



A Message from the Presidents

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Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me."

John 11:41 NIT

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter, families are preparing to send their children back to school, sports will be starting soon, and the church schedule will be up and running again with summer behind us!

We have many exciting things on the schedule to look forward to this fall! October 13 is UWF Sunday, when all the different branches of our organization present themselves to you, so that if you are new to our group, it will give you a chance to look at areas that may be of interest to you.

On October 20, we are restarting our Silent Auction for the first time since Covid! It will be a wonderful time to come together as a church to donate items or make or purchase items for the sale. If you are in a small group or as a bunch of friends, it would be fun to see what your group could come up with to donate! Be creative! Then there will be the day of the sale which will prove to be exciting, as we all have the chance to bid on our favorite items! *You don't want to miss out on the fun!*

Finally, on October 27 we begin our Thanksgiving Pie Sale! This sale is brand new to Church of the Saviour and will provide a place to get scrumptious pies right here at church, delivered fresh in time for Thanksgiving! You will not be disappointed. So, mark your calendar to find out all about our pies at the Sunday service on October 27!

On a spiritual note, have you all been praying for the challenge to attract more members to United Women in Faith so they can be part of our wonderful sisterhood? I know you have been praying because women always find ways to get things done even when our plates are full, sometimes while folding the laundry, right? Well, the scripture above was spoken to God by Jesus his son, while standing in front of the tomb of Lazarus after he had already been dead 4 days.



*I think you would agree this is a very strange and unusual order. The "thanksgiving" precedes the miracle of the resurrection of Lazarus? You would think that thanksgiving would come afterwards. But Jesus gives thanks for what He is **about** to receive. The gratitude breaks forth before the bounty has arrived, in the assurance that it is certainly on its way. It is thanksgiving before the miracle! Miracles are wrought by spiritual power. Spiritual power is always proportioned to our faith.*

Dr. Jowett from *Streams in the Desert*

Nothing so pleases God in connection with our prayer and praise, and nothing so blesses the woman who prays as the praise which she offers. For this month, continue to pray and then also offer up prayers of praise to God for the miracles he will perform for UWF!

Finally, do you LOVE to plan events or parties? We need help with our fabulous Christmas Party scheduled for December 16! We already have a team of willing volunteers, the venue is already reserved and party bags are being ordered and worked on as we speak! If this strikes your fancy, speak to me or Marcallene Shockey if you would like to put your special stamp or imprint on our wonderful evening! All ideas are welcome!

In closing, my prayer for you this month is that you too find hope, healing, and guidance in the serenity of praising the Lord.

Your sister in Christ,

Ginny Kindberg



See page 3 for all the details on this fundraiser to support Wesley Chapel Mission Center.

The next UWF Board meeting is on Monday October 1 (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 kicked off the back-to-school season with a school supplies drive benefiting Wesley Chapel Mission Center and an ice cream sundae celebration at Swaim Park.

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.

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

September 3 (7:00 pm) youth room: Meet and greet Church of the Saviour's new youth director Regan Smither. Put together Street Outreach Bags for Anti Human Trafficking (Salvation Army). Use the Signup Genius link below to volunteer your donation to this project. Debbie Wallace is leading this effort (513-413-9559).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA72AA2FBCF8-50023598-street>

TUESDAY: 3rd Tuesday Morning Hannah Group Leaders: Euphazine Reid-Kendall (678-857-8362) and Dorothy Stadelmann (513-791-3142)

Tuesday, September 17 (10:00 am-12:00 noon): The group's first meeting of the new season will be held at Swaim Park Shelter (Cooper Rd & Zig Zag Rd. Montgomery, OH 45242). Activities for the year will be discussed. Bring your own lunch and let's enjoy the change that comes with Fall.

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 17 (1:00 pm): All are welcome to join the Esther Laird Friendship group in the chapel at Twin Lakes. They will enjoy a time of communion, prayer, and a devotion. Then they will work on staff appreciation gifts to give all the church staff in October.

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

Saturday, September 21 (1:00-3:00 pm): Join us in serving at Jack's Closet at Clough United Methodist Church (2010 Wolfangel Road). Jack's Closet provides clothing and supplies for foster and kinship families. RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/4sea9zwd>

If you would like to be added to the email list, reach out to Kristine Kahl (Kristine.f.guevara@sbcglobal.net).

NOTE: As your small groups reconnect and fall activities begin, please share your photos. Upload photos 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. We will also use some of these photos for UWF Sunday.

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

Wednesday, September 4 (7:00 pm) begin the study: The UWF Bible Study group will study the book *James: What You Do Matters* by Margaret Feinberg. Purchase the book and get the Study Guide and Streaming Video for this 5 session study. All are invited to join! Contact Jennifer Ehlers if you are interested in joining the group and to receive the Zoom link.

WEDNESDAY: Lydia Needlecrafters (1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month) 5:30 pm in the church parlor
Leader: Donna Steinmetz (513-563-7144)

Wednesday, September 4 and 18 (5:30 pm): Handmade prayer shawls are provided to anyone in need of God's blessings as they go through difficult times (illness, surgery, or suffering one of life's many complicated situations). Baby blankets and hats are knitted for new babies. Prayer Squares are available to be distributed to groups of people. Any of these items can be obtained from any Lydia member, call Donna Steinmetz, or Dorothy Stadelmann in the church office (513-791-3142).

