

# MUMC UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

## 2nd Quarter 2022 Newsletter



### PURPOSE OF UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The organized unit of United Women in Faith 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.

### James 3:13

It's not what we say *but what we do* that reveals who we are and our heart's motivations.



United Women in Faith



### Letter from the President June DeWeese

We had an outstanding **June Executive Committee** meeting followed by a wonderful **Unit** meeting and program. Thank you to **Diana Mooney** for arranging for our speakers from **Love Columbia**.

During the **Executive Committee** meeting, we discussed the first six months of 2022 and voted to meet monthly beginning in September.



I have enjoyed meeting with circles, most recently, **Val's Circle** and **Bratton-Cunningham**. I appreciate the invitations from the chairs to attend their regularly scheduled meetings. Both were wonderful opportunities to get to know **UMW/UWF** members and enjoy fellowship with them!

I appreciate **Caryl Bryan** serving as interim chair of **Searcy Feely Circle** in recent months and **Paula Richards** agreeing to serve as chair for the rest of 2022.

Thank you to all of the circles for all that you are doing to fulfill our purpose and work toward the betterment of women, children and youth.

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## Searcy-Feely

April, May, June 2022

**Searcy-Feely Circle** has had a busy spring. On **April 20<sup>th</sup>**, circle members met in the sanctuary to enjoy a wonderful program presented by **Reverend Jim Bryan** on the history and meaning of the stained glass windows. Using binoculars, members were able to see window details more closely as **Rev. Bryan explained the beauty and meaning of**

**the pictures captured in stained glass.**



On **Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup>**, members of **THE NEIGHBORHOOD Searcy-Feely**



provided lunch during finals week for students from the college-age ministry group. The students enjoyed a great meal with left-overs to take home.

Students who were unable to attend at the lunch time, had meals packaged to pick up and enjoy later in the day.



**Rebes Bennett, Caryl Bryan, Carole Babel and Paula Richards**

On **May 18<sup>th</sup>**, **Searcy-Feely** members were presented with a program on the resettlement of the two families from Afghanistan sponsored by MUMC who have become part of the Columbia community. **Caryl Bryan** and **Melissa Clarke** explained the lengthy process of applying for and preparing for the families. Melissa explained that the term used is “evacuees” rather than “refugees” because the families and individuals had been evacuated for their safety because of their work for the United States. The team put together from MUMC worked closely with and under the supervision of **Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri** because of the sanction of that organization by the US State Department as a recognized resettlement agency.



We not only learned about the process of the resettlement project, but also the *magnitude of the preparation and follow-up provided by the numerous volunteers within the church in capacities such as education, medical needs, social needs, transportation, and financial guidance.* The goal of the project is to help the families to eventually live totally independently. Caryl reported that thanks to the generous donations from the MUMC congregation, two homes were secured and completely furnished. As a further means of support, members of Searcy-Feely purchased gift cards from Joann Fabrics and Crafts to provide a means of the easy purchase of material and sewing notions for the families. **Because of the generous donations from circle members, Razmina and Nazifa were presented with gift cards to Joann's totaling \$175.00 apiece.**

The circle is grateful to **Caryl Bryan** who has served as interim chair from January-May. After we return from summer break, **Paula Richards** will assume the position of interim chair for the remainder of the year. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.**

Submitted by **Diana Revelle**



*Diana Mooney finds a creative place for her cane at lunch!*

**GREAT IDEA!**

## Wesley Circle

On April 14th **Wesley Circle** met in The Parlor. **Carole Adams** introduced her friend, **Lisa Acton**, who shared the story of her diagnosis and treatments after being diagnosed with breast cancer. Lisa learned of a therapy called **Cold Capping** that reduces hair loss by 50 - 80%. Although insurance does not cover the \$3000 cost, Lisa decided to make the additional expenditure. She continued working at **Wilson's** during her chemo treatments and was able to keep about 50% of her hair. After her treatments and subsequent surgeries Lisa is fully recovered. She's especially excited and grateful that **Wilson's** purchased 2 sets of the reusable Cold Caps for people in the community to use, free of charge. There is an application process and Lisa will instruct women on how to use them. She encourages all women to advocate for themselves after a cancer diagnosis and work with the medical providers to make informed choices that work best for the individual.

