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A Message from the Presidents

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‘Oh Sing to the Lord a new song; Sing to the Lord, all the earth!! ... tell of his salvation from day to day’

Psalm 96:1-2 EVS

Dear Friends,

Welcome to March! I must admit that I love the winter! I know you think I am crazy, however, I love the peacefulness of the outdoors during the winter when all is quiet and serene. No mowers or trimmers blowing all the time. However, I do love springtime as well! Spring is a time for renewal as we shake off winter and look forward to the season with hope and positivity. Well, guess what? I have great news! In God's world every day is spring!

2 Corinthians 5:17, “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.”

Colossians 3:10 ... put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge, according to the image of the One who created him.”

How can we make everyday like spring?

- Celebrate God's salvation gift! Praise him daily with songs that tell of his love and new life.
- Be Intentional every day to be renewed. Make it a priority to become deeply acquainted with God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!
- Be an Ambassador. Share the good news daily either through good deeds or saving words. Ask for God's guidance.

Winter time is drawing to a close for now. However, it doesn't matter if you're ready to celebrate new life every day of the year. Maybe you don't feel like spring, but instead you are stuck in winter where the soil is hard and frozen. Allow your heart to be thawed and tilled by God's Word! Then go forth and cast seeds that are able to come to life even in the

darkest of times. With God's help, work to welcome and embrace the new season arriving soon!

As we turn back to the business at hand, be on the lookout for our annual pledge letter. God has blessed our lives so richly, so we are called to bless others. Consider how you might renew your commitment to UWF through financial giving. As always, the money will go toward national mission Institutions and regional missionaries whose focus is to improve the well-being of women, children, and youth. Thank you all for your commitment to our mission and for all you do for Christ each day!

Your sister in Christ,

Ginny Kindberg

UWF Co-President

Excerpts taken from Van Walton-Spring, Everyday



The next UWF Board meeting is on **Monday March 3 (10-noon) in Room 119! All are welcome to attend.** If you have any questions, please contact Ginny Kindberg (513-225-5123).

This month's meetings

Last Month's Activities

SMALL GROUP MEETINGS FOR MARCH

Everyone is welcome at any of our monthly gatherings. Contact the leader to be sure you have all the details.

First MONDAY or TUESDAY: Susanna Wesley Women in Mission Leader: Mary Jane Sper (513-476-7250/ mjsper@gmail.com)

TUESDAY, March 18 (6:00 pm) in the Youth Room at church: The group meets at church for a light supper followed by assembling the Easter bags for the residents of Cooper Trace Nursing and Rehab Center in Blue Ash. Ginny Kindberg will coordinate the supper. Nancy Skirvin and Leslie Payne are leading the assembly of the Easter bags. Mary Jane Sper will present a pledge to mission opportunity.

Signup Genius for the supper:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA72AA2FBCF8-47902045-potluck>

Signup Genius for items to fill the Easter bags:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA72AA2FBCF8-54346690-easter>

TUESDAY: 3rd Tuesday Morning Hannah Group
Leaders: Euphazine Reid-Kendall (678-857-8362) and Marilyn Clark (513-909-6878)

Tuesday, March 18 (10:00 am-12:00 noon): The Hannah Group will volunteer at Matthew 25 Ministries, international humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization. Join us at 11060 Kenwood Road, Blue Ash, Ohio 45242. All are welcome. If you have questions or concerns, call Euphazine Reid-Kendall.

WEDNESDAY: Lydia Needlecrafters (1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month) 5:30 pm in the church parlor
Leader: Pam Senefeld (513-314-5042)

Wednesday, March 5 and 19 (5:30 pm): Lydia Needlecrafters were happy to receive \$500 from the Endowment Fund to help cover the costs of the yarn for the prayer shawls, baby blankets, baby hats, scarves, and prayer squares that are made year round. They welcome new members and would love to teach you how to knit or crochet. If you would like a prayer shawl contact Pam Senefeld, Bonnie Nesbitt (513-349-8448) or Carrie Feldmeyer at the church office (513-791-3142).

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:16

Mom & Kids group volunteered at New Life Furniture Bank, making linen kits and kitchenware boxes to help newly-homed families in need.



Susanna Wesley Women in Mission made fleece blankets for Project Linus at their February meeting.



NOTE: Upload photos of your small group gatherings to the UWF google drive for the UWF newsletter and email photos directly to Emily Stapleton (emily.stapleton@cos-umc.org) for posting on COS Facebook.

SATURDAY: Moms & Kids Small Group
Leader: Kristine Kahl (Kristine.f.guevara@sbcglobal.net)

The Moms and Kids Group isn't meeting in March. Stay tuned for information about future meetings.

