



GOOD NEWS!

UMW Newsletter

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Dear UMW Member,

Welcome back! Summer may not be over for those of us who live in Houston, but it's time to kick off a new year for Memorial Drive United Methodist Women.

Today's Meeting

Today's program is entitled "**Spiritual Care in a Pediatric Hospital**", and we are honored to have as our speakers the Rev. Pam Taylor (Senior Pediatric Chaplain) and Sandy Engel (Senior Volunteer Coordinator) from Texas Children's Hospital. We are grateful to Pam & Sandy for sharing their experience and insights into a topic that touches many hearts.

Thanks to your hostesses, the Betty Landrum and Mary Lee Marshall Circles.

Dates to Remember

September 10 (Thursday) - Wesley Community Center Open House and Tour - 9:00 - noon
September 22 (Tuesday) - UMW Board Meeting
September 25-26 (Friday and Saturday) - Texas Conference UMW Fall Festival 2009
September 29 (Tuesday) - Holly Hall Book Review
October 6 (Tuesday) - UMW General Meeting
October 26 (Monday)- Hearts & Hands Preview Party
October 27-28 (Tuesday and Wednesday) Hearts & Hands

Letter from the President



Ready or not here comes "The Fall". You might be questioning the outside temperature, but the excitement of the new season is upon us. I hope you had a relaxing summer and had the opportunity to enjoy your family and friends. It will be nice to have our UMW family back in touch again, and preparing for the fun fall activities together.

Jane Erskine, our Vice-President of Programs, has developed an intriguing General Meeting schedule for the 2009-2010 year. You will not want to miss one!

Our annual Hearts and Hands Holiday Market will be October 26, 27, & 28th. It is UMW's only fundraiser for the grant money we give to women and children's ministries. We need each one of you to be an active part of Hearts and Hands. There are so many different ways to volunteer. Mary Sue Yeager, our Hearts and Hands Volunteer Coordinator, will be happy to assist you.

If you are not currently involved in a UMW small group or Circle, we have nine wonderful choices. All the circles offer a variety of interests, activities, and ages. We are especially excited about our newest circle for young women. Jimmie Jones, our Membership Chairman, can answer any of your questions.

Thank you Nicolette for your extra effort during the summer to update our UMW website, plus at the same time organizing our directory. Mary Allen Yelverton, Joan Garofalo, and Jane Erskine, our Hearts and Hands Chairs, with the help of all of their committee heads are going strong with their summer preparation. It will be an outstanding event.

I would also again like to thank Linda Morgan, our 2008-2009 UMW President, and her entire Executive Board for a tremendous year. It is a pleasure for me to follow her organization and leadership with another group of wonderful ladies.

I look forward to seeing you all and enjoying a new year full of activities and fellowship.

Debbie Moore
UMW President

Santa Maria Hostel



A new mission focus for UMW this year is Santa Maria Hostel. Their mission is to empower women and their children to become alcohol and drug free. One of their facilities is located in the Spring Branch area so they are neighbors and they need help from us. Periodically we will be asking for donations and later in the year we will be asking for help in volunteering at the facility so that we may help these women and their babies.

At **September and October Circle** meetings we would like to collect the following items....

1. Baby items (diapers, formula, baby wipes, baby blankets and burp cloths, etc.)
2. Goodie bags for new clients (small toiletries, non alcoholic, non aerosol, to fill goodie bags)
3. Arts & Crafts materials (glue, crayons, markers, poster board, glitter glue, small round tip scissors, erasers, tissue paper, etc.)
4. Back to school supplies

The web site www.santamariahostel.org has more details about Santa Maria Hostel and their needs.

