



United
Women
in Faith

Church of the Saviour
United Methodist Women
June 2022

BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, June 7, 10:00 a.m., by Zoom

FROM THE PRESIDENT

When you think of the word summer – what comes to mind? When I was in school, summer was the time to play outdoors, ride bicycles, plays with friends, go to the pool, go visit my grandparents and go on family outings. Once I was out of school and a member of the work force, summer meant time off from work to vacation or staycation, swimming, going for walks in the woods and a less hectic schedule at work for two months.

As a retiree, summer still is a season to look forward to but enjoying it with a different set of eyes. I take time to watch the change of the season with the budding of the leaves on the trees, the greening of the grass, the buds on the late spring and early summer flowers, time to walk outside, enjoy the songs of the birds and the arrival of different species of birds. Like what Mark 13:28 says, “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as the twigs get tender and its leaves come out you know that summer is near.” (NIV) So, watch carefully for the tender sprouts of the trees and the plants and know that summer is about to be a reality after a long winter.

Enjoy the out of doors whether it is just sitting in a chair and marveling at God’s work, digging in your garden, listening to the birds sing, go out to eat, visit with friends or take a vacation, enjoy the change of pace knowing that all will change with the next season of the year or life.

I hope to see many of you at our Service of Remembrance on June 28th at 10 a.m. in the Great Hall. Otherwise enjoy your season of summer and see you all back in the new season of fall.

Connie Crihfield, President

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Everyone is invited to attend a Service of Remembrance on June 28 at 10 a.m. in the Great Hall. We will remember those women who have died within the past year.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The finances of Church of the Saviour’s women’s organization are still in good shape. As of the end of the month, we had an operating balance of \$6,907.85. We received \$80 in pledges and \$510 for the Prayer and. Self-Denial fund. (Remember that this last fund supports deaconesses and home missionaries of the United Methodist Church.) The month of May will be a totally different month because of the flea market. We hope that we have many donations and good sales. As a result, this summer we anticipate being able to give sizable donations to our “favorite” charitable groups.

You are probably aware that the organization - United Methodist Women - has changed its name at the national level to **United Women in Faith**. However, I have a special request of



everyone. **Please continue to write your checks to United Methodist Women until further notice.** (A reminder, your **donations** to UMW are tax exempt.)

I hope that you have a good spring and that you are enjoying all the color. As I write this there is an eclipse of the moon in the immediate offing. Isn't God's nature wonderful!

Arleen Twist, Treasurer

CONFERENCE NEWS

Education is a cornerstone of United Women in Faith as we seek to grow in our knowledge of the current issues facing society. As we increase our awareness, in turn we grow as a spiritual community as we seek faith-based solutions to these issues. One way we can come together to connect, learn and pray is through Mission u.

Mission u is held every summer, usually at the University of Mount Union in Alliance, OH. This year the classes will be held via Zoom and there will be an in person retreat at Mount Union.

This year, as we study Luke 13, we find ourselves in a period of disruption and uncertainty. In the midst of a devastating pandemic, divisive political climate, unaddressed systemic racism, ecological crises and eco-nomic turmoil, we turn to the stories of Jesus that have anchored Christian communities for two millennia.

The newly designed Mission u 2022 is more flexible and intergenerational than ever— with curricula for youth, children and adults focused on the 13th chapter of the Gospel of Luke.

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.

Website: eocumc.com, click on Laity, then from the drop-down menu select United Women in Faith, then Mission U. You will find all of the information you need there.

If you need assistance of any kind, please contact Debbie Jones.

Debbie Jones, District Representative



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Who Can We Be Together?

Building Communities of Hope and Joy

FLEA MARKET

Thank you to all who donated, worked, or purchased goods at the Flea Market. Your generosity allows our Unit to donate funds to organizations locally, nationally and internationally that support women, children and youth.

Mary Freer, Ways and Means

SOCIAL ACTION

Julie Washington, “*Northeast Ohio Black Infant Mortality: ‘With healthy, powerful Black women come healthy, powerful Black families.’*” **Plain Dealer**, April 15, 2022, A1 & A7.

Da’na Langford and Tenisha Gaines who started the non-profit organization, Village of Healing, opened a health clinic in Euclid in February. The clinic provides multiple services for Black women by Black practitioners. They hope to decrease infant mortality by providing equitable healthcare. While infant mortality has been decreasing in Ohio, in Cuyahoga County 2021, the Black in infant mortality rate was 11.6/1000 as compared to 5.2/1000 for white infants.



The clinic pairs pregnant women with a mentor (Mother to Mother Program) and a doula from Birthing Beautiful. A professional group, the VOH Professional Black Women Support Group allows black women to discuss stress with a mental health specialist. They hope to expand the services and the clinics throughout the county. They have funding from various sources including the Ohio Department of Health, First Year Cleveland, and Saint Luke’s Foundation.

The website is: villageofhealingcle.com.

Becky Roberts,

Social Action & Education Interpreter

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CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN GREATER CLEVELAND

Marty Bergman, Anne Billington, Mary Holloway, Shirley Moore and Kevin Schaner attended the annual May Friendship Day Luncheon. This year’s theme is: *It Is Up to You in 2022*. The Rev. Mary B. Hope from Calvary Congregational Church stressed the “Four R’s:” Re-access, Renew, Revise, Reclaim to motivate each of us to be more nurturing. Many greeted us and inquired about Frances Fisher and Joan LeFavour, the recipient of this year’s Valiant Woman Award. If you are interested in Church Women United, contact: schanerkevin@gmail.com.

AFRICA UNIVERSITY – NEW RESIDENCE HALL FOR WOMEN

Try to recall the excitement and concern that you felt when you left home for college or any other reason. Or, what about how *you* felt when you left your “child” at a dormitory or apartment. Since I was a transfer student to Miami University when I was a sophomore, there was not space for me in a dorm. Instead, my parents left me in an “overflow basement” in a dorm where there were over thirty of us with one telephone. Now, I cannot imagine how anxious my parents must have been, but I am sure they did not leave me there thinking that I would be robbed or trafficked or otherwise taken advantage. Students come from all of Africa to be students at Africa University. In order for female students to be secure, they need to live on



campus rather than trying to find safe housing in the nearest town or transportation to and from campus. Bishop Tracy S. Malone initiated a campaign to raise \$1.5 million to improve the education and wellness of women who attend AU. Our United Women in Faith contributed to this goal which has recently been met.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

EDNA RHODES CIRCLE

Edna Rhodes Circle wishes everyone a blessed summer. We will see you again in September.



Martha Circle

Martha Circle hope to have one or more social gatherings over the summer. Those plans will be announced later. The regular circle meeting will meet again in September.

*Submission Deadline for June UMW Newsletter is Monday, August 15.
Please send submissions to Stefanie Hiles at shiles9098@aol.com.*

