Church of the Saviour United Methodist - Montgomery, Ohio



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2025

A Message from the Presidents

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"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Dear Sisters,

As we start this new month, have confidence that God has the perfect plan for you, even when it's hard to see your way through a situation. God's promises provide hope and a future! I don't know about you but even though I LOVE fall and the holidays, I feel a certain tension, as this month starts ... so finding this scripture helped me take a mental and spiritual breath.

Let's enter the month of November and prepare for Thanksgiving, reflecting on the word "thanksgiving" itself. The combination of gratitude and generosity wonderfully captures the spirit of this season. It's a reminder that this holiday is not just about feasting and celebration, but more importantly, it's acknowledging the blessings we have and sharing them with others. We find that "giving" is rooted in our gratitude for God's generosity. The ability to give is a divine gift. Through acts of generosity, we not only express our thankfulness but also contribute to creating a more compassionate and caring community for the people around us!

To that end, United Women in Faith has two very exciting events happening in November. As a congregation we have the opportunity to share with others and help women, children, and youth in support of Wesley Chapel Mission Center! Our Holiday Pie Sale and Silent Auction will continue through October culminating in a big day for us—the distribution of our Holiday Pies and Silent Auction in the fellowship hall at the church on Sunday, November 2 this year!

Our church is a giving church, and we ask each of you to be present to participate in this fun, family event. There will be finger foods for you to enjoy as you pick up your pies and browse our wonderful selection of donated gifts

Left over Halloween Candy?

The UWF is collecting left over Halloween candy to be used in stocking stuffer bags given to children with their presents from "Gifts from the Heart" in December.

Look for the marked bin in Fellowship Hall on November 2nd and 9th, or outside the church office during this time period. Contact Kristine Kahl, Kristine.f.guevara@sbcglobal.net

for auction!! Again, for this year, the Kalkbrenner's have graciously offered their beautiful cottage in Lakeside for one week to the auction!

Through United Women in Faith, opportunities for giving abound! Whether it's donating money, buying Christmas gifts for children through "Gifts from the Heart," buying a holiday pie, praying for our missions, or volunteering your time and service, your support makes a considerable difference.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, let us embody the spirit of generosity and gratitude in all that we do. May we continue to strive for a world where everyone has enough, and no one is left wanting. Together, let's make a positive impact and spread kindness in our community.

Wishing you all a blessed and joyous Thanksgiving filled with love, gratitude, and generosity.

Your Sister in Christ,

Ginny Kindberg, UWF Co-President

Last Month's Activities



Moms & Kids group made sack lunches for the community served by St. Francis school, making PB&J sandwiches and filling lunch bags with snacks and drinks. Afterward, the group enjoyed the Autumn weather with a picnic lunch at Summit Park. The UWF Board meeting is on Monday NOVEMBER 3 (10 am-noon) on Zoom. All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions or need the Zoom link, contact Ginny Kindberg (513-225-5123).

This Last Month's Meetings Activities

SMALL GROUP MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER

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)

November 18 (10:00 am-12:00 noon): The group will volunteer at New Life Furniture Bank (11335 Reed Hartman Hwy, Cincinnati, Ohio 45241). New Life Furniture is a nonprofit organization that helps homeless families get started again. So, any new or used household items, cleaning, linen, dishes, pots and pans, or the like that you could donate would be highly appreciated. The group will organize the greeting kits for clients or perform other clerical duties as needed. Plan to have lunch at a sandwich shop close by. You must sign up at their website: Follow the link below ...

Volunteer Opportunities - New Life Furniture Bank

Then follow the tab to TAKE ACTION/VOLUNTEER AT THE WAREHOUSE to sign up for new volunteer form or come to the site early. They are looking forward to seeing you there. If there are questions feel free to call Marilyn Clark or Euphazine Reid-Kendall.

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, November 18 (1:00 pm): Please join the Esther Laird Friendship group at Twin Lakes chapel. They will hear from Kevin Jobe and his work with Ancient Path Ministries. Please reach out to Leah Hondorf or Britt Raymond.

