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# GOOD NEWS!

UMW Newsletter

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Please stay in touch with our friends who have moved away



All of them would love cards, letters or phone calls!

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## October 5th General Meeting

No luncheon will be served today, please come and join us for light refreshments at 9:30 am.

The speaker for our General Meeting will be our own **DeDe Springer**, Mentor Coordinator, Spring Branch ISD. She sees first hand the positive effects a committed mentor can have in a child's life, & she will talk to us about how "Mentors Matter in Spring Branch ISD".

Final preparations for Hearts & Hands are underway!

We'll hear from all our Hearts & Hands committee chairs in preparation for the upcoming show October 25th-27th. If you haven't signed up to participate yet, this is your opportunity to find your perfect spot. Come join in the fun!

### President's Corner



Fall is in the air! We have our long awaited first cool front and that can only mean two things-the Pumpkins are coming and Hearts and Hands is just around the corner! What an exciting time for us here at MDUMC and in this community.

This will be our 24th year to celebrate Hearts and Hands and I continue to be amazed at how people are looking forward to these three special days. However, it is really only special because of all of the wonderful ladies in our UMW who make it so fun and festive. The work actually starts in January with our Vendor Committee with piles of applications. Then the excitement builds and continues throughout the year until the actual event closes with the end of Silent Auction and those last minute purchases on Wednesday afternoon. I love Hearts & Hands!!

I hope you'll sign up to bake, greet, make that special item for our Silent Auction, sell our Cookbooks, or sign up to work at one or more of our booths. Every person is needed to make this the success that it always is and there is a place for each one of you-putting our Hands to work and our Hearts to God! Remember that the proceeds from Hearts and Hands go to mission to support women and children all over the world.

Invite your friends, or bring them with you! Hearts and Hands is truly the kick-off to your holiday shopping, so come work, shop, and enjoy another fabulous year of Hearts & Hands Holiday Market!! I look forward to seeing all of you there!

Blessings to each of you,

Karen Ward  
President

## Hearts & Hands



Be among the first shoppers to preview the selection at this year's Hearts & Hands Holiday Market, UMW's annual fund raiser. Shop at the Preview Party on Monday evening, October 25th before the market's official opening on the 27th and enjoy the sights & sounds of the holidays, delicious food, and a wide array of offerings from the area's most sought after merchants. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in Friendship Court on Sundays or in the church office during the week. Get yours early - they will be \$12 at the door the evening of the party.

The Bake Shoppe also needs baked goods and pantry items, as well as volunteers to help "bag & tag" on Monday morning, October 25th. It's always fun to see the delicious goodies that come in throughout the day.

Publicity for Hearts and Hands has purchased bumper stickers and yard signs to advertise the market this year. You may pick up the bumper stickers at the General Meeting or at the church reception. The yard signs are for your yard if you are not on a cul-de-sac or hidden location. Please sign up at the General Meeting or contact Linda Morgan, Barbara Morehouse or Betsy Snapp.

Hearts and Hands flyers will be available at the meeting for you to supply to your friends.

Finally, the show runs on an army of volunteers! There are many opportunities to volunteer in any area of this year's Hearts & Hands and share in the joy of the bustling marketplace - sign up at Circle, at General Meeting, on Sunday's in Friendship Court or by calling Louise Kiel.

We look forward to seeing you "at the Market"!

## Hearts & Hands Silent Auction

We'd really love to have your unique donations for the Hearts & Hands Silent Auction. We have a special need this year for more hand made items - these are the types of special gifts that can't be found anywhere else. Also, we'd like to have more "guy" stuff (sports offerings, golf outings, or anything you think your guy might like to receive as a gift). Contact any of the Silent Auction committee members with ideas you may have!



## Mission Stitchers



Some of Mission Stitchers' lovely gift items are available for purchase today at the general meeting. Please also visit their booth in the gym during Hearts and Hands. All money raised goes to help needy women and children.

Thank you for your support.

## Holly Hall Book Review



The second book review for Holly Hall this year will be on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010. The book to be reviewed by Nancy Ashley is "Lady on the Hill: How the Biltmore became an American Icon." I am sure that anyone who has ever visited that beautiful home will want to hear all about the landscaping and architecture along with all the other information.

This will be at St. Luke's UMC at 10:30am.

## Alzheimer's Care Team

Do you have a few spare hours several days each month you'd like to dedicate to a worthy cause? The Alzheimer's Care Team at MDUMC is in need of additional help! This is a deeply rewarding Caring Ministry of our church that needs more team members. We meet three times per month. The second Wednesday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 pm we offer Support Group and Respite Care. The fourth Monday of each month is our Team Meeting at 3:00 pm, and The Gathering is the fourth Wednesday of each month from 9:45 am until 1:30 pm. If you are interested in learning more about this wonderful ministry of MDUMC, please call Nancy Rawl at (713) 461-3861.

