



United Women in Faith

**MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2023**

A Message from the Presidents

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*"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"
Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."*

Mark 8:29

Dear Friends,

Welcome to March! Spring is a time of renewal as we shake off winter and look forward to the season with hope and positivity. As we enter this season, I encourage you to look at the scripture above and think about who Jesus is. Just a few names for Jesus include Rabi, Leader, Teacher, Carpenter, Lamb of God, King of Kings, and Good Shepherd. Then take time to think about *whose* we are and why we are called to live as members of United Women in Faith.

Let us also consider who we are collectively as United Women in Faith here at Church of the Saviour. Our unit is part of an affirmative national organization with a legacy of more than 150 years in giving, service, and advocacy. More specifically, the mission of UWF at Church of the Saviour is, "empowered by faith in God, Church of the Saviour United Women in Faith inspires all people to join to serve the needs of the church, the community, and the world."

We work to achieve our mission through who we are and what we do. We are an inclusive group that offers opportunities for nurturing Christian fellowship. We answer God's call to turn faith, hope, and love into action through serving our community and supporting Christian missions that improve the lives of women, children, and youth. We advocate for a more just world. We foster spiritual growth within ourselves and others. Finally, we are developing leaders to make disciples of Jesus Christ to transform the church, the community, and the world.

This month be on the lookout for our annual pledge letter. God has blessed our lives, so we are called to bless others. Consider how you might renew your commitment to United Women in Faith through financial giving. As always, the

money will go toward national mission Institutions and regional missionaries whose focus is to improve the well-being of women, children, and youth.

Within our own unit there are many occasions that make an impact (read on). Additionally, check out the West Ohio Conference Website at <https://www.westohioumw.org/> and this list below:

Social Action:

HOPE LETTERS is a collaboration with All in Community of the West Ohio Conference UMC to address mass incarceration <https://www.westohioumc.org/conference/all-community>.

Spiritual Growth:

Join a virtual Lenten Study, <https://www.westohioumw.org/2022-lenten-study>.

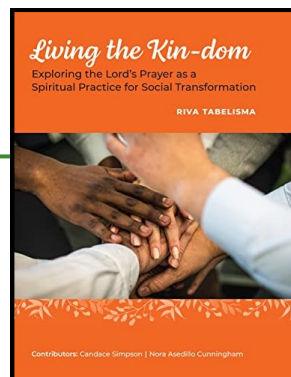
Podcast:

Faith Talks explore timely themes and resources, from expert insights on ways to live your faith to inspiring interviews with spiritual leaders, <https://uwfaiht.org/resources/podcasts/>.

To each of you this spring, I pray that God helps you grow spiritually and renews your heart with energy and purpose.

Your Sister in Christ,

Jenny Motley, UWF Co-president



Mission U

Be nurtured and encouraged! Welcome to Mission U, a transformative experience designed to recharge and refocus your faith. Offering study on biblically grounded curricula, Mission U motivates, informs, and enriches our commitment to create a more just and equitable world, locally and globally.

This year's study is based on "Living the Kin-dom," a refreshed look at the Lord's Prayer.

Mark your calendar for Mission U In Person (June 16-18, 2023) and Mission U Virtual on Wednesday evenings (7-9 pm) or Thursday mornings (10 am-12 pm) in July 2023.

UWF Board Meeting: Our next UWF board meeting is on March 6 (10 am-12 pm) in Room 119 at the church. Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact Jenny Motley (jennymotley71@gmail.com) if you have questions.

This month's meetings

SMALL GROUP MEETINGS FOR MARCH

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

TUESDAY: Susanna Wesley Women in Mission
Leader: Sandy King (513-260-4717)

March 14 and March 28 Susanna Wesley Women in Mission has two meetings in March!!

1. We will be tour the new Bethany House Services in Norwood (4769 Reading Road) on Tuesday, March 14 (4:30-5:30 pm). If possible, plan to carpool from the church parking lot at 4:00 pm. For those available, we'll go out for dinner at Chicken Salad Chick (3301 Vandercar Way) after the tour. An RSVP is required -contact Sandy King.
2. We will assemble Easter Baskets for the Cooper Trace Skilled Nursing Center on Tuesday, March 28 (6:00 pm) in the Youth Room at church. We will also have a potluck dinner and a brief Pledge to Mission Service that night. Please contact Sandy King for details and to RSVP.