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

Tuesday, November 11 (5:45-7:45): Join Susanna Wesley Women in Mission at New Life Furniture Thrift Store (12037 Lebanon Road, 45241/Sharonville Plaza). Note that this is the 2nd Tuesday. They will volunteer at the new thrift store. Julie Crook and Kathi Hall are coordinating this ministry. Registration is required by New Life Furniture. Follow the link: New Life Furniture Volunteer-Thrift Store

If you have questions, contact Mary Jane Sper.



Last month Rev. Dr. Carrie Wegenast spoke to the Susanna Wesley Women in Mission group about her job as an Industrial Chaplain at Tyson Foods.

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

Wednesday, November 5 and 19 (5:30-7:00 pm): They will welcome any new needlecrafters! They even teach knitting 101 providing the needles and yarn! "Come and see" (John 1:46 TLV) what they are doing as followers of Christ. They donated 30 scarves to Matthew 25 Ministries for the Appalachian Ministry. Join for fun, fellowship, and hands on mission work. Contact Pam Senefeld if you have questions. If you need a prayer shawl or a prayer square, contact Pam, Bonnie Nesbitt, or Carrie Feldmeyer in the church office (513-791-3142).

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

No November meeting.

December 6 (2:00-4:00 pm) church Dining Room: Moms & Kids will gather for their annual gingerbread house decorating event. Bring a tub of white frosting and a couple of candy favorites for decorations. RSVP at https://tinyurl.com/yzcjcb8w

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

Wednesday, November 5 and 19 (7:00 pm): UWF's Wednesday Evening Bible Study group will continue to meet on Zoom for a study of 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.

NOVEMBER FUNDRAISING

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 Sundays in October.
- Or click the link to order anytime https://forms.gle/e28VwncNUqDUWSeH6
- 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 2, 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!





SILENT AUCTION IS BACK!

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

Use the link below to sign up ...

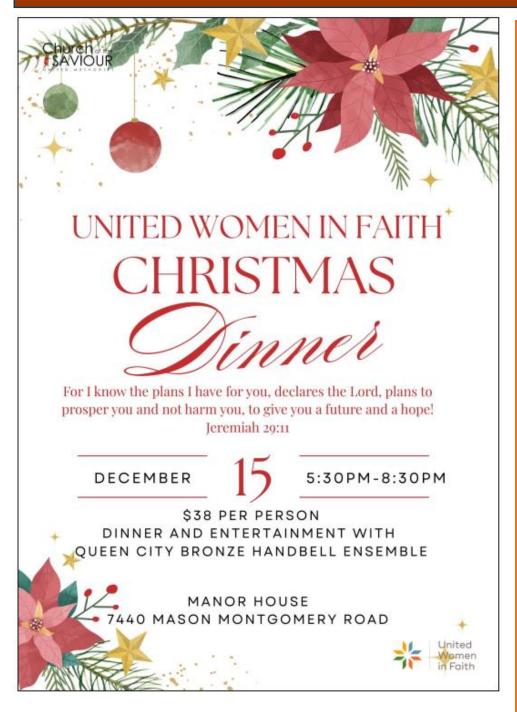
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The United Women in Faith (UWF) are selling Cashbook Coupons for \$20 each. The profits are donated to charities that support women and children locally.



The books are great gifts and stocking stuffers for friends, teachers, and family. Coupons are valid through 2026. Books can be purchased at the Silent Auction on November2 and can be purchased at church on Sunday or at any other time directly from Charlotte Locke (513-891-4611 or ralph1010@aol.com).

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES & MINISTRY



Sign up for the United Women in Faith Christmas Dinner by following the link below by December 1.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080848AEA62BAB9-59466688-christmas

If you have questions or problems, please contact Ginny Kindberg (513-225-5123).



The Children's Closet is Supporting Wesley Chapel Mission Center for NOVEMBER

This month, our Children's Closet is supporting Wesley Chapel Mission Center's Christmas Shop!

Our Children's Closet, located in the colorful cabinet across the hall from the church office, is collecting small gift items that children served by the Wesley Chapel Mission Center can give as Christmas presents to family members.

WCMC is a UMC ministry that provides afterschool programs for children and youth, preK-12, and their families in downtown Cincinnati. Each holiday season, Church of the Saviour partners with WCMC to create a Christmas Shop where kids can pick out gifts to give to their family members.

