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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PURPOSE OF UMW

THE ORGANIZED UNIT OF
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.



Coming Soon...

July 10
VBC Staff Luncheon
provided by the UMW

July 18
Mission u of the South
Marble Memorial UMC
Milan, MI

August 13
Hands on Mission Experience (HOME)
Lake Huron Retreat Center

September 11
Annual Potluck Supper





The Prez Sesz: *A Message from Unit President Phyllis Hill*



Dear Friends,

Welcome to Spring in Michigan! One day we wear shorts, the next day we have freeze warnings. However, it's wonderful to see all the green grass and the colorful flowers.

The month of May was definitely brightened with the visit of our speaker Laura Hartman. She presented a very insightful program and it was a joy to meet with other UMW ladies.

This Summer we have no meeting planned for June, but we will be busy in July and August. In July, we will be hosting the VBC lunch for all the volunteers, church

staff, and our Pastors. Mission U is also close by in Milan this year so hopefully more of our group will be able to attend. In August, we will be setting our 2016 Budget and planning future programs and fundraisers. We welcome your suggestions in this area, so please let your Mission Team members hear your thoughts so we have events that are of interest to all of you. Have a great Summer!

Peace and Love, Phyllis

Immigration – Myth and Fact

Myth #8: There are many more immigrants today than there were one hundred years ago.

Fact: No. The portion of the U.S. population that was born in another country in 2002 was about eleven and a half percent; in the early twentieth century, it was approximately fifteen percent.

Source: <http://www.census.gov/prod/2002pubs/censr-4.pdf>

Myth #9: Most immigrants cross the border illegally.

Fact: Approximately seventy-five percent of today's immigrants have legal permanent visas; of the twenty-five percent that are undocumented, forty percent overstayed temporary visas.

Source: Dept. of Homeland Security. <http://uscis.gov/graphics/shared/statistics/index.htm>

Keep on Saving Labels for Education

When I went on the Henderson Settlement Mission Trip to Frakes, Kentucky this April, we had a rainy morning and I spent some time in the office counting Labels for Education with my sister-in-law, my niece, and her friend. Did you know that it takes about 1.6 million labels for them to purchase a van for the mission? It takes about three and a half years for them to get enough. (Fortunately, Campbell's lets them send batches in periodically---they don't have to wait to send all 1.6 million at once!) Vans are valuable assets to help them to help broaden the horizon of teenagers through their youth programs. See the graphic on a separate page for the list of all the products that have Labels for Education.

By the way...*Box Tops for Education* labels found on other products is a separate program. It's okay if we send them since the office secretary told us that they give them to a local school.

Please cut the rectangle from the full label following the dotted lines and including the UPC code. You can drop off the labels in the red canister that is on a windowsill outside the church office near the Church and Society bulletin board.

If you want more information visit www.labelsforeducation.com/. For more information about the mission in Frakes, visit hendersonsettlement.com/.

--Wendy Everett

Small Group Meetings

Aerie Book Group --We meet again in the fall. For more information, please call Carol Lundy at 313-268-4059 or send an e-mail to lundy.ca@gmail.com

Uncommon Threads- We knit & crochet shawls and sew quilts for those going through difficult times. We will not meet over the summer, but please join us in the fall. when we meet on Monday, September 21st at Green Wood. For more information, contact Sandy Hultquist, slhultquist@comcast.net or Sandy at 663-8890

PM³ - Will not meet again until the fall. For more information, contact Sandy Hultquist, slhultquist@comcast.net.

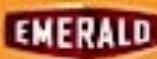
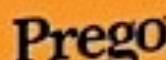
Sisterhood -<http://www.meetup.com/First-United-Methodist-Church-of-Ann-Arbor-The-Sisterhood/>

Mother's Too - Will not meet this summer, but will resume meeting Sunday, September 13th.. For more information on our discussion group contact Sarah Nooden, at snooden@umich.edu

Sarah's Sisters -Sarah's Sisters will meet on Monday, June 15th, 1 pm at Moon Winks Cafe, on Plymouth Rd in Dixboro. Come and be part of a group of women who are asking and listening, encouraging and supporting, caring and doing. Join us as we share, pray and listen. All are welcome. This will be our last gathering until next September. More info: contact Dee Chapell 734-668-7160 email: deechapell@aol.com