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

Tuesday, March 21 (10 am-12:00 noon): Our group will volunteer and tour Wesley Education Center (525 Hale Ave , Cincinnati 45229). WEC is the oldest child care facility of its kind in the city. Its services include providing childcare to parents who are employed or attend school. Children between the ages of 6 weeks and 5 years old are provided with programs designed to support child development and enhance their school readiness skills. The Center uses group activities and allows children to explore, discover, and learn in a Christian environment. If anyone wants to carpool, call E. Reid-Kendall.

TUESDAY: Esther Laird Friendship Group (3rd Tuesday of each month—1 pm) Leaders: Leah Hondorf (lhondorf@yahoo.com/513-304-5224) and Jackie Nelson (jackieasnelson@gmail.com/513-683-8491)

March 21: Esther Laird ladies are back to monthly meetings now and we'd like to invite any ladies to join us! We meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm in the Twin Lakes Chapel. We gather for worship, communion, and fellowship!! Hope to see you there!"

WEDNESDAY: Lydia Needlecrafters (1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month) Leader: Donna Steinmetz (513-563-7144)

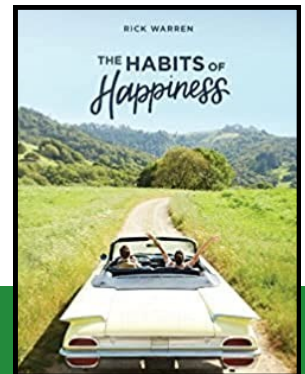
March 21 (1:00 pm): Lydia Needlecrafters will join the Esther Laird meeting in the chapel at Twin Lakes. They will discuss the prayer shawl ministry.

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 a group of people. To obtain any of these see any Lydia member, call Donna Steinmetz, or contact Dorothy Stadelmann (513-791-3142) at church.

New Bible Study Available

UWF Bible Study (1st & 3rd Wednesdays) on Zoom

Leader: Teri Ballard (513-313-4169)



Join us for Bible Study: Now more than ever people are yearning for true happiness. In this 6-week study, Pastor Rick Warren will teach you exercises for a happy heart, and offer biblically-based ways to develop a perspective of contentment. Contact Teri Ballard for information about this month's meetings and to get the Zoom link.

Mothers and Daughters Group

Leader: Pam Senefeld (maxmuir1@aol.com/513-314-5042 call or text)

LOOKING AHEAD April 23: Mothers and Daughters Group has been having a blast so far this year doing hands on mission work at New Life Furniture by putting together bags of bath and bed linens for local homeless persons in need and sorting children's clothing at Jack's Closet for foster and kinship families. We are learning how blessed we are and how we can make a difference in other's lives by being the hands and feet of Jesus in our small group of United Women in Faith. We welcome anyone interested in joining us. We are taking off this month of March as there are many different spring break schedules. But save the date for Sunday April 23 afternoon to celebrate Earth Day in a special way. Contact Pam Senefeld if you want to be included in the April activity or if you have questions.

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

Philippians 4:6



Mothers and Daughters Group volunteered at New Life Furniture Bank in January



Susanna Wesley Women in Mission made Valentine bags for the residents of Cooper's Trace Nursing Home and Lasagna for a dinner served at State Avenue UMC at their February meeting



Easter Baskets of Hope



The members of the Susanna Wesley Women in Mission group are putting together Easter bags filled with personal care and seasonal items for the residents of the Cooper Trace Skilled Nursing Facility in Blue Ash. We still use the term "Baskets" even though we've switched to reusable shopping bags, in order to be more environmentally friendly. We would like your help in purchasing some of the items for the bags we'll assemble on March 28. Please sign up via this link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084BA5AD28A1F85-susanna1>

All items are due back no later than **Sunday, March 26**. Please put your name on your items and place them in the collection box labeled "Easter Baskets of Hope" across from the church office.

Contact Sandy King with any questions (513-260-4717).



Watch for a March event from the Justice Committee!!

Keep your eyes open for an event at Church of the Saviour on Saturday, March 25 (10 am-Noon)!

The Justice Committee is hosting a free presentation by Margaret Fox, Executive Director of MARCC (Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati), who will have the latest information about affordable housing, and people who are home insecure. You might be surprised to learn this is a local problem, too, and not confined to the city. Members of other churches as well as friends and neighbors are invited. Coffee, and light refreshments will be provided.

Look for more details in the Newsflash as we get closer to the event.

For more information, contact Lora Swedberg (loraswedberg@gmail.com) or Karen VanWagenen (vanwagenen.km@gmail.com).

