Church of the Saviour United Methodist - Montgomery, Ohio



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2025

A Message from the Presidents

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Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12 (NIV)

Dear sisters in Christ.

Well summer 2025 is almost behind us and my favorite time of the year is almost here—Fall!!

One very important event happening in September is United Women in Faith Sunday! This special event is now scheduled for September 21, 2025!

UWF Sunday is a time to highlight who we are and what we do. Empowered by faith in God, Church of the Saviour United Women in Faith inspires people of all ages to join and serve the needs of our church, our community, and the world.

We are part of the national organization, https://uwfaith.org/, that fosters spiritual growth, develops leadership, advocates for justice, and educates for mission. Many of our members have made lifelong friendships while creating an inclusive environment as we answer God's call to turn faith, hope, and love into action. Joined together as sisters, we serve our community by providing support and outreach.

Some facts about our local unit at Church of the Saviour:

- We are one of the largest groups of United
 Women in Faith in the Great Miami River District.
- We have 200+ members.
- We provide opportunities for learning and faithful service through small groups.
- Our board of directors meets monthly on the first Monday of the month.
- Gifts from the Heart, Project 5000, the Children's Closet, Silent Auction, and Holiday Pie sales are some of the many service projects we organize.



In 2024, we donated over \$65,000 in combined cash and in-kind giving.

What can you expect on Sunday September 21? You can find out about our missions and small groups during the Sunday service and our Ministry Highlight.

Check out a hands-on mission project in the fellowship hall where we will assemble nourishing snack bags for the children of Wesley Education Center to enjoy after school.

Please speak with our membership team at the welcome table where you can peruse our brochure which highlights ways to connect to a small group, bible study, or upcoming project.

Stop by the volunteer table to sign up as we need your help with many mission endeavors throughout the year. Check out the prayer shawls and prayer squares made by Lydia Needlecrafters, a strong active ministry that creates prayer shawls, baby blankets, and prayer squares for people going through illness, surgery, or a difficult season of life. Finally enjoy coffee, sweet treats, and fellowship. We want to answer any questions you may have about United Women in Faith!

We look forward to seeing you on the 21st dear Sisters! Ginny Kindberg, Co-President



The next UWF Board meeting is on Monday OCTOBER 6 (10 am-noon) on Zoom. All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, contact Ginny Kindberg (513-225-5123) for the Zoom link.

This Month's Meetings

Last Month's Activities

SMALL GROUP MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

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)

September 16 (10:00 am-12:00 noon) in the Library: The Hannah Group will decorate 10 duffle bags from Foster Love for local foster care children. Duffels are provided to replace black trash bags to pack their clothes and other personal items. Group members should wear old clothing that you don't mind getting paint on. So, let's come to have some fun with this project! Bring a friend as well.

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

Wednesday, September 3 and 17 (5:30-7:00 pm) in the Parlor: Since starting in 2004, Lydia Needlecrafters is approaching the milestone of handing out 2000 prayer shawls! They are remembering all the love that has been sent out to the individual recipients thanking God for guiding us and for the members who participate in this ministry. They are happy to have new members join. They also make prayer squares, scarves, pillowcases, baby blankets, and hats. 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).

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

September 2 (7:00 pm): Join Susanna Wesley Women in Mission in the Youth Room at church. This month's program is to learn more about the Street Outreach Program of the Salvation Army. "Street Outreach Bags" for the Anti Human Trafficking Program will be assembled. Debbie Wallace is leading this effort (513-413-9559). Follow the signup genius link below to sign up to donate items for the bags.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA72AA2FBCF8-57458462-street



Last month the Moms & Kids group held a "back to school" swim.

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, September 16 (1:00 pm): Join the Esther Laird Friendship Group in the chapel at Twin Lakes. They will put together a gift for Pastor Appreciation, as well as for all the amazing staff at COS. Before the project, they will enjoy a time of prayer, a devotion, and communion. They'd love to have new faces come and join them! If you have any questions or suggestions, please reach out to Leah Hondorf or Britt Raymond.

SATURDAY: Moms & Kids Small Group | Leader: Kristine Kahl (<u>Kristine.f.guevara@sbcglobal.net</u>

September 13 (3:00-7:00 pm): Mom & Kids will volunteer at the COS Fall Festival's craft table, to invite kids to partake, help kids with simple crafts, restock supplies, and be friendly faces to the community. Sign up for hourly shifts at https://tinyurl.com/ypzu77a3

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

Wednesday, September 3 and 17: UWF's Wednesday Evening Bible Study group will continue to meet via Zoom. The study for the fall is Max Lucado's Help is Here...Finding FRESH STRENGTH And PURPOSE in the POWER of the HOLY SPIRIT. Contact Jennifer Ehlers for the zoom link.

