

United Methodist Women

... reaching out in love ...
April 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

April 5th, 10:00 am, South Lounge
“Hymn Sing” led by Jan Hickenbottom
Allyson Shelly on piano

Mary Martha Fellowship Group

April 3rd, 7:00 pm, South Lounge
Prepare Easter Baskets for Shut Ins
Monetary Donations Appreciated
Hostesses Jan Ballard, Vicki Johnson

Heart to Heart Circle

April 17th, 6:30 pm
Movie Night “Somewhere in Time”
Bring a snack to share

UMW General Meeting on April 5th

The program for the April meeting is a “Hymn Sing” featuring your favorite hymns. Jan Hickenbottom will coordinate the event, but she needs a list of your favorite hymns as soon as possible. She will give us a history of them and other pertinent facts. Allyson Shelly will accompany us on the piano. We will also have a display of old hymnals. Please bring any you have with you to the meeting.

California-Pacific United Methodist Women 2018 MISSION u

What is MISSION u? It is an opportunity to study a spiritual growth topic, a geographic area, or an issue impacting society. Participants grow in understanding of the mission of the church in the current world context. You do not have to be an active member of our local UMW unit to attend. The school this year will be at Biola University in La Mirada from June 29 to July 1. The areas of study are: (1) Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living, (2) Missionary Conferences of the UMC in the U.S., and (3) What About Our Money? A Faith Response. Attendees attend only one study. Registration fee \$250.00 if form and fee are postmarked by 5/1/2018 or \$275.00 if postmarked by 6/1/2018. Eileen Jackson has registration forms and more complete information about each study.

UMW Reading Program

Radio Shangri-La by Lisa Napoli is an account of her adventures in the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan. She before going to Bhutan she was a reporter and columnist and a host for a public radio show. She was invited to go to Bhutan as a volunteer to help set up a youth-oriented radio station, Kuzoo FM. She knew nothing about Bhutan except that it was said to be one of the happiest places on earth. At the time she was frustrated with her life in the United States and was looking for a change. She found her new life very challenging and different but also very rewarding and happy. After her original visit she went back several times to check on the radio station and her many new friends. The book is very interesting and full of details about the country and its culture.

Dreamers – An Immigrant Generation's Fight for Their American Dream by Eileen Truax is a series of stories about undocumented immigrant children's experiences growing up in the U.S. For more than ten years Congress has debated the DREAM Act and not come up with a solution for these young people. Many have lived in the U.S. for almost all of their lives. The author states, “But recently, this young generation has begun organizing, and with their rallying cry “Undocumented, Unapologetic, and Unafraid” they are the newest face of the human rights movement.” They face many challenges and, in some cases, are deported for their actions.

Response magazine

The March issue of Response magazine gives a history of the Deaconess movement in the Methodist Church in the United States. The first deaconess training school was started in Chicago in 1885. The school taught single young women in the areas of Biblical studies, theology, church history, sociology, economics, basic medical training and courses in chronicling the accomplishments of women. In 1887 a few of the students prepared for a “ministry of visitation” in the tenement communities of Chicago. They soon moved into their own house and established the first Methodist deaconess home. They offered support for immigrants, health care, and classes in child care, homemaking and Christian education. They served as nurses, social workers, administrators, and other community workers. In 1888, the Office of Deaconess was officially recognized by the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the office has remained active ever since.



**See you on Thursday at 10:00 am.
in the
South Lounge!
Come and sing with us!**