

MUMC UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

3rd 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.

1 Corinthians 15:58 — (NRSV)

58 Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.



United Women in Faith



Letter from the President June DeWeese

As I write this greeting I am thinking about all of the things that have happened in the past four years. It has been an honor to serve as President of this wonderful organization. I have visited many of our circles and watched so much work taking place to serve women, youth, and children locally and around the world.

Our membership is currently approximately **180 women**, plus all active and retired clergy who are part of **Missouri United Methodist Church**.

We worked our way through COVID and learned how to **ZOOM** in order to stay connected with each other. We have made hundreds of phone calls and written so many notes to stay in touch.

We rejoiced with each other when there were joys. We consoled and supported each other when there was sadness.

I have had an outstanding team of officers and appointed coordinators to work with and I am so grateful to each of them for all of the work they have done and will continue to do.

United Methodist Women or **United Women in Faith**, each name is one that we accept and call ourselves as we move forward through change but keep the same commitment to our purpose.

June DeWeese, President of UMW

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Searcy-Feely

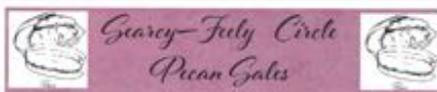
Searcy-Feely Circle did not meet during the months of June, July, or August; however, the connection of the circle did not stop. In response to the summer flooding in Missouri and other states, members shared donations to send to the **Conference office of Disaster Response**. In **August**, a check for **\$785.00** was sent for relief efforts which was used for flood buckets. In the latest newsletter from that office, it was reported that **MUMC was one of six churches that responded specifically for the flood cleanup efforts**. We were very proud to be part of that effort!



Our first meeting after summer break was held on **Wednesday, September 21st**. Looking forward to mission giving for 2023, our program was the pledge service. The focus of business was pecan sales. After a three-year hiatus, **Searcy-Feely Circle is selling pecans again this fall**. Pecans must be pre-ordered by **October 9th** with check for payment written to Searcy-Feely Circle and a notation of "Pecans" in the memo line. Order forms are available in the Connector and the Atrium, or orders can be placed using the link or QR code in the online **Messenger**.

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, October 19th**.

Submitted by **Diana Revelle**



NAME: _____
 PHONE #: _____
 EMAIL: _____

ITEM	QUANTITY	COST	TOTAL
16 oz Halves		\$12/bag	
16 oz Small Pieces		\$12/bag	
12 oz Milk Chocolate Covered		\$10/bag	
12 oz Dark Chocolate Covered		\$10/bag	
10 oz Cinnamon Glazed		\$10/bag	
10 oz Pecan Clusters		\$10/bag	

GRAND TOTAL _____

Pre-order and pre-pay for your pecans Sept. 18 – Oct. 9, 2022. Your check for payment (made out to Searcy-Feely Circle with Pecans on the memo line) must accompany this completed order form. It can be dropped off or mailed to the church office (MUMC, 204 S. 9th St., Columbia, MO 65201).

Other ways to order:
 Use the link in the Online Messenger or use the QR code on this order form.



Pecans will be available for pickup at the church early to mid-November. Stay tuned for details in the Messenger.

Searcy-Feely Circle thanks you for your support of missions!



Gibson Circle

On **August 8**, some **Gibson Circle** members gathered to wish **Carrie Funk** a fond farewell. We met at the **Village of Bedford Walk** for refreshments and conversation. Carrie is moving to Liberty to be near her daughter. We will miss her at our circle meetings.

Gibson Circle met in the church parlor on **Thursday, September 15**. Our program was our **Pledge Service for 2023 Pledges**. Our summer project was collecting money for school supplies for **Coyote Hill**. **Members donated \$475!**

Submitted by: **Evette Nissen, Chair**

Bratton - Cunningham Circle

Bratton-Cunningham Circle had speakers from **CASA** for our **August** meeting. **Mary Eschenbach** spoke from the staff point of view and **Joy Naeger**, a Lenoir resident and a **CASA** volunteer shared her experiences as a volunteer.



Bratton- Cunningham's **September** program was presented by **Jane Williams, Co-Founder and CEO of LOVE Columbia**. Jane shared with us about **LOVE**, their services, their needs, and the many ways in which they help others--including emphasis on employing special needs folks and helping the homeless persons and families in Columbia.

Of special interest to share is the fact that we had invited women from **Community United Methodist Church** who live here at Lenoir Woods and that worked out well to have them meet with us.