LABELS FOR EDUCATION

2014-2015 Participating Products



BEVERAGES

- Campbell's® Tomato Juices*
- V8® Vegetable Juice*
- V8 V-Fusion® Juice*
- V8 Splash® Juice Drinks*

BREAD

- Pepperidge Farm® Breads, Croutons, Rolls & Stuffing

CEREALS

- Alpha-Bits®
- Post® Bran Flakes
- Cocoa Pebbles™
- Fruity Pebbles™
- Golden Crisp®
- Grape-Nuts®
- Great Grains®
- Honey Bunches of Oats®
- Honey-Comb®
- Post® Raisin Bran
- Post Selects®
- Post® Shredded Wheat
- Waffle Crisp®

COOKING

- Campbell's® Condensed "Great for Cooking" Soups
- Swanson® Broth, Canned Chicken & Cooking Stock
- Campbell's® Beans

DAIRY

- Dannon® Danimals® Smoothies
- Dannon® Danonino™ Cups
- Dannon® Danimals® Squeezables
- Dannon® Danimals® Crunchers™
- Dannon® Danimals® Superstars Greek Lowfat Yogurt

FROZEN PRODUCTS

- Pepperidge Farm® Frozen Garlic Breads, 3-layer Cakes, Turnovers and Puff Pastry

PASTA

- SpaghettiOs® pasta

SAUCES & GRAVIES

- Campbell's® Gravies
- Pace® Salsas & Picante Sauce*
- Prego® Italian Sauces*
- Wolfgang Puck® Sauces*

SNACKS

- Emerald® Nuts Canisters
- Emerald® 100 Calorie Packs
- Emerald® Breakfast on the go!
- Emerald® Trail Mix
- Emerald® Glazed Nuts
- Pepperidge Farm® Goldfish® Crackers and Grahams
- Pop Secret® 3 Count
- Pop Secret® 4 Count
- Pop Secret® 6 Count

- Pop Secret® 10 Count
- Pop Secret® 10 Count Snack Size
- Cocoa Pebbles® Treats
- Fruity Pebbles® Treats

SOUPS

- Campbell's® Chunky™ Soups
- Campbell's® Chunky™ Chili
- Campbell's® Condensed Soups
- Campbell's® Homestyle Soups
- Campbell's® Healthy Request® Soups
- Campbell's® Soups-Microwavable Bowls
- Campbell's® Soup on the Go
- Wolfgang Puck® Soups

STATIONERY

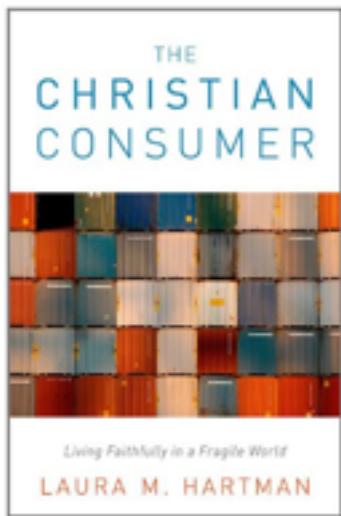
- BIC® Dry Erase Markers
- BIC® Ecolutions™ Products
- BIC® Highlighters
- BIC® Mechanical Pencils
- BIC® Ball Pens
- BIC® Roller Pens
- BIC® Gel Pens
- BIC® Wite-Out® Brand Correction Tape

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Being a Faithful Christian Consumer

