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You are Invited. . .

The United Methodist Women Luncheon with all the circles will be on December 2. Everyone should bring a dish to share. Table service and beverages will be provided. We will have circle meetings at 11:00 a.m., and lunch will follow at 11:30. During our luncheon we will be entertained with Christmas selections by Anne Green, harpist. The program for the luncheon will be by Trish Rankin and Rev. Carol Topping. Guests are welcome to attend. ~Norma Siekkinen

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An Evening With Esther Hertzog

~Colleen K. Hicks

Six of us enjoyed Carolyn Allar’s, and her son, David Allar’s hospitality and delicious meal on Tuesday evening, November 10. A formally-set meal of homemade chili, spinach / waldorf salad and rolls was followed by delicious, “autumnny” ginger cookies.



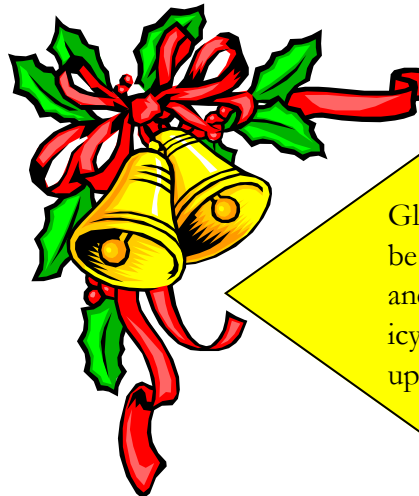
We then carpooled to the Educational Service Center behind the Knox County Career Center for a program featuring Esther Hertzog. Many of you had the special opportunity of hearing Ms. Hertzog speak about her family’s experience of the Holocaust, during a luncheon program at Gay Street UMC the previous Sunday. The evening event highlighted Ms. Hertzog’s involvement in work toward peace among Jewish and Arab peoples in Israel and the surrounding region. She especially strives to involve women in learning about ways they can help promote peaceful perspectives and activities. One of the ways Ms. Hertzog participates with women is in small groups where the participants spend a couple of days of a weekend, learning to understand each other’s culture and even learning the other’s language. This smaller-scale work is only a small part of her efforts through her strong passion for peace. She

Esther Hertzog of Tel Aviv, is the co-founder of Anuar, a leadership group of Jewish and Arab women. For seven years, this group has brought women together to discuss how different religions treat women, the role of women in Israeli politics, and more.

also founded and works through the Women’s Parliament and heads the Social Science Department at Beit Berl College, in Israel. Clearly her work and voice are strong influence which cannot be minimized in the area of the Middle East. Through her books and tours promoting them, she is able to communicate with thousands of other people and cultures, what she so strongly believes and works to achieve.

The evening was an unusual and very worthwhile opportunity. More than a dozen others of our church family shared in the evening where approximately 75 people were in attendance.

Thanks to Martha Moody Jacobs, Maurine and Jack Scott, David Baker, and Jan Talbott for helping to make Esther Hertzog’s visit to our community, a reality.



Gloria Wysner Circle will not be meeting during January and February due to cold, icy weather. They will make up those meetings in July and August.

Community Outreach ~ "The Closet"

In helping to respond to increased need in our community, our United Methodist Women have items available for people on the third Friday evening of each month, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in room 101. Items that are difficult to purchase for individuals and families receiving public assistance, taxables and seasonal clothing, will be available free of charge. Since our church serves "Hot Meals" on Friday evenings, 5:30-6:30,

hopefully, the hours that the "The Closet" will be open will serve those in need.

Coats and jackets are needed for distribution at *The Closet*. Monetary donations to help the UMW purchase these items in bulk would be greatly appreciated (just mark your check "The Closet" or you may drop off taxable items that you have purchased (paper towels, kleenex, toilet paper, disposable

diapers, shampoo, baby shampoo/lotion/soap, razors, etc.) All donations will be greatly appreciated! Question? Contact Peg McCracken or Norma Siekkinen.



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East Ohio Conference United Methodist Women 2010 Calendar

April 11—UMW Sunday: *Who is at the Table?*

April 29-May 2—Assembly, St. Louis, MO

June 13-17—East Ohio Annual Conference, Lakeside

June 16—**TUESDAY** Morning Women's Breakfast, Annual Conference, Lakeside

June 24-27—Midwest Regional School of Christian Mission, Fargo, ND

July 15—**TENTATIVE**—Standing Rules Committee, Mount Union College, Alliance

July 15—**TENTATIVE**—School of Christian Mission Lakeside Event Planning, Mount Union College, Alliance

July 15—**TENTATIVE**—Program Committee, Mount Union College, Alliance

July 16—**TENTATIVE**—Mount Union School of Christian Mission One-Day Sampler & Children's One-Day

Event, Mount Union College, Alliance

July 16-18—**TENTATIVE**—Mount Union School of Christian Mission Event for Adults, Young Women, & Children, Mount Union College, Alliance

August 7—Executive (including District Presidents & Representatives to Appalachian Ministry, Church Women United, West Side Community House, United Methodist Community Center, & Wesleyan Village) & Nominations Committees, 9:30 a.m., Area Center, North Canton

September TBA—School of Christian Mission Event, Lakeside

October 8-9—Annual Celebration, Church of the Saviour, Cleveland Heights, North Coast District

November TBA—District Officer Training

