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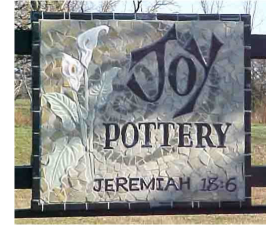
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General Meeting, January 5th at 9:30 a.m.

Dear UMW Member,

"In His Hands"

We are truly blessed to start off the new year with a wonderful and inspiring program by Rachel Norris, owner of Joy Pottery in Bryan, Texas. Rachel was born & raised in Hong Kong where her parents were Southern Baptist missionaries. She finished high school in Hong Kong, then received her BFA and MFA in ceramics from the University of North Texas. She has been working in pottery for over 20 years now, and is amazed at how God has used pottery to bless her life. Come watch as Rachel creates beautiful pieces of pottery while revealing the rich layers of meaning in the portrayal of the potter and the clay.



Our Hostesses for the meeting are: The Bible Circle

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 24-26, 2010 - Legislative Event Austin
Information at [www.gbmgm-](http://www.gbmgm-umc.org/texasconfumw)

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January 26, 2010 - Executive Board Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

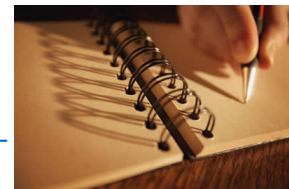
January 27, 2010 - Holly Hall Book Review, St. Luke's UMC 10:30 a.m.

January 30, 2010 - SW District Unit Officers' Training

(Place TBA - flyer will be sent out later giving details)

February 5, 2010 - Church Women United

February 7, 2010 - Goals of Excellence Study at The Connection Center at 2:00 p.m.
Education and Interpretation - Sudan



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Holiday with your families and friends, and you have had a few minutes to catch your breathe and relax. Maybe even time to reminisce over

the whole year of 2009. It has been a wonderful year for MDUMW. We have exceeded our goals and can continue to help our women and children's ministries. We have a bright future in 2010 and it will be fun to work together to continue our worthwhile efforts.

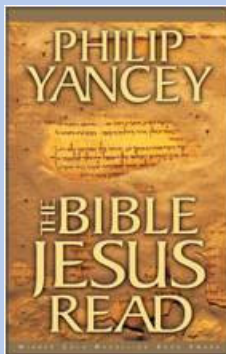
Set your New Year's Resolutions high in 2010, and come and participate in all the upcoming activities. You will not want to miss the January 5th, General Meeting. The program will be outstanding. Sunday, February 7th, we have the Mission Goal Study on Sudan, and the Spiritual Growth Study is Food and Faith on Tuesday, April 13th. Invite a friend to join you for the High Tea Party on Sunday, February 28th. There is never a dull moment around our life in UMW. There is still so much to do and learn! Lets make 2010 a year to remember!

Debbie Moore
President

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR SANTA MARIA HOSTEL

Santa Maria Hostel will have their Gala on Saturday **January 16**, at the Westin Galleria Hotel. They are seeking volunteers (including husbands) to help with this event. They need **greeters**, people **for the silent auction** (to keep the auction items in order, to answer questions, wrap or box items for people picking up auction items), floater (to serve as a source of information to guests, and as a "liaison between board and reception" as needed), people to direct guests to their tables.

If you are interested in helping call Becky Finch and she will give you the contact information.



THE BIBLE JESUS READ A Bible Study for Everyone!

Whether you have never studied the Bible or have been studying for years, this study will give you a new perspective on the Bible. Come and explore the Bible through the eyes of Jesus. Gain understanding of Scripture through the eyes of the One who came to fulfill those Scriptures. Studying the Bible will never be the same!

We often find God, in the Old Testament, to be troubling and in direct contrast to how we see God in the New Testament. Looking at the old Scriptures in light of Jesus' life and experiences will reveal God's character and love in new and powerful ways.

I pray that you will join us as we learn and grow together!

Blessings,
Lynet Dunn
Director of Women's Ministries
Memorial Drive United Methodist Church

Register Now: \$30
All curriculum and childcare included

GOAL OF EXCELLENCE STUDIES

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Goal Studies. The studies are an opportunity for participants to explore their roles as Christians in the larger community through study of spiritual, geographical and social topics. The studies empower participants with information needed to answer the Gospel call to be God's witnesses and peacemakers in today's world.

GOAL OF EXCELLENCE STUDY - SUDAN

Sunday, February 7th at 2 p.m. in The Connection Center



We are honored to have Beverly Deerhake from St. Peters United Methodist Church as our guest speaker for the Sudan Study. She visited the Sudan region in March and will be able to give us an exciting, up to date account of the area including a lot of props and costumes. You will not want to miss it. Beverly will bring it to life.



