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Christmas UMW Luncheon

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO THE UMW Christmas covered dish General Luncheon and meeting on Wednesday, December 7 at 11:30, in Fellowship Hall. Soup and bread will be provided. If you would like to, you may bring a salad or dessert to share.



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UMW Executive Board Meeting

Executive Board meeting is
Wednesday, December 7,
10:00 a.m. at the church.



United Methodist Women Officers 2012 ~Janet Jennings

Some progress is being made in securing UMW officers for 2012. The partial slate so far is Marna Burwell, President; Carolyn Allar, Vice President; Janet Jennings, Secretary; Linnay McNeill, Publicity; and Trish Rankin, Program Resources.

We still need a Treasurer. Other offices not yet filled are (1) Spiritual Growth, (2) Social Action, (3) Education & Interpretation, and (4) Membership, Nurture & Outreach. Angie Richards has agreed to stay on the executive committee to help the new treasurer during the transition if necessary. A Nominations Committee Chair for 2013 needs to be named also. (A treasurer may have been named since this was written. jt)



UMW Executive Committee

- Catherine Seward co-leader
392-3496
- Carolyn Allar co-leader
507-9825
- Linnay McNeill co-leader
397-3686
- Peg McCracken, Secretary
397-2252
- Angie Richards Treasurer
392-7904
- Norma Siekkinen Ast.Treas.
397-4386
- To be named Program Resource

Please be certain that you get UMW Directory update information to Jan Talbott in the office by November 27. It will be printed on Monday, November 28.

Sarah Circle Happenings ~Janet Rehling

Seven members were present—Nancy Davis, Peg McCracken, Norma Siekkinen, Angie Richards, Georgia Meyer, Colleen Hicks and Janet Rehling for the October 19 meeting of our circle.

Janet gave a program on The American Flag, giving history of the flag and the Annin Flag Company in Coshocton, Ohio. Annin Company began in 1847 in New York City by Edward and Benjamin Annin. Their father, Alexander Annin made and sold American flags from his waterfront chandlery as far back as 1820. There are now four New Jersey locations that have three hundred workers and the Palm Bay, Florida and the Coshocton, Ohio plants have one hundred more employees. Today Annin is recognized as the world's oldest and largest flag maker having moved into their 164 year. The group ended the program by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.



Staff cutting flags during production. (Picture by Roger Marra, taken during J.O.Y. outing to the Annin Flag Company.)



Discussion was held on the Cheer Baskets. The Congregational Care Team will be packing and delivering them this year. The three UMW circles will contribute items for inclusion in the Cheer Baskets.



Nancy, Linny, Bonnie



Marge, Trish, Bonnie



Kathy & Alta



Lee, Trish, Linny, Marna



Lee, Janet, Marna



Elsie & Alice

Gloria Wysner Circle News ~Janet Jennings

Twelve members of the Gloria Wysner circle met at the home of Bonnie Magaw on Highland Drive at 1:30 Wednesday, November 9. Present besides the hostess were Linny McNeill, Alta Smith, Elsie Spurgeon, Janet Jennings, Lee Dunlop, Alice Bark, Nancy Vail, Marna Burwell, Kathy Blackburn, Marge Winkle, and Trish Rankin.

Bonnie Magaw, assisted by Kathy Blackburn, presented a World Thank Offering program. Trish Rankin led us in the singing of "Now Thank We All Our God," and in between stanzas Bonnie asked each person to share that for which she is most thankful. Responses were heartfelt and ranged from gratitude for an undergirding faith, our community, Gay Street UMC, the Gloria Wysner Circle, a new home and neighborhood for a daughter's family, husbands, sons, a mother, friends, health, mobility, and recovery from surgery,



Trish Rankin, Alta Smith, Elsie Spurgeon, Alice Bark, Marjorie Winkle, Lee Dunlop, Janet Jennings and Marna Burwell

to some more unique ones like surviving an auto accident years ago to getting home safely yesterday after dark on a motorcycle. Elsie Spurgeon recalled walking two miles to church as a six-year-old along with her two older sisters and two younger brothers. She gave thanks for the mother who saw that they went to church, that Sunday School teacher, her children who helped her years later transition from the country to Mt. Vernon, and the Gay Street Church that welcomed her. Marge Winkle explained that the Thank Offering, unlike the pledge, is money given spontaneously out of gratitude throughout the year. Many women keep their Thank Offering container handy and put coins in it regularly, and Bonnie showed us hers. Full containers can be collected at any time, but our UMW does it around Thanksgiving. The money goes toward UMW mission projects worldwide. Marge referred us to the UMW web site for more information and recommended a good video there that explains it further.



Elsie Spurgeon, Alice Bark, Kathy Blackburn and Marjorie Winkle

Bonnie read a Psalm of David and Kathy offered prayer. Bonnie passed out boxes for each of us to start our 2012 World Thank Offering.

We will not meet in December, January, or February. The next meeting will be in March at Maurine Scott's and Marge Winkle will have the program.

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Deadline for the next issue is:
December 22, 2011

Dates for your Calendar

Dec. 7 UMW Christmas Luncheon in Fellowship Hall

Dec 13 Assemble and deliver Cheer Baskets

Dec. 27 Red Cross Bloodmobile, 1-7 p.m. at Gay Street
United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

March meeting for Glora Wysner Circle will be at Maurine Scott's home.

There will be no circle meetings in December, January or February



Note:
Men's gloves are needed
for The Closet clients.



United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women is the largest denominational faith organization for women with approximately 800,000 members whose mission is fostering spiritual growth, developing leaders and advocating for justice.

