



"Think Globally, Act Locally"



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Is God Calling Your Name?

The Gay Street United Methodist Women are called to serve God in the mission fields of our local community, within our church family and globally, as they reach out to those in need to offer their prayers, their love, their support and their hands to do His work.

As you recall John Wesley's words:

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.;

do you feel God's spirit moving you to serve? Contact any of our United Methodist Women Executive Committee members (see box on the bottom left) and let them know you would like to be apart of their community of women and they can answer any questions you have about the different circles, the missions they do, etc. God can use you.... if you let Him!



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"It is not my ability, but my response to God's ability, that counts." ~Corrie Ten Boom

Upcoming Meetings

November 5:
10:00 a.m. UMW Executive Meeting

November 7:
Church Women United World Community Day

November 12:
9:30 a.m. Dorcas at church Room 102

9:30 a.m. Mary Martha at Lucille Bowden's home
1:30 p.m. Gloria Wysner at Elsie Spurgeon's home

November 19:
7:00 p.m. Sarah at Church room 102

December 3:
11:00 a.m. Brief Circle Meetings
11:30 a.m. Covered dish luncheon in the fellowship hall

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Laboring in His Vineyard Is Hard Work, But So Rewarding



Thank you to all who helped make our 2008 Fall Rummage and Bake Sale such a huge success. The many bakers, organizers, helpers, set-up crew, clean-up crew, donaters of goods and buyers made it happen!

On Wednesday we collected \$281.55 from the Bake Sale and \$669.12 from the Rummage Sale.

On Thursday we collected \$87.40 from the Bake Sale and \$199.30 from the Rummage Sale.

The Grand Total for both days was \$1,237.37. This money will go directly to support our local missions.

Frank Austin of the Utica Church of Christ, along with seven others, came with a truck and a van and took all the unsold items for later distribution to people in need.

~Peg McCracken

News from Glora Wysner October 8th Meeting

The Glora Wysner circle met at the home of Rosa Lee Hogg at 200 E. Gambier Street the afternoon of Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2008. Others present were Trish Rankin, Marge Winkle, Janet Jennings, Bonnie Magaw, Norma Siekkinen, Kathleen Breneman, Elsie Spurgeon, and Maurine Scott. We enjoyed delicious gingerbread with toppings around the table in the seasonally decorated dining room. Rosa Lee's friend and Dorcas Circle member Garnette Yancheck served as co-hostess.

The September minutes were read and approved. The treasurer Marge Winkle reported \$21.01 in Sunshine, \$37.90 in World Thank Offering and \$160.00 in pledges. She noted that the Sunshine balance is after taking out money to purchase Bibles and a tablecloth. Baskets were passed for contributions to all three funds.

Circle members are pleased with Volume 1, Edition 1 of the new UMW newsletter called WOW (Witness of Women) and praised the work of Editor Jan Talbott. The deadline for submissions for Edition 2 is Oct. 20. Maurine suggested we should distribute the newsletter to visitors on the jam visits.

UMW Sunday was observed on Sept. 28. Our circle helped with ushering. Colleen Hicks represented all of us as liturgist and other UMW members were greeters.

Each year circles nominate one person to be honored with a special membership at the December meeting. This year our nominee is Norma Siekkinen. In addition to co-leading our circle this past year, Norma has served for 17 years as head of Agape Patria, the group that serves meals after funerals. She was last honored with a special membership 20 years ago, in 1988.

Following the business meeting, Marge led a topical and engaging program called "Bad News Good News." Members were asked to clip headlines from an assortment of current newspapers and magazines that Marge had provided, and then to attach them to a poster under the heading "bad news" or "good news." After reviewing the items we had selected, we discussed such questions as "Was it easier to find the good or the bad news headlines?" "Did the source (local paper, magazine, religious press) of the headline make a difference in how it was sorted?" "Were there any headlines that

were hard to categorize as good or bad?" "What feelings did you experience sorting the headlines?" What headlines were most troubling? What would we like the new headline to be? "What resources would we need to help carry out justice to bring about good news?" Marge interspersed prayers, Psalm 100, Micah 6:6-8 and words from a hymn into the program. It was a thought-provoking World Thank Offering Month program.

Our next circle meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the home of Elsie Spurgeon, 5 Woodberry Drive. Emily Gordon will lead the program. World Thank Offerings and Pledges are due at that meeting.