Delicious Pies for Sale!

Craving a slice of perfection? Support a UWF Missions and enjoy a delicious pie! Just in time for Thanksgiving, we are selling Pie Peddler's freshly baked pies.

- Price: \$20 each, payment due at time of pick up.
- Varieties available: Apple, Dutch Apple, Cherry, Blueberry, Chocolate, Lemon, Coconut and Pecan
- Order at our Pie Table in Fellowship Hall on October 12, 19, and 26.
- Or click the link to order anytime in September and October, https://forms.gle/e28VwncNUqDUWSeH
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- For questions, Call/Text: Jenny Motley at (513) 658-0982.
- Pick up Date: November 2 in the Fellowship Hall.
- Unordered pies will be sold November 2 as first come, first served.

Pies will be delivered fresh on November 2nd, have a shelf life of up to 5 days but **CAN BE FROZEN FOR UP TO 2 MONTHS**. Treat yourself and share with friends and family!





The Children's Closet concentrates on Bethany House for SEPTEMBER

Our Children's Closet, located in the colorful cabinet across the hall from the church office, is currently collecting items for Bethany House (www.bethanyhouseservices.org).

In addition to offering an emergency shelter primarily for women and children, this faith-based organization empowers homeless and at-risk families to achieve housing stability and long-term self-sufficiency.

This month, we are collecting ...

- new pajamas,
- socks,
- underwear,
- toiletries

for women and children at Bethany House. As always, we will also accept any other donations (including gently used children's clothing and cash) to the Children's Closet.

The Church of the Saviour United Women in Faith thank you for your generosity! Questions can be directed to Regan Murray Mitchell, Children's Closet Coordinator (reganmurray@hotmail.com).



United Women in Faith Social Justice

from Karen VanWagenen (513-325-2849), Social Justice Coordinator

JUST ENERGY FOR ALL

Just Energy for All is a UWF campaign to work for climate justice and mobilize members and communities to advocate for cleaner, 100% renewable, and just energy – for people and creation.

We are stewards of God's creation. This is one of our very first callings in this world – a call to love, protect, and share in the gifts of God's creation. Ecclesiastes 1:4-7 reminds us of the abundance of such gifts: the sun, the wind, and the streams, providing beyond any of our lifetimes, and giving us renewable energy to sustain our life in this Earth. Unfortunately, our abuses of creation and one another, our exploitative systems and relationships, and our reliance on fossil fuels have gotten us to the point of planetary climate collapse.

Join United Women in Faith and use the link below to urge Congress to pass legislation that prioritizes climate justice that will deliver protections and justice for impacted communities, jobs, climate action, and clean energy. To curb the climate crisis, we need to prioritize a just transition to clean energy and move away from fossil fuel dependency.

TAKE ACTION NOW!

https://win.newmode.net/unitedwomeninfaith/legi slationforclimatejustice



SILENT AUCTION IS BACK AGAIN!

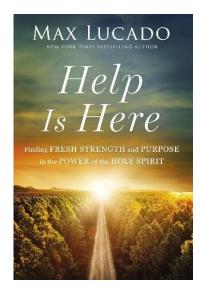
This year's Silent Auction will be on Sunday, November 2 (10:30 am-12:30 pm). All the proceeds from the auction will go to Wesley Chapel Mission Center and other local missions.

Please start thinking about what YOU can donate! How about tickets to a sporting event or a concert? How about a round of golf from your favorite golf course? Do you own a timeshare or have points for airline tickets? Be creative! Be bold! Let's make this bigger and better than last year.

Below you will find the link to sign up. If you have questions, email Karalyn Voorhorst at pkvoorhorst@gmail.com

Use the link below to sign up ...

https://forms.gle/rVbmDEWhMtGq4rMg8



If you are looking for a loving and caring group for Bible Study this fall, please consider joining the UWF Bible Study. They are starting a new study on September 3 over Zoom.

Contact Jennifer Ehlers (<u>mehlers4@aol.com</u>) to sign up.

Their new study is ...

Max Lucado's *Help is Here...Finding FRESH STRENGTH And PURPOSE in the POWER of the HOLY SPIRIT.*