## Larkin Street

Some ways to help Larkin - **bring any items you would like to donate to the General Meeting:**

1. Donate food, diapers, or baby food for the pantry.
2. Donate items for the school. The school can use almost anything! e.g. old magazines, buttons, cloth, art supplies (paper is always needed for art, construction paper and white paper to make copies on), project materials such as popsicle sticks, pom poms, glitter, stickers, etc.
3. Reusable clothes and shoes for the dress-up centers.
4. Books for the library.
5. Money donated to help fund the seasonal projects that are coming up, such as the turkeys for Thanksgiving, Christmas



food bags, and toys for Christmas for the children in the community.

6. We are in need of outside toys for the playground. Buckets, shovels, riding toys, push toys for the toddlers, and balls.

### Wesley Community Center's Spirit of Helping Luncheon



On November 11, 2009 Wesley will honor Milo Hamilton, Astro's Hall of Fame Broadcaster, for his dedication to the Spirit of Helping Wesley and other organizations throughout the community.

The Luncheon will take place at the Junior League at noon.

If you plan to attend, please contact Debbie Moore.

### Kroger Donation to Wesley Community Center



Please consider enrolling in the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program and electing Wesley Community Center as the recipient of your donations.

[Click here](#) for a copy of the customer letter you will need to enroll.

PS Please note: **you have to enroll every year.** The accumulation period this year is July 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011.

### Southwest District United Methodist Women Fall Meeting



WHEN: Saturday, November 6, 2009  
WHERE: First United Methodist Church  
Missouri City  
TIME: 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. - Registration/Hospitality

If you plan to attend, please contact Karen Ward.

### October Circle Meetings



**Betty Landrum Circle** will meet on Tuesday, October 19th at 9:30 am at Doris Underwood's, 13823 Swiss Hill. Bev Brewer will be her co-hostess. Courtney Varner, Community Co-ordinator-Outreach from Bo's Place will be the speaker.

### Bible Circle

will meet on Wednesday, October 20th in Room D126 at 1 p.m. We will be discussing Chapter One in our study book, "Abiding in Love", a study of 1,2,3 John.

Common Thread Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 19th, in Room D220 at 9:30 am. We will continue to work on our many projects for the hospitals in the Houston area. Each month Common Thread Circle donates over a thousand hand made fabric or yarn items to hospitals from the Med Center to Katy. Everyone is welcome to join us at our Tuesday meeting at the church or you can come to Town and Country Starbucks any Monday afternoon from 2-4 p.m. If you can sew, cut fabric, knit, crochet, or stuff pillows or "critters" (the little soft animal toys for children's wards), we'd love to have you come lend us a hand!

Edith Moore Circle will meet at the church on Tuesday, October 19th, in room D127 at 9:30 A.M. Collin Taylor will present the program.

Mary Lee Marshall Circle will meet Monday, October 18 at 6:30 P.M. in room D220 for refreshments and fellowship. The meeting will begin at 7 P.M.

Music Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 19th, at 9:30 A.M., in room ?. Trick or Treat? You will have to come to the meeting to find out what the program is about! We look forward to seeing you.

Reading Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 20th, in Room D222. We gather at 9:30 A.M. to visit and have refreshments. The meeting is at 10:00 A.M. Betsy Beeson is going to give her thoughts, and lead us in a review of "The Divine Comedy". If you want to come, we would love to have you. This should be a very exciting meeting.

Women of Spirit will be at The Refuge at 9 A.M. on Tuesday, October 19th to make "salsa" and "Jezebel sauce" for Hearts & Hands. We need several blenders, measuring spoons, measuring cups, juicers for the limes, and knives for cutting.

### **Dates to Remember**

- Oct 1 Church Women United Causeway  
Open Door Mission,  
5803 Harrisburg, 77011  
**Depart** from Trinity Episcopal Church @ 9:30  
**Arrive** at Open Door @10:00  
**Lunch** Dinner Bell Cafeteria, 6525 Lawndale 77004
- Oct 25 Hearts & Hands Preview Party
- Oct 26 - Oct 27

- Oct 26 Hearts & Hands Holiday Market  
Holly Hall Book Review
- Nov 5 Church Women United, 9:30 am **World Community Day**  
@ St. John's Presbyterian Church  
5020 W. Bellfort, 77035  
Registration and Coffee 9:30  
Program and business 10:30  
Speaker: Rev. A Watkins - Wheeler Ave Baptist Church
- Nov 6 Southwest District UMW Fall Meeting - Missouri City
- Nov 9 Board Meeting

**No General Meeting in November**

**Remember to Vote**



Be sure to vote in the upcoming General Election. Early voting begins Monday, October 18, 2010, and election day is Tuesday, November 2, 2010. We will be electing our representatives to Congress, the Governor of Texas and other state officials, including our representatives to the Texas State Legislature. Also on the ballot are county officials, judges and several propositions.