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May 2010

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Dear Nicolette,

Meeting Tuesday May 4th:

2010 - 2011 officers will be installed by Linda Hill, SW District Vice President. Special Mission Recognition pins will be presented.

Lunch will be served.

Hostesses are the Changing Lives Circle.

Congratulations to:

Margaret Carlson ...

was voted Woman of the Year for the State of Texas by the American Association of University Women at their annual state conference held this April in Houston.

The Common Thread Circle ...

won one of the Mayor's Volunteer Houston Awards. They were nominated by St. Lukes Episcopal Hospital.

Mayor Parker will present the awards at a luncheon on June 10th, watch for news!



President's Corner

Here we are already in May with the beginning of a new and exciting UMW year. Thank you to all of you that have volunteered to hold a 2010-11 officer position. It is an outstanding group of ladies and with Karen Ward as the new President it will be a wonderful year. I wish you all the very best.

Now to brag a little on my 2009-10 Executive Board, and the amazing year we enjoyed. I appreciate each and every one of you and your commitment to our success. We were surrounded by awesome programs, goal studies, Hearts and Hands, and of course the tremendous fellowship. We have a very strong UMW unit, and I am so proud of each and every one of you. You are so willing to give of your time, talents, gifts and service. It has been my honor to serve with you as the past year's president. Let's keep up the great work in God's name. Have a wonderful summer and I will look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Love to you all and many blessings,

Debbie Moore

President 2009-10

Reading Program

Summer is the perfect time to catch up on your reading and remember that you have until the end of November to complete the Reading Program for 2010. There are many wonderful books available in our own Library here at the Church. Please consider reading one book in each of the four categories and completing the program for this year!

One delightful book that is part of the program, is "Here if You Need Me" a true story written by Kate Braestrup. Kate's husband Drew, a state trooper, had a dream to become a minister. He was killed in the line of duty before he could bring this dream to fruition. Kate decided to pursue her husband's dream, thinking initially that she would become a chaplain for the state troopers. Instead, she finds her calling to be serving as the chaplain for the state wardens, who are charged with running the search-and-rescue missions in the Maine woods. She gives comfort to those whose loved ones are missing and to the wardens. I could barely put this book down once I started reading it. It is an easy read, but that does not mean a dictionary did not come in handy once in a while. It can have you in tears one minute and laughing the next. I strongly recommend it. - Nicolette Morrison

There are many other equally delightful books. Go to the library and check out the reading program. It may be just the incentive you need to read a few "different" books this summer.





Hearts and Hands

Do you know any businesses that would like to donate funds or goods for Hearts and Hands? Contact Joan Garofalo, Nicolette Morrison, or Peggy Stilwell Smith with your suggestions.

Bake shop and pantry:

Last fall a friend asked if I would like some of her excess pears. I took some and made pear preserves for Hearts and Hands. That started me to thinking that others might have extra fruit or vegetables that could be given to Hearts and Hands. It only takes about four pounds of fruit to make five to seven cups of jam. I have a couple of interesting recipes for zucchini that I would like to try.

Another way to help would be if you have jelly jars or pints for canning. We can buy new bands and lids. Jars have gotten expensive. By returning these jars, you help us and it gets them out of your way.

I have found out that we can use the kitchen at the Refuge. Are any of you interested in helping to make jams or pickles? It is easy to learn if you don't know how. If you have 2 - 3 hours to help make jam or pickles, I would appreciate the help.

Let me know if you can help in any way or, if you plan on making something on your own.

Thank you in advance for all your help.
Shirley Morgan

Silent Auction:

Summer is a great time to be thinking about items for the H&H Silent Auction - always one of our biggest fund raisers. If you have ideas for new items or something you would like to donate, please give Jane Erskine or Mary Allen Yelverton a call. All ideas are welcome!

Santa Maria

This month we hope to collect the following items for Santa Maria:

- Children's Books
- Books for adults (Mystery, Romance and Spiritual books)
- Games (for children and adults)
- Jigsaw puzzles
- Movies



Coloring books
Crayons
Colored Pencils
Parenting books

If you have any questions, contact Becky Finch 713-464-385

2010 Hands-On Project

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Birthing Kit Assembly

Birthing kits provide the essential items to promote a safe, clean delivery and to encourage good aftercare.

Birthing Kit Items Value: \$8 per kit

1 Hotel-size bar of soap (1 oz. and up)
1 pair of clean latex gloves
1 square yard of clear 4 mil plastic sheeting
3 pieces of clean string each 12" long
1 clean single use razor blade (carefully wrapped to protect it)
2 flannelette receiving blankets, each 1 square yard.

Important Kit Assembly Information

- All items included in kits must be **NEW** items
- All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items, nothing more.
- Do **NOT** include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits.

These kits will be taken to the Fall Festival in September 2010.

2010 - 2011 Holly Hall Book Reviews

Holly Hall Book Reviews are always entertaining. Mark your calendars for the reviews this coming year.



Wednesday, September 29, 2010

"Everything I Need to Know I Learned From A Children's Book: Life Lessons from Notable People from All Walks of Life" by Anita Silvey

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

"Lady on the Hill: How the Biltmore Became an American Icon" by Howard E. Covington

Wednesday, January 26, 2011

"Alfred Nobel, A Biography" by Kenne Fant
"Pullitzer, A Life" by Denis Brian

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

"Women of the West" by Dorothy Gray

MAM Shred Day

SHRED DAY!

Saturday, May 15, 2010
at MAM, 1625 Blalock, Houston TX 77080

9 am to Noon

\$10 minimum donation

Easy drop off for on site shredding!
Computer equipment recycling!
\$5 gift card from Sabine River Cafe!