**Wesley Circle** member, **Debbie Schulte**, also a breast cancer survivor, shared her experiences. She faced the additional challenge of having chemotherapy and surgeries during the worst of Covid-19. Her husband and other family members could not join her as she received her chemotherapy and were limited in visiting her during her hospital stay. Both women expressed gratitude for their recovery and answered the numerous questions members asked. One member even brought her **100 year old mother-in-law**, who wanted information because she has a family member currently diagnosed with breast cancer

Meeting Facilitator: **Carole Adams**



**Lisa Acton and Debbie Schulte provide valuable information about breast cancer.**



**Rebes Bennett, College Ministry Director, presented the program**



**Wesley Circle** met in the Parlor on **May 12th** to hear an update about the college ministry, **The Neighborhood**, from **Rebes Bennett**, the College Ministry Director. Attendance in the program has increased significantly in the past year as Covid-19 fears have lessened and new programs have been introduced. One of the programs is the Wednesday evening gathering called **Crew**, a ministry-specific learning time with students picking the topics studied. The current series is **Ask Me Anything**. Students submit faith questions and discuss during the weekly sessions.

**Wesley Circle** members contributed food for a lunch during finals week and members are encouraged to donate snack items during the year for the students.

Meeting Facilitator: **Debbie Schulte**

### Lunch in the Park

On **June 9th** several members of **Wesley Circle** met at **Douglas Park** to serve lunch for the **Voluntary Action Center** sponsored program. Children also had the opportunity to create a craft to take home.



Meeting Facilitator: **Suzanne McDavid**





## Gibson Circle

After months of not being able to work at the **Missouri Conference Office** on **UMCOR** kits or **FOS** items, **Gibson Circle** worked with donated supplies to assemble **UMCOR** hygiene kits at its recent **May meeting**. Pictured are some of the members working on the assembly: Evette Nissen, Susan Moore, and Bev Huckaba. Other members are finishing the 144 hygiene kits that will go to the **UMCOR Sager-Brown Depot** in Baldwin, LA. The Depot was closed to volunteers during COVID, but staff, churches, and volunteers around the country were still sending and receiving much needed kits and supplies, especially after the back-to-back record number of Atlantic storms in the southeastern US in 2020 and 2021.

**Gibson Circle** was also able to send \$475 for school supplies to **Coyote Hill**. **Gibson Circle** has been providing donations to **Coyote Hill** for more than 13 years.

Submitted by: Evette Nissen



Evette Nissen, Susan Moore and Bev Huckaba assembling UMCOR kits.

## Esther Circle

**April** and **May** were a "wrap-up" for us in completing several projects before our summer break. We completed requested Intern quilts in conjunction with **MUMC quilters**. We also completed the **stoles for pastors and confirmands** and numerous quilts for **Epworth**, as pictured. We have decided to work on some receiving blankets with some of the donated flannel fabric we have. So, now we are off for the summer to work on some of our personal projects and probably do a bit of traveling. *Until the Fall* . .

Submitted by: Alicia Henderson



Lauri Murphy, Barb Sanders and Ester Mendoza hold up quilts completed for Epworth.

## Sophia Circle



Several **Sophia Circle** members volunteered at the **Food Bank** on **March 12, 2022**.

From left to right - **Sharon Salmons, Linda Robb, Jan Mees and Carol Beahan**.

## Bratton - Cunningham Circle

**Circle Chair Carolyn Steinhouse** reports that the group is still meeting monthly. **Carol Evans** gave a program on **Labyrinths** and **June DeWeese** gave an informative program on the United Methodist Women's name change to **United Women in Faith**. The group is looking forward to the **July** meeting with **Julia Goodell** on **Spiritual Formation**.



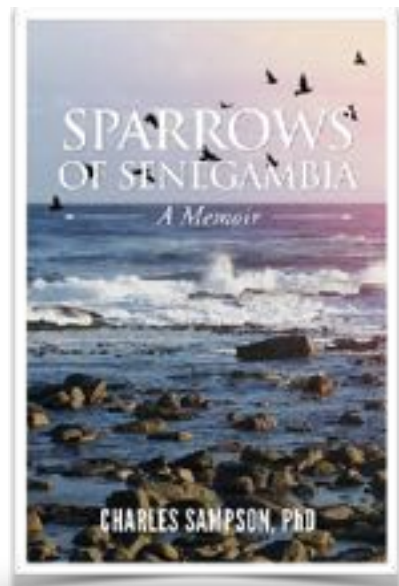
**MUMC Book Club** has been busy reading this spring, and we have interesting discussions planned for this summer and fall. We meet on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday** of every other month at **10:00** via Zoom. On **July 13<sup>th</sup>** we will be discussing ***Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake*** by Anna Quindlen. On **September 14<sup>th</sup>**, we will tackle the selection from the **Columbia One Read, *The Big Door Prize*** by M.O. Walsh.

