



Church of the Saviour
United Methodist Women
February 2017



Celebrate this special day by hearing

The Story of St. Valentine

presented by Kathleen Szabo, COTS Librarian

Tuesday, February 14, 2017
10 a.m., Church Parlor

Devotional time after the program. Lunch (@ \$5) will follow.
RSVP for lunch by February 11.
Childcare available by reservation.

BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, February 7, 9:30 a.m., Room 121
(childcare available by reservation)*

**To reserve childcare please contact Debbie Jones at 216-382-5929*

FROM THE PRESIDENT

We celebrate African American history this month. As I reflected on this, I turned to a publication of the United Methodist Women titled Racial Justice Timeline. The timeline is lengthy but I wish to share just a portion with you. The introduction reads as follows:

“Human rights for all people is one of the historic principles of United Methodist Women. God is the creator of all people of all races, and we are all God’s children. Therefore, the opportunities for fellowship and service, personal growth and freedom in every aspect of life are inherent rights of everyone.”

“United Methodist Women from its beginnings has tried to build a community and social order without racial barriers, as this time line shows. Racial justice is an ongoing focus of United Methodist Women mission as members work to promote racial justice in the United States and around the world”

“From 1857 - 1945 The United States ends slavery but moves to entrench racism and white privilege through wars, economic expansion and immigration policies. During this time women of the United Methodist tradition reach out across the United States and the world.”

1870: Clara Swain and Isabella Thoburn are sent to India as the first English women missionaries by the Women’s Foreign Missionary Society.

1873: Bennett College for African American women in Greensboro, NC is founded in the basement of Warrentsville United Methodist Church.

1880: Methodist women mission leaders in the United States organize the Women's Home Missionary Society to help free black people in the south and later teach the Mexicans of New Mexico, minister to Mormon women under polygamy, and address the injustices experienced by Native Americans.

Dr. Shih Mei-yu is the first female medical missionary in China.

1885: Mary Fletcher Scranton of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society founds the first school for girls in the history of Korea.

1888: The Women's Home Missionary Society Methodist Episcopal Church, established an immigrant girls home in New York City.

Forward to 1901: Anna Hall and Martha Ann Drummer are the first African American women missionaries sent to Africa, beginning a 50-year practice of sending African American women only to Africa.

Our history is a rich one, with the good and the not so good. If you would like to read more of the timeline visit unitedmethodistwomwn.org. Let us be loving, compassionate, understanding and welcoming to all our sisters in Christ.

Blessings,
Debbie Jones

DISTRICT AND CONFERENCE NEWS

The North Coast District UMW Spring District Meeting will be held Saturday, March 25th, 2017 at Berea UMC from 9 a.m.-12 noon. Look for details in the March newsletter.

Mission U will be held this summer on July 23-25th at Mount Union University in Alliance, OH. The Spiritual Growth study will be *A Covenantal Community*. The Geographic Study will be *The Missionary Conferences of The United Methodist Church* and the Social Issue will be a continuation of the study on *Climate Justice*. Details and registration forms will be published when available.

Debbie Jones, District Representative

PRAYER AND SELF DENIAL

Giving does make a difference. By your sacrificial giving to A Call to Prayer and Self Denial, you and other United Methodist Women members have supported programs that empower women and children. In 2017, one hundred percent of the offering received will go directly to maternal and child health programs and advocacy.

During the season of Lent, please reflect on the Gospel of Christ, pray and make an offering to mission in response to God's love and grace at our April 11 general meeting. If you are unable to attend, please place your gift in the UMW mailbox in the church office. Special envelopes will be provided.



TAKE NOTE...

The membership census for UMW will be done differently starting in 2017. In years past a form was submitted in writing. This year the form is to be filled out online, which has been completed.

Also, the national office is asking each one of us to log into unitedmethodistwomen.org and look for the blue box that says My UMW Membership, click on it, and fill out the information. The unit type is “local”, the district is “North Coast”, the conference is “East Ohio”. After filling out the remainder of the information, you may print out a membership card if you wish. Those that do not use a computer will need to find someone to assist them. Thank you for your efforts with this request.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The balance as of December 31, 2016 is \$16,171.44 with all bills paid to date. We recently bought two new hearing devices to be used in the Sanctuary for those who have hearing difficulties.

Pledges can be paid anytime between now and May 31, 2017.



Connie Crihfield, Treasurer

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

The next important date is March 3, 2017 for the World Day of Prayer Service which is always held the first Friday in March. On that day “women of many lands express their commitment to missions in six continents.” The time and place for the local services will be announced later.