Thank you for your help,

Becky Finch (Social Action Coordinator), Trish Brice and Barbara Moorehouse

Hearts and Hands



VOLUNTEERS:

At our General Meeting on August 30, please take the opportunity to sign up to work at Hearts and Hands and have first choice of time and area that you would like to help. You may also volunteer by contacting Mary Sue Yeager. [Click here to send her an e-mail](#) or Phone:713-785-1017

BAKE SHOP AND PANTRY:

Ladies, it's time to get out those mixers, recipes and canning jars, and be thinking about what you can bake or preserve for H&H "Bake Shoppe". We need all the goodies we can get since we sell out every year! We need lots more Pantry Items this year (jalapeno jelly was requested a lot) , and as always cakes and pies sell out first. We also need lots of candies, cookies, cupcakes, nut and fruit bars, cheese straws, fudge, etc. and if you already prepare them in the adorable decorated containers, they go even quicker! (I've seen cute containers at Dollar Tree, Hobby Lobby and Michael's)

We can also use lots of volunteers for our "Bag and Tag" on Monday morning October 26th at 9 am in room D126 (we have so much fun visiting and seeing what everyone brings!)

We also need many volunteers to work the different shifts in the Bake Shop for the Monday night Preview Party along with the Tuesday and Wednesday day shifts.

If you have any questions please call any of us - Judy Arnold/832-668-5886; Janie Schmidt/713-984-9037; Dana

Zeid/713-464-6878.

THANKS!

SILENT AUCTION:

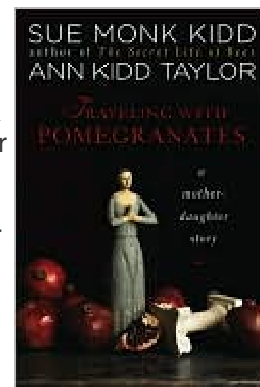
The Silent Auction committee has been going strong! Each year it's fun to see what has been donated for auction. We always love to receive art work, jewelry, theater or sports tickets, & restaurant vouchers. This year we also plan to put together some unique themed gift baskets. So be thinking about what special items, interests or skills YOU may have to offer. Hand crafted pieces always sell well. Do you have a vacation home you could offer for a weekend stay? Or have you brought back special mementos from an overseas vacation? Think about hosting a dinner or a tea. All ideas are welcome! If you have questions or would like to make a donation, please contact Jill Cude at 281-597-8510 or [click here to send her an e-mail](#).

Blue Willow comes to MDUMC



Fun, Free & Open to All

Monday, September 14th, MDUMC partnering with Blue Willow Bookstore will host a special event - renowned author, Sue Monk Kidd (The Secret Life of Bees) and her daughter, Ann Kidd Taylor will be on campus to speak, and present their latest publication: **Traveling With Pomegranates: A Mother-Daughter Story**. After the presentation, the audience will be able to purchase their book and have copies autographed.



Invite your book clubs, friends and family members to join you. Doors open at 6:40 P.M. and Sue and Ann will take the stage at 7:00 P.M. For more information, contact lyneddunn@mdumc.org



Upcoming Events



United Methodist Women

Wesley Community Center
1410 Lee Street, Houston, TX 77009
Open House and Tour
Thursday, September 10, 2009
9:00 AM to Noon

Tickets \$10.00

For reservations or more information contact:

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Texas Conference United Methodist Women Fall Festival 2009

Lakeview Methodist Conference Center

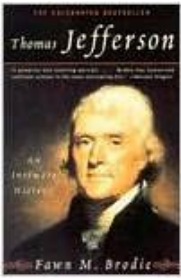
September 25 - 26

MDUMC member Eddie Hilliard will be honored by the Texas Conference at the Fall Festival.

Come and join us to show your support.

To open a copy of the flier, [click here](#).

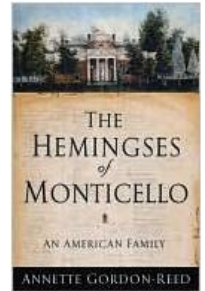
Holly Hall Book Review



On **Tuesday, September 29, 2009** Rose-Mary Rumbley will review two books:
"Thomas Jefferson: An Intimate History" by Fawn Brodie, and
"The Hemingses of Monticello" by Annette Gordon-Reed.

