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Sacred Spaces: Encounters with God and Neighbor

The Sacred Space of Legacy/Inheritance

March 12, 2018
10:30 am
Fellowship Center

Coordinated by Lois Polstra, this program focuses on the UMW legacy of bold, courageous action. Our members comprise a movement that empowers women and communities around the world.

Email lunch reservations by March 7th to UMWreservations@firstumc.org

This Month: Learning for A Lifetime Developing Leaders

The Sacred Time for Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

Feb 12, 2018, 10:30 am
Fellowship Center

What actions and commitments can we make to increase opportunities for women and girls' leadership?

Mentor younger women in our congregation, workplace, community organizations or family.

Sponsor younger women to participate in UMW

education and leadership development opportunities as they arise, such as Mission u, Assembly, the Seminar Program, Leadership Development Days or other special events at the national, conference or district level.

Listen to the concerns of younger and other women whose experiences are different than your own.

Actively monitor public policy and legislation applying a gender-justice lens. Challenge decision

makers on policies that adversely affect women and girls.

Commit to reading response and Reading Program books on leadership development and justice issues that affect women and children.

Be faithful in meeting your United Methodist Women's Mission Giving pledge.

Prayerfully give to the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial offering February 12th.

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Special point of interest:

2017 UMW pledges at FUMC allowed our unit to give \$2,500 spread among hurricane aid, Kids Pack, and the Cornerstone Wonder Walk.

Volunteers Needed for the March Odds 'n' Ends Sale

Volunteers needed for the Best Sale Ever!

2018 Donation Drop Off Ends Feb 8th.

Each Thu thru Mar 1st:
8 am - 12 noon in Mission Depot. Sort & price items.

Wed, Feb 28, Thu, Mar 1st & Fri, Mar 2nd:
8:30 am - 4:30 pm in the Mission Depot, Gym and

Fellowship Center sorting and placing items out on tables for sale.

Fri, Mar 2nd: Evening Sale, 5 - 8 pm - Admission \$2.00. Help buyers and cashier.

Sat, Mar 3rd: Sale 7:30 am - 12 noon - Free admission. Help buyers and cashier.

Sat, Mar 3rd: 12 noon until...clean up after the sale in preparation for

Sunday services.

Avoid Lake Morton Roadblocks: Saturday morning, approach the church from the east. A race that morning is causing morning road closings around Lake Morton. Use Vistabula and Walnut streets to arrive at the church campus.

A local department store donated new clothing items for this year's sale.

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www.unitedmethodistwomen.org

Wonder walk East - Lakeland

Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 8a.m. - Noon, join walkers to raise money for Cornerstone Family Ministries in Tampa to provide access to nutritious food, early childhood education and connections to local Churches for children living in poverty. Starting at College Heights UMC in Lakeland walk along BEAUTIFUL Lake Hollingsworth. Can't walk? Host A Virtual Wonder Walk at a Location of your Choosing. Register at <http://bit.ly/2DCkyXW> or email Carrie Brown for more information at cbrown@cornerstonefm.org.



Nurturing Bodies • Developing Minds • Fostering Hope Through Christ...One Child at a Time

February UMW Book Club

Join in the discussion in the Church Parlor Tuesday, February 27th at 1:00 pm. Read Hollow Faith by Stephen Ingram. This book is in the Leadership Development category. Order the book at <http://bit.ly/2DI5tbG> or the Kindle version at <http://amzn.to/2nepGvb>

February Sale at the Missions Table!

Follow your heart's desire! Visit the missions sale table from 10 am - 12 pm on February 12th in Fellowship Center. Donations are also welcome.



Circle News for February Meetings

Circle 1 meets Monday, Feb 5th at 10:00 am at Florida Presbyterian Homes.

Circle 3 meets Monday, Feb 5th at 10:00 am at Virginia Askew's home.

Circle 5 meets Tuesday, Feb 27th at 9:45 am in the Church Parlor. The program will be about the Hearth Project, Polk County Schools' program for homeless children.

Circle 7 meets Monday, Feb 5th at 1:30 pm at Carpenter's Estates. The program will be the UMW Pledge Program..

Circle 10 meets Monday, Feb 5th at 9:30 in the Church Parlor. Dotty Reuschling will present a program on the book A Life God Rewards by Bruce Wilkinson.

Circle 13 meets Monday, Feb 5th at 9:30 am. The UMW Pledge program will be presented by Fran Pepin.

Circle 14 meets Monday, Feb 5th at 10:00 am in Aldersgate House. The program will be the UMW Pledge program.

Circle 17 meets Sat, Feb 3rd at 9:00 am. Members will meet in the church parking lot and carpool to Top Button's for a tour. Top Buttons is a program that helps young women.

Circle 18 meets Friday, Feb 23 at 9:30 am at Carolyn Fulmer's home and will discuss Chapter 4 of Fresh Expressions.

WinGS Circle meets Monday, Feb 5th at 6:30 pm. Lois Polstra will present the program on the program, "Sacred Time of Call to Prayer and Self-Denial."

Next month's UMW unit meeting: Monday, March 12, 10:30 am in Fellowship Center

Email lunch reservations to: UMWreservations@firstumc.org

We welcome contributions of your news, activities, pictures; and articles of interest relating to United Methodist Women. Space permitting, they will be included in future newsletters.

~ Alice Ray Overstreet, Communications Coordinator

Submit items for next newsletter to aliceray529@aol.com, 863-660-9864 by **February 25, 2018**.