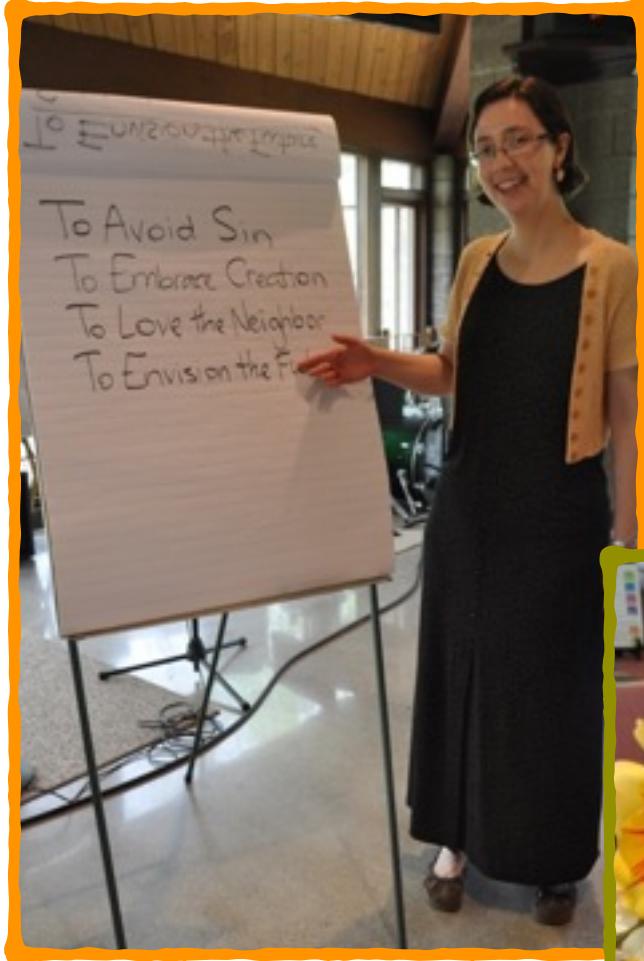
The May 9th UMW event about our consuming in a fragile world was well attended by both those from FUMC Ann Arbor and UMC West Side. This was our first time planning an event with another UMW unit and both churches were pleased with the outcome. We are looking forward to joining West Side to follow



up in small gatherings. One of our goals was to be good consumers putting on the event. We used real table cloths, not plastic or paper ones. Real dishes, cups and glasses were used that could be washed and used again. We used paper napkins made out of recycled materials which could be composted, although we didn't compost them but will next time. Instead of getting wraps from a store that come in large plastic containers, we offered fixings for people to make their own sandwiches. Thanks to so many who helped this event take place. There were those who made and delivered flyers to various local churches, those who met for several meetings to plan the event, those who organized the food and cleaned up, those who greeted people at the door, those who hosted our guest presenter and took her to the Arboretum and out to dinner, those who came early to set-up, those who stayed after and washed the dishes, those who prepared the resources table, and those who attended. Of course, we are grateful for our presenter, Laura Hartman, for taking time from her family and busy schedule to ride the train from Illinois and be with us. People commented that she was not only well versed on the topic but she was able to use humor and interaction to help us think through this topic.

One of the highlights of the event were the info tables from our local community. Corky was here to represent Busch's grocery store and tell about what they are doing to provide more food from local farmers as well as looking at their store to see what they can do to reduce their carbon footprint. Tomm, a CSA farmer, talked to people about the program where food from his farm can be purchased and ready for you to pick up weekly. The Scrapbox was represented by Karen who started this wonderful place many years ago to recycle and reuse items from various local businesses that would have been thrown away as scraps. We are appreciative of them for taking the time to be at our event to share what is happening in some of our local places to help us be better consumers.

Photos of our
MAY 9TH EVENT





Food for the Soul

Mary McClusky, Spiritual Growth Coordinator

P R A Y E R

I have been drawn to prayer as long as I can remember. It is mysterious and yet comforting. It has been an avenue to express or feel my deepest feelings and thoughts – no matter how raw or exhilarating they are. I have witnessed answers and also the absence of answers. It has come to me in silence, in people, in circumstances, in words. Mostly I have been comforted in knowing someone is listening whether there is voice or vacuum. Prayer is sacred to me. It is as common as breathing yet can be as difficult as walking is for me. I yearn for it – as a way to come closer to God and a way God comes to me.

Here are some words on prayer from Barbara Brown Taylor's book, "An Altar in the World" quoting what she learned from Benedictine Monk Brother David Steindl-Rast in his book, "Gratefulness, the heart of prayer".

"Prayer is not the same thing as prayers. Prayers are important. Saying psalms in the morning is a good way to head into the day more prayerfully. So is going to church, where I can add my voice to those of a whole congregation aiming to woo

God's ears with their ancient, beautiful cadence. Still, prayer is more than saying set prayers at set times. Prayer, according to Brother David, is waking up to the presence of God no matter where I am or what I am doing. When I am fully alert to whatever or whoever is right in front of me; when I am electrically aware of the tremendous gift of being alive; when I am able to give myself wholly to the moment I am in, then I am in prayer. Prayer is happening, and it is not necessarily something that I am doing. God is happening, and I am lucky enough to know that I am in The Midst."

May we be blessed and be a blessing through prayer and prayers.

In May's newsletter, we announced a march in Texas to end family detention of immigrant women and children. United Methodist Women are actively leading the movement around this issue. Click on the link below for an essay from one of their leaders who attended the march.

