



## Memorial Drive United Methodist Women

# Good News! January 2012

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### Dear Nicolette,

Our January General Meeting will be held on January 3, 2012, in Wesley Hall. Refreshments are at 9:30 A.M., and the meeting will start at 10:00 A.M. Our hostesses are the Common Thread Circle. Prior to the program we will have a brief World Thank Offering service. Our program will be "Inspiring Minds, Shaping Lives" by Pam Goodson, a SBISD Trustee.

### President's Corner



Happy New Year to each of you! I pray you had a wonderful time at Christmas time. I am so glad many of our service men are home or soon will be. Bless and thank them all! As I started this letter, I had just watched The Christmas Princess and then The Nutcracker on TV.

Both really got me into the Christmas spirit here at home. The packages had already been sent by UPS, and the rest of the cards were waiting to be readied. Every social occasion meant a meal...oh my, extra pounds. Then I made cut-out cookies and more for the Community Dinner on the 17th. Isn't it a blessing that we can help in so many ways through our church's ministries?!

Now we begin a new year and continue our year of UMW. Pam Goodson, a SBISD Trustee will speak at our January 3rd meeting about "Inspiring Minds; Shaping Lives." We will also have the World Thank Offering, so please come prepared to make a donation, if possible. And remember that the deadline to nominate someone for a Special Mission Recognition is Jan. 17th.

The Common Thread Circle will have refreshments for us before the meeting. January will be a busy month. MDUMW will host the District Training for local officers on Saturday, January 21st. Officers, please make notice of this! And then our dear Rev. Cynthia Harvey will be with us on Sunday, January 29th for the Haiti study, lead by Beryl Hogshead. We will need to make reservations for a box lunch(\$6) that day after the church services, and we welcome guests, including husbands.

Louise Kiel, President

## Special Mission Recognition

One of the ways United Methodist Women support missions is through the purchase of Special Mission Recognition Award Pins (SMR). It is also an opportunity for the United Methodist Women of Memorial Drive to honor special persons who have distinguished themselves in advancing the purpose of United Methodist Women. Award recipients do not need to be members of United Methodist Women. Our unit honors five individuals at our General Meeting in May of each year. If you wish to nominate someone, please do so by using the form (which is included in this newsletter) and submitting it to me, or by going on-line to our website ([www.mdumw.org](http://www.mdumw.org)) and filling it out and submitting it electronically. Separately, if you wish to honor a friend or colleague individually at the May meeting, please contact me so that she can place your pin order with the unit's order. All money for Special Mission Recognition Pins goes directly to missions.



The application deadline is Tuesday, January 17. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Barbara Morehouse

Special Mission Recognition Award

2011-2012 Nomination Form

Please place in nomination the following person:

Reason(s) for nomination of this individual:

Please give your name and telephone number in order that the committee may contact you regarding any questions they may have.

Name:

Phone:

Please submit your nomination forms to Barbara Morehouse, Committee Chair. You may mail them to her at: 337 Sugarberry Circle, Houston, Tx. 77024, send via email to <[RMorehBarb@aol.com](mailto:RMorehBarb@aol.com)>, or place them in the UMW box at the church in a sealed envelope with "Barbara Morehouse" on the front.

Deadline for Application is January 17, 2012

## Reading Program



Be sure to stop by the Reading Program Table at the January 3rd General Meeting! We will have all the new books ready for you to check out that day. This year Plan I requires 5 books, one from each of the 5 categories: Education for Mission, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, Spiritual Growth, and our new category, Leadership Development. We ordered extra books in this category, since it's new to us. After the January 3rd meeting, you can check UMW books out of the church library. We keep our books on a special shelf (in the center toward the windows). Books from 2008-2012 will all count this year. So read some of our new ones, and maybe find some from the past four years that you missed reading before! Be sure to check books out of the UMW notebook on the shelf - and when you return them, check them in by putting the date returned. Please contact Mary Lu Mase if you have questions. Thanks!

## Members At Large

If you are a member-at-large of MDUMW you may not know that you can still make a donation to our Unit through April 2012. Please contact our Treasurer, Kelly Kiser (eddieandkelly@comcast.net) to get further information. Your donation to MDUMW helps support women and children in our local community and throughout the world.



## Mission Stitchers



Mission Stitchers would like to invite anyone interested in stitching, knitting, etc. to join the group. Members meet every Thursday, 10:00 a.m., in The Connection Center from February until Hearts and Hands in October. All projects are sold to raise money for needy women and children. 2011 was our eleventh year and we raised more money than we ever had. This is a wonderful group of creative fun ladies. Come join us!

## Holly Hall

Lurline Morrow will review two books that present a glimpse into the history of the beauty business and the early giants of the industry. The first is *War Paint: Madame Helena Rubenstein and Miss Elizabeth Arden, Their Lives, Their Times, Their Rivalry* by Lindy Woodhead. The second book, *Ugly Beauty: Helena Rubenstein, L'Oreal, and the Blemished History of Looking Good* is by Ruth Brandon. If you didn't buy a season ticket for the reviews, you may buy an individual ticket for \$12.00 for this review. It begins at 10:30 a.m. on January 24, St. Luke's UMC, 3471 Westheimer.



## January Circle Meetings

**Betty Landrum Circle**...is going to meet at the east parking lot at 9:30 at the church to go to the House of Amos to work in the pantry for their circle meeting on January 17th.

**Bible Circle**...On January 18th, Bible Circle will continue the study of Ruth with Session Three, Day One and Two, in our Study Guide. Ruth meets Boaz and sparks will fly. We meet at the Church in room D 126 at 1:00. We met for Christian Fellowship and a Pot Luck Salad Lunch for our December meeting. It was a great time to visit and reconnect. Mary Sue Yeager gave the Christmas devotional.

**Common Thread Circle**...Our next circle meeting will be on Tuesday, January 17th, downstairs in room D126, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Please join us to sew, knit and crochet, stuff pillows and fellowship. Common Thread Circle donates comforting handcrafted works

weekly to patients in area hospitals. For those who cannot attend our Tuesday meetings, we also meet every Monday at Starbuck's in Town and Country Center from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. For any questions, contact Lenore Alfredson at 281-579-8551. For information, please visit our website: [www.thecommonthreadcircle.org](http://www.thecommonthreadcircle.org)

**Mary Lee Marshall Circle** will meet on Monday, Jan.16, at 6:30 for refreshments, & 7:00 for our business meeting. We're happy to welcome Jean Irving, MDMC's new Director of Women's Ministries, who'll give us some of her background information, as well as speak on the role of women in missions from a historical perspective in the Methodist Church. Welcome all interested ladies, as we're trying to grow our Circle this coming year.

**Music Circle**...will meet on January 17th in room D220. Keith Ross will give a program entitled "A Composer You Won't Know!"

**Reading Circle**...Join us at the Reading Circle in January. Steve Cragg will be there to lead a discussion on the book Just Like Jesus by Max Lucado. We will meet in the Bride's Room at 9:30 on January 17th. We hope to see you there.

### Dates to Remember



January 3 General Meeting with Refreshments at 9:30

January 17 Nominations due to Barbara Morehouse for Special Mission Recognition

January 10 Cynthia Harvey to speak at St. Luke's UMW

January 21 District Training for Officers at MDUMC

January 24 Executive Board Meeting in room D219

January 29 Haiti: Challenges and Hope, Cynthia Harvey and Beryl Hoglhead

March 2-3 Tx. Conf. Spring Celebration, Lakeview, Rev. Cynthia Harvey

March 4 UMW Day MDUMC, MAM Style Show, Reservations Required

April 3 Goal of Excellence Study - Social Justice