



GOOD NEWS!

December, 2009

Dear UMW Member,



Welcome to December!! The Christmas Holidays are now in full swing, but I do not want to skip so quickly past Thanksgiving. I hope you all enjoyed your special time with your family and friends. With so many blessings we have so much to be thankful for.

I am so thankful for each and everyone of you for your enormous effort in

making the 23rd Annual Hearts and Hands Holiday Market such a huge success.

A special thank you to our Hearts and Hands chairmen, Mary Allen Yelverton, Jane Erskine, and Joan Garofalo for their leadership and direction. Thank you also to all the Committee Chairmen as they planned and prepared for us to reach our goal. All of us in UMW are very thankful for the church staff that works behind the scenes to help make this event so successful. Thank you Lynet Dunn, Grayson Taylor and Chris Bradshaw and your very capable crew.

God Bless you all for a job well done and a wonderful way to help others.

I look forward to seeing you at the December General Meeting where we all can enjoy the Christmas spirit with "The Lyrics".

Have a safe and holy Christmas.
Blessings, Debbie Moore
President

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Dates to Remember

December 4th,
Church Women United,
Christmas Program
at Holly Hall Retirement
Community
8304 Knight Road
Registration 9:30 A.M.
Program 10:00 A.M.

December 8th,
Holly Hall Silver Tea
1:30 - 4:00 P.M.
3 Longfellow Lane

General Meeting Program - December 8th



Our Christmas program On December 8th, will be presented by "The Lyrics," a special music group under the direction of Mrs. Pat Austin. This unique group of ladies comes from all across the city; however, you will probably recognize several of them as members of MDUMC.

The Lyrics are an exciting and fun group to listen to, and to watch!! They love their music and love having the chance to perform. You will hear delightful and unusual songs as well as some of your favorites!

Merry Christmas! Enjoy!

January 5th,
General Meeting
Program presented by
Rachel Norris: "In His
Hands - Exploring the
Word of God through
Pottery"

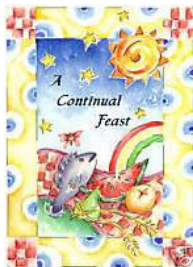
Holly Hall Silver Tea

The Holly Hall Silver Tea will be held on December 8th from 1:30 - 4:00 P.M. at the home of Mr. and Mrs J. Williams Stewart Jr., 3 Longfellow Lane



Valet Parking is Available.

Cookbooks on Sale



Ladies, the absolute best thing you can give for a Christmas gift this year is the UMW Continual Feast Cookbook being sold Sunday, December 6 in the Friendship Court. They are handy, creative, helpful, fun and best of all, 100% of the proceeds go to missions right here in Houston and around the world. What better way can we serve than by giving such a great gift. Come and make your purchase Sunday in the Friendship Court.

Santa Maria Hostel



Pat Gidden and Ellie Snapp are part of the Cuddles program at Santa Maria Hostel. Their responsibility is to look after the infants of the women in the rehab programs at Santa Maria. We are still in need of volunteers for this program. You and a buddy could become involved for a few hours in the morning



or the afternoon one day each week. The residents attend classes and they need someone look after their babies. If you have questions or are interested please call Becky Finch.

Register Now for UMW Legislative Event 2010



Online registration is now open for the **22nd Annual Texas United Methodist Women's Legislative Event**, January 24-26, 2010 in Austin.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

The event will feature presentations by Evan Smith, Dr. Eduardo Sanchez, Lynn Moak, the Center for Social Inclusion, and other great presenters speaking on topics ranging from childhood obesity and public school funding to

redistricting and immigration.

Reading Program Update



A REMINDER TO OUR 2009 READERS:

Now is the time for all of the participants in our Reading Program to submit their Reading Plans for 2009. Whether you have completed Plan 1 (4 books), Plan II (10 books), Plan III (15 books) or Plan IV (20 books), please submit your plans to me as soon as possible.

All reading must be completed by the end of November since the Program runs from December through November.

NEW BOOKS FOR 2010:

Most of our new books for 2010 are now in and, hopefully, they will be available for check-out after this coming week. I am excited about the selection for this year, but also remember that you can read books back through the last five years of the program. For those of you who have participated in previous programs, I hope that the new selections will inspire you to continue---and perhaps expand----your reading during the coming year. For those who have not entered our program previously, I invite you to consider a New Year's Resolution to participate in the 2010 program. Our new (and "old") selections offer a rich variety of reading on a number of subjects and interests. I invite you to join us!