MARCC
Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati

**ANOTHER WAY TO SUPPORT OUR
United Women in Faith MISSION**

Kroger Community Rewards Program

Organizer: Melody Overton (signof4@msn.com/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 appreciates 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.



RESPONSE is the award-winning, official magazine of United Women in Faith. We explore spiritual growth and living our faith, and report on our local, national and international work.

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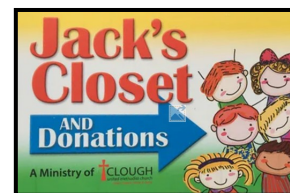
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The Children's Closet

Sweet Cheeks is a local diaper bank providing diapers to social service organizations and government agencies (such as schools) that are helping families in need through comprehensive programs and services.



Jack's Closet is a ministry of the Clough United Methodist Church which provides free clothing and diapers for children in foster or kinship care.



Because disposable diapers are expensive and not covered by Medicare or SNAP, children in poor families often do not get changed often enough. By providing diapers we contribute to this great health need.

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 Children's Closet Coordinator Jean Feldmeyer at jean.feldmeyer@yahoo.com.



*Therefore welcome
one another as Christ
has welcomed you, for
the glory of God.*

Our logo represents the past, present, and future of our organization. The symbol refers to our Christian roots. The multicolored pieces of the cross coming together represent the diversity we aim for and the inward and outward reflection we engage in as women of faith. The typography is solid, modern, and bold, showcasing our power to support the causes in which we invest.



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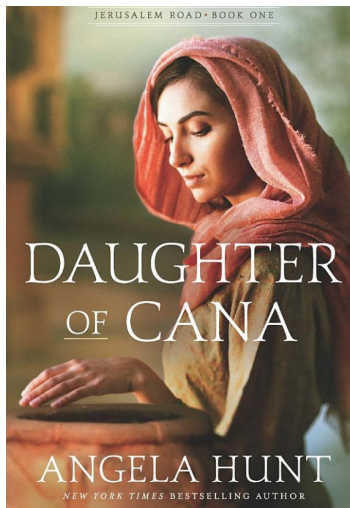
United Women in Faith Book Discussion ANNOUNCED ...

BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION: Tuesday, April 25 (7:30 pm)
in the church parlor. Consider reading the following book
this spring and join us for a discussion of this book from
the 2023 UWF Reading Program. All are welcome!

Daughter of Cana by Angela Hunt

Thomas and Tasmin, twin siblings hired to oversee a wedding feast in Cana, worry when the host runs out of wine . . . until a guest tells Tasmin to have the servants fill the pitchers by the gate with water from the cistern. Reluctantly, she obeys and is amazed when rainwater turns into the finest wine ever tasted in Cana.

When Thomas impulsively decides to follow the teacher from Nazareth, he and Tasmin argue--since the twins have been together since the womb, Tasmin can't accept losing her brother to some magician-prophet. Aided by Jude, younger brother to Jesus of Nazareth, she decides to follow the Nazarene's group and do whatever she must to mend the fractured relationship and bring her brother home.



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

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Spring Gardening Fundraiser



With an early taste of spring, God has given us a hint of what He's got in store for us. It seems like this is the right time to learn about Church of the Saviour United Women in Faith's "Spring Gardening Fundraiser" through Denny McKeown's Bloomin' Garden & Landscape Center (Kenwood Rd, Blue Ash).

From April 22-May 14 (includes Mother's Day), Bloomin' will generously donate 10% of all sales to Wesley Education Center to help support the growth and development of local children.

The need is greater now more than ever before, so we are asking for your support. When you buy your plants and gardening supplies, there is no added expense to you. You'll spend just what you would anyway!!

This year Bloomin' is giving us four weekends to shop. In addition, they have added the convenience of ordering and paying for their gift cards over the telephone. Bloomin' will even mail them to the recipient for you just in time for all those special spring celebration dates ... Mother's Day, end of school year teacher appreciations, graduations, Father's Day, anniversaries, birthdays, etc. You might also want to buy gift cards to use yourself throughout the year.

If you are a gardener, Bloomin' has everything you need. You can choose from thousands of plants and trees, shrubs, perennial flowers, herbs, annual flowers, vegetables, ground covers, even tropical plants. They also have all the supplies needed to plant and maintain your plants. You can even stock up on items such as grass seed and mulch. Look for flyers that will be located around the church as reminders so you can get ready to start planning how you can help. If you have questions, call Joyce Spreckelmeier (513-891-1434 or 513-470-1962). Thanks for your support of this spring fundraiser.

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