Frances Fisher, CWR Representative

SOCIAL ACTION

Backpage.com shut down its adult advertising section. Officials have long said that the site has been offering women and children for sex. Three quarters of the reports of child sex trafficking have been linked to this website. Efforts are being made to hold owners of site responsible. And, some of these are bipartisan: Ohio’s own Rob Portman and Missouri Democrat Claire McCaskill lead a Senate subcommittee investigating Backpage.

But closing down Backpage won’t solve the problem. Other sites are popping up to take over the “business.” Even Backpage’s dating portion of the site appears to be offering women and children for sex. The author suggests that Congress should amend the Communications Decency Act so that executives of websites don’t get protection from pimps using their site for trafficking.

Kristof, Nicholas. “Hopeful Actions to Put and Stop to Online Child Sex Trafficking.” *The Plain Dealer*. 13 Jan. 2017.

After grabbing headlines in every newspaper and magazine, the AIDS epidemic has dropped from public view. It has not disappeared off the international health scene, however. New drugs to control progress of the disease and devices and methods to limit exposure during birth have improved the lives of many.

New cases are appearing in young girls, who in certain cultures, are routinely raped. These girls often live in poverty-stricken areas and don’t continue in school and learn how to avoid or control the disease.



Women play an important role in keeping the AIDS issue in the public eye as well as helping care for those suffering from AIDS.

Jeffrey, Paul. "Faith Meets AIDS." *Response Magazine*, Dec. 2016.

Mary Ann Hile,
Social Action & Education Interpreter

CIRCLE MEETINGS

EDNA RHODES CIRCLE

Tuesday, February 28, 12:30 p.m., in the Parlor

African American History Month observance. LUNCH will be provided.
Please RSVP church office.



MARTHA CIRCLE

Tuesday, February 28, 7:00 p.m., in the Parlor

Connie Crihfield will present "How to Prevent Drug Pollution." Members will be encouraged to discuss ways to educate our church membership about environmental issues related to the UMW study of Climate Justice.

*Submission Deadline for March UMW Newsletter is Wednesday, February 15.
Please send submissions to Stefanie Hiles at shiles9098@aol.com.*



UMW READING PROGRAM NEWS

Congratulations to these Reading Program Participants who completed the following programs in 2016:

Debbie Jones – Level 1 (5 books plus regular reading of *Response Magazine*)

Francis Fisher and **Kevin Schaner** – Level 3

(15 books plus regular reading of *Response* and *New World Outlook Magazines*)

2017 books have arrived, 24 adult, youth and children's books. We have moved the Youth and older children's books to the top of the YOUTH SECTION of the regular library collection (left of the UMW shelves) and the Picture books to a designated shelf in the CHILDREN'S SECTION of the regular library collection (below the clock). Look for the signs.

Here are some highlights from the 2017 list:

EDUCATION FOR MISSION

FAITH ED. Teaching about Religion in an Age of Intolerance by Linda K. Wertheimer
(BONUS BOOK – counts as 2 books)

How do we navigate this thorny issue while still teaching our children to know and respect all religions? The author grew up in a rural Ohio school that conducted weekly Christian Bible classes. She offers a roadmap for raising a new generation of religiously literate Americans.

LOVE CASTS OUT FEAR a Jihad Survivor’s Journey from Revenge to Redemption by Brother Nathan and David Culross

After his father, a Christian pastor, was killed by jihadists in Egypt the author learned to turn his hate into love. This book shows what Christians are facing in Muslim countries today.

WHEREVER THE RIVER RUNS How a Forgotten People Renewed My Hope in the Gospel by Kelly Minter

An exciting Amazon River adventure, as well as a deeply spiritual book about seeing the needs of God’s people wherever one happens to be.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

FALLING INTO PLACE a Memoir of Overcoming by Hattie Kauffman

Emmy Award-winning news correspondent shares her emotionally gripping and entertaining story of finding faith and overcoming the wounds of abuse, poverty, alcoholism, and divorce.

GLOBAL GIRLFRIENDS: How One Mom Made It Her Business to Help Women in Poverty Worldwide by Stacey Edgar

Inspiring and upbeat read about how just one person can make a huge difference in the world. The author took her \$2,000 tax refund and turned it into a multi-million dollar, socially conscious business that has helped women on five continents feed their families and send their children to school.

