



United  
Women  
in Faith

**Church of the Saviour**  
**United Methodist Women**  
**September 2022**

**BOARD MEETING**

**TUESDAY, September 6, 10:00 a.m., by Zoom**

**FROM THE BOARD**

Being long-accustomed to the start of school in September, I love the opportunities for new beginnings that this month offers. We begin a new year full of anticipation for coming together in new ways and for hope that our new United Women in Faith organization will inspire a new group of women to work together.

The Women in Faith website states that, “We are women with a purpose.” \*

- We equip women and girls around the world to be leaders.
- We organize because together we can do more to make a difference in our lives, communities and world, particularly for women, children, and youth
- We provide educational experiences that lead to personal change in order to transform the world.
- We work for justice through compassionate service and advocate to change unfair policies. \*



These are exciting goals; these are difficult goals; they will require much work and dedication. We hope that YOU will be inspired to come, learn, and work with us.

Explore how you might get involved this year, through United Women in Faith general meetings held on the second Tuesday of the month, starting September 13th at 10 a.m. in the Parlor. We also offer two small groups: Edna Rhodes meets on the 4th Tuesday at 12:30, and Martha Circle on the 4th Wednesday at 7 p.m.

*Mary Ann Hile*  
Martha Circle Co-Leader,  
Membership Chair

P.S.

We continue to have Flea Markets twice a year to raise money for local, national, and international missions. Organizing, sorting, and pricing for the Fall Flea Market will be October 9-13, with the sale on Friday and Saturday, October 14 and 15. Please mark your calendars! Come see how you can help!

\* <https://uwfaith.org/what-we-do/>

**PROGRAM**

Join United Women in Faith on  
Tuesday. September 13th at 10 a.m. in the Parlor



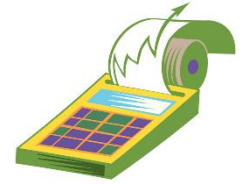
*For Our Sending Off of  
Blair Porter to Haiti*

Blair, an intern at COTS, has a passion for Haiti and plans to spend three months there as a UMC Individual Volunteer in Mission.

Members are asked to write Blair a note with an inspirational Bible verse to take on her experience.

*Program Committee*

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**



As of July 31, 2022 the Church of the Saviour United Women in Faith (UWinF) treasury has a balance of \$1,941.50.

A total of \$11,700 was sent to the following: Nehemiah Mission for International Refugee Relief, Corey UMC for Local Mission Work, Habitat for Humanity, Birthing Beautiful, Flat Rock Homes, Midwest Distribution Center, West Side Community House, Manos Juntas Mexico Mission, UMCOR, Old Mutare Orphanage in Zimbabwe and Covenant Relationship with the following missionaries: Rodrigo Godinez (Mexico), Rachel Thiery (Cambodia) and Trobby Kandala (Congo). We were able to do this through the generous donations of items and sales at the flea markets this past year.

In order to continue our mission giving, please save your best 'Fleas' for the Fall Flea Market to be held in October. You will see more information in the next several weeks.

September is UWinF pledge month. Pledge monies are used to cover the local unit expenses. Please consider making a pledge to the unit either at the General Meeting September 13, 2022 or by putting a note in the UWinF mail box in the church office.

*Connie Crihfield, Treasurer*

## **CONFERENCE & DISTRICT NEWS**

Mission U is an educational opportunity for women and for in depth study of a particular topic that is relevant to UWinF issues. This year's study focused on Luke 13 with emphasis on who we can be together in community. There was reflection on women and ministry. The study was facilitated by Rev. Robin Dillon of Lakewood UMC. There was an online offering as well as an in person overnight retreat at Mt. Union University.

The Fall District meeting will be held at Church of the Saviour on Saturday, September 17th from 10-12 noon in the Great Hall. Human Trafficking will be the topic of a talk given by featured speaker Judge Marilyn Cassidy.

Light refreshments will be served. Fees and registration information will be published when available.