Help make a child's Christmas season special this year by donating new or gently used jewelry, home goods, scarves, gloves, games, toys, and more. Questions can be directed to Regan Murray Mitchell, Children's Closet Coordinator reganmurray@hotmail.com).





Gifts from the Heart's 32nd Anniversary Christmas Season!

Each year we provide roughly 500 Christmas gifts to children in need! This mission blesses children at Wesley Education Center, York Street UMC, State Avenue UMC, Wesley Chapel Mission Center, Mt. Washington UMC, Mini Miracles childcare center in Roselawn, and our local Montgomery community. Last year, in-kind donations totaled over \$15,000!

Look for the Angel Trees starting November 16 in the Fellowship Hall.

- Select an angel ornament
- Purchase a gift for the child identified on the tag
- Wrap your gift with the angel attached
- Return your gift(s) by 11:00 am on Sunday December 7
- Pray for your child and their family as you see fit over the holiday season

We also appreciate donations of Kroger gift cards, new backpacks, and monetary donations which go towards fulfilling unselected angels.

We need volunteers to make Gifts from the Heart 2025 a big success! There are many ways to contribute.

- Assist with the angel tree setup/teardown and angel sign-out in Fellowship Hall (Sundays Nov 16, 23, 30)
- Receive and organize returned gifts (Sunday, December 7)
- Make reminder calls as needed (can be done remotely)
- > Shop for last-minute gifts
- Participate with Youth on the big "Sort Day" see to the right
- Distribute gifts to our community partners (can be done in pairs)

VOLUNTEER at the link BELOW:

Sign Up Genius - Gifts from the Heart 2025

Join UWF and the Youth Group for "Sort Day" on Sunday December 7. We will enjoy fellowship and lunch at 12:00 noon, then get right to work sorting, packing, and preparing all our gifts to be distributed out across the city. This is always an exciting and enjoyable event! There are many ways to contribute during this time. Many hands make light work!

Let's SHINE the light of Christ with local families this Christmas season!

Questions? Contact Jen Woeste <u>jenmiL4@yahoo.com</u> or 937-475-0054.



United Women in Faith Social Justice

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

United Methodist Leaders Gather for Faith-Based Organizing Training

National training equips leaders for justice work that builds collective power for change



From October 1–3, 2025, United Methodist leaders from across the United States gathered in Baltimore for the first-ever National Faith-Based Grassroots Organizing Gathering—a denomination-wide, spiritually grounded training designed to equip leaders for justice work rooted in the Gospel and the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church.

This inaugural event was co-hosted by the General Board of Church and Society (GBCS), in partnership with United Women in Faith, the Organizing for Mission network, the Baltimore-Washington Conference Advocacy and Action Team, and the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. Through a selective application process, over two dozen faith leaders from across the country were chosen to participate in this intensive, faith-rooted experience.

The training integrated theological reflection, spiritual formation, and practical organizing tools to strengthen the Church's public witness and foster transformative leadership aligned with the teachings of Jesus.

As this training model expands, partners remain committed to ensuring that the movement for justice within the Church is not only sustained but multiplied across the connection.

To learn more about future training opportunities or to bring faith-rooted organizing resources to your conference or local church, visit: umcjustice.org.

Reading Rainbow is a wonderful

opportunity to share your faith and time with the children at Wesley Chapel Mission Center. Our team of volunteers carpool from church at 2:30 pm and return around 5:30 pm every Monday when Cincinnati Public Schools are in session.

We help students with homework, reading books with or to them, play games, and have fellowship. If you would like to come once a month or occasionally let me know. Our regular volunteers travel or miss some days so having extra support helps us keep the kids learning. Contact Pam Senefeld if interested at 513-314-5042.

"We serve God when we care for one another." Frieda Mwebe Mofya, UWF Regional Missionary in Africa





from Pam Senefeld, Education and Interpretation Mission Coordinator

Your United Women of Faith pledge monies go to support the Indian Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge's classes to train women in sewing/tailoring and beautician skills that will give rural women tools to gain economic independence in Delhi, India. The Daily Prayer Guide 2025-- Generations of Grace provides this type of information so we can be aware of how far our reach extends.