

Monthly Newsletter

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

A Message from the President Ginny Kindberg (gkindberg831@gmail.com)

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12, NIV

Dear sisters in Christ,

As we move past the halfway point of summer 2026, September—and the return of school schedules—will be here before we know it.

One important September event I want to highlight is **United Women in Faith Sunday**, scheduled for **September 13, 2026**.

UWF Sunday is a time to share who we are and what we do. Our mission statement says it best:

Empowered by faith in God, Church of the Saviour United Women in Faith inspires people of all ages to join and serve the needs of our church, our community, and the world.

As part of the national United Women in Faith organization, we help foster spiritual growth, develop leadership, advocate for justice, and educate for mission. We also seek to create an inclusive environment as we answer God's call to turn faith, hope, and love into action.

Together as sisters in Christ, we serve our community through support and outreach. Here are a few facts about our local unit at Church of the Saviour:

- We are one of the largest groups of United Women in Faith in the Ohio River Valley District.
- We have 200+ members.
- We provide opportunities for learning and faithful service through small groups.

- Our board of directors meets monthly on the first Monday of the month.
- We organize many service projects, including Gifts from the Heart, Project 5000, the Children's Closet, the Rummage Sale, the Silent Auction, and Holiday Pie Sales.
- In 2025, we donated more than \$75,800 in combined cash and in-kind giving—\$10,000 more than the previous year.

What can you expect on Sunday, September 13? During Sunday service and our Ministry Highlight, you can learn more about our missions and small groups. In the Fellowship Hall, you can also take part in a hands-on mission project as we assemble nourishing snack bags for the children of Wesley Education Center to enjoy after school.

Please stop by the welcome table to speak with our membership team and pick up a brochure highlighting ways to connect with a small group, Bible study, or upcoming project. You can also visit the volunteer table to sign up for mission opportunities throughout the year. Be sure to see the prayer shawls and prayer squares made by Lydia Needlecrafters, an active ministry that creates prayer shawls, baby blankets, and prayer squares for people experiencing illness, surgery, or a difficult season of life.

Finally, enjoy coffee, sweet treats, and fellowship. We would love to answer any questions you may have about UWF. We look forward to seeing you on the 13th, dear sisters!

Ginny Kindberg, President

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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 AUGUST

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 has taken the summer off. They will start their programming again on **Tuesday, September 8 (7:00 pm)**. They have a new ministry to support ... it's Ronald McDonald House!! Watch for updates.

If you have questions, contact Mary Jane Sper.

TUESDAY: Esther Laird Friendship Group (3rd Tuesday of each month—1:00 pm) | Leader: Leah Hondorf (lhondorf@yahoo.com/ 513-304-5224)

Location: Chapel at Twin Lakes Retirement Community

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. They will put together a back-to-school treat for all the K-12th grade students. They would love to have you join them!!

TUESDAY: 3rd Tuesday Morning Hannah | Contact: Pam Senefeld (513-314-5042)

LOOKING AHEAD: Tuesday, September 15 (10:00 am) in the church. Hannah group will have a potluck brunch and planning session for our future meetings. Contact Pam Senefeld if you have questions.

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

LOOKING AHEAD: Wednesday, September 2 (7:00 pm)
The UWF Bible Study group will begin a study of "As for Me: Life Through the Lens of the Psalms" by Adrienne Camp. Contact Jennifer Ehlers to join the group and get the Zoom link.

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Last
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The Hannah Group met for lunch in June to celebrate the leadership Euphazine Reid-Kendall has given for so many years.

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

Wednesday, August 5 and 19 (5:30-7:00 pm): Lydia Needlecrafters meets in the church parlor. They welcome newcomers—those interested in learning—or those with experience. They make prayer shawls, prayer squares, baby blankets, and hats. They started an outreach program this summer for homebound members as well. Contact Carrie Feldmeyer (carrie.feldmeyer@cos-umc.org), Bonnie Nesbitt (bonniepnesbitt@gmail.com) or Pam Senefeld to receive one of these items.

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.**



The Children's Closet supports Bethany House in AUGUST

Our Children's Closet, located in the colorful cabinet across the hall from the church office, is currently collecting new bathroom items for Bethany House (www.bethanyhouseservices.org).

In addition to offering an emergency shelter primarily for women and children, this faith-based organization empowers homeless and at-risk families to achieve housing stability and long-term self-sufficiency.

Please consider donating new items for a bathroom kit that will be sent home with residents when they leave:

- shower curtains, liners, and rings
- bath towels, wash cloths, and hand towels
- toilet brushes
- trash cans

Cash donations will be gladly accepted and will be used to purchase these items. Our goal is to donate 5 complete bathroom kits!

The Church of the Saviour United Women in Faith thanks you for your generosity. Questions can be directed to Children's Closet Coordinators Regan Murray Mitchell (reganmurray@hotmail.com) and Terri Anderson (pancat2@yahoo.com).



United Women in Faith Membership, Nurture, and Outreach

from Pam Senefeld (513-314-5042), Chair of
Membership, Nurture, and Outreach

Here are some practical ways to open the door, build connections, and grow our sisterhood. Every time you reach out to a woman to share what

United Women in Faith has meant to you, you open the door for her to find connection, purpose, and a place where she belongs.

How do we connect with more women in meaningful ways?

1. Make a connection—Start with a real conversation.
2. Meet her where she is—Listen well, build trust and pay attention to her passions, challenges, and dreams
3. Show her what we're about—Introduce her to the experiences, events, and stories that light you up
4. Invite her in—Offer to join her and attend a small group meeting or Bible study.

Let's grow our sisterhood!



UWF 2026 Rummage Sale Highlights

As President Ginny Kindberg reported in our June/July newsletter, there were 235 attendees on May 30 raising over \$4,000 for UWF missions for women, youth and children. We filled the New Life Furniture truck with an estimated \$5,000 in valued goods. In addition to that we donated to 15 other local nonprofits and one Cuban nonprofit. What a success! God is good!

As you know, it took many individuals to organize, sort, price, and complete this mission project. We are seeking individuals who feel called to help and be on the steering committee for a June 5, 2027, Rummage Sale.

Pam Senefeld is happy to lead with some others who can assist with the details and be a leader for the various rooms. She feels that we truly are meeting the needs of our community and beyond. If you feel called to be part of a leadership team and if you feel God's nudge to be his servant for this project, contact Pam (513-314-5042).

"All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty."
Proverbs 14:23 NIV

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH: Love in Action

United Women in Faith is a caring circle of women who come together to grow in faith, friendship, and service. When women share their time, talents, prayers, and compassion, they help bring hope to women, children, and youth in the church, the community, and beyond. Being involved means knowing you are part of something meaningful—where every gift matters and every act of love can make a difference.