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



The Children's Closet is supporting JACK'S CLOSET in September

Our Children's Closet, located in the colorful cabinet across the hall from the church office, is collecting new or gently used children's fall and winter clothing for Jack's Closet this month. 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. Help keep kids warm this month with:

- winter clothing
- outerwear
- shoes/boots
- and pajamas

As always, we will also accept any other donations (including cash) to the Children's Closet. The Church of the Saviour United Women in Faith thank you for your generous donations. Questions can be directed to Regan Murray Mitchell, Children's Closet Coordinator (reganmurray@hotmail.com).

Jack's Closet

A FREE closet for
foster & kinship
families & a
ministry of
Clough United
Methodist
Church



Silent Auction for a Great Cause: Join Us!

On **Sunday, October 20 (9:00-11:00 am)** United Women in Faith is hosting a Silent Auction in Fellowship Hall. We're inviting donations of handmade gifts, gift cards, themed baskets, vacation packages, tickets, services, and offerings from local businesses. **All proceeds will support Wesley Chapel Mission Center (WCMC). Learn more about WCMC here: <https://www.wcmcotr.org/>.**

Karalyn Voorhorst (574-453-7100 or pkvoorhorst@gmail.com) is coordinating the Silent Auction. Contact her with any questions or to volunteer to help.

- **Donation Collection:** Sundays, October 6 & 13
- **Location:** Fellowship Hall, Church of the Saviour.
- **Deadline:** October 13

(Tax receipts available at drop-off.)

Your contributions are vital to making this fundraiser a success! To include your item in the auction, please complete this form (click the link): <https://forms.gle/9joHz3ZxXRbTQHwt8>.

Together, we can make a difference!



ANOTHER WAY TO SUPPORT OUR United Women in Faith MISSION

Kroger Community Rewards Program

Organizer: Melody Overton (signof4@msn.com or 513-446-5651)

United Women in Faith benefits from money it receives from Kroger when registered Church of the Saviour members shop at Kroger. It uses this money to help charities serving women and children.

The UWF appreciate the families and individuals currently involved in the program. By joining the program, you can help improve the lives of the vulnerable populations served by these charities. To join, go to: <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>

When you reach the prompt to enter the organization you wish to benefit, enter XL812.



United Women in Faith Book Discussion ANNOUNCES Its Fall Selection ...

BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION: Thursday, November 14 (7:00 pm) in the church Parlor. Consider reading the following book this fall and join us for a UWF discussion. All are welcome!

Land of Silence by Tessa Afshar
2017 INSPY Award winner,
general fiction category

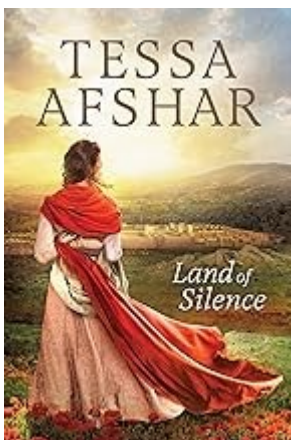
Before Christ called
her daughter ...

Before she stole healing by
touching the hem of his
garment ...

Elianna is a young girl
crushed by guilt. After her
only brother is killed while
in her care, Elianna tries to
earn forgiveness by working for her father's textile
trade and caring for her family. When another
tragedy places Elianna in sole charge of the
business, her talent for design brings enormous
success, but never the absolution she longs for. As
her world unravels, she breaks off her betrothal to
the only man she will ever love. Then illness strikes,
isolating Elianna from everyone, stripping
everything she has left.

No physician can cure her. No end is in sight. Until
she hears whispers of a man whose mere touch can
heal. After so many years of suffering and
disappointment, is it possible that one man could
redeem the wounds of body ... and soul?

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



2024

September 28	Fall Festival and Food Drive
October 13	United Women in Faith Sunday
October 20	Silent Auction Fundraiser
October 27, November 3, 10	Thanksgiving Pie Sale Fundraiser
November 17, 24, December 1, 8	Gifts from the Heart
December 14	Christmas Bake Sale Fundraiser
December 16	UWF Christmas Celebration

2025

February 9, 16, 23	Project 5000
May 18	Spring Luncheon
May 25-30	Set up for the Rummage Sale
May 31	Rummage Sale

**We serve.
We advocate.
We make a difference.**

United Women in Faith ... Social Justice

from Pam Senefeld, Social Justice Coordinator

Every four years, nationally, UWF identifies a specific focus for our advocacy in addition to our ongoing work for gender and racial justice and for oppressed and dispossessed communities, with special attention to the needs of women, children, and youth. Our current justice campaigns are "Just Energy 4 All" and "Ending Mass Incarceration and Criminalization of Communities of Color."

You can find more information about these campaigns at uwfaith.org under "serve and advocate." You can also join the mailing list. Stay tuned for more in the coming months.