



United
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A Message from the Presidents

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*"I will meditate on your majestic, glorious splendor and
your wonderful miracles"*

Psalm 145:5 NLT

Dear Friends,

I hope each of you has been enjoying the glorious splendor that only this season brings to the earth! The month of May in Cincinnati brings forth blossoming trees and vibrant greenery as God puts on a beautiful display of his life-giving force! It is truly a season of renewal! The month is marked by spring cleaning, garden planning, and possible new life milestones such as graduations, weddings, and summer jobs. It is also a month marked by the completion of the school year and the anticipation of summer vacation.

SPRING LUNCHEON ... For United Women of Faith, May is the month for our annual Spring Luncheon whereby we invite EVERYONE, wives and husbands alike, to attend a delightful Potluck lunch immediately following the 11:00 am Sunday worship service on May 18 in Fellowship Hall! This joyous gathering is a celebration of the season, where we will be blessed to hear from our guest speaker, Katie Peterson who directs the UMCOR Mission Barn in New Castle PA. UMCOR provides global disaster relief and humanitarian aid. Our Esther Laird group has kindly assembled 50 health kits for Ms. Peterson to take back as a gift from us! You don't want to miss this wonderful opportunity to gather in community and hear about this amazing mission work.

FILL THE TRUCK ... UWF is pleased to announce a new event in the month of May! **"Fill the Truck Event"** is taking place on May 31 (10:00 am-1:00 pm) in the church parking lot!! New Life Furniture is bringing a truck for us to load with all our gently used items that we no longer need!! They take furniture, household items, clothing, books,



May 31 (10 am-1 pm) ... "Fill the Truck"
at Church of the Saviour

toys, and sporting equipment!! They even are sending a helper to load the truck! I don't think we can beat that offer! This event replaces our beloved Rummage Sale which has gotten too difficult for us to handle from a manpower perspective. So, I urge each of you to start putting aside items to bring that day and it will be "drive-up and unload." Let's make a difference in our community by helping those folks starting out in life OR starting over! Mark your calendars and prepare to contribute to this meaningful community event.

WONDERFULLY MADE BLOG ... As I was thinking about the month of May and our upcoming events aimed at helping others in need, I came upon a thoughtful blog post written by Christina Stolaas from *Wonderfully Made*. Her post centers on those of us who trust in Him. God aims to guide and repurpose our lives, no matter our past. See an excerpt from her blog below ...

Truly, God is in the recycling business. All throughout the Bible we see God repurpose and reuse lives who have unbelievable amounts of garbage in them. Noah was a drunk, David an adulterer, Jonah ran from God in rebellion, Paul a murderer, the list goes on and on through our Bible genealogy of heroes of the faith. Our faith in Jesus offers us so much more than forgiveness of sins and eternity in heaven. God's offer to every believer is new life here on earth, an exchange of the trash of your past for a repurposed future.

As fellow Christians let's journey together, to repurpose our lives as God intended us to!

Your Sister in Christ,

Ginny Kindberg

The next UWF Board meeting is on Monday MAY 5 (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



SMALL GROUP MEETINGS FOR MAY

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

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

Tuesday, May 20 (10:00 am-12:00 noon): Spring has sprung, and the Hannah Group will meet at the Blue Ash-Rec Center, Pine Shelter (4337 Cooper Rd). Please, park on the side of the Police Station. Mrs. Jennie Brown will lead us in the Book Review of *Seven Women: And the Secret of Their Greatness* by Eric Metaxas. This easy read tells how the extraordinary women profiled achieved their greatness, inspiring readers to lives guided by a call beyond themselves. This will be a "Potluck Luncheon." Please RSVP to Euphazine or Marilyn. All are welcome!

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

Wednesday, May 7 and 21 (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 in the church office (513-791-3142).

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, May 20 (1:00 pm): All women are invited to this month's gathering at Twin Lakes. Esther Laird Friendship group will make cards for Pastor Meshach, as he leaves us in June. And on June 17 they will put together treat bags for the youth mission trip in July.

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

SATURDAY, May 24 (10:00 am-12:00 noon) at New Life Furniture (11335 Reed Hartman Highway): The group will volunteer. NLF will also accept gently used household goods, linens, new pillows, tableware, small appliances, etc. Julie Crook (513-543-4608) is coordinating. You will be asked to register before attending.

In April, Susanna Wesley Women in Mission delivered Easter bags to the residents of Cooper's Trace Skilled Nursing and Rehab Center in Blue Ash. They also held a bingo party for everyone.



Mom & Kids served Jack's Closet in April, making over 15 festive birthday bags for families, donating a crib and other kids' items, and helping sort Spring/Summer season clothing.

UWF Bible Study (1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the Month 7:00 pm) on Zoom | Contact Person: Jennifer Ehlers (mehlers4@aol.com)

Wednesday, May 7 and 21 (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=ejFlV0lOZi8xLzhvZ3NmR0dVaUk3QT09> Contact Jennifer Ehlers if you have questions.

