



United Women in Faith

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A Message from the Presidents

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“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

Mark 12:30-31

Dear Sisters,

Welcome to April! It is so amazing how everyone is outside again with the warm weather and you see your neighbors who you haven't seen since Fall. The above bible verse from Mark refers to agape love, which is love that is given regardless of whether it is deserved or returned. It is unconditional love, and it is how God loves us. This season, as we go out into the world again, let us consider how we are loving God and others unconditionally and how we might put our love into action.

United Women in Faith has many opportunities to share God's love through fellowship, mission projects, and spiritual growth. Join our small groups at any time! Dates and contact information are listed below in this newsletter. Board meetings occur monthly on the first Monday of the month by zoom and in person and are open to all! If you are interested in serving God through UWF, then please consider joining the board. We are currently looking for energetic, innovative women to participate in many leadership roles. Contact Melody Overton, our nominations chair (signof4@msn.com) to learn about job descriptions and time commitments.

STEPPING ON WORKSHOP

Presented by UC Health
Led by Tammy Galyon

April 3 - May 15, 2025 | Thursdays from 10am-noon | COS Youth Room

A fall could change everything

One in four people age 65 or older has a fall each year. You don't have to be one of them.

Take a Stepping On workshop!



This spring, our very own Tammy Galyon is offering a Stepping On Workshop. Classes are held in the Youth room.

Stepping On is a FREE falls prevention workshop that meets for 7 weeks. Attendance for each class is encouraged. Registration is required. To register contact Tammy Galyon (513-800-8978 or Tamara.Galyon@UCHealth.com).

Mark your calendar for the following upcoming events you don't want to miss:

- **Trivia/Game Nights in April** — We want to bring back this fun, popular pre-covid event! Stay tuned for more details!
- **May 18 Spring Luncheon** — In Fellowship hall immediately after service with Speaker Katie Peterson from UMCOR!! Potluck Luncheon. ALL ARE WELCOME!!
- **“Fill the Truck”** — A new event idea to “replace” the Rummage sale! Look for it in May!!
- **Mission U (June 27-29)** — In person at the Bergamo Center in Dayton. Info below!

Be sure to check out our District's information; the Greater Miami River District Conference UWF, which is hosting “Mission U” in Dayton and other virtual learning opportunities to develop and enhance your spiritual growth.

Click the link below for more information:

[Greater Miami River District United Women in Faith](#)

To each of you this April as our weather warms and trees bloom, I pray that you find joy and peace but most importantly experience God's love in a new way!

Your Sister in Christ,

Ginny Kindberg

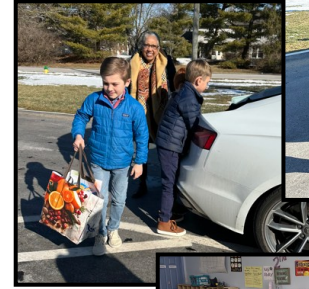
UWF Co-president

The next UWF Board meeting is on **Monday APRIL 7 (10-noon) on Zoom. All are welcome to attend.** If you have any questions or need the Zoom link, please contact Ginny Kindberg (513-225-5123).

This month's meetings

Last Month's Activities

Mom & Kids group helped with Project 5000 in February unloading bags from cars.



SMALL GROUP MEETINGS FOR MARCH

Everyone is welcome at any of our monthly gatherings. Contact the leader to be sure you have all the details.

First MONDAY or TUESDAY: Susanna Wesley Women in Mission Leader: Mary Jane Sper (513-476-7250/ mjsper@gmail.com)

TUESDAY, April 7 (6:30 pm) at Cooper's Trace Nursing & Rehab Center (4858 Cooper Road, Blue Ash): The group will deliver the Easter bags prepared in March. They will hold a bingo party for the residents. Also, an optional dinner at Slatt's follows the meeting. Nancy Skirvin and Leslie Payne are leading the delivery of the Easter bags.

TUESDAY: 3rd Tuesday Morning Hannah Group Leaders: Euphazine Reid-Kendall (678-857-8362) and Marilyn Clark (513-909-6878)

Tuesday, April 15 (9:30-11:30 am): The Hannah group will volunteer at the Freestore Foodbank (12 E. Liberty St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45202). They will leave the church parking lot at 9:00 am). Please notify Marilyn Clark or Euphazine Reid-Kendall regarding any questions or concerns. The Foodbank faces a \$2 million funding cut amid a record breaking demand. All donations are appreciated at this time as well as your hands of service. All are welcome to join us.

WEDNESDAY: Lydia Needlecrafters (1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month) 5:30 pm in the church parlor Leader: Pam Senefeld (513-314-5042)

Wednesday, April 2 and 16 (5:30-7:00 pm) in the Parlor: Lydia Needlecrafters make prayer shawls, baby blankets, baby hats, scarves, and prayer squares year round. They welcome new members and would love to teach you how to knit or crochet. If you would like a prayer shawl contact Pam Senefeld, Bonnie Nesbitt (513-349-8448), or Carrie Feldmeyer at the church office (513-791-3142).

UWF Bible Study (1st & 3rd Wednesdays—7:00 pm) on Zoom Contact person: Jennifer Ehlers (mehlers4@aol.com)

Wednesday, April 2 and 16 (7:00-8:30 pm): UWF's Wednesday Evening Bible Study group is studying *Waymaker* by Ann Voskamp. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85177177211?pwd=ejFVb0lOZi8xLzhVZ3NmROdVaUk3QT09>

Contact Jennifer Ehlers if you have questions.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:16

Mom & Kids group held a "Super Saturday" event at Wesley Chapel Mission Center in March.



