



September Disciple Gift

Shifting times for former UMW: Now named United Women in Faith

Beginning this year, United Methodist Women are now United Women of Faith.

In 150 years in mission, the women's organization has had more than 25 names, each reflecting the varying times, ways women lived their lives and the states of union of our many predecessor denominations.

The new name is part of a refreshment of our organization that includes a new look, new feel and new and improved programs designed to better nurture current members and welcome new women into our sisterhood to put their love in action, too.

We are a powerful, fearless force driven by God's love and united in sisterhood with a focus on women, children, and youth. We act for justice and transform communities. We remain the official women's organization of The United Methodist Church. We remain women in mission who follow God's call for our time. We believe love in action can change the world.

I encourage anyone to join. Any woman committed to the purpose of UMW and willing to engage in mission, study, personal growth and social action can join. You don't have to be a United Methodist or meet an age requirement to be a member.

Joining United Women in Faith will provide a community of women who nurture and support each other and opportunities to grow spiritually.

Jana Miller, vice president, also adds, "UWF encourages learning, leadership, and mission. And we give our members the tools they need to do the job and give them training.

- We study current topics about women, youth, and children. We learn what mission is. We learn to pledge money to mission and understand where it is going.
- We are involved with our representative and senators on issues of economic, racial, and climate justice and a living wage to name of few or our missions.
- We have opportunities for women and youth to serve and get to know other people which is certainly a big bonus to this organization."

The local unit meets February-April and September-November on the third Tuesdays at 2 pm. The December meeting is on the first Saturday at 10 am.

The meetings last one and a half hours and include a social time, devotions, a business meeting, and a program. Programs are from the UWF Program Book, guest speakers from local or area outreach organizations, state or local elected officials, or



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book reports.

Members volunteer for devotions, reading from the Daily Prayer Guide, report on articles from the UWF magazine, response, and for programs.

The April 2022 meeting guest speaker was Mandy Caruso-Yahne, a Deaconess and Home Missioner, serving at Amethyst Place, KC, MO. Amethyst Place provides women & children in KC comprehensive family centered care to help them overcome the interconnected cycles of poverty, trauma, and substance use to achieve multi-generational impact. Our unit provided a monetary donation and supplied items for their Household Pantry.

Our yearly budget comes from member pledges, meeting 'love offerings', donations, and Candle Burning for Mission gifts. Out of the budget, we make a yearly pledge to the District UWF, pay for our expenses, make donations to local and area missions, and support the WGG 1st UMC.

Current officers are Vicki Ollison, Pres., Jana Miller, VP., Donna Olson, Sec., Debbie Brown, Treas., Donna Sample, Program Resources, and Sally Hart, Education and Interpretation.

The September 20 meeting is at 2 pm in Rm. 141. The guest speaker will be from Survival House. We will be collecting beauty items to place in gift bags for residents of Survival House. All women are invited, regardless of church affiliation. For more information contact Vicki Ollison at 660-362-0044.

Consider joining ERT; training Sept. 17

Emergency Response Teams fill a specific need in the days after a disaster to clean out flood-damaged homes, remove debris, place tarps on homes and otherwise help to prevent further damage---while providing a caring Christian presence.

UMCOR ERT training provides basic information about these teams. Members need to be trained before joining an assignment. To register for September 17 ERT training, go to [Early Response Team Training](#) and register by September 9. This is an in-person training event in Columbia.

Church worship services

Service times for in-person and online worship

9:30 a.m. Praise Service and 11 a.m. Traditional Service

Upcoming Messages:

September 4 Being the Church for Seekers
Beginning September 11, we will start a new 4-week series, "Remarkable."

Preparing for worship

Scriptures for the coming week:

Monday, September 5	Matthew 22:36-38
Tuesday, September 6	Deuteronomy 6:5
Wednesday, September 7	Leviticus 19:18
Thursday, September 8	Matthew 5:43
Friday, September 9	Mark 12:38-34
Saturday, September 10	Matthew 22:36-38

Praying for our church family

Due to recent family deaths, please keep the families of Barry Hoskins, Alice Hanrahan, and Georgia Keeney in your prayers.

Celebrating our church family

Birthdays for the coming week:

September 4	Stan Small
September 5	Betty Thoms
September 6	Easton Smith
September 7	Alexandra Narron
September 9	Finley Rhodes, Potter Rhodes & Zoey Weldon
September 10	JD Culp, John Pieron & Richard Welch

Youth Group updates

Youth Group will **not** meet on Sunday, September 4, due to the Labor Day Weekend.

Next Generation Minister:

Kelly Weinberger, *Better Together*

CELEBRATE
Sept. 4: 1 Samuel 1:1-28
Hannah
Sept. 11: 1 Samuel 1:1-28
God Calls Samuel
Sept. 18:
1 Samuel 7-8 & 10:17-24
Samuel Anoints Saul
Sept. 25: 1 Samuel 16:1-13
Samuel Anoints David

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1 Samuel 3:10b
"Speak. Your servant is listening."
CALL SHINE

Still time to sign up for small group

Make sure that you take a few minutes on Sunday or during the week to review the options that currently are available for small groups. The information is still in the atrium so complete an interest form and leave it in the basket on the table.

After Sunday, September 4, those who have signed up will be contacted concerning the meeting times and locations for the various groups.

The goal is to have the initial meetings during mid-September. During the initial meeting, the group will decide on the best time to meet and where they would like to meet. The church is available, of course, but sometimes other locations may be more suitable.

One of the new groups is *The Chosen*, which is based on the video series.

Jim Downing is going to lead this on Wednesday.

He is available anytime on



Wednesdays, so the participants will meet and decide what is the best time. The key is it will have a video element to share prior to the discussion. The group will meet for nine weeks.

Giving to God's Work

Great News!

The American Council on Gift Annuities just announced increased payout rates. So what are you waiting for? I have talked about these before but let me give you a quick review. A gift annuity guarantees you or your spouse fixed payments for life. Wouldn't it be great to leave a legacy gift to our church and receive guaranteed payouts?

As an example if you donated \$10,000 you had in a bank certificate of deposit you were receiving 2% income you could place that same amount in a Charitable Gift Annuity that would generate 6% income guaranteed for life. If you are a couple between the ages of 72 to 75, you could draw 5.1% for the life of both spouses.

So what are you waiting for? Make the gift that will nurture future generations in our church while you are receiving income for life. You can contact Robyn or me or if you like review the information on the Missouri United Methodist Foundation website www.mumf.org

Thanks for listening!

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