Submitted by: **Carolyn Steinhouse, Chair**

Sophia Circle

In **2022 Sophia Circle** collected donations for **Festival of Sharing** during the months of January through July. ***Festival of Sharing** is a cooperative response to hunger, poverty, and injustice in Missouri and beyond.* When people of faith come together and share, we can make a positive and powerful difference in lives of our neighbors. **Missouri United Methodist Church** again responded with great generosity for this mission to help people in need.

We couldn't do this project without the cooperation of individuals in addition to **Sophia Circle** members. **David Lawson** assisted with promotion, bulk ordering of items for the kits, and keeping track of orders and statistics for us. The **students of College Age Ministries** under the leadership of **Rebes Bennett** did a terrific job of packing and taping the **134** food boxes. Sophia Sisters with some spouses and family members packed **280 personal hygiene kits**. The **Youth Ministries (MUMY)** students and director **Christina Fletcher** assembled the **85 Reading and Writing Kits**. At a suggestion of **Pastor Troy**, everyone attending **Welcome Back Sunday** on **August 28** was invited to help pack the **524 Student Dental Kits** as an all-church activity. It was a great success as helpers of all ages packed the kits in record time. In the future, we hope to include more packing events open to anyone who wants to participate.

On **Saturday, October 8**, a majority of our donations will be delivered to the **FOS ShareFest** at **Tipton, MO**. Some of the donations were delivered to the **Missouri Area United Methodist Conference Center** for distribution to other **ShareFests** throughout the state. When the boxes are unloaded in Tipton, it will show an impressive expression of giving and will help fulfill the growing needs of Missourians in poverty and distress.

NUMBER OF FOS PACKS FOR 2022

- 277** Women's Prison Packs
- 524** Student Dental Packs
- 280** Personal Hygiene Packs
- 134** Family Food Boxes
- 85** Reading & Writing Packs

1300 Packs!

Submitted by: **Kathy Lawson**



Sophia Circle members pack FOS kits



Welcome Back Sunday attendees packed 524 Student Dental Packs



Lunch in the Park

On **July 14** several members of **Wesley Circle** met at **Douglas Park** to serve lunch for the **Voluntary Action Center** sponsored program.



After lunch the children had the opportunity to do a craft activity. **Judith LeFevre** provided the supplies and instructions for a **Pet Rock** project to take home. The kids were

excited to participate eager to take their new 'pet' home!

Meeting Facilitators:

Suzanne McDavid & Judith LeFevre



Wesley Circle met on **September 8** in the great room of the **Neighborhood**. **Rebes Bennett** gave an update on the college ministry program since the new school year. The response has been positive and the program continues to grow.

Wesley Circle provided a meal for the students on September 28.

Facilitator: **Pat Martin**



**Rebes Bennett,
College Ministry
Director**



2022 UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH of MISSOURI METHODIST GIVING

“SECOND MILE” GIVING

(as of Aug. 23, 2022 with no public fundraising)

Breakfast Circle

Provided 50 decorated and filled **“Christmas Goodie Bags”** for **Coyote Hill** children ages 3-18.

Esther Circle

Donated **23 adult bibs for the VA Hospital**; donated several quilts for **Epworth Children and Family Services**, in St. Louis, MO; completed **Bell Choir** bags and **serged tablecloths** for use at MUMC; made **21 Confirmant stoles and stoles for our clergy**.

\$773.00

We welcome heavier upholstery fabric that can be made into school bags, as well as clean but used terry cloth (older towels), cotton sheets and miscellaneous fabric. Universal sewing machine needles are always welcomed and spring-loaded scissors (easier on the hands.)

Gibson Circle

Provided funds for Coyote Hill school supplies.

\$475.00

Provided **144 Hygiene Kits** for the **UMCOR Sager-Brown Depot** in Ballwin, LA.

\$1,728.00

Searcy-Feely Circle

Provided funds for two sewing gift cards for two mothers of Afghan Evacuees.

\$350.00

Provided funds to assist the MO Conference for disaster response for the St. Louis flooding. Donations funds provided 10 bucket of supplies.

\$785.00



Submitted from: **Yearbook Editor**

MUMC Book Club

The **MUMC Book Club** participated in **Welcome Back Sunday on August 28th**. Several people stopped by the information table to chat and to sign up for information.

We met via Zoom on **Wednesday, September 14th** for our regular meeting. We welcomed two new members to the group. An interesting discussion was held on the Columbia One Read selection, ***The Big Door Prize*** by M.O. Walsh.