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

Saturday, May 17 (5:00-7:00 pm): Mom & Kids is celebrating the close of another school year and a successful year of fun and service, with a picnic dinner and games at Swaim Park small shelter. Picnic dinner will be provided. Please bring pantry item donations for Operation Give Back to help feed children and families over the summer. List of needed items is on page 5.

We are *Stronger Together*



JOIN US FOR A CHURCHWIDE SPRING LUNCHEON!

SUNDAY MAY 18, FROM 12PM – 2PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

GUEST SPEAKER:

KATIE PETERSON

Director, 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
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ALL ARE WELCOME!



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United Women in Faith Social Justice

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

The United Women in Faith offered an author talk the end of April with Heather McTeer Toney. She wrote *Before the Streetlights Come On: Black America's Urgent Call for Climate Solutions* published in September 2023. Did you know "Black Americans are disproportionately impacted by the effects of climate change--making up 13 percent of the US population but breathing 40 percent dirtier air and being twice as likely to be hospitalized or die from climate-related health problems than white counterparts--climate change is a central issue of racial justice and affects every aspect of life for Black communities. Ms McTeer Toney has a background in politics, community advocacy, and leadership in environmental justice." Quote from an email from Emily Jones, UWF executive for Social Justice.

Fred Krupp, president of the Environmental Defense Fund said "McTeer Toney brilliantly describes the real impact and politics of climate change at the community level. If you want to understand the way forward--the way we solve this challenge through the democratic process--you need to read this book."

Pick up a copy and enlighten yourself.



The Children's Closet is Collecting Donations for New Life Furniture in MAY

Our Children's Closet, located in the colorful cabinet across the hall from the church office, is currently collecting new or gently items for children served by the New Life Furniture Bank (nlfurniture.org), including **bedding, pillows, stuffed animals, and bedroom decorations.**

New Life accepts gently used household items and uses them to set up new households for families overcoming homelessness, abuse, and poverty throughout Greater Cincinnati. New Life was founded in 2006 by volunteers from the Milford First United Methodist Church in partnership with Interfaith Hospitality Network.

Your donations will directly benefit children and families in the local area! Contact Regan Murray Mitchell, Children's Closet Coordinator (513-335-0407 or reganmurray@hotmail.com), with questions or to arrange a pickup of items you wish to donate.



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

Moms & Kids Group Will Donate to the COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY at Operation Give Back As Part of Their May meeting ...

Operation Give Back provides food, home supplies, and personal care items to families living in the Blue Ash, Montgomery, Sharonville, Sycamore Township and Symmes communities. We are committed to helping eliminate local hunger by providing a variety of nutritious foods to our neighbors in need of a “helping hand.”

Community Food Pantry most requested items:

- canned fruit/fruit cups
- canned ravioli/spaghetti
- canned pasta sauce (NO glass jars)
- soup
- boxed potatoes
- mac 'n cheese
- crackers
- boxed pastas
- Ramen noodles
- jelly (strawberry and grape)
- mayonnaise
- sugar
- pancake mix and syrup
- oatmeal
- cooking/vegetable oil
- cake mix and frosting
- salt and pepper
- foil
- Saran wrap
- dish soap
- paper towels
- all-purpose cleaner
- liquid laundry detergent
- Kleenex
- hand soap
- Clorox wipes
- deodorant (men's and women's)
- toothbrushes/toothpaste
- shampoo and conditioner
- toilet paper
- gift cards to local grocery stores



We gladly accept cash donations to support the Community Food Pantry as well.



YOU ARE INVITED TO FILL THE TRUCK

What is a “Fill the Truck”?

New Life Furniture Bank is Greater Cincinnati's only furniture bank, delivering furniture, beds and household items to families overcoming homelessness and other devastating circumstances. The need in our community is greater than ever right now. In 2025, our goal is to furnish over 2500 homes--and your donations can make a big difference!

For this event we are collecting small furnishings, decorative items, and boxed household goods such as dishes, cookware, and linens. We are also accepting items for our New Life Furniture Thrift Store such as clothing, books, toys, and sporting equipment.

Please see a full list of acceptable items in the flyer attached to the newsletter email.

We are also in need of essential furnishings such as sofas, loveseats, mattresses & box springs, kitchen tables, chairs, and dressers. If you have these larger items to donate, please contact New Life Furniture Bank at 513-313-0530 to schedule a home pickup.

On behalf of New Life Furniture and those that we serve: THANK YOU Church of The Saviour and United Women of Faith for your support!

Church of the Saviour United Methodist

Date: **Saturday, May 31 (10:00 am-1:00 pm)**

Location: **church parking lot**

Contact: **Karen Van Wagenen**
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