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Sisterhood of Grace

Feb 11, 2019, 10:30 am
Fellowship Center

“A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Service” guided by Ann Harkey

and

“Building a Thriving Generation of Children and Youth Worldwide” presented by Brett Foster, FUMC Minister of Youth and College Age Ministries.

Special point of interest:

Moses' mother successfully hid him until he was three months old.

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Email January Lunch Reservations by Jan 9th to UMWreservations@firstumc.org

This Month: Sisterhood for Human Flourishing

Jan 14, 2019
10:30 am
Fellowship Center

Lois Polstra and Judith Rose will present women organized for mission.

Israelites did as God commanded; they bore children and multiplied so that the Pharaoh considered them a potential threat. He ordered that all male babies born to Hebrew women would be killed.

Babies born in Egypt were assisted into the world by midwives. As nurses and midwives do now, they cut the umbilical cord, washed

the baby and presented it to its mother.

Were Shiphrah and Puah the only midwives in all of Egypt? No, but they were the ones directed by Pharaoh to oversee the infanticide. We know their names, but not the name of the Pharaoh; we remember the names of those who serve God.

Were they Hebrew or Egyptian midwives? It seems unlikely they were Hebrew as they would hardly be likely to carry out the Pharaoh's edict. More likely, they were midwives to the Hebrew women. Howev-



er, possibly as converts, they disobeyed Pharaoh; they feared God more. They explained their disobedience to the Pharaoh by telling him Hebrew women delivered very fast and their services were not needed. "Would those who shepherd new life into birth every day come to value life so highly that murder would become unthinkable, even if commanded by a king?" --Theology of Work Project, 2014.

March Sale: Jewelry, Scarves, & Handbags

Donate:
Jewelry ** Scarves
**** Handbags**
for the March Sale!

Bring your donations to the **Mission Depot, Mondays, 10am - 2pm.**

Contact Carol Meyer (863-665-0482) or Pat



replaces the past years'

Bradford (863-859-3339) for more information. This sale

Buy Pecans!

Odds 'n' Ends sales to raise money for missions.

PECAN SALE!

Shop in the bookstore to purchase pecans for all your baking.

\$9 for Cinnamon or Chocolate
\$12 for Halves or Pieces

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UMW Reading Program

- Turn in 2018 Reading Reports to Judith Rose by January 14th.
- 2019 books will be available for checkout at the December 10th unit meeting.
- The 2019 UMW Reading Program list is available at <https://tinyurl.com/ydyf545m>
- The Reading Program is a great way to learn about social issues from a diverse perspective, grow spiritually and invite people into the work and community of United Methodist Women! Start the new year right by participating in the Reading Program.



UMW Book Club January 22

Join in the discussion in the Church Parlor Tuesday, January 22 at 1:00 pm. Read Hiding in the Light by Rifqa Bary in the Education for Mission category. Order the book, Kindle and other versions at <https://tinyurl.com/yah32o2y>.

Missions Table Sale:

Missing an item from your Christmas wish list? Shop from 10 am - 12 pm on January 14th in Fellowship Center. Received something you don't need? Donations are welcome.

Circle News for January Meetings

Circle 1 meets Monday, Jan 7 at 10:00 am at the Florida Presbyterian Homes.

Circle 3 meets Monday, Jan 7 at 10:00 am at Virginia Askew's home.

Circle 5 meets Jan 29 at 9:45 am in the Church Parlor.

Circle 7 meets Monday, Jan 7 at 1:30 pm at Carpenter's Estates, Room D-406.

Circle 10 will meet again in February.

Circle 13 meets Monday, Jan 7 at 9:30 in homes.

Circle 14 meets Monday, Jan 7 at 10:00 am at Aldersgate House.

Circle 17 meets Saturday, Jan 5 at 9:00 am in the

Church Parlor.

Circle 18 meets Friday, Jan 25 at 9:30 am at Connie Durrence's home.

WinGS Circle meets Monday, Jan 7 at 6:30 pm in the Church Parlor.



Next month's UMW unit meeting: Monday, February 11, 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 **January 27, 2019**.