

United Methodist Women

... reaching out in love ...

May 2017

Purpose of UMW – The organized unit of UNITED METHODIST WOMEN shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Important Dates and Events

UMW General Meeting

May 4th, 10:00 am, South Lounge
Program – A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial
led by Clara Hernandez
“Stone Soup” Luncheon

Mary Martha Fellowship Group

May 2nd, 7:00 pm, South Lounge
Theme – “May Pole, May Baskets and Butterflies”
Hostesses – Sandi Hoffner and Jan Hickenbottom

Wesley Ann Circle

May 18th, 1:00 pm, South Lounge
Program – Assembling UMCOR Health Kits
Hostess – Connie Pilling

June 6th, 7:00 pm, South Lounge
Theme – “Memories of Your Father or a Special Man in Your Life”
Hostess – Sue Currie

Heart to Heart Circle

May 16th, 6:00 pm, South Lounge
United Methodist Women new circle for all ages
Fellowship and Worship
Bring an appetizer to share
Kim Galea and Breezie Potter – organizers

UMW General Meeting on May 4th

The program for the 2017 A Call to Prayer and Self Denial will focus on Maternal and Child Health. A special offering will be taken to support partners that provide programs and advocate for the health of mothers and their children. Programs may include prenatal and postpartum care, mental health, family planning, cancer screening, access to feminine hygiene products, educational opportunities and workshops, crisis ministries for women who are victims of violence, and child protection.

The morning will conclude with a “Stone Soup” Luncheon based on the children's book. Each attendee is asked to bring one cup of vegetables (fresh, frozen, or canned) to be added to the seasoned broth that will be provided. Fruit and crackers will also be part of the meal.

Please plan to attend both the meeting and the luncheon. One will nourish your soul and the other your body! Wonderful fellowship is an added bonus.

East District Spiritual Growth Meeting and Quiet Disciple Awards

Eileen Jackson, Lilia Milloy and Connie Pilling attended the East District UMW meeting on April 22nd at Victorville UMC. The Rev. Dr. Amanda Burr from Palm Springs was the guest speaker. The theme of the day was “Shining Your Light”. Rev. Burr reminded us of the Ten Commandments, but said there were really 30 Commandments in the scriptures and gave them to us in everyday terms. She explained that we can be examples of “shining lights” for God while we follow the commandments.

Connie Pilling was honored as FFUMC UMW Quiet Disciple. Eileen read a bio of all that Connie has done in the community, FFUMC, and UMW, since she moved here from England. It is a powerful statement of how God's light within us radiates out into the world and makes a positive difference in it. Congratulates to Connie.

Our unit was one of the Mission Today units honored, and we received a certificate for all of our accomplishments this past year.

UMCOR Health Kits

Wesley Ann circle will be assembling Health Kits for disaster relief at their May 18th meeting. We are a small group so we invite you to help us with this project. The kits are estimated to cost \$12.00 plus an additional dollar for UMCOR to purchase fresh toothpaste at the time that the kits are needed. A list of the items to be included in the kit can be found on the UMCOR website or on the UMW bulletin board in the hall by the office. If you would like to help us by donating money or items please let Eileen Jackson know by May 11th so she has time to shop or collect the items. Thank you.

United Methodist Women Non-Event Tea Fundraiser “Love is Brewing at FFUMC”

It's that time of year again.... Spring and the United Methodist Women's non-event tea. **“Love is Brewing at FFUMC”** will begin on Mother's Day, May 14th. For those of you who are new to our church or those who don't remember what a non-event tea is, here is the explanation. We give you an invitation with a donation envelope and a tea bag. You enjoy a cup of tea at your leisure and return the envelope with your monetary contribution. You don't have to squeeze another event into your busy schedule! This will be our fifth non-event tea. Your donations this year will go to the FFUMC Preschool Scholarship Fund, FFUMC Youth Campership Fund and the hungry in our community through the F4 Voucher Fund and the Saturday Pancake Breakfast Fund. Help us show all of these groups that we love and care for them! Thank you in advance for your support.



**See you on Thursday at 10:00 am.
in the South Lounge.**