



United
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Women

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PURPOSE

The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

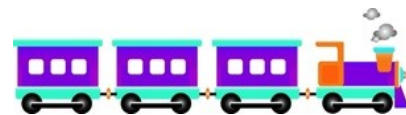
UMW Board Meeting Notes April 7, 2011



- Ms. Pennie is hungry again! She lives in the UMW file cabinet drawer in the church office, and looks forward to being invited to meetings and being fed by generous UMW members. Proceeds are donated to the Youth Pennies for Camp Fund. Our latest contribution totaled approximately \$52.00.
- Reminder About Special Membership Awards, given in honor of outstanding mission work: Honorees receive a small gold pin, and a donation to missions is made in their name. If you know of someone deserving of this award, please submit a letter detailing their contributions to Jean Tyler by the deadline of June 1, by mail or email at jeanryler@gmail.com. Nominations are kept confidential until the annual meeting in December, when the honoree is surprised with the award.
- CRIS Project—The UMW is again coordinating the collection of household goods for our refugee family, although in a slightly different manner this year. Rather than UMW circles donating the bulk of the items, a church-wide sign-up day will be held on Sunday, May 1, when members of the entire congregation, including our members, will be asked for donations. Following that sign-up day, we will evaluate the response to determine what additional items are necessary. Volunteers are needed to staff the sign-up tables on May 1, as well as to sort and evaluate the items received—if you can help, please contact Marilyn Wolfe at 740-548-6577, or mwolfejojo@aol.com.
- Don't forget the West Ohio Cooperative School of Christian Mission at Ohio Northern University in Ada, featuring Bible studies around the theme of *Coming Out on the Side of Grace: Forgiveness and Reconciliation*. Brochures with registration forms are located in a pamphlet pocket on the UMW bulletin board. Car pools will be formed for transportation to the school, and reimbursement for \$15.00 of the Day Sampler fee on Saturday, July 16 is available for any member attending. Please send your reimbursement requests to Treasurer Jenny Farber.
- The UMW has designated Domestic Violence as a social action focus area this year, and encourages all units to engage in activities to assist with public awareness, as well as victim assistance. Our UMW already makes an annual donation to CHOICES from the Love Offering; and as part of CHOICES' May Crusade Against Domestic Violence, we will be distributing an informational flyer and collecting a freewill offering during services on Mother's Day. In addition, we are planning a program for our church community in October as part of our UMW general meeting/education series. We hear horror stories in the news on a daily basis of victims being beaten, and even killed as a result of domestic disputes. Please plan to support these efforts to help eliminate this horrible problem.

ALL ABOARD THE MOTHER'S DAY EXPRESS!

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 5:00 P.M.



Bring your mother and/or children, or someone else's, or a friend or neighbor, or just come by yourself for a fun evening in celebration of all mothers, featuring a delicious catered dinner, barbershop quartet, and a style show presented by Damsels in This Dress.

Tickets are available in the ministry hallway between services now through May 1, or from the church office
\$15.00 ADULT \$6.00 CHILDREN 12 AND YOUNGER