~Janet Jennings



- The next UMW Executive Meeting will be at 10:00 AM on November 5.
- Church Women United World Community Day will be the following Friday, November 7.
- Wednesday, December 3 the annual UMW covered-dish lunch at the church. Guests are welcome. Brief circle meetings will be held at 11:00 preceding the meal, and we will eat at 11:30 with Sarah Circle serving as hostess. The program will be presented by Carol Topping.



"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions."
Psalms 51

Church Women United World Community Day

Church Women United, an ecumenical organization of women, annually celebrates World Community Day on the first Friday of November.

This year's celebration will be held on Friday, November 7, at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church, 303 East High Street, at 1:30 p.m. This year's theme is: "God's Wisdom Sets Us Free."



LOOK
at these
Websites!

East Ohio Conference: www.eocumc.com

East Ohio Conference UMW: www.gbgm-umc.org/eastohioumw

Women's Division: www.gbgm-umc.org/umw

The Mission Resource Center: www.missionresourcecenter.org

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Mission Outreach of the UMW—Project Noah



The Gay Street United Methodist Women mission work touches those within our church, in our community, within our state and globally.

This month we are highlighting the Project Noah work mission.

The UMW of Gay Street U. M. C. have given the work mission a total of \$1,139.00 in monetary support along with our prayers.

Project NOAH (New Orleans Area Hope) is a disaster relief and emergency home repair outreach ministry sponsored by Slidell First United Methodist Church. Despite the lack of media attention, the cities in South Louisiana are still in desperate need of help. Our work mission participants, aged fourteen and older, work together to repair and build homes for

families in the New Orleans area affected by Hurricane Katrina. The goal is to improve the living conditions for families in need. Our work mission volunteers and homeowners alike benefit by sharing and receiving the Love of Christ. Home owners will come through the experience with safe living conditions and renewed motivation.

Sarah Circle News

Sarah Circle will meet Wednesday evening, November 5, 7:00 p.m. in room 102 (green parlor) at church. We will begin our study discussion of the book *Miniskirts, Mothers & Muslims: A Christian Woman In A Muslim Land* By Christine A. Mallouhi

The book is "A startling look at the Muslim

world, through the eyes of a western Christian in a Muslim family. For Christians who work with, live with, or minister to Muslims, this book helps explain the world of Muslim women. Topics include: role models, segregation, restrictions, opportunities, family life, and unwritten rules." If you

want to buy a book or share one with another member of the Circle, please contact Colleen at 392-6626 or colleen@gaystreetumc.org.

~Colleen Hicks

You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives.

~Clay P. Bedford

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Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival

"Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival," the 2008 - 2009 mission study theme, is part of an ongoing process to share and hear the stories of the many Native American nations and peoples within what's now the United States. The study revisits much of the founding history of the United States from the perspective of Native Americans. Explore this site as a supplement to the study and to learn more about Native American life today.

Did you know?

- **4.5 million** -- Total population of American Indians and Native Alaskans, according to

the U.S. Census Bureau in 2006.

- **Cherokee** -- Largest American Indian tribal group with a population of 331,000, followed by Navajo with 230,000, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.
- **\$33,132** -- Median annual income of American Indian and Native Alaskan households.
- **185,000** -- Number of Native American veterans of U.S. military forces.
- **\$26.4 billion** ? Revenues of Native American-owned businesses in 2002.
- **31** -- Median age of the Native American population in 2006. About 28 percent of the Native

American population is younger than 18, compared with 25 percent of the total population.

- **77 percent** of Native Americans 25 and older have a high school diploma.
 - **14 percent** of Native Americans have a bachelors degree or higher. (89 percent of non-Hispanic whites are high school graduates and 30 ??? percent have a bachelors degrees or higher.)
 - **24 percent** of Native Americans live in poverty.
- 29 percent** of Native Americans have no health insurance.

