10:00 a.m., in The Connection Center. All projects made are sold to raise money to help needy women and children.

New Members

Memorial Drive United Methodist Women welcomes new members:
Dr. Kathleen (Kathe) Powell who joined 10/5/10,
Patricia Williams who joined 12/7/10,
Betty Darnell and
Dottie Peters who joined 1/4/11.

We look forward to seeing you at our General Meetings and hope you find a home with one of our monthly Circles.



February Circle Meetings



Betty Landrum Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 15th, at 9:30 a.m. in the home of Gerry Burckle, 15742 Steamboat Lane. Co-hostess is Mary Wright. Victoria Jones will present the program.

Bible Circle will meet on Wednesday, February 16th in Room D126 at 1:00 p.m. Jane Erskine will lead a discussion of the Chapter Four, "Fear and Love," in our study book, **Abiding in Love, A study of 1,2,3 John**. The devotion will be given by Bonnie Swantkowski, and refreshments will be provided by Joan Garofalo.

Common Thread Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 15th, in Room D220 at 9:30 a.m. and will welcome the Edith Moore Circle for a visit this month. They will help us stuff heart pillows and our little animal "critters" for the children's wards. As of last month, we have delivered 29,000 handmade items to area hospitals!

Edith Moore Circle will be joining the Common Thread Circle this month, on Tuesday, February 15th, in room D220 at 9:30 a.m.

Mary Lee Marshall Circle will meet on Monday, February 21st, at MDUMC in Room D220 at 6:30 p.m. for light refreshments. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Rima Blanc from the Common Thread Circle will be there to present the program.

Music Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 15th in Room D126 at 9:30 a.m. The program will be presented by the Houston Early Music Group.

Reading Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 15th in Room D222 at 9:30 a.m. The book "What's so Amazing about Grace" by Philip Yancey, will be discussed.

Women of Spirit will meet on Tuesday, February 8th at 9:00 a.m. in Room D127, joining the Goals of Excellence study.

Dates to Remember



February 4 (Friday) - Church Women United General Assembly Scholarship Emphasis Month -

The offering will go to the Scholarship Fund
At Beebe Tabernacle C.M.E. Church
7210 Langley Road at Homestead
Program: Jose Cantu, Director of Admissions
And Recruitment of U of H Downtown
Registration and coffee 9:30 a.m.
Program and business 10 a.m.

February 5 (Saturday) - Southwest District Local Officer's Training, MDUMC

Registration and Hospitality 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Closing 11:30 a.m.

February 8 (Tuesday) - Goals of Excellence Study - Social Action,

"Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity,"
led by Mary Sue Yeager and Rev. Sally Couvillion,
Room D-220, 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., includes lunch.

**March 4-5 (Friday & Saturday) - Texas Conference Spring Celebration,
Spiritual Growth Retreat** "The Joy of Sisterhood,"

with guest speaker Harriett Jane Olson, Deputy General Secretary of
the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries of the
United Methodist Church.

If you would like to go, you can find the flier and registration form on
the [Texas Conference Website](#) (see the link above in the quick links
section) or go to our MDUMW website and click on "Events".

March 6 - UMW Sunday. General Meeting in Wesley Hall following the 11 o'clock service.

Our program will be "The Butterfly Program: Pediatric Hospice Program," presented by
Kristie Cullum.
Lunch will be served, reservations will be required.

March 22 (Tuesday) - UMW Executive Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Room D-219.

March 29 (Tuesday) - Goals of Excellence Study - Spiritual Growth,

"For the Love of God: The Epistles of John,"
led by Mary Siegele and Rev. Suzy Reedstrom,
Room D-220, 9 a.m. - 12 Noon.

March 29 (Tuesday) - Holly Hall Book Review, "Women of the West,"

10:30 a.m. at St. Luke's UMC. Reviewer: Colleen Boudreaux.