

# United Methodist Women

... reaching out in love ...

*January 2018*

**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

January 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am, South Lounge

#### Lounge

Installation of 2018 Officers  
“Reflections on 2017, Dreams for 2018”

### Mary Martha Fellowship Group

January 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, South

Please note the **change of date**  
Theme - “Hopes and Fears for 2018”  
Sue Currie - Hostess

### Wesley Ann Circle

January 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm, South Lounge

Program planning meeting  
Come with ideas!  
Eileen Jackson - Hostess

### Heart to Heart Circle

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, Brides Room

Bring an appetizer to share

Making Valentines

### East District Local Officer Training

January 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am – 1:30

Hacienda Heights First Filipino-American UMC of San Gabriel Valley

Guest Speaker – Jane Stewart

\$12 includes continental breakfast and lunch

RSVP to Eileen no later than January 7<sup>th</sup> – checks made out to East District UMW

## UMW General Meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup>

UMW Officers for 2018 will be installed at our meeting. They will be our leaders, but they need the help and support of all of us. We will also spend time reflecting on the good things that happened in 2017 and sharing our dreams for accomplishments in 2018. Join us for good fellowship and enlightening conversation.

## United Methodist Women Officers for 2018

President – Eileen Jackson

Vice President – Connie Pilling

Secretary – Linda Crippen

Treasurer – Janice Mullard

Secretary of Program Resources – Nan Reger

Co-Membership Chairman – Clara Hernandez

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Communication – Eileen Jackson

Loving Care – Sandi Hoffner

Hospitality – Sandi Hoffner

Spiritual Growth – Jeanie Schultz  
Social Action – Caroline Peterson

Asst. Hospitality – Vicki Johnson  
Methodist Hospital Rep – Becky McFarland

## **UMW Thank Offering Sunday Celebration**

UMW would like to thank all of you who contributed to the Thank Offering. We were able to give \$300.00 to each of the following groups or organizations: Chapel on Wheels Weekday Christian Education, Meals on Wheels, Pathways of Hope, Ronald McDonald House of Orange County, FFUMC Preschool, FFUMC Youth Campership Fund, F4, PET, Claremont School of Theology, Saturday Pancake Breakfast Fund, and WTLC.

## **United Methodist Women NEWS – Winter 2018 Issue**

The following information is taken from an article on the UMW Annual Meeting Oct. 6-8 in New York City.

“The UMW Board adopted a 2018 budget of \$18.6 million, including more than \$10 million for national mission institutions and programs, international ministries and scholarships, and membership development programs. The board allocated \$301,963 in grants for international and national emerging ministries and emergencies, property improvements at national mission institutions and scholarships. Prior to the meeting more than \$30,000 in emergency grants were given to mission institutions damaged by and/or serving communities hit by hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria.

The 2018 Call to Prayer and Self-Denial offering theme of “Learning for a Lifetime” was announced during the meeting. The offering supports national and international programs that develop leaders of all ages. Funds from the offering will go to national and international partners for child development, after-school, and General Education Diploma and English as a Second Language programs.”

## **Response Magazine December 2017**

The following excerpt is from the “learn” page in this issue.

“What does it mean to follow Jesus? The answer is easy: Love God and love one another. But what does it mean to love God and love one another? Living out this easy answer isn't always easy. It's both a universal and situational directive with many interpretations. Knowing how to love requires prayer, learning and practice. It means listening to whom we are called to love: God and one another. This biblical instruction to love is not limited to loving just particular people – we are called to love beyond our own religious, familial, racial, national, gender, orientation, socioeconomic and political groups. It's sometimes not easy to love even those closest to us or those most like us, and yet we are called to love the *other*?”

“Thankfully, Jesus provides an example of how to do this. His life and teachings help guide us in what it means to live out God's love. Whom and how we love only grows as we ground ourselves in our faith and surround ourselves with a creative, supportive community of women putting faith hope and love into action and finding freedom in Jesus.”

**See you on Thursday at 10:00 am.  
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