*Debbie Jones, District Representative*

## **UMW ASSEMBLY – ORLANDO, FLORIDA – MAY 20-22, 2022 Orange County Convention Center**

The theme of this year's Assembly was "Turn It Up!" - with over 3,000 gathered to celebrate UMW's change to be called United Women in Faith. This plan is to encourage women of different faiths but with similar aims – working to make life better for women, children and youth throughout the world by providing missionary workers and funds for projects such as safe water, school to prison pipeline issues, equality services for women here and abroad with speakers from several countries. A wonderful all-girl band led us in upbeat songs. A speaker

about climate justice said “God is not good at division but he is great in multiplication.” There was a commissioning ceremony of 60 deaconesses and home missionaries (men). There were “community gatherings” each morning and afternoon with sessions afterward covering prominent issues for UWinF members. Experience Hall had interesting vendors and missionary tables which we could stroll around to view during our down times.

Some presentations included ladies from Mozambique & Sierra Leone who told about training and leading projects relating to diets, malnutrition and jobs, including fish farming for women in their countries. A group of Fijian ladies (now living in California) performed “Lean on Me” and other songs. A young all-Black band and soloist also performed energetic songs that got us on our feet and clapping.

The goal of our new UWinF is a “national membership model” to encourage and include younger women who may have less time to go to meetings or participate in traditional UMW programs to access classes, training, reading programs & soul care events via emails from UWinF.

One drawback of being in Orlando was that there were two other conventions going on at the same convention center and regular tourists there, so traffic was not easy to navigate and we had to take a shuttle to the center from our hotels which was difficult for ladies in wheelchair-type devices. The next Assembly will be in Indianapolis, Indiana on the weekend of May 16-17, 2026 probably a better, smaller venue.

I’ve been going to Assembly since 1982 and Mission U, also. A wonderful learning experience & meeting, interacting with women near and far. I highly recommend it.

*Anne Billington*

## **MANOS JUNTAS – SUSTAINABLE AND VISIONARY**

When GBGM Willie Berman met with us for lunch in May, we were impressed with the projects at UMC Manos Juntas in Rio Bravo, Mexico. On my return experience in July, I toured the self-sustaining clinic and visited property to be developed for youth retreats.

Our UWinF unit voted to support two projects with the Flea Market profits. The community center is ready for fans and plumbing so that they can open as a thrift shop. The Hope House orphanage was amazing: clean children happily playing and obviously receiving loving care. We also met teachers at the elementary school and learned that the septic system needs to be replaced.

Since Tammy Kuntz, VIM Jurisdictional Leader, travels to Manos Juntas often, it is an opportunity for us to stay connected. She can report first hand and we may be able to send items they need.

Manis Juntas – Many Hands – Christian Love in Action

*Kevin Schaner*

## **SOCIAL ACTION**

Alexis Oatman, “*Literacy in the H.O.O.D. helps inner-city kids boost reading skills, forge a bond with books.*” **Plain Dealer:** May 31, 2022, A1 & 3.

Chrishawndra Matthews started the non-profit **Helping Out Our Disenfranchised** (H.O.O.D.) in 2017. She has given out over 100,000 books over the past five years to inner city young persons from kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. She wants to provide not only books but also



resources to help children learn to read. She has been provided a bookmobile by Kelly Clarkson to help her make deliveries.

Chrishawndra Matthews stated in the article, “If we can build stronger readers, we’re going to have stronger leaders.”

*Becky Roberts,*  
Social Action & Education Interpreter

## **FLEA MARKET**

Thank you to everyone who donated, helped sort and price, or who purchased goods at the Flea Market. Because of all of you, we made approximately \$7300. Our local United Women in Faith were then able to support mission projects that benefit women, children and youth locally, nationally, and internationally. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

*Mary Freer, Ways and Means*

## **CIRCLE MEETINGS**

### **EDNA RHODES CIRCLE**

Please join us as we begin a new year of fellowship, education and fun. We will gather and enjoy a salad and pie lunch and hear about this year’s Assembly and Mission U. We will talk about all things UWinF for the coming year.

*Please be prepared to share about how you became involved in UWinF.*

Tuesday, September 27th @ 12:30 p.m. in the parlor. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to the church office so that a place may be set for you.



### **Martha Circle**

Martha Circle will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 28, with Kathleen Szabo, to discover treasures in the Genevieve Seese Library and to encourage members to participate in the UWinF Reading Program.

*Submission Deadline for October UMW Newsletter is Thursday, September 15.*

*Please send submissions to Stefanie Hiles at [shiles9098@aol.com](mailto:shiles9098@aol.com).*

# **September**