Texas Security Shredding and **Houston Computer Recycling** is offering on site shredding of paper and recycling of ALL computer equipment to all of Houston.

ALL computer equipment is acceptable, including monitors, so bring your CPUs, printers, keyboards, speakers, mouses and monitors! Hard drives will be wiped clean or destroyed during the recycling process.

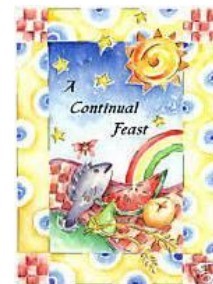
Everything can be shredded, binders and all!

Tell all your friends!

COOKBOOKS

The MDUMW cookbook is a great way to share something personal when giving a gift, whether it is bridal shower, wedding, house warming, graduation or any sort of gift.

For only \$20 you can share you favorite recipes with those you are gifting and support a wonderful cause at the same time. Keep it in the front of your mind, and keep a few cookbooks ready and wrapped, if you wish.



Cookbooks will be on sale Tuesday at the General Meeting. "It's a good thing."



Nominated Executive Board 2010 - 2011

President-	Karen Ward
Vice President/President Elect-	Louise Kiel
Vice President Programs-	Jane Erskine*
Secretary-	Barbara Morehouse*
Treasurer-	Melissa Evans*
Assistant Treasurer-	Kelly Kiser*
Sec. of Program Resources-	Helen Williams

Mission

Coordinators

Membership, Nurture and Outreach-	Linda Morgan
Social Action-	Mary Sue Yeager*
Spiritual Growth-	Mary Siegel*
Education and Interpretation-	Becky Finch
Communications Coordinators- Web page-	Nicolette Morrison*
Newsletter-	Peggy Stilwell Smith*
Historian-	Linda McClelland
Yearbook-	Nicolette Morrison*
Fund Raiser/Hearts and Hands-	Joan Garofalo*
	Nicolette Morrison*
	Peggy Stilwell Smith*
Committee on Nominations- Chairman 2010- 2011-	Mary Brannies
	Bernice Hick
	Kelly Kiser*
	Barbara Morehouse*
	Betsy Snapp

Liasons

Holly Hall-

Verlyn Bounds

Larkin Center-
Memorial Assistance Ministries-
Wesley Community Center-
Church Staff Representative-
Special Mission Recognition-

Mary Siegele*
Doris Bray
Debbie Moore
Lynet Dunn
Pat Noel*

Circle Leaders

Betty Landrum Circle-

Bible Circle-

Common Thread-
Edith Moore Circle-

Mary Lee Marshall Circle-
Music Circle-

Reading Circle-

Women of Spirit Circle-

Lavella Chrisman
Bettie Maddox
Mary Sue Yeager
Mary Lu Mase
Rima Blanc
Lena Pinckney
Dortha Sims
Barbara Aniol
Nicolette Morrison*
Sandy Earthman
Jimmie Jones
Victoria Jones
Melissa Evans
Kelly Kiser

Special Interest Group

Mission Stitchers-

Betty Knowles
Barbara Machemehl
Sue Cronan
Betty Stewart



Mission Stitchers

Mission Stitchers will be displaying many of their quilts and projects at the General Meeting. Please stop by our tables and shop. All money raised goes to missions.

Thank you for your support.



May Circle Meetings

Betty Landrum Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 18th at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Peg Byers, 14503 Cindywood. Bring your favorite dish for a luncheon.

Bible Circle will have their May Luncheon at Café Benedicte, 15455 Memorial Drive, on Wednesday, May 12, at 11:30 a.m. Plan to come for a delicious lunch and fellowship before we start our summer break.

Common Thread Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 18th and have a celebration lunch to ring out our highly successful year. They will meet all summer on the third Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. - noon
- so mark your calendars for June 15th, July 20th and August 17th, and help us prepare fabricworks for patients in Houston area hospitals. Children, grandchildren, friends and relations are always welcome to join in the fun.

Edith Moore Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 18th at 9:30am at the Church in Room D127.

Mary Lee Marshall Circle On May 17th Mary Lee Marshall members will gather at 6:30 p.m. in the Friendship Court for fellowship and a Salad Supper to celebrate the end of a wonderful year. We will conduct the pledge service to start off the new year. To be in mission to the members of the Larkin community, members are urged to bring canned goods for the pantry.

Music Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 18th, at 11:00 a.m., at Cafe Red Onion, 1111 Eldridge Parkway for a luncheon. Call Nicolette if you have any questions.

Reading Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 18th, at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Becky Finch, 12531 Overcup, for a luncheon.

Women of Spirit will meet on Tuesday, May 11th at 10 a.m. at the home of Melissa Evans, 650 Electra, for a pledge service and salad luncheon.



Dates to Remember

- May 7 Church Women United - Friendship Day
Theme: "Living the Vision"
Pines Presbyterian Church
12751 Kimberley Lane, Houston TX 77024
- Ingathering: Fellowship of the Least Coin Offering
Registration and Refreshments 9:30 a.m.
Program and Business 10:00 a.m.
Luncheon Cancelled
- May 25 Executive Board Meeting
- May 31 Texas Annual Conference UMW Luncheon,
The Woodlands UMC
- July 29 - 31 Texas Conference Cooperative School of Mission
Lakeview
- August 24 Executive Board Meeting
- September
24 - 26 Texas Conference Fall Festival
- October
25 - 27 Hearts and Hands 2010

Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Nicolette Morrison
UMW