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Sacred Spaces: Encounters with God and Neighbor

The Sacred Space of Reading with Children

Sep 10, 2018, 10:30 am
Fellowship Center

Our speaker will be Sylvia Palmer, Reading Pals Manager, United Way Central Florida. With one hour a week, adults can help struggling kindergarten readers.

Email lunch reservations
by May 9th to
UMWreservations@firstumc.org

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Special point of interest:

2017 UMW Pecan Sales have ended; all bags have been sold. Our profit for missions is \$5,259.00. Well done!!

This Month: Early Methodist Women Preachers

Women Preachers of the 18th Century

Faye Fannin, Speaker

May 14, 2018, 10:30 am
Fellowship Center

Join us as we explore how the full participation of women in the church began in John Wesley's time. We will recognize our courageous past as we move boldly into the future.

Yes, even in the 1700s women impacted spiritual growth as preachers in the Wesleyan movement. Probably the first woman in America appointed was Mary Evans Thorne a class leader appointed

by Joseph Pilmore in Philadelphia. Mary Crosby was the first woman licensed by John Wesley in 1761. Even with those first steps then, it was not until the May 4, 1956 General Conference vote that full clergy rights forever changed the face of ordained clergy. Women's full voting rights were recognized.

Mary Basanquet 1739



"God's call to women as preachers, teachers, administrators, mission workers, treasurers, lay

leaders, trustees, peace-with-justice advocates, voting rights' workers, Christian educators, and evangelists has blown a fresh breath across the globe and throughout the Church on the wings of the Holy Spirit, despite the rise and fall of our denominational enthusiasm for addressing sexism, gender bias, prejudice, and bad theology. God has done great things with us and, sometimes, in spite of us. Among the victories celebrated throughout our denomination's history." -- Book of Resolutions 2016: "Every Barrier Down: Toward Full Embrace of All Women in Church and Society."

Mission u: July 12 -15, 2018

"Transforming Grace" Mission u at Bethune Cookman in Daytona Beach, FL July 12-15, 2018

Register by June 30th:
www.flconfumw.org

Study current issues
based on current mis-

sion study topics, paying attention to the responsibilities of women in fulfilling the mission work of the church. impacting society in 3 studies:

1. Seeking Health and Wholeness

2. What about Our Money
3. Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States.

Worship, Singing, Fellowship, Interest Groups, Mission Projects and more.

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www.firstumc.org/adult-education/womens-ministries



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UMW Census - Stand Up and Be Counted

Individual members are asked to fill out the **myUMW** membership log at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/myumw to receive their personalized UMW Membership Card. Our unit type is "local" and FUMC's hashtag is #1stLKLD.



UMW Reading Program - Get Your Summer Reading Here!

Prepare for your summer leisure reading by visiting the Book Cart at the unit meeting on May 14th. Begin or continue your 2018 Reading Program plan with the many selections available on the cart.

Missions Table Sale Brings Bouquets of Bargains!

Boutique items and other donations make this table a place to visit! Shop at the missions sale table from 10 am -12 pm on May 14th in Fellowship Center. Donations are welcome.

May and August UMW Book Club

Join in the discussion in the Church Parlor Tuesday, May 22nd at 1:00 pm. Read Good Health, Good Life by Joyce Meyer. This book is in the Nurturing for Community category. Order the large print book at <https://tinyurl.com/yatmvg5z> or the Kindle and other versions at <https://tinyurl.com/ycba53dd>. The book club meeting after summer will be August 28th with 50 Women Every Christian Should Know by Michelle DeRusha.

Circle News for May Meetings

Circle 1 meets Monday, May 7th at 10:00 am at Florida Presbyterian Homes.

Circle 3 meets Monday, May 7th at 12:00 pm at Fred's Market for lunch.

Circle 5 meets May 29th at 11:30 am in the church Welcome Center, Room 201B for lunch.

Circle 7 meets Monday, May 7th at



1:30 pm at Carpenter's Estates. The program will continue a study of the Easter women of the Bible.

Circle 10 meets Monday, May 7th in at 9:30 am in the Church Parlor.

Circle 13 meets Monday, May 7th at 11:00 am at Fran Pepin's home for a dessert and salad luncheon.

Circle 14 meets Monday, May 7th at 10:00 am. Doris Beal will present a program from Response magazine.

Circle 17 meets Saturday, May 5th at 11:00 am at Denise Cannon's home for lunch

Circle 18 meets Friday, May 18th at 11:30 am at a local restaurant for lunch.

WinGS Circle meets Monday, May 7th at 6:30 pm in the Parlor for a pot-luck supper.

Next month's UMW unit meeting: Monday, Sep 10, 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 **August 26, 2018**.