

March 2010



# GOOD NEWS!

## MDUMW Newsletter

Dear Nicolette,

Remember, our cookbooks "A Continual Feast" always make good gift ideas. Whether the recipient is a young bride or college student with no experience, or someone who has been in the kitchen for years, there are recipes for everyone along the culinary path.



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### Today's Meeting



The program at our March 2 General Meeting will address a very timely issue - "Human Trafficking - The Houston Perspective". We have seen several incidents in the news recently of this "hidden crime" in our area - literally a form of modern-day slavery. Houston's proximity to the Mexican border, along with its port, makes it a popular point of entry for international trafficking. Our speaker will be Maria Trujillo, Executive Director of the Houston Rescue and Restore Coalition - a non-profit organization dedicated to raising public awareness of human trafficking. This promises to be a very eye-opening program.

Appropriately, we will also take up our World Thank Offering at this meeting as we give thanks for our many freedoms.

Please plan to come early to enjoy breakfast snacks provided by our hostesses, the Common Thread Circle. We are trying something a little different this month since

our budget funds for luncheons are running a bit low. We will gather at 9:30 for breakfast and social time, with the meeting to begin at 10:00. Lunch will not be served this month.



## Quick Links

[UMW Web Page](#)

[Texas Conference UMW Web Page](#)

## April General Meeting

Make sure our April 6 General Meeting is on your calendar as well. We will award checks to our Hearts & Hands grant recipients for the 2009-2010 year and will hear more from each of them about the work of their organizations. We will serve lunch that day, with the award recipients as our guests. We look forward to seeing you at both of these meetings to learn more about the great work ongoing in our community.

## 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 Karen Ward at 713-789-1886. If you have questions or need to make a nursery request please contact Karen.



## Friendship High Tea



Thank you to Sandra McLeod for all the hard work she put into organizing the Friendship High Tea, Rosemary MClachlan for the beautiful table decorations and Bernice Hick for the vintage fashion show. Thank you also, to everyone else who helped make the afternoon the wonderful success it was.

## President's Corner



I know I said it in February and here we are a month later and BRRRRR!! We are at the beginning of our meaningful Lenten Season, and hopefully it will be warmer as we get closer to Easter.

March starts off with a bang for UMW. You will not want to miss our very interesting General Meeting on March 2nd. The Houston Rescue and Restore Coalition will be discussing "Human Trafficking-The Houston Perspective". It will be especially important since Human Trafficking in Houston has been in the news the last month.

On Saturday, March 6th, you can head to Lakeview to the Spring Celebration of the Texas Conference UMW, and be enlightened by Bishop Janice Huie and our own, Rev. Suzy Reedstrom.

If you prefer to stay closer to home on the 6th you can help with the church wide "One Great Day of Service". There are opportunities for everyone, and I know you will find your special spot.

We are honored to have the very next day be UMW Sunday. Thank you to all of you that have volunteered to be Communion servers or greeters. It will be a Great time to share our UMW excitement with the whole congregation.

I again want to thank Karen Ward, Barbara Morehouse, Becky Finch, and Mary Wright for organizing the study on Sudan. We had a wonderful turn out, and an informative program from Beverly Deerhake. Our next Goal of Excellence Study is Tuesday, April 13th when Trish Brice will present the spiritual growth study, Food and Faith.

I look forward to seeing you at all the many UMW activities in March.  
Many Blessings,  
Debbie Moore

## UMW Sunday, March 7th



March 7th is UMW Communion Sunday. We will be helping to serve Communion and being greeters. Even if you are not officially working on Sunday, please wear your nametags, and help promote UMW.

Look for the wonderful flyers that will be handed out, and be sure to share them with your friends who are not in UMW.

## Texas Conference UMW Spring Celebration



March 6th is the Texas Conference UMW Spring Celebration at Lakeview. This year's focus will be Passionate Worship. The keynote speaker is Bishop Janice Riggle Huie.

If you would like to go, you can find the flier and registration form on the Texas Conference Website (see the link above in the quick links section) or go to our MDUMW website and click on "Events".

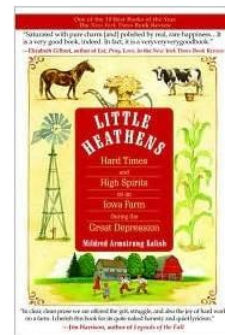
We can carpool to Lakeview.