For further information about our program, contact:

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Special Mission Recognition Awards



One of the ways in which 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 forwarding the purpose of United Methodist Women. These persons need not be United Methodist Women members. Our unit honors five persons at our General Meeting in May of each year. If you wish to nominate someone, please do so by using this form and submitting it to Pat Noel, Committee Chairman.

If you wish to honor a friend or colleague at the May meeting, please contact Pat so that she can place your pin order with the unit's order.

Special Mission Recognition Award 2009-2010 Nomination Form

Please place in nomination the following person:

For consideration to receive a Special Mission Recognition Pin because:

All money for Special Mission Recognition Pins goes directly to missions. 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 Pat Noel, Committee Chair. You may mail them directly to 405 Regentview Houston 77079, email ponoel@hotmail.com or place them in the UMW box at the church in a sealed envelope with my name on the front.

Deadline for Applications: January 19, 2010

You can submit your nomination online by going to the UMW website and following the Special Mission Recognition tag. [Or, Click here](#)

Hearts and Hands Thank You!



A Heartfelt Thank You to all who helped to make this year's Hearts & Hands Holiday Market such a tremendous success! We had great weather (after the rain cleared on Monday!), unique vendors, & generous shoppers who all contributed to the success of this year's market. But none of it would have been possible without our wonderful volunteers. Whether you worked one shift or many, baked goodies or contributed to the Silent Auction, **Thank You** for all you do! Because of you, many

women's & children's charities will benefit this spring when our proceeds are distributed.

Thanks also to our wonderful church staff, who year after year support our efforts & cheer our success. We are each blessed to be a part of the blessing of Hearts & Hands.

Mission Stitchers



Mission Stitchers would like to thank everyone for supporting our booth at Hearts and Hands. As you know all money raised goes to missions.

Stitchers will again sell in The Friendship Court between church services on December 12th. Come and buy those last minute gift items.

The Mission Stitchers are on hiatus now until February 4, 2010 when we will resume our schedule of weekly Thursday meetings, 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. We will still happily accept any donations of craft or sewing supplies at the Connection Center. Barbara Leflar has agreed to receive items for us until we start meeting there again.

Anyone interested in any type of stitching is welcome to join this fun group of ladies.

December Circle Meetings

Betty Landrum Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 15th, at 10:30 A.M. at the home of Trish Brice. Her address is 930 Enclave Lake Drive, in the Enclave Lake subdivision. A pot luck lunch will be shared.

Bible Circle will meet Wednesday, December 9, at 1:00 P.M. in Room D126. We will continue our study with Chapter 4 of "Becoming a Woman of Faith."

Changing Lives will be dining out for lunch (place to be determined) on WEDNESDAY, December 9th at 11:00 am and we will be collecting donations to buy a much needed item for Santa Maria Hostel's nursery instead of our annual ornament exchange. If you would like to join us please call me, Judy Arnold at 832-668-5886.

Common Thread Circle will meet on December 1st to avoid the Christmas rush. Please visit their website to find out exactly what the Common Thread Circle does. For example, they donate almost 1000 items per month to Houston area hospitals. Type www.thecommonthreadcircle.org in your address bar to go to their website, or [Click here](#).

Edith Moore Circle will meet on December 15th in room D127 at 9:30 A.M. The Three Amigos: Keith Ross, Sam Wiley, and John Adams will play and sing Christmas Carols. Hope to see you!

Mary Lee Marshall Circle will meet on Monday, December 14th at 6:30 P.M. in the Friendship Court for a Salad Supper. It will be a time of fellowship. Members are asked to bring unwrapped books for children who attend Larkin. The books will be handed out by Santa at the Center's Christmas Party.

Music Circle will meet on December 15th, at 10:00 A.M. in the Friendship Court for a Salad Luncheon. Our Christmas program will be presented by Mark Shellum, assisted by Ann Ables. Please remember to bring your items for the Santa Maria Hostel.

New Circle will be going out to lunch together following the General Meeting on December 8th. The location is still to be determined. A nursery will be provided. If you have questions, please contact Melissa Evans at 713-722-7805.

Reading Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 15th, at 11:00 A.M. for lunch at Piattos. This will be our Christmas Luncheon and we will collect items for the Santa Maria Hostel.