On **November 9<sup>th</sup>**, we have a special session planned. Instead of our usual Zoom meeting, *we have planned an in-person gathering at MUMC at our regular time of 10:00 a.m.* We will meet in room 103 with a Zoom option.

**MUMC  
Book  
Club**

An Invitation

Our book for **November** will be ***Sparrows of Senegambia, A Memoir*** by MUMC's own **Dr. Charles Sampson**. Dr. Sampson will be with us to lead the discussion of his fascinating memoir and field questions about his travels and experiences. His book is available through Amazon, Barnes & Nobel, and Walmart as well as through his personal website: [www.charlessampsonbooks.com](http://www.charlessampsonbooks.com) The library has also obtained a copy which is available for check-out upon reservation. To attend the Zoom meetings in July or September or the hybrid meeting in November, contact **Diana Revelle**: [revellediana@gmail.com](mailto:revellediana@gmail.com); 573-489-2228. No reservation is necessary for November if you plan to attend in person. **All are invited.**



## Social Action

There is so much going on in our country today - issues that have direct and powerful influence on the lives of many people. The Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe vs Wade is just one of them. Because there are so many reasons for having an abortion, as well as for not having one, it becomes very complicated to decide how one feels about the issue. **Louise Penny**, author of the Gamache mysteries, shared in her **July newsletter** some ideas which might simplify things as we try to understand the issue better. I am paraphrasing below:

**The right to choose is not pro-abortion. It is pro-choice. Including choosing not to abort. Choosing to use birth control. Choosing to abstain. Choosing adoption.** (End of paraphrase)

All of you have heard the stories of women who had to choose aborting their fetuses. Heart breaking! Life or death! Complicated! I believe the decision belongs to the women and their doctors and support groups. Not to the government. Not to faith groups. Not to other people, no matter how well-meaning. Of course, reproductive rights are a controversial issue and some of you will disagree with what I have written. *It is my hope that we can disagree while respecting each other's feelings.* No matter what one's opinions and feelings are, we often feel overwhelmed with thoughts of "what can I do to make a difference?" Perhaps the source of most of our power is the ballot box. Elections are drawing near. Can you drive someone to the voting place? Can you help someone register to vote? Can you urge others to get out and vote? Most important - make sure you vote to support candidates who have pledged themselves to make decisions that reflect your feelings and beliefs. Thank you, **UWF Sisters!**



**Caryl Bryan, Social Action Coordinator**



## MUMC UWF Unit Meeting

The **United Women in Faith Unit Meeting** was held on **Wednesday, June 1st** at 10:30 a.m. in **The Parlor. June DeWeese, UWF President** convened the meeting and gave a welcome and **Pastor Troy** greeted those gathered and gave updates on important initiatives and events for **MUMC**.



**Diana Mooney** introduced the two representatives from **Love Columbia, Jane Williams, MSW** — Co-Founder, Executive Director and **Krista Jones** — Development Director, who gave an inspirational and informative presentation about the history and growth of the organization. They shared a video that depicted some of the programs offered by **Love Columbia** and some success stories of individuals who have benefitted from the programs.

The **Fall Unit Meeting** will be held on **September 7th**. The location is TBA.



**Krista Jones and Jane Williams of LOVE Columbia**





## Mid-State District Meeting May 2022



**President - Julia Goodell**



**Rene Rau'  
Mid-State Librarian**



**Diana Revelle  
ZOOM/Slide Coordinator**



**Old District Map (Mid- State)**



**New District Map (North Central)**

**Jackie Bruner**, Programming Coordinator, introduced **Yvette Richards**, past National President of the UMW and **Rev. Jim West**, retired UMC pastor. They presented an inspirational two-part program.\*

\*Pictures, graphics and information taken from the May 2022 State District Newsletter, **The Missive**

### Dates to Remember:

July 21 - 23	Mission U	Liberty, MO UMC
August 28	Welcome Back Sunday	MUMC
September 7	Executive Committee, 8:45 am	CLC 107/109
	Fall Unit Meeting , 10:30 am	TBA
September 23 -24	Fall UMW Annual Meeting	New McKendree UMC
		Jackson, MO
September 23	Newsletter Article Deadline	