## Holly Hall Book Review

The last book review for this year will be on Wednesday, March 31st at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, at 10:30 AM. The cost is \$10.00 at the door.

Colleen Boudreaux will review "Little Heathens: Hard Times and High Spirits on an Iowa Farm During the Great Depression" by Mildred Armstrong Kalish.

Contact Joan Garofolo if you are interested at:  
jegarofalo@sbcglobal.net



## Spiritual Growth Goal of Excellence Study - Food and Faith



The Study will be on Tuesday, April 13th from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M., lunch included, in room D220.

This study is an invitation to explore our relationship with God through our relationship with the food that we eat. Author Wendy Whiteside writes: "Food is the basis of our physical lives, just as our relationship with God is the basis our our spiritual life." This study calls us to eat-- spiritually and physically-- and to reflect on how food strengthens our physical lives.

The Goals of the study are to:

Reflect on our myriad experiences with food, especially in the context of our church life and faith journey.

Review Biblical scriptures which focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sharing food.

Renew our focus on the role of hospitality and sharing our food with each other in our faith walk.

Remind ourselves to be thankful for our food by talking about table graces or "saying

the blessing".

Rivitalize our commitment to living healthy lives through what we eat and through our fellowship iwth one another

We hope everyone will come and enjoy our hospitality!

## Mission Stitchers



Mission Stitchers are busy each Thursday in The Connection Center from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. stitching projects for missions. Why not join us?

We have a lot of laughter and good snacks in addition to fun projects. Donations of sewing supplies are appreciated. Items may be dropped off at The Connection Center with Barbara Leflar one of our great members. We happily send thank you notes and tax receipts.

## March Circle Meetings



**Betty Landrum Circle** is meeting on Tuesday, March 16th, at 9:30 A.M. at the home of Louise Kiel, 722 Wycliffe Drive. Beverly Brewer will be her co-hostess. Sheri Kelley will be our speaker.

**Bible Circle** will meet on Wednesday, March 10, at 1:00 P.M. in Room D126. We will continue our study of "Becoming a Woman of Faith" with chapters 5 and 8.

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**Changing Lives Circle** will have their meeting one week early, on **Tuesday, March 9th**, due to spring break. We will go visit and tour Wesley Community Center at 10 A.M.

We will meet in the church parking lot and leave no later than 9:30 A.M. We will be going to lunch at Shades in the Heights afterwards. Anyone wanting to join us just let me know, Judy Arnold 8-668-5886

**Common Thread Circle** Spring Break is here. We welcome members and friends to bring children and grandchildren to help us stuff pillows for patients in hospitals. This is an activity the whole family can enjoy together. We meet in room D220 on Tuesday, March 16th at 9:30 A.M.

**Edith Moore Circle** will meet Tuesday, March 16th, at 9:30 A.M. in Room D127. The

speaker will be from Santa Maria.

**Mary Lee Marshall Circle** will meet on Monday, March 15th, at MDUMC, at 6:30 P.M. in room D220. Trish Brice, MDUMW Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator, will lead a Spiritual Growth Study on Food and Faith. The circle meets at 6:30 for light refreshments and begins the meeting at 7. Members are asked to complete your UMW pledges at that meeting.

**Music Circle** will meet on Tuesday, March 16th, at 9:30 A.M., in Room D126. Come and join us and learn everything you have ever wanted to know about Orff Instruments.

**Reading Circle** will meet on Tuesday, March 16th, at the Connection Center. We gather at 9:30 A.M. to visit and have refreshments with the meeting at 10:00 A.M. Pat Gidden and Betty Luntz. will be hostessing. The program presenters will be Harriet Sellers and two of her friends, who will do a skit on the BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE.

**Women of Spirit Circle** will meet on Tuesday, March 9th, in Room D127 at 9:30 A.M. We will be making *Word on Thee Street Bags*.

## Dates to Remember

March 5 - Church Women United, World Day of Prayer  
Theme: "Everything That Hath Breath Praise God"  
Metropolitan CME Church, at 9:30 A.M.

March 6 - Spring Celebration, Lakeview,  
Bishop Janice Riggle Huie and Suzy Reedstrom.  
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March 7 - UMW Communion Sunday - UMW Members  
Serving and Greeting.

March 23 - Board Meeting

March 31 - Holly Hall Book Review

April 6 - General Meeting

April 13 - Goal of Excellence Study - Spiritual Growth Goal of Excellence Study  
Food and Faith, Room D220 at 9 :00 A.M.

