



A Message from the Presidents

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"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint."

Isaiah 40:31

Summer is quickly coming to an end as is evident by the leaves already dropping from the trees—yes, change is coming! Change. Most of us hate it but it happens everyday, no matter how hard we fight to stop it. For me, I find change invigorating and exciting! I look forward to leading along with Marcellene Shockey this organization that has accomplished so much at Church of the Saviour.

Together, we are looking forward to leading and continuing the work that has been accomplished over the past three years by Jenny Motley and Karen Van Wagenen. They brought their unique skills to build a solid foundation in the area of systems and strategic planning. They created a foundational system online and on google drive for present and future board members. Communications within the organization have been streamlined and centralized now flowing through two people. Membership has been defined and expanded so we know "who we are" and what we have to offer our members. And finally, we have a strategic plan that looks at what works and what doesn't regarding fundraising which helps us accomplish the main goal of United Women in Faith—**To improve the lives of women, children, and youth.** As you can see, we have accomplished so much!

So where do we go from here? How do we soar on the wings of eagles; run and not grow weary; walk and not be faint? We lean into our faith in Jesus to help us accomplish great things even when we do not see a pathway forward. Let me share a fable about how birds got their wings ...

You see, at first they did not have wings! Then God made the wings and put them down before the wingless birds and said to them, "Come, take up these burdens and bear them." The birds had lovely plumage and sweet voices; they could sing, and their feathers gleamed in the sunshine but they could not soar in the air. They hesitated at first when bidden to



After a long hiatus over the pandemic, the **SILENT AUCTION** is returning this fall.

Mark your calendar for **Sunday morning, October 20**. More details will come in the September Newsletter. Stay tuned!! Thanks to Karalyn Voorhorst for coordinating this fundraiser for United Women in Faith benefiting women and children in the local area.

take up the burdens that lay at their feet, but soon they obeyed and taking up the wings in their beaks, laid them on their shoulders to carry them. For a little while the load seemed heavy and hard to bear, but presently, as they went on carrying the burdens, folding them over their hearts, the wings grew fast to their little bodies, and soon they discovered how to use them, and were lifted up by them into the air—the weights became wings. *We are the wingless birds, and our duties and tasks are the pinions God has made to lift us up and carry us heavenward! We look at our burdens and heavy loads, and shrink from them; but as we lift them and bind them about our hearts, they become wings, and on them we rise and soar toward God. There is no burden which, if we lift it cheerfully and bear it with love in our hearts, will not become a blessing to us. God means our tasks to be our helpers; to refuse to bend our shoulders to receive a load, is to decline a new opportunity for growth.*

J.R. Miller (This excerpt taken from Streams in the Desert, by L.B. Cowman)

So I am laying a burden at the feet of every woman at Church of the Saviour. Our first goal that we have set as new presidents is to expand our membership! We need more women to participate in service at this church within the UWF. It doesn't matter what you can or can't do, our first step is for us all **to pray!** Pray for it to happen, for us to increase our membership and expand our reach as women! I am confident God will figure that out! But if every woman is intentional and prays for this to happen and takes it up like a burden on their hearts, God will bless us, and we will soar! That is the goal for this first month!

So remember to pray the very specific prayer "**that our UWF membership increases!**" That is all you need to do! And I will look forward to seeing you soon at one of our many new events and gatherings this fall!

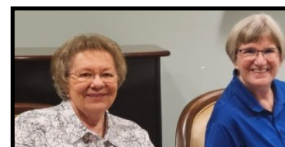
Blessings to you sisters in Christ,

Ginny Kindberg

The next UWF Board meeting is in-person on Monday August 26 (10-noon) in room 119 at the church! All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please call Ginny Kindberg (513-225-5123).

This month's meetings

Last Month's Activities



Lydia Needlecrafters has continued meeting throughout the summer months. Their work continues all year round.

SMALL GROUP MEETINGS FOR AUGUST

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)

NO MEETING IN AUGUST. Enjoy your summer!

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

NO MEETING IN AUGUST!

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, August 20 (1:00 pm): All women are welcome to join Esther Laird Friendship Group at Twin Lakes (Chapel). They are putting together back-to-school gifts for Church of the Saviour kids. Please consider joining this wonderful group of ladies!

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

Saturday, August 10 (2:00-4:00 pm): This back-to-school celebration is our first gathering as the Mom & Kids small group! More details will be provided by email as the date approaches! Click on the link below to RSVP for the August meeting ... <https://tinyurl.com/4fb2pj9a>

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

UWF Bible Study (1st & 3rd Wednesdays—7:00 pm) on Zoom Leader: OPEN

The UWF Bible study group is taking a break for the summer. Thanks to Teri Ballard who has led this group for many years. We are now looking for a new leader. If you are interested in participating with this group in the fall, you can still contact Teri Ballard (513-313-4169). All women are welcome.



Esther Laird Friendship Group met in May with Pastor Karen and made end-of-the-year gifts for the Sunday school teachers.



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

Wednesday, August 7 and 21 (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

The Children's Closet Concentrates on SCHOOL SUPPLIES in AUGUST

Our Children's Closet, located in the colorful cabinet across the hall from the church office, is currently collecting school supplies for **Wesley Chapel Mission Center** (www.wcmcotr.org). We thank you for your support of this energetic ministry that provides after school activities, tutoring, summer camp, and enrichment programs for children in Over-the-Rhine.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES INCLUDE:

- backpacks
- headphones
- earbuds
- dry erase markers
- highlighters, markers (10-count, wide and fine, washable)
- crayons (24-count)
- colored pencils
- #2 pencils
- pens (blue, black or red)
- glue sticks, Post-It notes
- pencil pouch/box,
- rulers
- scissors (kids and intermediate)
- one subject notebooks (wide rule)
- 3-ring binders
- 2 pocket folders
- index cards

As always, we will also accept any other donations (including children's clothing and 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).



To Our Board Members

United Women in Faith Announce Board Members July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

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Hannah Euphazine Kendall-Reid
Lydia Needlecrafters Donna Steinmetz
Moms & Kids Kristine Kahl
Susanna Wesley Women in Mission Mary Jane Sper
UWF Bible Study Leader OPEN

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.