TUESDAY: Esther Laird Friendship Group (3rd Tuesday of each month—1:00 pm) Leaders: Britt Raymond (brittie.raymond@gmail.com/513-375-4403) and Leah Hondorf (lhondorf@yahoo.com/ 513-304-5224)

Tuesday, March 18 (1:00 pm): All ladies are invited to join Esther Laird Friendship Group in the chapel at Twin Lakes. They will have their yearly pledge service and help Michelle Shiparski in some way to prepare for the "Love Your Neighbor" event in April.

UWF Bible Study (1st & 3rd Wednesdays—7:00 pm) on Zoom Contact person: Jennifer Ehlers (mehlers4@aol.com)

Wednesday, March 5 and 19 (7:00-8:30 pm): UWF's Wednesday Evening Bible Study group is studying *Waymaker* by Ann Voskamp. Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85177177211?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85177177211?pwd=ejFIV0l0Zi8xLzhVZ3NmR0dVaUk3QT09)
[pwd=ejFIV0l0Zi8xLzhVZ3NmR0dVaUk3QT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85177177211?pwd=ejFIV0l0Zi8xLzhVZ3NmR0dVaUk3QT09)

Contact Jennifer Ehlers if you have questions.

save
the date



Speaker Katie Peterson,
Deaconess with UMCOR's
Mission Barn (Western
PA Conference)

Spring Luncheon

Sunday, May 18 (12:10 pm) Fellowship Hall

All are WELCOME!

Sponsored by United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith Book Discussion ANNOUNCES Its Spring Selection ...

BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION: Thursday, April 24 (7:00 pm) in the church Parlor. Consider reading the selected book this spring and join us for a UWF discussion. All are welcome!

The Queen's Cook by
Tessa Afshar

In the heart of ancient Persia, the empire's Jewish citizens face an ominous edict that threatens their very existence. Roxannah, the daughter of a once-privileged but now impoverished Persian lord is left destitute and adrift when her father dies. Roxannah seeks employment in Queen Esther's kitchens.



She strives to overcome prejudice and adversity as she ascends through the ranks in the royal kitchen. Her culinary talent earns her the trust and mentorship of Queen Esther herself, a woman of grace and wisdom, who is navigating treacherous palace politics.

CONTACT Mary Jane Sper (mjsper@gmail.com/513-476-7250) to save your space in this book discussion or if you have questions.

The Children's Closet

**The Children's Closet is Collecting Donations
for Jack's Closet in MARCH**

Our Children's Closet, located in the colorful cabinet across the hall from the church office, is collecting items to make birthday bags for children served by Jack's Closet, specifically medium/large birthday gift bags, cake mix, frosting, paper plates, and napkins. Other donations of new toys, gently used children's clothing, and monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. A ministry of the Clough United Methodist Church, Jack's Closet provides free clothing, accessories, and supplies to foster and kinship families. They have served more than 5,000 children since they began in 2015. Thank you for your generous donations to help local children and families in need! Questions can be directed to Regan Murray Mitchell, Children's Closet Coordinator (reganmurray@hotmail.com).

**Jack's
Closet**



A FREE clothing closet for children who are in foster or kinship care

We're a **sisterhood** acting in **faith** to tackle
the **hard work** of the **world** without hesitation.

United Women in Faith Social Justice

from Pam Senefeld (513-314-5042), Social Justice Coordinator

Karalyn Voorhorst (UWF Education/Interpretation Coordinator) shared the following summary of a Response magazine article from September/October 2024 at a recent UWF Board Meeting.

The United Methodist Church's glossary defines deaconess as women called to a ministry of love, service and compassion. Deaconesses and Home Missioners are Theologically and Vocationally trained lay people who commit their lives to full-time lay ministry as part of the United Methodist Church. Serving in a variety of roles, they bring Christ to marginalized and overlooked communities. The Methodist Deaconess movement began in Chicago in 1885. The Methodist Church officially recognized the Office of Deaconess in 1888, and the office has remained active ever since.

Deaconesses and home missioners (the male equivalent) today serve, as throughout their history, in many areas of need, in

places where the church has not been, or was not aware it should be, or was afraid or unwilling to be. Current ministries include but are not limited to issues related to prison, environment, refugees, immigration, health care, education, homelessness, women and children, youth and families, senior adults, peace with justice, working poor and a wide variety of church and community ministries.

Wherever they serve and regardless of the task, deaconesses and home missioners find and represent the presence of God in the midst of those with whom they serve. Their daily task of serving and empowering is a visible symbol of the link between the Church and the world.



ANOTHER WAY TO SUPPORT OUR United Women in Faith MISSION

Kroger Community Rewards Program

Organizer: Melody Overton (signof4@msn.com or 513-446-5651)

United Women in Faith benefits from money it receives from Kroger when registered Church of the Saviour members shop there. It uses this money to help charities serving women and children.

The UWF appreciate the families and individuals currently involved in the program. By joining the program, you can help improve the lives of the vulnerable populations served by these charities.

To join, go to: <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>

When you reach the prompt to enter the organization you wish to benefit, enter XL812.



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