



Agape Mission

West District United Methodist Women

WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

New Beginnings and God's Blessings

After a long snow-covered winter, we are now being abundantly baptized with the waters from Heaven for our spring of new beginnings. With the drought last fall and the abundance of water this spring, let's pray that it will all balance out. Let's all pray for all the people who are affected by the floods here in Indiana and surrounding states. We need to remember to keep the Midwest Mission Distributions Center supplied with all the items they need for the Clean-up Buckets and Health Kits for all the disasters of floods, tornadoes, and earthquakes here and around the world.

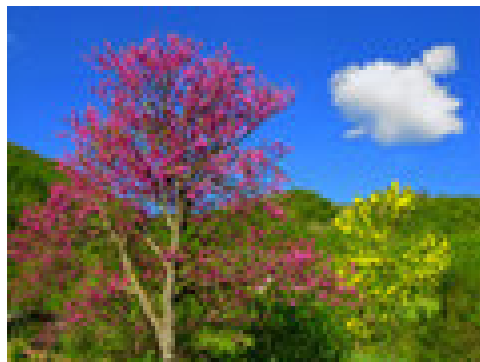
Our Spring District Meeting at Arlington was wonderful. We collected approximately 100 Health Kits, and one big box of assorted items of soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, clippers, and Band-Aids. We also collected some baby layette items, large bath towels, 47 wash cloths, and 17 hand towels. I will be taking all these items, plus 40 more Health Kits from the Central District, to the Distribution Center on May 24th. I can't wait to go. This will be my first visit, and I will be there for three days learning and helping in any way I can.

The wonderful ladies of the West also brought in 17 boxes of powdered milk for the Kissy Nutrition Clinic in Serra Leone, Africa, and 224 colorful T-shirts and 31 pairs of

flip-flops for the children in Africa. I will take these to UMC Annual Conference in June for the Operation Classroom truck. Ladies, you did a great job of service to help those in need. God bless you all.

At our Spring District meeting we announced that we are going to have our first "Women of the West Family Picnic" - yes, husbands and children too. We ask everyone to bring canned goods, paper products, or gift certificates to food stores - all this is to benefit the 14th & Chestnut Food Pantry in Terre Haute. It will be August 27th at the Forest Park in Brazil, Indiana. So, mark your calendars and bring a covered dish and a dessert to share. Everyone is to wear a cowgirl hat decorated as you choose; there will be a prize for best hat decoration. If you sing or play an instrument, please bring it. There will be games and prizes too. There is a flyer in the Agape newsletter. Tear it out and put it on your bulletin board at church. We want to encourage lots of fellowship and new friendships in the United Methodist Women of the West. Be watching your e-mails for more information to follow.

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PURPOSE of United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through the participation in the global ministries of the church.

WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT CONT'D

Just some reminders of events coming up: UMW Dinner at Annual Conference, June 9th at 5:00 p.m. in Muncie, Indiana, and also the School of Christian Mission (SOCM), July 26-29th during the week and July 30th for the one day Sampler on Saturday. It will be at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana. The studies for this year will be "Haiti" as the geographic study, "Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity" as the social issue study and "Coming out on the Side of Grace: Forgiveness and Reconciliation" as the spiritual growth study. The

hands-on-mission items to bring to the SOCM are new small stuffed toys, packaged NEW modest-style underwear and socks for all ages of girls, boys and ladies (**only new, packaged items, please**). Also being collected are pillowcase dresses for Haitian girls. You can find the pattern at <http://www.jenleheny.com/pillowcase-dress-instructions> and another pattern on page 15 of this newsletter. We will also be collecting these same items at our Fall Annual UMW Celebration, October 14-15 at Old Bethel UMC, in Indianapolis, so that should give us plenty of time to get these items together.

I have been visiting Units again, and having a wonderful time meeting new/old friends and learning what you are doing in your units to serve the UMW Purpose in Mission. I have visited 9 Units so-far, have 28 to go. Please give me a call or e-mail so I can get you scheduled for a visit. Just a regular meeting is fine with me.