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Native American ministries within The United Methodist Church

- **Alaska Children Services**, www.acs.ak.org/
 - **Nome Community Center**, www.nomecc.org
 - **Dulac Community Center**, www.qbqm-umc.org/dulac/about.html
 - **Navajo United Methodist Center**, www.qbqm-umc.org/navajo/aboutus/new/
 - **Native American Comprehensive Plan**, <http://new.qbqm-umc.org/plan/nativeamerican/>
 - **General Commission on Religion and Race**, http://gcorr.org/commiittee_files/NativeAmerican_files/index.htm
 - **Native American Communications Office**, www.naco.umcom.org/resources/hoop.htm
 - **Native American International Caucus**, www.hometown.aol.com/deer4naic/
 - **National United Methodist Native American Center**, www.cst.edu/academic_resources/NUMNAC.php
- Southeastern Jurisdiction Agency on Native American Ministries**, www.sejumc.org/ministries_agencies.aspx?id=32

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Top 10 myths about Native Americans

- **Native Americans get special privileges, including a monthly check, from the U.S. government.**
False: According to the U.S. Department of Interior, there has long been a myth that Indians receive a monthly check from the U.S. Government because of their status as Indians. There is no basis for this belief other than misinformation and misconception of the status of American Indians. Some tribes, ? tribal members and lineal descendants received payments from the Federal Government resulting from claims settlements. But there are very few judgment funds per capita payments that remain today. Some tribes distribute payments to enrolled members upon the sale of tribal assets such as timber, hydroelectric power or oil and gas. Many tribes do not have natural resources or other revenue sources.
- **Native Americans do not pay U.S. taxes.**
False: American Indians, even those who receive a per capita payment from proceeds of tribally owned casinos, pay U.S. income tax to the IRS.
- **Native Americans are rich from gambling revenues.**
False: Nearly 25 percent of Native Americans live below the U.S. poverty level. Tribes that own casinos use proceeds to fund tribal schools, medical clinics, roads, elder care, child care, college scholarships, etc. and/or distribute proceeds among tribe members through per capita payments.
- **Native American tribes are not subject to U.S. law.**
False: Federally recognized Native American tribes are "domestic dependent nations" with certain inherent powers of self-government and entitlement to certain federal benefits, services and protections because of the special trust relationship.
- **Sporting teams honor Native Americans by using cultural symbols for names and mascots.**
False: The United Methodist Church joined numerous Native American organizations in protesting this practice when the 2000 General Conference adopted resolution No. 141 stating such "caricature...does demean and diminish Native Americans by denying them recognition as human beings in the [teams']... use and abuse for economic profits."
- **All Native Americans live on reservations.**
False: Only 34 percent of Native Americans lived on reservations or designated statistical areas in 2000.
- **American Indians are a dying race.**
False: The Native American population is increasing and the many tribal cultures and languages are alive.
- **Native Americans all have the same culture.**
False: There are 561 federally recognized Native American tribes and nations, each with its own culture, language and stories.
- **Native Americans are not full citizens of the United States because they belong to their own sovereign nations.**
False: On June 2, 1924, President Calvin Coolidge signed a bill granting Native Americans full citizenship.

The Native American population is decreasing. **False:** Native Americans are growing in number and their many cultures, languages and stories are alive.

Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival by Thom White Wolf Fassett with Study Guide by Brenda Connelly (M3015/\$10.00). Order from Mission Resource Center 1-800-305-9857 or www.missionresourcecenter.org



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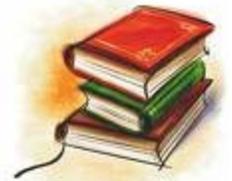
The Reading Program

The purpose of the Reading Program is to encourage United Methodist Women:

1. to expand understanding of and participation in God's mission;
2. to increase sensitivity to all human beings-their needs, interests, and concerns;
3. to encourage critical thinking about issues facing humanity today;
4. to grow in understanding of Scripture as it relates to Christian faith in contemporary life;
5. to enhance self-knowledge and to act from that knowledge;
6. to strengthen involvement in local and global Christian mission.

The Women's Division recommends a diverse range of books with the intention of broadening exposure to a variety of concepts. The division does not intend that United Methodist Women accept each word or idea contained within each volume. Some books you may agree with. Some you may not. Either is all right. At the least you know the Women's Division cares and wants you to be a knowledgeable and caring Christian about the issues of the day.

One of the books on the Reading list is "Three Cups of Tea" which we have in our church library. You may also check out the book review that Jim Earnest did in the October 2008 Tower Topics.



To obtain information about the UMW reading list go to
<http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/resources/reading-program/>