

Monthly Newsletter

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A Message from the Presidents

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Church of the Saviour UMC
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
Serving Christ Together

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. Ecclesiastes 3:1

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Well, we certainly finished out the month of May 2026 on a high note with the success of the Rummage Sale led by Pam Senefeld and Beth Johnson!! Over \$3,900 was sold on 5/30 at the sale and over \$5,200 donated to New Life Furniture as In-Kind donations! We appreciate all the time people gave toward prepping for the sale and as usual Church of the Saviour came through with their generous donations! Thanks to everyone who worked so hard this past week to make the sale a success!

Another update I wanted to share was that UWF and the attendees at our Spring Luncheon in April, donated over \$1,600.00 to Speaker Toby Banks from Raising Hope Ministries!! What a great way to lift up those young women who have grown by way of so many giving towards their lives, support, and care!! We were very impressed with how everyone responded to this wonderful ministry and we wanted to be sure you knew the final donation number!

For the months of June/July we will be publishing only one newsletter, as many of our small groups take the summer off for relaxing and summer vacations. However, one important calendar event in June is **Mission U- because community is God's desire for us!** At **Mission U 2026: Experiencing Emmanuel** is the theme and all are invited to the West Ohio Conference on June 12-14 at the Bergamo Life Center in Beavercreek, OH. A virtual Mission U will also be held in July! Marcallene Shockey and I, as co-presidents, had a wonderful time last year and we highly recommend it! If you are interested, [Click here to learn more/register](#)

For the summer break, I found some tips to remember as we plan our summer devotional routine that I thought I would share to help us all have a more spiritual summer and relax in our Lord's loving arms!

Embrace Flexibility: Summer Schedules are hectic. Don't feel guilty if you miss a day. Give yourself grace and pick up where you left off.

Take it outdoors: Combine your quiet time with the beauty of the season. Read your devotion on your back porch, at the park, or the beach.

Unplug First: Designate your first 15-30 minutes of the morning to God before checking your phone or emails. I know you will have a better start to your day! **

Finally in closing, here is my prayer for you this summer;

*Dear God, sometimes we allow the chaos of summer to distract us from spending time with You. We neglect to claim Your peace, and we allow ourselves to get bogged down with the stressors of the season. Help us to not get frustrated with our children or grandkids but rather treasure this season's time with them. And finally, help us focus on You when we begin to feel overcommitted and to seek Your peace with each rising sun. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen***

Yours in Him,

Ginny Kindberg, UWF Co-President

**Excerpts taken from Proverbs 31 Ministries

Church the Saviour UMC UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH Serving Christ Together

The next UWF Board meeting is on Monday, AUGUST 31 (10 am-noon) in person in Room 119 at church. All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions or need more details, contact Ginny Kindberg (513-225-5123).

SMALL GROUP MEETINGS FOR JUNE/JULY
Everyone is welcome at any of our monthly gatherings.
Contact the leader to be sure you have all the details.

First MONDAY or TUESDAY: Susanna Wesley Women in Mission | Leader: Mary Jane Sper (513-476-7250 or mjsper@gmail.com)

Susanna Wesley Women in Mission will take the summer off. They will start their programming again in September. Watch for updates.

If you have questions or would like to coordinate an evening picnic at the church to catch up with your friends in Susanna Wesley group, contact Mary Jane Sper.

TUESDAY: Esther Laird Friendship Group (3rd Tuesday of each month—1:00 pm) | Leaders: Britt Raymond (brittie.raymond@gmail.com/513-375-4403) and Leah Hondorf (lhondorf@yahoo.com/ 513-304-5224)
Location: Chapel at Twin Lakes Retirement Community

Tuesday, June 16 (1:00 pm): Esther Laird group will meet to put together treat bags for the youth mission trip.

Tuesday, July 21 (1:00 pm): They will have a speaker (Lisa) from "People Working Cooperatively." She will speak about the various services to help senior citizens.

Tuesday, August 18 (1:00 pm): The group will once again put together a back-to-school gift for the Church of the Saviour kids.

TUESDAY: 3rd Tuesday Morning Hannah | Group Leaders: Euphazine Reid-Kendall (678-857-8362) and Marilyn Clark (513-909-6878)

There are no summer events on the calendar. If you have questions feel free to call Marilyn Clark or Euphazine Reid-Kendall.

WEDNESDAY: UWF Bible Study (1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the Month—7:00 pm) on Zoom | Contact Person: Jennifer Ehlers (mehlers4@aol.com)

The UWF Bible Study group is going on hiatus for the summer. Check in the fall for study plans. Contact Jennifer Ehlers for further details and to get the Zoom link.



You're never too young to learn to knit as they found out at a May meeting of Lydia Needlecrafters. Join them at their meetings throughout the summer especially if you'd like to learn a needlecraft.



Esther Laird Friendship group put together snack bags for Wesley Education Center in April.



Susanna Wesley Women in Mission volunteered at the New Life Furniture Warehouse in May.



WEDNESDAY: Lydia Needlecrafters (1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month) 5:30 pm in the church parlor | Leader: Pam Senefeld (513-314-5042)

Wednesdays, June 3, June 17, July 1, and July 15 (5:30-7:00 pm) in the church parlor. Join them for fun, fellowship, and hands on mission. All ages are welcome. Prayer shawls, baby blankets, and hats are available from any member of the group, Carrie Feldmeyer in the office or Pam Senefeld.