The review will be held at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3471 Westheimer, beginning at 10:30 A.M.

Season tickets are \$25 and Individual tickets \$10.



In Memory Of ...



The Mission Candle burning ceremony is a tradition of the United Methodist Women of the Texas Conference. The Mission Candle is burned at the Conference Annual Fall Festival each year in September and at the District Annual Fall Festival meeting in October. A person or unit may name someone special to be honored or remembered and the name is recorded in the Conference and District annual meeting program books. The monetary gift given by the unit or person sending a name or names goes through UMW Mission Giving, blessing women, children, and youth.

Memorial Drive UMW has requested candle burning at the fall meeting IN MEMORY of the following deceased members of our unit:

Norma Anderson
Frances Atkinson
Beverly Baker
Vicki Devier
Billy Jo Dueker
Lucy Eastham
Velma Hebert
Marian Kidwell
Sara McGhee
Martha Minnear
Betty Moe
Margi Richardson
Mary Van Dyke
Nancy Whittington

September Circle Meetings

Betty Landrum Circle is meeting on Tuesday, September 15th, at 9:30 A.M. at the home of Lavella Chrisman. Her address is 1702 Beech Bend, in the Ashford Village subdivision. Charlotte Carter will present a program on "The Abrahamic Religions".

Bible Circle will meet on Wednesday, September 9th, at 1:00 P.M. in D126. Jane Erskine will lead the discussion of chapter one of our book study "Becoming a Woman of Faith."

Changing Lives will meet at 10 A.M. on Tuesday, September 15th, at Janie Schmidt's home. Her address is 12710 Taylorcrest in Fonn Villas, and Susan Brzowskie will be co-hosting. We look forward to catching up with each other and planning an exciting year.

Common Thread Circle will meet at the church on Tuesday, September 15th, in room D220 at 9:30 A.M. This will be another busy meeting, we will be working on pillows, blankets, tote bags, etc. You will find your niche in this group, there

is something for everyone to do. All are welcome!

Edith Moore Circle will meet at the church on Tuesday, September 15th, in room D217 at 9:30 A.M. They will have a pledge service.

Mary Lee Marshall Circle will meet on Monday, September 21st, at 6:30 P.M. in room D220. Franklin Olson will speak about the Santa Maria Hostel and the UMW project to help women at that facility do crafts and learn to sew. A staff member from Santa Maria is also expected to attend. Members are urged to bring basic sewing items, such as pins, needles, thread, scissors, etc.

Music Circle will meet on September 15th, at 9:30 A.M. at Foundry UMC, 8350 Jones Rd Houston, TX 77065-4608 - (713) 937-9388. We will gather in the Parlor, which is just across from the Sanctuary. Scott Mouton, the organist at Foundry, will be giving our program on the instruments they have there. They have a fairly new, large, mechanical-action organ --- you will need to come to the program to learn what that means!!

New Circle It is not too late to get in on the ground floor of the new circle that is in the process of forming. We will meet at the church on Tuesday, September 8th, at 9:30 A.M. in room D126. We will learn a little about how UMW was formed, and the many opportunities to serve others through UMW. This group is primarily mothers with children up through elementary age. A nursery will be provided. If you have questions, please contact Melissa Evans at 713-722-7805.

Reading Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 15th, at 9:30 A.M. at The Connection Center. We will review the book PRAYING FOR MY LIFE written by Miriam Bond West. We look forward to this lively, inspiring discussion and to getting back together for some fun and fellowship.

Mission Stitchers



Mission Stitchers meet every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in The Connection Center. All persons interested in any type of needlework, crafts or sewing are invited to join the group. Sewing and laughter is a great stress reliever. Come and join the fun and help our missions.

Donations of sewing supplies, fabric, etc. are accepted at The Connection Center. Barbara Leflar will accept them for Mission Stitchers.

Mission Stitchers handiwork is on display in the Friendship Court and in the Connection Center. They have also made several quilts to sell at Hearts & Hands. You may want to

go and make your selection now!