

United Methodist Women

... reaching out in love ...

February 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

February 1st, South Lounge
Installation of 2018 Officers
Guest Speaker – Pastor Paula

Mary Martha Fellowship Group

February 6th, 7:00 pm, South Lounge
“Olympic Sports You Like to Watch”
Bring Dust Catchers to Share
Hostesses Ann Unland, Eileen Jackson

Wesley Ann Circle

February 15th, 1:00 pm, South Lounge
Mission Updates from Response Magazine
Devotions – Sandy Neisess
Hostess – Eileen Jackson

Heart to Heart Circle

February 20th, 6:30 pm, South Lounge
Bring a snack to share
Easter Crafts

Cal PAC Mid-Winter Event

February 17th, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm, “Seeing the Future in Our Midst” and work day!
David and Margaret Youth and Family Services, La Verne
RSVP to Eileen by February 4th, \$12.00 includes lunch, check to Cal-PAC UMW
Eileen will drive – we can car pool!

UMW General Meeting on February 1st

UMW Officers for 2018 will be installed at our meeting. The installation was originally planned for January but the flu made that not possible. They will be our leaders, but they need the help and support of all of us. Pastor Paula will be our guest speaker. Join us to get to know her better and to hear her hopes and plans for Fullerton First. Some new programs/projects are in the works!

UMW Invites You To Join Us

Perhaps you've never really thought about how you might fit into UMW. Anyone can come to the meetings – even men! All female members of the United Methodist Church are members of United Methodist Women even though they might not be active members. But you do not have to be a member of the United Methodist Church to be a part of our organization. Our purpose is stated at the top of this newsletter and our local unit does all of those things at each meeting.

What about the Circles? The circles are ladies who get together for a variety of reasons. Mary Martha Fellowship Group is primarily a social group with one major project at Christmas. They share thoughts on different fun topics and do a lot of laughing at their meetings. Heart to Heart Circle also

has a lot of fun mixed with various service projects and reaches out to the home bound and hospitalized people in our church. Wesley Ann Circle meets during the afternoon so that those who don't drive at night can come to a ladies group. They are a more structured group with devotions, speakers and an offering collected. They have a mission project each year, and they also have fun! Some of us belong to more than one circle. Each of these groups welcome visitors and new members, and as good Methodist they offer food – snacks or dessert and beverage! Try us – you'll like us!

United Methodist Women Officers for 2018

President – Eileen Jackson	Co-Membership Chairman – Clara Hernandez
Vice President – Connie Pilling	Co-Membership Chairman – Jan Hickenbottom
Secretary – Linda Crippen	Communication – Eileen Jackson
Treasurer – Janice Mullard	Loving Care – Sandi Hoffner
Secretary of Program Resources – Nan Reger	Hospitality – Sandi Hoffner
Spiritual Growth – Jeanie Schultz	Asst. Hospitality – Vicki Johnson
Social Action – Caroline Peterson	Methodist Hospital Rep – Becky McFarland

Methodist Hospital Women's Auxiliary

Becky McFarland is Fullerton First UMW's representative to the Women's Auxiliary, and she attended the general meeting on January 22nd. A report of that meeting is posted on the UMW bulletin board. Chaplain Blake Arnall stated that the hospital resources have been stretched by the most difficult flu season in 10 years. Dan Ausman, CEO, proudly announced that Methodist Hospital received, again, a 5 star rating granted by Centers for Medicare Services. Methodist Hospital is the only hospital in LA county to receive this recognition three times!

UMW Reading Program

The Reading Program is open to anyone who likes a good book. The books are stored in the book cases in the South Lounge. If you need help ask Eileen Jackson, Linda Crippen or any active UMW member.

Cry of the Giraffe is a story based on real events and mirrors the experience of thousands of Ethiopian Jews who fled from hatred, persecution, and brutality to a new life in their spiritual homeland, Israel. The main character in the book is a 13 year old girl who suffers all kinds of horrors until she is rescued.

Love Casts Out Fear tells a gripping true story of danger, overwhelming anger, and forgiveness that's beyond comprehension. The main character in this book is a 6 year old boy in Egypt who sees his father murdered because he is a Christian pastor. The book relates all he goes through as a Christian in a Muslim country. Eventually he becomes a pastor like his father and continues to serve Christians in that country.

Called to the Fire is the story of Dr. Charles Johnson. He was the key African American witness to take the stand in the trial famously dubbed the “Mississippi Burning” case. He was a young preacher fresh out of Bible College at the time, but became a voice for justice and equality in the segregated south. He overcame fear and adversity to become a leader in the Civil Rights Movement.

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