

## September Newsletter

Our board has been very busy during this unusual time in our lives. We are committed to helping women and children here in Cincinnati and around the world. Keep an eye on the COS Newsflash as event details are being announced. You can now find that our United Methodist Women have a page on the church's web site.

1. You can still find out **how to obtain a mask** for yourself or for children. The team members are Rebekah Travis, leader, Lora Swedburg, Grace Jones, Teri Bittner, Sandy King, Joyce Sprecklemeier, Jennifer and Katherine Ehlers. A huge thank you to all! Donations of fabric, etc are still welcome.
2. **Fall Garden Sale at Denny McKeown's Bloomin' Garden Center starts September 1 – 20.** Just call or stop in and tell the cashier you are purchasing for Church of the Saviour United Methodist Women fundraiser and they will keep track. They have beautiful fall mums and much more in stock. Thank you to Joyce Sprecklemeier for coordinating.
3. **United Methodist Women's Sunday is on September 27.** We will be **hosting another Project 5000** to help stock the food pantries that are desperately in need of your help. Deliver your bag or bags of specified food items that day. Due to COVID-19 restrictions you will be providing the plastic reusable bag and drop it off outside of church from 12- 3 pm in the parking lot designated areas. Thank you to Karen Van Wagenen for leading.
4. Our **Silent Auction will now be online starting on Sunday, October 11 through 17.** We are seeking items to be donated. A form will be available online to fill out and send in by September 27. Look for details in the Newsflash! Thank you to the team of Marle Billman, Barb Butz and Karen Van Wagenen.
5. Some **small group news** is that Ellen Porter will be the contact person for Esther Laird Friendship Group. Plus Euphazine Reid-Kendall and Dorothy Stadalman are now co-leading Hannah Group. Some of the small groups are meeting on zoom and some are meeting outside. If you want to find out more, contact membership co-chairs Carole Cobb at 513-325-3062 or Ellen Scott at 513-489-7268.
6. The **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday night UMW Bible Study** will kick off with a book study on September 2 at 7 pm. The book is Finding Peace in an Anxious World. The book (\$10) is only available from the UMW resource store. Contact Bible Study leader Teri Ballard at 513-489-4474 if you are interested in joining the group. Thank you Teri for leading us for so many years!
7. Nomination committee is seeking someone for the role of Vice President. If you are interested please contact me, Rebekah Travis or Leah Hondorf.
8. If you need any help, please reach out and seek help from one of your United Methodist Women sisters! Your sister in Christ, Pam Senefeld,
9. *"Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others." Phillipians 2:4 NRSV*

## Group Info:

**Lydia Needlecrafters** is still providing Prayer Shawls and Pillow Cases to anyone that in need of God's blessings as they go through difficult times, including illness, surgery, or suffering one of life's many complicated situations. Baby Blankets are available for new babies. These are blessed before they go to the recipient. Many give feedback about how their prayer shawl helped them so much and how appreciative they were about the gift and the effort that went in to creating it. To obtain a prayer shawl, pillow case, or Baby Blanket contact Donna Steinmetz (513-563-7144), Pam Senefeld (513-314-5042), Bonnie Nesbit (), or Pastor Vicki at church.

The **Third Tuesday Morning Hannah Group** had our 2020-2021 kickoff meeting on Tuesday, August 18. We brainstormed ideas for service in the upcoming year that might work in light of Covid restrictions. We hope to have our first event on the 3rd Tuesday of September, September 15. If you would like to receive info about this group, please contact *Euphazine Reid-Kendall* ([ereidk@msn.com](mailto:ereidk@msn.com)) or *Dorothy Stadelmann* ([dorothystadelmann@me.com](mailto:dorothystadelmann@me.com)). If you have any connections at or information about charities that are open to service opportunities during Covid, please pass along those ideas to us."

**Mothers and Daughters** group of 10 met at the Heatherbrook Farm to see moms and babies to learn about alpaca care. Thanks to Dan Millisor for the informative talk. The picnic lunch afterwards was fun and we experienced a beautiful day at Armco Park. We will not meet in September but Jen and Natalie Woeste are planning an outdoor activity for Saturday, October 24. Plus that night, Rachel and Rebekah Travis are hosting a campfire in their backyard in Kenwood for s'more making. Maybe even an overnight tent camping experience! If you want to join this group, contact one of the co-leaders, Jennifer Ehlers at [mehlers4@aol.com](mailto:mehlers4@aol.com) or Pam Senefeld at [maxmuir1@aol.com](mailto:maxmuir1@aol.com).

**Esther Laird Friendship Group.** We have a new group contact person for our Esther Laird Friendship group--Ellen Porter is volunteering to keep this group connected. Anyone interested in learning more about this group should contact Ellen at 513-563-0135 or [rwprtr@gmail.com](mailto:rwprtr@gmail.com). For now, COVID-19 is keeping us from meeting together at church. But we are calling one another and checking in frequently to stay in connected. Stay safe and well!

**SUSANNA WESLEY WOMEN IN MISSION** Monthly Meetings - Our next monthly Zoom call will be Thursday, September 10 at 7:00pm. If you'd like to be added to our email list, please contact Sandy King at 513-260-4717.

Blue Ash Elementary Backpack Bundles - Now that school is open, Blue Ash Elementary is sending home food in backpacks for needy families. If you can help supply non-perishable food

items, please contact Sandy King at sandyjking@gmail.com or 513-260-4717 to arrange pickup/dropoff. Every item included must be kid friendly and ready-to-eat without cooking tools or appliances, since many of the children are eating these foods without adults at home.

The list is limited to:

- Macaroni and cheese microwaveable cups
- Granola bars
- Fruit cups
- Chicken Noodle/Star condensed soup (pop tops, no can opener needed please)
- Instant mashed potato pouches
- Applesauce pouches or cups
- Individual bags of goldfish/crackers/chips
- Canned pasta (spaghettios, ravioli, etc, pop tops, no can opener needed please)
- Small (plastic) jars of creamy peanut butter

**Easter Baskets of Hope** - Since we will not be able to collect these items until the church is fully opened back up, please continue to keep any items that you'd already purchased for this project at your home until the collection center is back open at church. We most likely will not be able to assemble and deliver baskets before Easter 2021, so if you have not already purchased your items, it's fine to wait until later.