



United  
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# Church of the Saviour United Methodist Women May 2022

## BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, May 3, 10:00 a.m., by Zoom**

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT**



As we enter the month of May, our attention often turns to getting the gardens cleaned up, fertilized, tilled and ready to plant new flowers and grass. When we begin to think about what we plant, often we want those that will give us great beauty. However, there is more to planting a garden than just the looks of the pretty flowers. As we learned at the April United Women in Faith General meeting, plants are a way to help caterpillars, bees and many more insects that in turn are a food source for the birds, bees and attracts the butterflies.

As our speaker, Peggy Spaeth told us, you don't have to plant all your garden in native plants but a small plot of land will bring great pleasure in seeing new birds, bees and other insects. Bradford Road residents have started pollinator gardens on the tree lawns and fortunately, one side of the church borders on it. The church also has joined the group with a 3 x 3-foot garden. There are other spaces that the church could also put in additional native plants which would be attractive as well as serve to help the environment.

Our yards go from being covered in snow during the winter, to the bare, dead look of early spring to the awakening of the plants that start to peak through the soil to the fragrant blooms of late spring and summer. As well as the return of the insects, birds and butterflies. We have an opportunity to create more beauty and a better more sustainable environment. Isaiah 35:1-2 sums this up saying "Even the wilderness will rejoice in those days. The desert will blossom with flowers. Yes, there will be an abundance of flowers and singing and joy! The deserts will become as green as the mountains of Lebanon, as lovely as Mount Carmel's pastures and the plain of Sharon. There the Lord will display his glory, the splendor of our God." Happy spring and planting for the environment.

*Connie Carihfield, President*

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

As I write this message, it is only one more day until Easter! Forsythia is blooming, daffodils have been out for two weeks already, trees are getting greener, magnolias are in bud - and grass is growing (a treat for the deer that lounge in our neighbor's back yard and in ours). And, of course the fairly frequent rain keeps all plants in good shape. But we've been able to enjoy SUNSHINE and warmer temps, too.

UMW finances are in good shape. Our operating balance at the end of March was \$6,480.91. At the April Board meeting, it was decided to use some of the money set aside for attendees to the UMW national convention (coming up in May). We know that one of our members plans to attend the convention in person. At this time, \$1200 is set aside for this purpose, although all of



it may not be needed. (We subtract the \$1200 from the actual bank balance to reach the total for operating expenses.)

As is typical, fewer people are pledging as our fiscal year draws to a close, Nevertheless, most active pledgers have done their bit for this year.

At the April General meeting a collection was taken for Prayer and Self Denial. The total of \$435 will be sent soon to the National UMW to support Deconesses and Home Missioners of the United Methodist Church.

Expenses for March went for thread for the March Workshop and a program for Martha Circle. So far in April we have spent \$50 for the April General Meeting (about pollinator plants for your garden - if you missed this program, you missed probably one of the best programs that UMW has had in a long time.) \$35 is designated as a gift to DonDon School in Haiti, a request of a recent speaker for Edna Rhodes Circle.

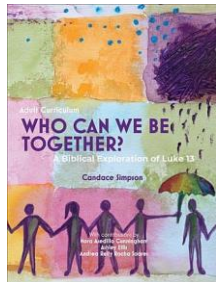
As our May Flea Market (NO CLOTHING) concludes, our treasury will increase. Watch for the summer list of donations that we will be able to make as a result of our Flea Markets.

*Arleen Twist, Treasurer*

## **DISTRICT AND CONFERENCE NEWS**

### **Mission u**

Adult Study will be via Zoom: July 9-10 and July 16-17: two hours each session. Saturday sessions will be from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Sunday sessions will be from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Plus an In-Person Retreat July 22-23 at Mt. Union University. Child and Youth Studies will be held in-person during the Retreat.



Who Can We Be Together? A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13, the 2022 adult curriculum by Candace Simpson brings participants deeper into Jesus' teachings in this chapter of Luke to explore what it means to be in community. As the author notes, "For followers of Christ 2,000 years later, it's important for us to sit with the range of emotions we have in response to these words. It's not easy to build and sustain communities, especially when there are forces that drain us, exhaust us, and even push us to act uncharacteristically. And yet, we are called to act on the most ethical principles of our faith so we can witness the kin-dom of God on earth." Books are available online at

[uwfaith.org](http://uwfaith.org) for \$10.

Adults, join via Zoom on July 9/10, and July 16/17: Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon, Sundays 7-9 p.m.

Children and Youth will meet in-person July 22/23 during the In-Person Retreat at Mt. Union University.