SALLY RIDE America’s First Woman in Space by Lynn Sherr

The definitive biography with exclusive insights from Ride’s family and partner, by the ABC reporter who covered NASA during its transformation from a test-pilot boys’ club to a more inclusive elite.

NURTURING FOR COMMUNITY

BROKEN & BLESSED: God Changes the World One Person and One Family at a Time by Jessica LaGron

A dean at Asbury Theological Seminary uses the book of Genesis, a book about the beginnings of things, especially families, to show that change starts when one person decides to believe God’s promises and how that makes a change in the family that ripples outward into the community. This would be an excellent discussion group book.

SLOWING TIME: Seeing the Sacred Outside Your Kitchen Door by Barbara Mahany

This Chicago Tribune columnist and devout Catholic has written a series of meditations, organized by seasons, about her everyday life in an interfaith household where everything is a form of prayer. She "writes with the eyes of a sculptor and the ear of a poet." ~ **Rabbi Evan Moffic**

SOCIAL ACTION

AMERICA AND ITS GUNS a Theological Expose by James Atwood (**BONUS BOOK - counts as 2 books**)

The author, a minister and avid hunter, contends that America has raised guns to the level of idols. He appeals to the faith community to unmask the extremism of the "Gun Empire" in order to save thousands of lives.

BUILDING A MOVEMENT TO END THE NEW JIM CROW by Daniel Hunter

If you want to take action after reading **The New Jim Crow** (also in our collection). This book shows you how to do it.

SNAKE OIL: How Fracking's False Promise of Plenty Imperils Our Future

by Richard Heinberg

We in N.E. Ohio are in the middle of this debate between those who want high profits and jobs and those who worry about earthquakes and contaminated drinking water. This book shows a lot of the downsides to fracking.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

LIVING INTO HOPE: a Call to Spiritual Action for Such a Time as This by Rev. Joan Brown Campbell

"These stories of faith and love are treasures that touch moments in history and share lessons for all time. Enjoy the thought-provoking discussions that emerge as you read and share my mother's life." —**Jane Louise Campbell**, former mayor of Cleveland

"Joan Brown Campbell is a titan among ministers. She brings a deep love of the gospel and commitment to justice that is reminiscent of the prophetic words of Amos and the just actions of Sojourner Truth. Every person of faith will do well to read this prophetic work." —**Rev. Otis Moss III**, senior pastor, Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago

SOUL REPAIR: Recovering from Moral Injury after War by Rita Nakashima Brock

Suicide in veterans is increasing at an alarming rate. Research suggests an unaddressed wound may be a factor: moral injury - a deep-seated sense of transgression, feelings of shame, grief, meaninglessness, and remorse from having violated core moral beliefs. Soul Repair will help veterans' families, communities, and clergy understand the impact of war on the consciences of healthy people, support the recovery of moral conscience in society, and restore veterans to civilian life. When a society sends people off to war, it must accept responsibility for returning them home to peace.

WILD IN THE HOLLOW: On Chasing Desire and Finding the Broken Way Home

by Amber C. Haines

Broken by a lifetime of bad choices, Amber met the God of grace who healed her and led her back to true intimacy with Him. Her writing is both raw and lyrical. She lets us know that God meets us wherever we are in our messy lives to bring us home again.

YOUTH – SPIRITUAL GROWTH

THE REASON: How I Discovered a Life Worth Living by Lacey Sturm

The day rock star Lacey Sturm planned to kill herself was the day her grandmother forced her to go to church, a place Lacey thought was filled with hypocrites, fakers, and simpletons. The screaming match she had with her grandmother was the reason she went to church. What she found there was **The Reason** she is alive today.

CHILDREN – LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

RAD AMERICAN WOMEN A-Z: Rebels, Trailblazers, and Visionaries who Shaped Our History . . . and Our Future! by Kate Schatz

Colorful and hip portraits of 26 American women from the 18th through the 21st centuries include a variety of vocations and economic and ethnic backgrounds. Many were heroic in their struggles to overcome obstacles to their achievements.

DON'T FORGET - The Genevieve Seese Church Library is now online.

churchsaviour.mysurpass.net or follow the link on the church website:
www.chsaviour.org

You can use a smart phone or computer.

You can find a list of all the **Reading Program books** by clicking the **EXPLORE** tab on the home page: and then the **UMW Reading Program** Icon.

You can find **other Reading Program books** that count for the reading program that are shelved in the library's regular collection by clicking the **READING LISTS** tab for books: **MORE UMW READING PROGRAM BOOKS.**

You can also find other book lists here that have appeared in previous UMW newsletters.

