

April 2009



# GOOD NEWS!

UMW Newsletter

Dear Nicky,

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Presenter: Suzanne Berman, Field coordinator for CARE.

Dates to Remember

"CARE is a leading humanitarian organization fighting global poverty.

Child Care

Women are at the heart of CARE's community-based efforts to improve basic education, prevent the spread of HIV, increase access to clean water and sanitation, expand economic opportunity and protect natural resources. CARE also delivers emergency aid to survivors of war and natural disasters, and helps people rebuild their lives.

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## Dates to Remember

April Circle Meetings

April 3 Church Women United, 9:30 am @ Trinity UMC, 2600 Holman St  
Fundraiser: guitar performance by Mark Garvin; tickets \$15 at door, concert starts at 10:30.

Mission Stitchers

April 5 Palm Sunday, Cookies for Confirmands in Gym

Health Kits

April 7 General Meeting

April 26 Goals of Excellence Study - Social Action - Giving Our Hearts Away - Native American Survival  
Presenter: Dr Bob Pierce

May 1 Church Women United, 9:30 am @ First UMC, Weschase Campus



Luncheon  
May 5 General Meeting,  
**Note Date Change**  
Officer Installation  
July 23-25 School of Missions

## Quick Links

[MDUMW website](#)

[Native American  
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## Child Care



### CHILDCARE POLICY

This is just a reminder that there will be nursery care provided for the General Meetings, but all other UMW activities require advanced reservations through Debbie Moore at 713-827-0220. If you have questions or need to make a nursery request please contact Debbie.

## New UMW Circle



Please help spread the word that UMW will have a new circle starting in May.

It will target younger women. Kelly Kiser, Melissa Evans, Katherine Galpin and Ruth Parks will be kicking off the new circle. Please share this information with the younger women you know.

## President's Corner



Did you hear the rain? We got up, went to the door and just stood there taking it in. We could smell the earthiness, we could feel the cooling freshness on our faces. We could hear the familiar sounds on

the pavement, on the big leaves by the door and we could see the flowers bobbing up and down with the rain drops. Then the wind came. It blew the yew tree against the house and the driving rain against the windows. My husband and I love the rain.

This rain was announcing the change of season. You know, the April showers a month early in Houston where we practically jump from winter to summer. The next few weeks we will be completing a special season...Easter. And in May we will be having the end of a season...the UMW 2008-2009 year end.

Before that happens we will be gathering together a few more times for 3 more special programs. Tuesday, April 7 Suzanne Berman will be the guest speaker from CARE. Sunday, April 26, Bob Pierce will lead us in our Goal of Excellence Study on Native Americans. And on Tuesday, May 5 (remember that day and date have changed) will be our final general meeting of the year. We will hand out our grants, honor our special mission recipients and install our incoming board of officers. There is still much to look forward to in UMW and you will not want to miss anything.

Linda

### Rotating Circles

I am proud to announce the Co-Chairmen of the Rotating Circles. Charlotte Carter and Ava Lee Gray will be the Chairmen of the Betty Landrum Circle that will meet in different member's homes. Lena Pinckney and Dortha Sims will be the Chairmen of the Edith Moore Circle that will meet at the church. Thank you all four of you for accepting these leadership roles. It will be a wonderful year!!

Here is the list of the members. If I have you in the wrong spot please let me know at MooreTexas@aol.com or 713-827-220.

### Betty Landrum Circle

Co-Chairman-Charlotte Carter  
Ava Lee Gray

Adams, Margaret  
Brewer, Beverly  
Brice, Trish  
Burckle, Gerry  
Byers, Peg  
Callahan, Kay  
Chrisman, Lavella  
Cox, Kathryn  
Cragg, Jean  
Eastham, Lucy  
Glade, Marian  
Hollis, Peggy  
Johnson, Margaret  
Kiel, Louise  
Kraus, Shirley  
Maddox, Bettie  
Miller, Barbara  
Pete, Mary Ann  
Raudsep, Martha  
Wardell, Mary  
Wright, Mary

### Edith Moore Circle

Co-Chairman-Lena Pinckney  
Dortha Sims

Adams, Marie  
Brady, Ruth  
Cedergren, Dorothy  
Downs, Faye  
Ferguson, Jane  
Fons, Venita  
Hammond, Alice  
Harley, Dot  
Libbers, Eva  
Morris, Hazel  
Morton, Joan  
Nye, Rosemary  
Richardson, Eunice  
Scheline, Alberta  
Shelter, Lil  
Smith, Agnes  
Smith, Ardith  
Smith, Kathleen  
Tribble, Twyla  
Wiggins, Velma

I have a few people that I have not made contact with to see which circle they are requesting. They are Martha Card, Gloria Carrington, Laura Hebert, Elizabeth Lay and Marylou Salmon.

Thank you!

Debbie Moore

## Reading Program



Have you ever wondered how the Reading Program books are chosen?