Blessings,
Nancy Barnett, President
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FROM THE DESKTOP OF . . . THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Doesn't the sun look good? Just makes you want to smile and praise the Lord! I also want to praise the Lord for a wonderful Spring Gathering. Arlington Ladies, you did a magnificent job of hosting. The lunch and decorations were wonderful as well as your warm hospitality.

Our speaker, Rosa Bernard, brought us an eye-opening program. We all need to be alert to our surroundings as human trafficking could be a lot closer than you think. Thank you, Rosa, for helping us become more aware of this horrible problem.

To all of you who brought items for our hands-on projects, THANK YOU! The powdered milk, T-shirts, and flip flops are still a priority with all the natural disasters the world has been going through, and the health kits are truly appreciated.

We had an Executive meeting at the

end of March at Shelburn and you ladies were wonderful. The copy paper you donated has been a blessing.

I want all of our local units to work hard to collect food pantry items for 14th and Chestnut located in Terre Haute. This facility serves many children year-round and has a program for moms too!

Our picnic August 27th in Brazil, at Forest Park, will be an exciting and fun event with a western theme. So, grab your hat, start collecting now and let's show 14th and Chestnut just what the Women of the West can do!!

As a follow up our Fall Gathering, September 24th, we will carry over with the western theme and our hands-on project will continue with items for 14th and Chestnut. A visit to their facility is also being planned.

Don't forget about School of Christian Mission at DePauw.

Weekday July 26-29

****Deadline June 25th.

Saturday Sampler Day July 30

****Deadline July 2nd.

A registration form is included in this newsletter on pages 7-10.

As Vice President, keep your unit informed of upcoming dates and encourage participation in all functions. Together we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. Philippians 4:13.

Peace and Prayers,
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WOMEN OF WEST DISTRICT



FUN FAMILY PICNIC
(HUSBANDS & KIDS TOO)
SAT. AUG. 27, 2011
10:30 a.m. till???
FOREST PARK
BRAZIL, INDIANA

**EVERY UNIT IS TO COLLECT CANNED FOOD ITEMS AND
BRING TO THE PICNIC
TO BENEFIT**

14TH AND CHESTNUT FOOD PANTRY
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

THIS WILL BE A GREAT TIME OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP



BRING A COVERED DISH & DESSERT TO SHARE

BRING CARDS, CHECKERS, BOARD GAMES

CONTEST FOR BEST DECORATED COWGIRL HAT



&

WE WILL HAVE A DRAWING FOR OTHER PRIZES

SALUTATIONS FROM THE SECRETARY

Happy Spring Everyone! It's been a long winter, so now it's time for some good weather. I'm waiting for the "lake" in my backyard to soak into the ground. The grass keeps growing but we can't walk on it let alone mow it.

Well, we have had a busy year. Now it's time to take a little time off until our School of Christian Mission. The school will be right in my town of Greencastle. If you haven't been here before, we do have a beautiful campus. I also hope that some of you will take the time to tour our church – Gobin Memorial U.M.C. It's a beautiful church with some fantastic stained glass windows, and we are right on campus so you can't miss us. If you're looking for something to do in the evening, we'll be having our "fantastic" County Fair that week, also. It's only about a five minute drive on Hwy 231 north of the campus.

Also, don't forget to come to our

summer "Round-Up" to raise funds and food for the 14th & Chestnut Mission in Terre Haute. This event is being planned for August 27th between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the park in Brazil. Everyone is being asked to bring a food dish to share and your list of monetary donations and food donations. We should have a fun time eating and walking, rocking, jump roping, bouncing balls, or whatever you decide to do to pass the time. I think I'll do a little rocking and take the easy way out. Don't forget to bring your dish to share and your family and friends to join in the fun! Be looking for further details in the days to come.