SATURDAY: Moms & Kids Small Group | Leader: Kristine Kahl (Kristine.f.guevara@sbcglobal.net)

Saturday, August 8 (1:00-3:00 pm): Join Mom & Kids for a back-to-school ice cream social and an afternoon of games to kick off our 2026-2027 service season. We'll meet at the Dulle Park shelter, located where Dulle Park road dead-ends into the playground. Bring school supply donations, benefiting Wesley Chapel Mission Center.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!! The UWF SILENT AUCTION is back! The Auction will take place on **Sunday, November 1**. What time, talent, or treasure you are going to donate this year?

- Time (leaf raking, yard clean-up, light cleaning, etc...)
- Talent (are you a quilter, a painter, or a cook?)
- Treasure (gift cards, game tickets, vacation packages, gift baskets, etc...)

Think about what you can donate to make this year's Silent Auction the best one yet!! If you have questions, call/text Karalyn Voorhorst (574-453-7100).

**We believe
love in action
can change
the world.**



CHILDREN'S CLOSET COLLECTS SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR

WESLEY CHAPEL MISSION CENTER AND STATE AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Children's Closet, located in the colorful cabinet across the hall from the church office, is currently collecting school supplies including:

- backpacks
- wired headphones
- pencil pouches
- dry erase markers
- highlighters
- markers (10-count, wide and fine, washable)
- crayons (24-count)
- colored pencils
- #2 pencils
- pens (blue, black or red)
- glue sticks, Post-it notes
- rulers
- scissors (kids and intermediate),
- one subject notebooks (wide rule)
- composition notebooks
- 3-ring binders
- 2-pocket plastic folders
- index cards

The school supplies will be given to Wesley Chapel Mission Center, a UMC ministry that provides afterschool programs for preK-12 children in downtown Cincinnati, and State Avenue UMC, a partner church in the Lower Price Hill Community.

Thank you for helping local children and families prepare for the upcoming school year with confidence! Questions can be directed to Children's Closet Coordinators Regan Murray Mitchell (513-335-0407, reganmurray@hotmail.com) or Terri Anderson (pancat2@yahoo.com).

RUMMAGE SALE



THANK YOU

It is with heartfelt appreciation that the Rummage sale leadership team wishes to thank each and every person in our amazing congregation who donated items or gave their time and energy to sorting, sizing, and displaying those items. Thanks also to those who welcomed, helped, and cared for the people who attended our sale. Also, thanks to those who helped with the monumental task of cleaning up afterwards!! Each one of you contributed in some way to making this a very successful event!

More details will be forthcoming on the total dollars raised for missions supported by the United Women in Faith and Church of the Saviour. In addition, we filled a truck with items to be donated to New Life Furniture. This event more than met the needs of our community and provided necessary support to the less privileged. Great job church family! You really came through and answered the call.

Finally, we COULD NOT have gotten the job done without the help of our wonderful **Boy Scout troop #674** and their leaders who did the "heavy lifting" to pack everything up and move it out. We appreciate every one of YOU!

Yours in gratitude,

Pam Senefeld and Beth Johnson

Faces of the Rummage Sale



Moms & Kids small group held a bake sale during the Rummage Sale.

The Kahl Family: Facing Life's Challenges as a Family

We want you to know the Kahl family. They are active members of Church of the Saviour. Kristine is a member of the United Women in Faith Board and leads the "Moms & Kids" small group. Ian and Claire are members of the music program and the youth group. The following information is excerpted from the "Montgomery Neighbors" magazine. See below for a link to read the complete article.

The Kahl family of Montgomery, Ohio, consisting of Brian, Kristine, Ian, and Claire, has become deeply involved in supporting the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation through the Southwest Ohio "Take Steps" walk. Since Ian's diagnosis with severe early onset Crohn's disease at age 8, the family has dedicated themselves to raising awareness, advocacy, and funds for research and advanced therapies.

Ian's journey with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) began with severe symptoms leading to his diagnosis. He faced significant lifestyle changes, including a strict diet and regular biologic infusions, but found support and community through Camp Oasis, a camp for kids with IBD.

The family's team has been a top fundraiser, surpassing their \$13,000 goal in 2024. **Ian will be honored as a Youth Hero at the upcoming "Take Steps" event on June 13 at Voice of America Park.**

Kristine emphasizes the importance of sharing their story to increase awareness and support for others affected by Crohn's and colitis. The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation has been a vital resource for the family, providing education, treatment research, and opportunities like Camp Oasis.

Despite his health challenges, Ian remains active in school sports and is an avid University of Michigan fan.

This family's ongoing commitment highlights the power of community and advocacy in facing chronic illness together. If you'd like to read the entire article in the Montgomery Neighbors Magazine (June 2026 edition) follow the link below:

<https://www.bestversionmedia.com/oh/montgomeryneighbors/>



United Women in Faith Social Justice

from Karen VanWagenen (513-325-2849), Social Justice Coordinator

39th Annual Juneteenth in Eden Park Celebrate End of Slavery June 20-21, 2026

The annual observance of Juneteenth commemorates the 1865 ending of slavery in the United States. In Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, you'll find a variety of ways to celebrate this historical holiday.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring that the more than three million slaves living in the Confederacy were to be freed. It was not until June 19, 1865, when Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, that the residents of Texas would learn that slavery had been abolished. Formerly enslaved African Americans immediately celebrated with prayer, feasts, song, and dance. The tradition of commemorating June 19 as a day of freedom has been recognized annually throughout history, known as "Juneteenth". In 2021, President Joe Biden officially made Juneteenth a federal and nationally recognized holiday.

Cincy has a long history of observing this day of celebration, and there are many ways for you to experience Juneteenth. Click on the link for more details. <https://juneteenthcincinnati.org>