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# GOOD NEWS

November 2008

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## **Dear UMW member,**

It being November, most people are looking forward to the holiday season starting with Thanksgiving. In these first few days of November, however, all I can do is think back to the 22nd Annual Hearts and Hands Holiday Market and give thanks.

This huge event is planned, prepared, and executed by the women of UMW ... and many friends, who made donations and attended. It is an enormous effort but it is oh so worth it. First of all, we could not do it without our chairs: Becky Finch, Judy McFarland, and Mary Allen Yelverton. Thank you, ladies, for leading us toward our goal. Thanks also goes out to the committee chairs, who kept everything going to completion, and to every single volunteer who generously put in hours of their time. We will not forget Lynet, Chris, Daniel, and the staff members, who worked with us in of our great church setting. These few days have demonstrated once again that anything is possible when we work together for a good cause. Thank you and God bless you all. Now we can help those in great need.

Linda Morgan  
President

# Dates to Remember

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- 11/1/08 District Fall Festival - First UMC, Bay City
- 11/7/08 World Community Day, Church Women United
- 11/9/08 Speaker Marty Sholars @ 2:00 PM:  
"Choosing our Attitude"
- 11/11/08 Executive Board Meeting

# Hearts & Hands

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*Thank you, thank you all for a successful Hearts & Hands. It was with the help of each one of you that it succeeded. We enjoyed working with you all, each of you gave so selflessly without a moment's hesitation. You proved the old adage that with hearts in the right place and lots of willing hands the work is light. No matter how small your individual contribution may have seemed to you, it made a huge difference to us. We are so grateful and proud to have shared this worthwhile fundraiser with you.*

*We thank God for the blessing of our friendships and the fellowship we shared in one common goal, to raise money for missions, missions for women and children around the world, in the United States and in our neighborhoods.*

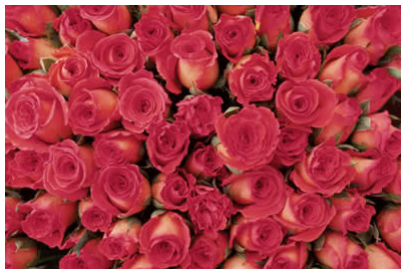
*Love and blessings,*

*Becky, Judy and Mary Allen*

*Co-chairs H&H 2008*

# Congratulations!

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Barbara Diffey and Bill Miller married on August 28.  
Please change her information in your yearbook:  
Barbara Diffey Miller  
29 Bayou Shadows  
Houston, TX 77024  
Ph. 713-461-5226  
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# Local Mission Giving

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Hearts and Hands Holiday Market raises funds for local missions supported by United Methodist Women as well as grants awarded in May each year. The amount budgeted for the 2008/2009 year is \$11,400.00 and they are as follows:

Contribution to Common Thread	\$ 400.00
Church Women United	500.00
Holly Hall	500.00
Wesley Community Center	1,000.00
Larkin Community Center	2,000.00
Memorial Assistance Ministries	2,500.00
MDUMC Youth Camp	2,000.00
MDUMC Mission Donation	1,500.00
MDUMC Soupmobile	1,000.00
Total	<u>\$11,400.00</u>

# Methodist Conference News Affecting UMW

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Instead of a meeting, we will have a special speaker in November, so I want to pass on a few words that affect UMW greatly. In the article "Women: a Force at General Conference" the September 2008 Response Magazine, Yvette Moore says: "Women delegates also closely followed the defeated resolutions that were designed to undermine the strength of United Methodist Women by making it an optional women's organization in local churches; and severing its district, conference and national connections by placing it under the auspices of local church councils or merging its national policy-making arm, the Women's Division, with the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women." We are indeed fortunate to have our delegates watch out for

our 140-year-old organization

# Circle Information

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BETTY LANDRUM CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, November 18th, at 9:30 AM in Room D127. Charlotte Oldham will tell a humorous history of MDUMC. You are invited to join us or call Martha Card at 281-493-0810 or Betty Morris at 281-496-7416 for more information about the circle.

BIBLE CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, November 12th, from 1PM-2:30PM in Room D126. The book we are studying is "Lost Women of the Bible" and we have copies for purchase for \$10.00 each. If you are interested in joining or visiting this circle, call Jane Erskine at 281-556-8122 or Joan Garofalo at 281-531-6594.

CHANGING LIVES CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, November 18th at 10:00 AM at Janie Schmidt's home. Janie lives in Fonn Villas subdivision at 12710 Taylorcrest. Her phone number is 713-984-9037. Our newest minister, Daniel Irving, will join us for a nice introduction and visit. Don't miss it!

COMMON THREAD CIRCLE has been very busy. Since June 1, 2008, we have produced and given to hospitals 1,433 handmade items. Yes, you read that correctly, 1,433 items. This includes pillows, little bears, knitted bears, little frog toys, stoma covers, shawls, and tote bags. We are at this time donating to MD Anderson, Children's Memorial Hermann, Memorial City Hermann, Methodist Hospital, West Houston, Hermann Downtown and Ben Taub.

Come join us in Room D220 on November 18th at 9:30 am to help produce the handmade items our hospitals need and the patients appreciate. We need people who can cut out items, sew by machine and by hand, and knitters too. In addition, do not forget, we need people to stuff all those pillows we produce.

EDITH MOORE CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, November 18th at 9:30 AM at the home of Peg Byers, 14503 Cindywood. Our program will be "ARC of Greater Houston" presented by Judy Kantouzuk, Executive Director.

LUCY COLLINS CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, November 18th at the home of Helen Simons, 12903 Taylorcrest. Fellowship will begin at 9:30 and we will learn more about Wellsprings, one of our 2007 Hearts & Hands funds recipients.

MARY LEE MARSHALL CIRCLE will meet on November 17th at 7:00 PM. Jane Erskine will lead a discussion on "The Charter for Racial Justice".

MUSIC CIRCLE will meet on November 18th at 9:30 AM at the home of Norma Graves, 502 Barkers Cove (Barker's Landing). Preston Meeks, husband of our member Nancy Meeks, will present a program on Gospel Music and its background and play examples from his extensive collection.

READING CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, November 18th at the Connection Center. We gather at 9:30 AM to visit and have refreshments with the meeting at 10:00 AM. Vicky Harris will lead the discussion of our study book, "Gift of the Redbird". For further information call Phyllis Buchanan (281)497-4336.