Although suggestions come from many sources, the Women's Division Reading Program Committee actually makes the selection. There are four categories- Education for Mission, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth-and each offers a choice of about seven new titles each year. The "current" year's Reading Program consists of books from the previous five years selections. We usually purchase eight new books each year - two from each category, so we maintain about 40 books in the UMW section of the Church Library for the current Reading Program. Our own Barbara Morehouse is one of the reviewers of possible new books.

As you can imagine, we have quite a few books that have accumulated over the years and we are, therefore, "gifting" to you the books purchased in earlier years which no longer qualify for the Reading Program. Please come by the table and make your selection! There are some great titles and I am sure that each of you will find a book to place in your library.

We have just recently discovered that "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khalid Hosseini, who also wrote "The Kite Runner," is included in the current program. Many of you have already read this book, which qualifies for Nurturing for Community, so you have a head start on Plan 1. Now, just read three more - one in each of the categories listed above!! While all of the books are not "best sellers," there are some great books for your education and enjoyment!

Karen Ward  
Secretary, Program Resources

## Native American Fellowship Worship Sunday, April 5, 2009



Bishop Bob Hayes of the Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference and Oklahoma Annual Conference will preach at our April 5, 2009 (ordinarily third Sunday) worship service at St. Mark's UMC on Patterson Street in Houston. There will be an UMCOM camera crew there to record the events. I know Bishop Hayes to be an outstanding preacher and church leader. Service starts at 4pm and is followed by a fellowship supper. All Native Americans, their friends and advocates are very welcome. I hope that MDUMC will be represented.

Blessings, Bob Pierce

Chairperson,

TX Annual Conference Committee on Native American Ministries

## Goals of Excellence - Social Action Study

Giving Our Hearts Away, Native American Survival - This fascinating study, led by Bob Pierce is presented from the Native American point of view, to help understand and appreciate the culture. You won't want to miss this one, so mark your calendar for Sunday, April 26, from 2-5 p.m. in the Connection Center. Reservations are appreciated by calling Jane Erskine at 281-556-8122.

## April Circle Meetings



**Betty Landrum Circle** is meeting at Bistro Le Cep on Tuesday, April 21st, for a luncheon.

**Bible Circle** will meet on Wednesday, April 8th, from 1:00-2:30pm 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** will meet on Tuesday, April 21st, at 10am, at the home of Debbie Moore. Debbie's home is in Rustling Pines subdivision at 362 Cinnamon Oak. Our guest speaker will be Cindy Northington. Cindy is one of the Directors at the Holy Spirit School and has been the Christain Education Chairman for years. You will enjoy every minute of her story telling on the "Rules of the Red Sea".

**Common Thread Circle** will meet at the church on Tuesday, April 21st, in room D220 at 9:30am. This meeting will be much as others in the year, we will be working on pillows, blankets, tote bags and the new walker/wheelchair bags for the various hospitals. Rima will give us an update on all the recent donations and the current needs of the hospitals. Everyone is welcome.

**Edith Moore Circle** will have a luncheon at the Junior League on Tuesday, April 21st. Please meet in the East parking lot at church at 10:30 am, for carpooling. Reservations are required. Please phone Shirley Kraus or Bettie Maddox. All are welcome.

**Lucy Collins Circle** will have a luncheon at Brookwood on Tuesday, April 21st. Plan to meet at the church, in the west parking lot, at 10:30 am and carpool out to Brookwood. Lunch is at 12:00.

**Mary Lee Marshall Circle** will meet on Monday, April 20, at the home of Kathy Peyton, 12210 Broken Arrow (one block east of Gessner). The program will be presented by Peggy Bobbitt and Barbara Morehouse, participants in MDUMC's 2008 mission trip to the Cookson Hills Center. A mission of the General Board of Global Ministries since 1948, Cookson Hills serves rural low-income people in northern Oklahoma, the primary group being Native Americans of the Cherokee Tribe.

**Music Circle** will meet on Tuesday, April 21st, at 9:30am, in room A103. Get your voices warmed up, Kirsten Koerner will be giving us a group voice lesson. Non-singer? Come anyway, our last lesson was very entertaining. All we have to do is make a "joyful" noise.

**Reading Circle** will meet on Tuesday, April 21st, at the Connection Center. We gather at 9:30 am to visit and have refreshments. The meeting is at 10:00 am. Sallie Thomas will lead the discussion of our study book, "The Shack" by William Young. For further information please call Phyllis Buchanan, (281)497-4336.

### 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.

### Health Kits

We hope to be able to take many Health Kits to the Texas Conference School of Missions this summer. Circles, please consider putting together some kits and turning them in to the board by May.

**To prepare a Health Kit:**

Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", No kitchen towels)

1 washcloth

1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)

1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)

1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)

1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, No child-size brushes)

6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

\$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

**OR**

Write a check for \$12.00 for each Health Kit. Checks should be made out to UMCOR

This link will take you to our UMW website page that lists the various hands on projects we do. Just click on "UMCOR kits" and you will go directly to the various kits.

[Hands on Projects](#)