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

October 2026

News, updates, and highlights for our UWF Community

Connect • Inform • Inspire • Serve

A Message from the President

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline."

2 Timothy 1:17

Dear Friends,

Join us on October 11 as we celebrate United Women in Faith at the Church of the Saviour, an organization with a 150-year legacy. It's a time to reflect on UWF's origins, its mission, and how we can create a meaningful impact.

UWF's history began in 1869 when eight Boston women responded to the call of missionaries Clementina Butler and Lois Parker. Their mission was to meet the spiritual and physical needs of disadvantaged women in India, who lacked access to physicians and education. This dedicated group promptly crafted a constitution and founded the Methodist Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (WFMS). In short order, they raised funds to send Isabella Thoburn and Dr. Clara Swain to India. With WFMS's backing, Thoburn established Asia's inaugural women's college, and Dr. Swain pioneered the first women's hospital in the region. These institutions remain integral to India today.

Today, United Women in Faith connects and nurtures women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education, thereby empowering them to inspire, influence, and impact local and global communities. UWF is a united force, driven by God's love, focused on women, children, and youth, working for justice and community transformation. **Please consider joining us to put your talents, energy, and ideas into action. Help us make a meaningful impact in YOUR own way. Please consider becoming a member! Hope to see you on the 11th in the fellowship hall!!**

A huge part of UWF is raising money to make a difference in people's lives! Two exciting projects coming in the weeks ahead are Holiday Pie Sale and our Silent Auction on Nov. 1! Check in the newsletter and newsflash for more details and start making plans now to participate in some way in both of these wonderful projects so that we can continue our generous giving to those less fortunate!

Come check us out on UWF Sunday October 11 and see where you fit in to connect and make a difference in someone's life!

Your Sister in Christ,

Ginny Kindberg, UWF President

Support United Women in Faith Missions

Don't miss the **United Women in Faith Pie Sale**, just in time for Thanksgiving! Support UWF Missions while enjoying delicious **Pie Peddler pies for just $20 each**. Payment is due at pickup.

Choose from **Apple, Dutch Apple, Cherry, Blueberry, Chocolate, Lemon, Coconut,** and **Pecan**.

Order:

- In person at the Pie Table in Fellowship Hall on **October 25, November 1, 8, or 15**
- Online anytime from **October 25–November 15**: Thanksgiving Pies, Yum!

Pick up: November 21 & 22 in Fellowship Hall. A limited number of extra pies will be available for purchase on November 22, while supplies last. If you have questions, call or text **Jenny Motley at (513) 658-0982**.

Link to order: Thanksgiving Pies, Yum!



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The next UWF Board meeting is on Monday, 10/5 (10 am-noon) on Zoom. All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions or need the Zoom link, contact Ginny Kindberg (513-225-5123).

SMALL GROUP MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER

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)

Monday, October 5 (7:00 pm). Room 119.
Birthday supplies will be donated to support monthly parties for those celebrating birthdays at Bethany House Services. Then Halloween bags will be filled to hand out at the Trunk or Treat event at Church of the Saviour. Click on the link below to sign up for birthday supplies and Halloween items.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA72AA2FBCF8-64615815-birthday

If you have questions or want to be on the email list, 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, October 20 (1:00 pm): Esther Laird group will help with the Gifts from the Heart Christmas project. They will add yarn to the angels and apply labels in preparation for hanging them on the angel trees. Many hands will be needed, so everyone is welcome to join us!

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

Wednesday, October 7 and 21 (5:30-7:00 pm): Lydia Needlecrafters will meet on October 7 and 21 (5:30-7:00 pm) in the parlor. They donated scarves and baby hats to an Appalachian Ministry through Matthew 25 Ministries in September. Don't forget that they are open for new crafters, knitters and crocheters. They can teach you plus have the right supplies. Prayer shawls, prayer squares, baby blankets and baby hats are available on request. Reach out to Pam Senefeld, Bonnie Nesbitt (bonniepneasbitt@hotmail.com) or Carrie Feldmeyer (carrie.feldmeyer@cos-umc.org) in the church office.

This Month's Meetings | **Last Month's Activities**



Hannah Group met for a book discussion in September





Mom & Kids assembled 50 sack lunches and made extra peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for St. Francis Seraph's bag lunch program in Over-the-Rhine.

TUESDAY: 3rd Tuesday Morning Hannah | Contact: Pam Senefeld (513-314-5042 or maxmuir1@aol.com)

Tuesday, October 20 (10:00-11:30 am) at New Life Furniture (11335 Reed Hartmann Highway Suite #134, Blue Ash, OH 45241). It's easiest to access their location from Williamson Road, off Cornell Road. Volunteer/registration is required. Please RSVP to Pam Senefeld. You will then receive instructions to register/volunteer.