CELEBRATE FRIENDSHIPS

Be sure to save the date for Sunday, Feb. 28 when we will have a Friendship High Tea from 3:30 to 5 PM. This is open to men's and women's groups of all kinds that celebrate friendship. Think about reading groups, garden groups, neighborhood groups, bridge groups, coffee groups, car pool groups, leadership groups, teachers, musical groups, professional groups and church groups.

What a fun way to spend an hour and a half with people you like. You will be served scones and clotted cream with strawberry preserves, finger sandwiches and sweets along with wonderful tea in our Wesley Hall adjacent to the friendship court.

To save a table, buy eight tickets or put your name on a table and tell your friends to buy a ticket at that table.. Tickets will be \$10 and must be purchased in advance.

READING PROGRAM

Congratulations to our Participants!

In spite of THE FLOOD and all its aftermath, we still have THREE persons who have completed Plan I of our Reading Program for the 2008-2009 year.

CONGRATULATIONS go to **Joan Garofalo, Carol Scarbrough, and Karen**

Ward. Since our church library was non-existent for a major part of the year, I feel we also need to recognize those who have read at least two books (half of the Reading Plan - One book in each category). Those participants were: **Barbara Cain, Dorothy Cedergren, Katherine Galpin, Kelly Kiser, Judy McFarland, Barbara Morehouse, Janice Ruben, and Mary Vines.**

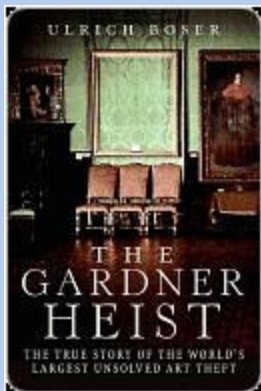


With all but one of our 2010 books and all of our current Reading Program selections now

available in our library, now is a wonderful time to get started on one of our Reading Plans. There are some great new books in both the 2010 selection as well as those available from our selections of the last five years. Now is the time to make a New Year's Resolution to begin! We want to see **everyone** named above on our next year's list of successful participants.

Happy Reading!

Helen Williams, Secretary of Program Resources



HOLLY HALL BOOK REVIEW

Wednesday, January 27th at 10:30 a.m. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church book review.

The book is "The Gardner Heist: The True Story of the World's Largest Unsolved Art Theft " by Ulrich Boser and will be reviewed by Lurline Morrow.

SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION NOMINATIONS:

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.

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](#)





MISSION STITCHERS

Mission Stitchers will begin their tenth year of stitching to raise money for missions. Members meet every Thursday, (beginning February 4th) from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., in The Connection Center. If you are interested in any kind of stitching come and join this fun group of ladies. Donations of sewing supplies, knitting, etc. are accepted by Barbara Leflar at the Connection Center for Mission Stitchers. We will happily send you a thank you note and tax donation form.

Happy New Year to all of you.

JANUARY CIRCLE MEETINGS

Betty Landrum Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 19th, at 9:30 A.M. at the home of Mary Wright, 822 West Forest (Nottingham). The program on missions, will be presented by Pat McCutcheon.



Bible Circle will meet Wednesday, January 13, at 1:00 p.m. in Room D126. Helen Williams will lead our study of chapters 9 and 10 in "Becoming a Woman of Faith."

Changing Lives will be joining the Common Thread circle to help them "stuff" pillows on Tuesday, January 19th at 9:30 a.m. in room D220.

Common Thread Circle will be meeting in Room D220 on Tuesday, January 19, at 9:30 am. We are looking forward to having Changing Lives Circle join us as we continue to create fabricworks to donate to Houston area hospitals.

Edith Moore Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 19th at 9:30 a.m. in Room D127. We will have a tour of the Stained Glass windows in the Sanctuary.

Mary Lee Marshall Circle will meet in room D220 on Monday, January 25th at 6:30 p.m. for light refreshments. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. Our program about The Hummingbird Ministry will be lead by Debra Jenkins. Members are urged to bring a donation of women's underwear, any size, which will be given to individuals treated and released from hospitals and police stations as their clothing is most often taken as evidence.

Music Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 19th, at 9:30 a.m. in Room D216. Our program will be presented by the Clarinet Choir, which includes some of our members. Come and support them!

Reading Circle will meet Tuesday, January 19th at 9:30 a.m. in the Connection Center. We will discuss "Have a Little Faith" by Mitch Albom. We will also discuss everyone's plans or dreams for 2010.

The New Circle has a new name:

Women of Spirit

will have Collin Taylor talking about opportunities for young adults. We will meet

on Tuesday, January 12th at 9:30 a.m. in Room D216 (**room change for this meeting only**). A nursery will be provided. If you have questions, please contact Melissa Evans at 713-722-7805.