<http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/united-methodist-women-march-to-end-family-detention>



RESPONSE Review

by *Mary Danforth, Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation*

HONORING MOTHERS, HONORING WOMEN

MAY 2015

Somehow, it always seems appropriate to be reviewing holidays AFTER the holiday. None of our holidays should really be just one-day events, although it is always nice to have the special reminder. In May we celebrated Mother's Day. There was a wonderful article in the May issue of response magazine about A Day for All Who Mother. The author's point was that this holiday was not about those of us who are biological mothers being celebrated, but rather for all of us to celebrate those women who have been mothers to us – our biological mothers, or mothers who adopted us, or women who nurtured us as we were growing up, or women who still nurture us today OR our biblical foremothers and their importance for women of faith today.

I noticed at our recent UMW event, that only 1 man signed up for the Christian Consumer workshop. I also recently attended a seminar sponsored by the NEW Center about fundraising for non-profit organizations. Again, the vast majority of the attendees, representing a wide range of non-profit organizations, were women and ALL of the presenters were women (most in their 30's). It made me think that we really need to honor and appreciate the women, whether they be biological mothers or not, who are continuing to work together to nurture those who need support.

I highly recommend reading the Bible Study article about Honoring Mothers, Honoring Women and seeing how the author challenges us to see contemporary issues in the stories of Hagar (human trafficking), Phinehas' wife (whose name we don't even know), Rachel (maternal mortality), and Hannah (the worth of women).

Starting in 2016, there will be four new priority areas for United Methodist Women and the mission work we do. These areas are:

- Climate justice

- Maternal and child health
- Racial and gender justice
- Economic justice.

None of these are new issues – they do, however, reflect what the mission focus will be moving forward. And, of course, all of these areas are really interrelated and impact one another.

One of the highlighted UMW missions was Neighborhood Services Organization in Oklahoma City. They provide many services for the at-risk and homeless people of Oklahoma City. The article focused on the dental care issue which I might not have found that interesting or compelling if I hadn't read the article. But it really connected well with how it relates to a person's overall health, their ability to feel confident in interviewing for a job or just interacting socially. This ties in well with maternal and child health.

Another article highlighted how women are leading the battle to defend their homeland in the Chaco region of South America – again an area I knew nothing about. Apparently "foreign corporations seeking land to feed China's hunger for soybeans and the world's thirst for oil and gas" have targeted this area for these resources – displacing the natives of this land and destroying the forest so soybeans can be grown and resources mined or drilled for. The natives have banded together with religious organizations to help with the negotiations to get their land back. This ties in well with the Economic Justice focus – but also connects with Climate Justice. Or possibly just plain JUSTICE.

Where would we be without women to keep us connected, to be sensitive to the needs of others, and to reach out to help those in need? In fact, where would we be without all of the wonderful work being done by United Methodist Women here and abroad?



Summer Birthdays!

JUNE

1	Melanie Lutz
2	Margaret Punch
3	Barbara Baily
5	Sara Zocher
7	Kathy Macdonald
8	Marikay Savatsky
10	Carolyn Hannum
12	Stefanie Horvath
13	Karen Kirkpatrick
13	Beth Pascoe
16	Cindy DeHart
20	Chris Nelson
24	Sarah Palmer
24	Cynthia Westphal
25	Karen Bamsey
28	Jennifer Jue
29	Laura Harper
30	Fran Betz
30	Janet Folger
30	Phyllis Rector

JULY

1	Katie Geddes
2	Ruth Tabler
3	Marci Gilchrist
3	Beth Lipton
3	Lisl Weiss
4	Helen Aiken
5	Claire Sprau
6	Mara Palty
6	Liz Stone
7	Doris Rumman
7	Jennifer Spaly
9	Frances Flory
10	Sabrina Gross
14	Nancy Sweet
16	Pam Stout
19	Deborah Cowing
20	Joanna Poley
22	Winona Church
22	Mary Page
26	Donna Wegryn
28	Marian Allmand
29	Joyce Middleton
31	Cindy Schindledecker

AUGUST

2	Sara Talpos
3	Rosalie Ingels
5	Kathy Lawless
7	Stacy Lis
10	Rosella Bannister
10	Kelly Cleland
10	Jackie Critchett
10	Lauren Steele
10	Marilee Woodworth
21	Betty Jones
25	Dawna Innis
28	Jean Fryer
29	Liz Perry