WEDNESDAY: UWF Bible Study (1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the Month—7:00 pm) on Zoom | Leader: Leah Hondorf (513-304-5224)

Wednesday, October 7 and 21 (7:00-8:30 pm): The UWF Wednesday evening Bible study will continue their study—*As For Me: Life Through the Lens of the Psalms* by Adrienne Camp. Contact Leah Hondorf if you are interested in joining the online class.

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

Saturday, October 17 (11:00 am-12:30 pm): Mom & Kids will spend the morning with the kids at Wesley Chapel Mission Center's Super Saturday, for some fun activities and serving our communities together. If you'd like to carpool to WCMC, we will meet at the church parking lot at 10:30 am. Please fill out the WCMC volunteer form and RSVP at the links below.

https://www.wcmcotr.org/volunteer
https://tinyurl.com/4xpxsa8h



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!! United Women in Faith's SILENT AUCTION will take place on **Sunday, November 1 (9:00-11:00 am)**. This much-loved event is a wonderful opportunity to share your time, talent, or treasure.

Donations might include:

- help with leaf raking, yard clean-up, or light cleaning
- handmade items from quilters, painters, cooks, or other creative members
- treasures such as gift cards, game tickets, vacation packages, or themed gift baskets

Every donation helps make the auction a success and supports UWF mission work. If you have questions, call or text Karalyn Voorhorst (574-453-7100).

Use this link to donate your item(s): 2026 Silent Auction Donation Form

Making a Difference in Our Community … Over the past year, Lydia Needlecrafters donated 41 scarves and 16 baby hats to Matthew 25 Ministries for distribution to Appalachian ministries. Congratulations to the entire group on this wonderful contribution!

children's CLOSET

The Children's Closet supports Wesley Chapel Mission Center in OCTOBER

This month, our Children's Closet supports Wesley Chapel Mission Center's Christmas Shop!

Our Children's Closet, located in the colorful cabinet across the hall from the church office, is collecting small gift items that children served by the Wesley Chapel Mission Center can give as Christmas presents to family members.

WCMC is a UMC ministry that provides afterschool programs for children and youth, preK-12, and their families in downtown Cincinnati.

Each holiday season, Church of the Saviour partners with WCMC to create a Christmas Shop where the children can "shop" for gifts to give to their family members.

Help spread joy and love this holiday season by donating new or gently used men's, women's, and household accessories, such as wallets, gloves, scarves, games, toys, jewelry, candles, and more. Questions can be directed to Children's Closet Coordinators Regan Murray (reganmurray@hotmail.com) or Terri Anderson (pancat2@yahoo.com).

WCMC
Wesley Chapel Mission Center

We believe love in action can change the world.

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Membership, Nurture, and Outreach

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

Dear members,

Get active--put your love in action. Check out these social media sites ...

- facebook.com/uwomenfaith
- instagram.com/uwomenfaith
- youtube.com/uwomenfaith
- x.com/uwoemnfaith
- uwfaith.org/digital

Contact Pam Senefeld (513-314-5042) to get more information.

READING RAINBOW

Are you looking for a way to make a difference? Join Pam Senefeld and the **Reading Rainbow** regulars on Mondays (3:00-5:00 pm) at Wesley Chapel Mission Center. The time is spent helping with homework, practicing reading skills, and having fun playing games.

The team can use some subs and more regular volunteers. John Wesley encouraged his listeners not to be "half a Christian" or "almost Christian." He hoped they'd become "altogether Christians" who seek to love God and neighbor.

Reading Rainbow is an opportunity to serve as Christ's hands to those in need. Call or text Pam Senefeld (513-314-5042) for more information.



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Spiritual Growth

Spiritual Growth Fall Book Group Discussion:
Thursday, October 22 (7:00 pm) in the church Library. Consider reading the following book this fall and join us for a UWF discussion. All are welcome!

The Days of Elijah by John Noble

Elijah's friends are dead, and without a miracle, he's next.

When the soldiers of Queen Jezebel burn Elijah's school and massacre his teachers, he escapes, but only barely. He finds himself on the run and hunted as Queen Jezebel attempts to stamp out the worship of the Hebrew God in Israel and replace it with the worship of Ba'al.

As the queen's soldiers close in on him, Elijah discovers a little-known promise in the Scroll of Deuteronomy and prays for something impossible – that God would turn the skies to bronze and stop the rain on the kingdom that has abandoned Him.

And God says yes.

As drought and famine grip the cloudless land of Israel, God tells Elijah to hide and sends him to the land of Tyre, to a widow and her son who are on the edge of starvation. In Tyre Elijah finds a darkness at the heart of the city, a darkness that threatens to consume Israel next. But even if he survives, will Israel listen to his warning?

This is a re-imagining of the story of Elijah from the Bible.

Contact Mary Jane Sper (mjsper@gmail.com/513-476-7250) to save your space in this book discussion or if you have questions.)