2022 Mission u Class Fees: Each age level will be \$30.

#### **Family Discounts**

Adult Study & 1 Child or Youth Study \$50 Youth = 7th grade through 12th grade

Adult Study & 2 Child or Youth Studies \$75 Child = Kindergarten through 6th grade

#### **IN-PERSON RETREAT – July 22/23 at Mt. Union University**

Adult or Youth: Shared room, one night plus three meals: \$75 plus class fee

Child sharing room with two adult/youth (on floor mattress) plus three meals: \$30 plus class fee

Adult or Youth: single room, one night plus three meals: \$95 plus class fee

Registration details forthcoming. Please see Debbie Jones for a registration form or for assistance registering.

*Debbie Jones, District Representative*

## **FLEA MARKET**

### **Friday, May 20 & Saturday, May 21**

Flea Market sorting and pricing will begin **Sunday, May 15th through Thursday, May 19th**. Donations of household items, furniture, books and toys will be accepted. NO CLOTHING will be accepted. In addition to donating items, please plan to donate your time. We need many hands to sort and price items Monday through Thursday. On Friday and Saturday, we need cashiers, greeter, monitors and a clean-up crew. Please sign up through Sign Up Genius. You can find the link at the Church of the Saviour website under “Important Information”.



Donations of baked goods are needed. All donations must be wrapped and will be sold on a “to go” basis.

Once again Marty Bergman will be making her delicious homemade soup. It will only be sold on a “to go” basis, so glass jars with lids are needed. If you are able to donate, please take the items to the Calvary Hall kitchen.

*Mary Freer, Ways and Means*

## **SOCIAL ACTION**

**United Women in Faith News**

[uwfaith.org](http://uwfaith.org)

**Quoted from the website:**

**NEW YORK, NY, March 16, 2022** – United Women in Faith, formerly United Methodist Women, today announced its first emergency grant to support women activists in Ukraine. The grant will go to the organization’s longtime partner in Kyiv, Ukraine. It is not releasing the name of the center for security reasons.



The organization issued the following statement:

*War has a disproportionate and outsized impact on women, children, and youth. Its toll cannot be understated. Consequently, United Women in Faith gifted \$10,000 to a longtime women’s center partner in Kyiv to support women activists who are implementing gender policy, peacebuilding, and the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 “Women, Peace, Security” in Ukraine. The funds will support women activists who plan to remain in their residence during the war.*

*This grant will help women in Ukraine establish a network of coordinators (among activists) in the areas where active hostilities are taking place. The coordinators will assess needs and provide food, water, medicine and other basic necessities to women and children living in bomb shelters.*

*We want to support women, children, and youth in Kyiv over the long term.”*

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Also note that the Easter Offering will be used to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief’s (UMCOR) Global Disaster Response and Recovery Fund. Through this fund,

UMCOR is working with several partner agencies to provide food, clothing, shelter, and other supplies to help Ukrainian refugees in Ukraine, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia.

COTS Global Missions Committee

*Becky Roberts,*

Social Action & Education Interpreter

## **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SUNDAY**

United Women in Faith Sunday will be held on May 15, 2022. Our guest preacher will be Beth Streiff Wilterdink, pastor of Mayfield United Methodist Church.

## **RESTORING THE HEIGHTS TREE CANOPY**

The Heights area has lost over 13 % of its tree covering during the last two years. Did you know we have two opportunities to request FREE trees? Tree Planting happens in May and the Fall. So, we have just enough time to request a tree before summer. For those who no longer have yard space or tree lawns, please pass the word to your family and friends. Just Call:

For Tree Lawn Trees:

Cleveland Heights/University Heights Forestry Department:

216.691.7300

Shaker Heights Forestry - 216.491.1490

For a FREE Front Yard Tree in The Heights:

Heights Tree People - 216.321.7542

[heightstreepeople@gmail.com](mailto:heightstreepeople@gmail.com)

The best time to plant a tree is now, or twenty years ago.

Submitted by *Kevin Louise Schaner*

## **CIRCLE MEETINGS**

### **EDNA RHODES CIRCLE**

Please join Edna Rhodes Circle for a time of fellowship and music on **Tuesday May 24, 2022** at 12:30 p.m. in the parlor. Members should be prepared to share memories and history of the most beautiful hymn that they have ever heard. Lunch and beverage will be provided. Please RSVP to the church office.



### **Martha Circle**

Martha Circle will have a planning session for the 2022-2023 year on **Wednesday, May 25**. We encourage members to offer program ideas. Details to follow.

*Submission Deadline for June UMW Newsletter is Sunday, May 15.  
Please send submissions to Stefanie Hiles at [shiles9098@aol.com](mailto:shiles9098@aol.com).*

