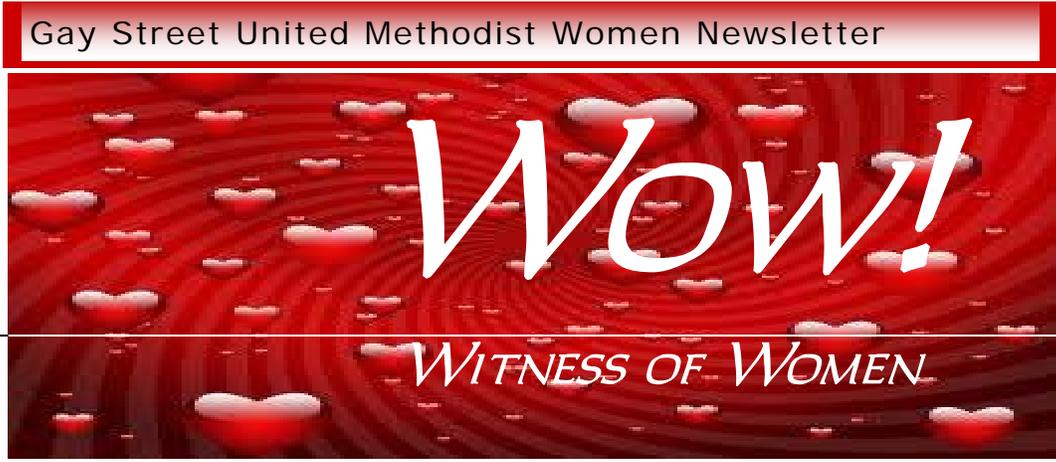


*"Think Globally, Act Locally"*



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*Looking Ahead*

We will need everyone's help with our Annual Spring Rummage/Bake Sale on April 6, 3-7 pm & April 7, 9 am—3 pm. Start your Spring Cleaning early! If you would like to volunteer to help organize the items for the sale, to set-up and/or clean-up, please contact Peg McCracken at 397-2252 or Norma Siekkinen at 397-4386. We need LOTS of HELP!

*Thank You Notes . . .*

The Women of the Church!

Thank you for thinking of me with your "goodies bag! It's nice to know there are still warm and wonderful people in the world—I've been blessed! Thank you for all your cards & prayers. ~Judy Jewell

Dear Friends,

To leave this world in a peaceful, dignified manner, surrounded by loved ones is a precious gift. At Hospice of Knox County we strive to give this gift to all of our patients and help their families through this difficult time as well. We could not accomplish this without the generous support of the community. Your donation of \$500 received on 12/9/2010 for Camp Hope, allows us to continue our tradition of providing a summer grief camp for children. Again, thank you for your generous support. Your donation will help us continue this important work in our community. ~Glenda Toth, Executive Director, Hospice of Knox County

Thank you to Marietta, Emily, Joan, Janet and Sue for helping Norma and I make and deliver the cheer baskets. Your help was greatly appreciated. ~Peg McCracken

All of the church staff wishes to thank the UMW for their kind remembrances this past Christmas season. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

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## UMW News

~Linny McNeill

On December 1, 2010, the Gay Street United Methodist Women celebrated with their annual Christmas luncheon, general meeting, and program. A scrumptious feast was enjoyed by all from the wonderful variety of covered dish selections the ladies brought. The fellowship hall was quite festive with Carolyn Allar's decorations and she also designed the program booklets for the occasion. Trish Rankin honored us by sharing a few of her beautiful nativity sets from around the world displayed on several tables.

The program began with a commemorative service for UMW members who passed away in 2009 and 2010. Linny McNeill was the presenter, giving out certificates and memory candles to the family members representing their loved ones. Carolyn Allar was the bell ringer as each name was read, assisted by Carol McCaffery, who lit candles for each. Linny then read a prayer dedicated to the members departed.

Honorees and their families were:

- ♥ Dortha Auker - represented by Heather Auker (granddaughter-in-law) and Deb Cockrell (Heather's mother).
- ♥ Marjorie Boyle—by nieces Tanya Levering and Mary Haldeman
- ♥ Juanita Buchanan—relatives unable to attend
- ♥ Lucille Riley—by Nancy Ash (daughter-in-law)
- ♥ Marie Trowbridge—by Jennifer Fletcher (great-granddaughter)



The blessing before lunch was given by Catherine Seward. During lunch we conducted a brief business meeting, with Marietta Van Fossen reading the secretary's report. She also turned in her resignation as secretary. The position was filled by Peg McCracken for 2011. Angie Richards gave the treasury report. We have \$5,866.28 as an ending balance. Angie then explained the Hibbard bequest. (see info on Hibbard Bequest on page 4)

In Virginia Kline's absence, Linny read her book report and turned in Virginia's resignation. Her position as Education & Interpretation chair remains open. Also available positions open are the chairs of Publicity, Mission and Spiritual Growth. The reports were followed by a short question and answer session by Carolyn, Catherine and Linny.

Then our Christmas program was presented by Angie Richards. She read Bible verses of the Christmas story sitting beside the decorated tree on the stage. Benediction was ready by Linny.

Other guests attending were Nancy Sanford - a minister's wife and guest of Bonnie Magaw, Alice Bark - also a minister's wife (keeping with the theme), guest of Janet Jennings, and Carol McCaffery, guest of Carolyn Allar.

Thank yous go out to our very capable kitchen staff - Doug and Diana Peterson and Woody and Ellen Stopher and their extra help. Well done! Also a big thank you to Jan Talbott who came down to snap a few pictures and who always comes through with a great newsletter. Happy New Year!



One of Trish Rankin's nativity sets



Friends Gather



Another one of Trish Rankin's nativity sets



Friends Share

**Scenes from  
the United  
Methodist  
Women  
Christmas  
Luncheon**



Good Food



Laughter



Wonderful Fellowship

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### *Hibbard Bequest* ~Angie Richards

Delilah Hibbard was active with the Methodist women. In her will dated 4/29/37, she left to the women's group 19 shares of Capital Stock of the Imperial Bank of Toronto. On 5/23/89 when her will was executed, there were 1,628 shares of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. The value at that time was \$40,912.42. The Will stipulated that the money be used for missions since that is the main objective of the UMW. The women decided to invest the principal and use the interest for missions. The money has been invested in CD's which are not earning much interest at this point. Because of the economy this year, 2010, it was decided to cash in one of the \$10,000 CD's and use \$5,000 for the Community Assistant Fund which goes to help people with special needs in our community because of financial hardship.

## Did You Know?

**\*\*The Closet helped a record 50 plus people in December and 44 in January. Anyone wishing to support this important outreach ministry, please mark your checks in the memo section "The Closet." All donations will be greatly appreciated.**

**\*\* Anyone who participated in the UMW Reading Program should send the list of books read to Susan McCurdy, 36386 CR 99, Warsaw, OH 43844 before the end of January. She does not have e-mail.**

**Trish Rankin does not take over her job as Program Resources Secretary until after the 2011 spring district meeting. Trish will receive the lists of books read for 2011 and then report and give out awards at the spring 2012 district United Methodist Women meeting.**