Hannah Group volunteered at Matthew 25 in March.



NOTE: Upload photos of your small group gatherings to the UWF google drive for the UWF newsletter and email photos directly to Emily Stapleton (emily.stapleton@cos-umc.org) for posting on COS Facebook.

SATURDAY: Moms & Kids Small Group Leader: Kristine Kahl (Kristine.f.guevara@sbcglobal.net)

Saturday, April 5 (1-3pm): Mom & Kids will serve at Jack's Closet (2010 Wolfangel Rd, 45255) to help them turn over their closets from Winter to Spring clothing. We'll donate 'birthday bags' to Jack's Closet, with the help of your donations of birthday celebration supplies to the Children's Closet.

TUESDAY: Esther Laird Friendship Group (3rd Tuesday of each month—1:00 pm) Leaders: Britt Raymond (brittie.raymond@gmail.com/513-375-4403) and Leah Hondorf (lhondorf@yahoo.com/ 513-304-5224)

Tuesday, April 15 (1:00 pm): All women are invited to this month's gathering at the chapel at Twin Lakes. This month we'll hear from Cathy Rosenbaum on the topic of memory health.

May 20 — They will make best wishes cards for Pastor Meshach.

June 17 — They will put together treat bags for the youth mission trip in July.

We are
**Stronger
Together**



JOIN US FOR A SPRING LUNCHEON!

Sunday May 18, 12noon – 2pm

Fellowship Hall

Guest Speaker:

Katie Peterson

Deaconess, Church & Community Worker

Ms. Peterson directs the UMCOR Mission Barn in New Castle, PA, one of six UMCOR Relief Supply Network depots in the U.S. Founded in 1940, UMCOR provides global disaster relief and humanitarian aid, focusing on disaster response, migration, health, food security, and sustainability.

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP AND SIGN UP FOR POTLUCK ITEMS](#)

[OR CLICK ON QR CODE.](#)

CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE BY REQUEST!

Questions? Contact Karen Van Wagenen

(513-325-2849 or kvanwag@aol.com)



United Women in Faith Social Justice

from Pam Senefeld (513-314-5042), Social Justice Coordinator

"This month we are focusing on the **power needs** of the earth, of our existence, of our future, and *Climate Justice for ALL People*. Pretty important stuff! United Women in Faith continues to emphasize our concerns for the world God has created, and our responsibility to educate, encourage, and lead in efforts to save the planet.

On April 22, 2025, the Earth Day theme is, "Our Power, Our Planet." The organizers ask us to consider different sources of power besides the easy answer: fossil fuels.

"The collective power of a billion voices is vast and one billion people speaking out on an issue is hard for governments, institutions, or industry to ignore."

Kathleen Rogers, President, earthday.org

Even though the United States, as a country, no longer supports the Paris Climate Agreement, we can do our part to provide information about the uses of alternative energy sources whenever possible. We can survey our communities, homes, and churches, looking for better ways to use energy-saving devices.

The most recent U.S. goal for this 55th anniversary year of Earth Day is to triple renewable energy resources by 2030, including solar, wind, geothermal, hydroelectric, and tidal energy.

There seems to be a backlash recently concerning windmills, solar panels, and electric vehicles. And there is so much misinformation available. We need to make sure we look for reliable sources for facts. Tax incentives will probably disappear, so we may have to invest more money ourselves to show our support for saving the planet."

Let's make a difference on Earth Day! What can you do to help the environment? Reuse, reduce and recycle and turn off the lights! Bring your own cup to church to reduce waste and costs. Share your ideas with me.

We're a **sisterhood** acting in **faith** to tackle the **hard work** of the **world** without hesitation.

The Children's Closet

The Children's Closet is Collecting Donations for Jack's Closet in APRIL

Our Children's Closet, located in the colorful cabinet across the hall from the church office, is collecting items to make birthday bags for children served by Jack's Closet, specifically medium/large birthday gift bags, cake mix, frosting, paper plates, and napkins. Other donations of new toys, gently used children's clothing, and monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. A ministry of the Clough United Methodist Church, Jack's Closet provides free clothing, accessories, and supplies to foster and kinship families. They have served more than 5,000 children since they began in 2015. Thank you for your generous donations to help local children and families in need! Questions can be directed to Regan Murray Mitchell, Children's Closet Coordinator (reganmurray@hotmail.com).



United Women in Faith Book Discussion ...

BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION: Thursday, April 24 (7:00 pm) in the church Parlor to discuss *The Queen's Cook* by Tessa Afshar. All are welcome!

CONTACT Mary Jane Sper (mjsper@gmail.com/513-476-7250) to save your space in this book discussion or if you have questions.



PROJECT 5000

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING!!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our UWF Project 5000 Food Drive!! Together we raised over \$1,600 in cash donations PLUS 153 food bags representing over 1.7 tons of food with a value of \$6,120. Our generous donations will benefit seven local food pantries at York Street UMC, State Avenue UMC, New Vision UMC, Springfield First Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Princeton Closet, Wesley Education Center, and NEEDS. A special thanks to all who volunteered to help distribute food bags, collect food, and deliver food to local pantries. It is truly a blessing to have a church community so passionate about serving those in need. Blessings to you all!



Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand from Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. **You give them something to eat.**"

"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

"Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. **Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.** The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