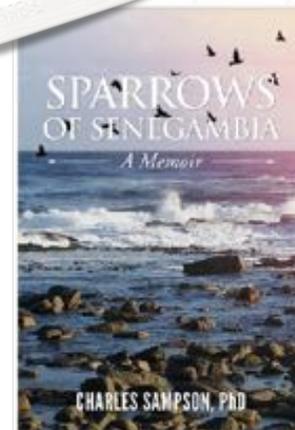
Welcome Back Sunday



On **November 9th**, we have a special session planned. Instead of our usual Zoom meeting, we will **meet in person at MUMC at our regular time of 10:00 a.m.** We will meet in **room 103** with a Zoom option. Our book for November is ***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, both hard copy, paperback and Kindle; Barnes & Nobel, in hard copy, paperback, and eBook; and on Dr. Sampson's website: www.charlessampsonbooks.com. The library has also obtained a copy which is available for check-out upon reservation.

This meeting is not limited to book club members - all are invited to attend this special gathering. No registration is needed to attend in person; but if you choose to attend via Zoom, contact Diana Revelle for the Zoom link: revellediana@gmail.com; 573-489-2228.

November's Book Selection



Submitted by **Diana Revelle**

**UWF Book Club Discussion
November 9, 2022**

Church Women United Upcoming Meeting Dates

Friday, October 7 @9:30 am	Program: Mission Fair	Broadway Christian Church 2601 West Broadway
Sunday, November 6 @2:30 pm	Program: World Community	First Christian Church 101 N. Tenth Street
Friday, December 2 @ 9:30 am	Program: Celebrate Christmas	United Church of Christ 3201 I-70 Drive NW

The Wardrobe

New Fall Inventory Sales set Daily Record

Several MUMC United Women of Faith members worked at the **Wardrobe** on **Wednesday, September 28**. The volume of sales, **\$2350**, set a *record* for daily sales receipts! Two days earlier several of our **UWF** members joined other community volunteers to assist in changing out the inventory from summer to fall.

A special shout out to **Evette Nissen**, the **Wardrobe** board, and volunteers for their dedication in providing new shoes vouchers for Boone county school children. *The Wardrobe has been providing service for 52 years and is still going strong!*



Welcome Back Sunday Displays August 28, 2022



MUMC UWF display

Above, **Kathy Lawson** with the **Festival of Sharing** exhibit at the Mercy & Justice table.



At right, **Carol Beahan** at the **United Women of Faith** table.



Just three of the displays involving UWF members!

MUMC UWF Book Club display

UWF September Unit Meeting

The **United Women in Faith Unit Meeting** was held on **Wednesday, September 7** at 10:30 a.m. in the **Chapel**. **June DeWeese, UWF President** convened the meeting and gave a welcome and **Pastor Bowers** greeted those gathered and gave updates on important initiatives and events for **MUMC**.

Vicky Elliott introduced the speaker, **Rob Gordon, District Lay Leader** and **Lay Education Coordinator for the North Central District**. Rob discussed some of the challenges Lay Education has faced the last two years during the Covid pandemic and the conference redistricting but shared an optimism and enthusiasm for the new classes that will soon be available online.

Paula Richards shared a devotion, "New Beginnings Happen in Season." Her response moment highlighted the **2022 UWF Assembly** held in Orlando, FL.

Julia Goddell, North Central District President, reported on the **North Central District Inaugural United Women in Faith Meeting - October 15** at Camp Jo-Ota, Clarence, MO.

July, August, September 2022

June shared the **President's Report** from the **Executive Meeting**. Highlights include:

- **UWF Sunday, October 16** will include liturgist and the **UWF Mission Candle** lighting ceremony at all three services.
- **The Scholarship Committee** has voted to increase the scholarship from **\$500 to \$1000**.
- **Searcy- Feely** will resume **Pecan Sales** in October.
- The **December Unit** meeting will be held on **December 7** and will include a meal and program from **Discovery Days** children.



L-R:
**June DeWeese,
Pastor Bowers &
Rob Gordon**

2023 Yearbook Request Reminder

UWF members wanting a print copy of the **2023 UWF Yearbook** should reserve a copy with their respective **Circle Chair** by **Oct. 21**. **Members at large** should email their request by **Oct. 21** to the **Unit Treasurer** to reserve a print copy.

Barbara McClure

Unit Treasurer & 2023 Yearbook Editor



Dates to Remember:

October 5	Executive Committee, 8:45 am	CLC 107/109
October 16	UWF Sunday	All services
October 21	Reserve a copy of 2023 Yearbook hard copy	See above
December 7	Unit Meeting with meal and program, 10:30 am	MPR
December 30	Deadline for Newsletter Articles	