



United Methodist Women March 2010

Board Meeting

March 2, 2010 9:30 a.m.
Room 121

General Meeting

March 9, 2010 7:30 p.m.

Come and join the Martha Circle and hear about Bok and Heidi Chew's ministries to college students in Cleveland.



Treasurer's Corner Carol Broadbent

The current balance in the checking account is \$6,601.98. All bills are paid. Thank you for your continued financial gifts.



Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is looking to fill the slate of offices for next year. If you are called, please prayerfully consider their request. They have a number of offices to fill and need all of our prayers and support.

Spring Flea Market

Friday April 16 (10 a.m. - 3 p.m.)
Saturday April 17 (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

You may bring donations to the church beginning *Monday April 12*

Clothing, Household Items, Toys, Tools,
Jewelry, and Much More!!

Lunch available (homemade soup and hot dogs)

President's Message

Have you ever written to one of our missionaries to thank her for the work she is doing, or to let her know you are praying for her? Or, have you sent a birthday card to a missionary?



I decided that during Lent this year, I would write to one missionary each week. (I'd say each day but I know myself better than that.) Will you join me? Write to one or more of our missionaries. Then we will make a list of all of those with whom we have communicated.

When my niece receives a note like this, she calls it an unexpected blessing. I hope we can be unexpected blessings to those who are giving part of their lives to serve others.

There is a list of names and addresses in the UMW Prayer Calendar, which can be found in the library and the Welcome Desk. You can choose someone who shares your birthday, is working in a place that is interesting to you, or make a random selection.

I hope we will all see unexpected blessings.

In Christian Love
Vera Orosz

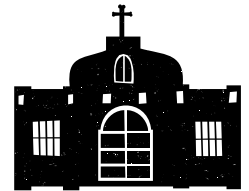
Dates for your calendar

UMW Assembly in St. Louis, MO
April 30-May 2
All Daughter Banquet & Election of officers
May 11
UMW Sunday - Barbara Yoost speaking
May 16

Education for Mission

Frances Fisher

"Global Food Security: A Threat to Peace on Earth" is the title of a mailing I received from the United Methodist Women's Action Network. Below are only a few of the ideas from the article.



1. "During a food crisis, women and children are susceptible to hunger and malnutrition. Women and girls make up 70% of the 1 billion people in extreme poverty - living on less than \$1 a day."

2. "Over 60% of smallholder farmers are women, who need help feeding their families."

Remember what we learned about women in Sudan.

3. "Climate change, which alters weather patterns, can threaten a farmer's ability to harvest crops." Example: Northern Sudan is now a desert. Climate change can even pose a threat in the United States (lack of water).

4. "Peace is at stake. Increases in prices have caused hunger and political instability all over the world."

Thinking about hunger: Do we have hunger in the U.S.? Mary Lou Kownacki's book "**A Monk in the Inner City**" tells about running a soup kitchen in Erie, Pennsylvania. There are several stories about the poor in relation to food. In one, a child was surprised to learn that everyone was supposed to have three meals a day. In another case, a child was asked if he had eaten breakfast. He had not. It was not his day to eat breakfast. There were several children in the family, and they had to take turns eating breakfast. How can children pay attention in school and learn if they have not had food? Do you think there are situations like this in Cleveland? I suspect Cleveland is no different than Erie.

On a different subject: Ruth Craig, who has moved to a retirement home (Methodist) in Pennsylvania, called me. She is happy and pleased with her living arrangements. The people there are very kind and helpful. There is even a UMW unit at the home, and Ruth is participating.



Circle Meetings

Mom's Circle	March 22-26 morning	Candy Making
Edna Rhodes	March 23 12:30 p.m.	Kevin Schaner: My mission trip to Liberia
Martha Circle	March 9 7:30 p.m.	Heidi Chew: Our ministry to the college students in Cleveland