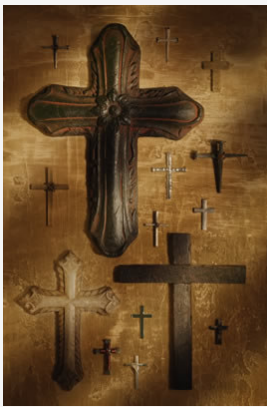


GOOD NEWS

MDUMC UMW Newsletter

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I Believe in Jesus



Yes, we all believe in Jesus, but this Spiritual Growth Study is a fascinating look at the gift of faith in Jesus Christ. Come and learn what it means to exercise one's faith in Jesus in a postmodern world. Bring a friend and join in the discussion on Sunday, January 18th from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at The Connection Center.

If you plan to attend please call Coca at 713-984-0993 or Debbie Moore at 713-827-0220

Dear UMW member,

I hope you have had a wonderful start to the new year. We are looking forward to seeing you at circle meetings, the goals of excellence study, and at our first general meeting for the new year in February.

President's Corner



Oh my goodness...it's resolution time, again...another New Year. As usual, I think of the same old resolutions. You know, being kinder, more thoughtful, and, of course, I want to lose that 10 pounds again. Well, I'm not that original. It seems that most people have difficulty with resolutions. I also noticed someone passed on some lovely resolutions worth thinking

about and considering:

- Take time to reflect on the day.
- A random act of kindness.
- Say hi to a stranger and speak to your neighbors.
- Hug and kiss your spouse and kids daily.
- Read a book.
- Save a few dollars toward retirement.
- Do something for your community.
- Say thank you to a teacher, policeman, fireman, military person.

What do you think? It seems simple.

Dr. Michael DeBakey once wrote: "For me the solitude of the early morning is the most precious time of the day...The early morning hours symbolize for me a rebirth; the anxieties, frustrations, and woes of the preceding day seem to have been washed away during the night. God has granted another day of life. He has granted another chance to do something worthwhile for humanity."

How are you doing so far this year with your resolutions? I hope a few of these ideas will add a little spark to them. I think the early morning "renewal" will definitely help me keep my resolutions.

One resolution I hope you will make, is to attend the UMW Goal of

February General Meeting



Mark your calendars for February 3rd!

Valerie Koehler, the owner of Blue Willow Bookshop will be our speaker. Valerie was recently honored by the Literacy Advance of Houston as a Champion of Literacy recipient. All are welcome at 9:30 am for coffee, followed by the meeting and program, concluding with lunch. First time guests enjoy their lunch at no cost.



The UMW District Leadership Training

Training is being planned either for Saturday January 31 or February 7 at Jones UMW on Hwy 288. The date is being decided by Jones depending on the availability of their new church campus. It is highly recommended that all officers including mission coordinators plan to attend. The information gained from the study and discussion with others in the district is very helpful.

Excellence studies this year. They are well developed and presented. Those who attend return year after year. "I Believe in Jesus" is a good start for beginning 2009...I hope to see you there.

Linda Morgan

Circle Meetings

Betty Landrum Circle is meeting on Tuesday, January 20th, at 9:30 am, in room D127. The speaker will be Ben Taylor.

Bible Circle will meet on Wednesday, January 14th, from 1:00-2:30 pm 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 will be helping the Common Thread Circle with their wonderful projects on Tuesday, January 20th at 9:30 am in Room D220. We will be stuffing pillows for sure, so bring a bag of stuffing if you can.!

Common Thread Circle has so much to celebrate and we will begin the new year meeting at Starbucks on Mondays at 2 pm. Our regular meeting will be at the church on January 20th, in room D220 at 9:30 am. We will again work on our handmade items for the hospitals, the knitted bears, stoma covers, pillows, hats, caps, therapy dolls and blankets. In May, Rima Blanc contacted some hospitals to find out their needs and we have been working very hard ever since. Our total of items donated from May 20, 2008 to Dec. 16, 2008 was 2,664 items. Rima has been in contact with all of the hospitals and done a wonderful job of guiding our circle and keeping us focused.

We look forward to a very productive year.

Edith Moore Circle will meet Tuesday, January 20th, at 9:30 am at the home of Carol Simmons, 13610 Lakeshore Way Court (Lakes of Parkway), Phone No. 281-493-9286. Our program presenter will be Linda Franks, whose subject will be "Mormon History and Doctrine".

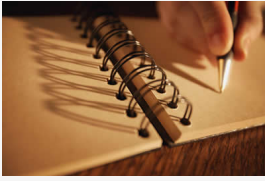
Lucy Collins Circle will meet Tuesday, January 20th, at 9:30 am in the home of Mary Wright, 822 West Forest (Nottingham). Judy Mc Farland is doing a book review of "Same Kind of Different as Me".

Mary Lee Marshall Circle will meet on Monday, January 26th, in room D217, at 7:00 pm. Mary Allen Yelverton will present overview of 2008-2009 UMW Mission Study: Israel and Palestine.

This is a very timely topic.

Please note: This is a change in both date and location for the circle meeting.

Tell your Stories!



Yvette Moore, editor of Response Magazine, has requested stories of interest from the Texas Conference - Stories of interesting mission projects, and spiritual formation endeavors from local units, and/or a profile on a UMW member in your district or local unit who's doing something interesting. The story could be something that you think would be interesting to other UMW ladies.

These stories will be for the relatively new quarterly WD's publication "United Methodist Women News" - first issue slated for 2009, it will be out in February.

Send your stories to Linda Morgan.

Music Circle will tour the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on Tuesday, January 20th. We will meet at the church at 9:00 am in the east parking lot to carpool to the Cathedral. The tour starts at 10 am. If you have any questions, please call Nicolette at 281-558-5106.

Reading Circle will meet Tuesday, January 20th at the Connection Center. We'll gather at 9:30 am for refreshments and visiting, with the meeting at 10:00 am. Program to be announced, so just come!. Call Phyllis Buchanan, (281)497-4336 for more information.

Mission Stitchers



Mission Stitchers will begin meeting for 2009 the first Thursday in February. Meetings are held in The Connection Center beginning at 10:00 a.m. Anyone interested in any form of sewing, crocheting, knitting, embroidery, etc. is invited to join this fun group. All projects made are sold during the year and at Hearts and

Hands to raise money for missions. Mission Stitchers also accepts donations of sewing materials and items. Donations may be dropped off at The Connection Center with Barbara Leflar. Mission Stitchers will be happy to provide a tax deduction receipt for your donation. We hope many of you ladies will join us this year.

Quick Links...

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PLEASE get your recommendations in to Kelly Kiser for Special Mission Recognition recipients. Time is running out. (eddieandkelly@comcast.net)