For secretaries, Linda Welch, our Conference Secretary, had some great ideas in our last *Mission Messenger*. I especially liked her idea of using folders – one for each year (labeled with the year), for any paper copies of information we gather throughout the year. She

also suggested using folders for minutes and other documents on the computer and to use flash drives to store the information permanently. My daughter-in-law organized all of my "stuff" into folders on my computer. I didn't know where anything was at first or how to open it up – then she showed me what she had done. I take minutes for several organizations so it has been a lifesaver for me. Now I have to get someone to help me move my "stuff" from my laptop to my main computer and get things organized. My son, the computer man, is coming home this summer so his first job when he gets here is to organize my "stuff".

Have a good summer and hope to see you at the School of Christian Mission here in Greencastle.

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THE BOOK NOOK



Greetings to Women of the West District,

It was good to see many of you at our Spring Gathering West District Meeting. A special thanks to Lisa Kelley and Christine DeForest for helping me with my duties during this event so that I could attend my son's graduation.

I hope that you were able to find some great books and resources to use for your participation in the Reading Program and for your units. Please let me know before the middle of August if there are materials that I can order that would be especially helpful to you. to have available for sale at the West District Fall Gathering Meeting on September 24th. Keep in mind that many of the 2011 books are available for the Kindle, if you use that technology. Also, the Mission Resource Center (800-305-9857 or www.missionresourcecenter.org) stands ready to help you and take your orders. All profits from materials purchased from them is returned to support missions.

I would like to recommend a

book that was not for sale at our meeting. It is part of the "Recommended Reading" list. I found this book at Barnes and Noble, but it could be ordered online as well. It is called *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White* by Adam Hamilton. This book explores many of the controversial issues of our time and explains the different ways that Christians view them. Hamilton explains his more moderate positions on these issues and gives Biblical rationale for his views.

Keep learning, growing, and serving God in your units! I hope to see you at the School of Christian Mission in July!

Blessings,
Cozette McColgin SPR

TREASURER'S TIP



Happy spring to everyone! I pray you all had a wonderful Easter and Mother's Day. I had a wonderful new experience this Easter! I got to celebrate the Passover supper with a Messianic Jewish group. It was a true celebration of Jesus as the Passover Lamb! For those of you who do not know who Messianic Jews are, they are Jewish people who have realized the truth that their promised Messiah has come and that that Messiah was Jesus! The group is led by a Jewish Rabbi and his wife. I got to experience the traditions of the Jewish people during the Passover feast and how they point to Jesus as the true Passover Lamb. There were people there from many different church backgrounds. This celebration increased my joy and wonder at the true blessings of God's plan that we celebrate as Easter!

I want to say a "thank you" to each of your units that work so hard each year to spread the love and truth of Jesus to the world through your thoughts, prayers, words, actions and financial support!

The District Spring meeting brought in many sacks and boxes of milk, T-shirts, and flip-flops for Africa to help support the Kissy Milk Project that we have learned about from former South Indiana UMW President, Vickie Newkirk. The offering to support this Hands On Project was a total of \$311. This money will help ship the items to Africa. If there is any extra money, it will be used to purchase more items. Thank you for your generosity!

I know many of you also have to be concerned about the tornado destruction that happened in our southern states of Alabama, etc. An announcement was made that UMCOR, United Methodist Committee on Relief, was already down there working. If you want to be a part of this, you can send financial aid directly to UMCOR for this area, or you can send it to me and I will forward it so that it gets to UMCOR.

Info update for treasurers: Please send your Remittance Forms and mission money in to me by the 22nd of each month. I work four days a week and this will always give me a Saturday or Monday to get my forms completed and sent on to the Conference Treasurer in time for her to get them sent off in time for the end of the month. If your unit meets at the end of a month, it is fine to send it in the next month. In December this will change,

but I will be sending you a letter at a later date as to how to handle that month.

I have sent each unit treasurer a post card sized form and letter, so that we can get an estimate of what next year's missions will be like. This form needs to be returned by the first part of August. The financial meeting to set up 2012 by the Conference and District officers meets August 20th, the third Saturday in August.

To all unit treasurers: Thank you for all your help in completing our work for the Lord this year!

In Christ's love,
Christine DeForest
West District Treasurer

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Building a Faith Platform

Matthew 6:3 reads: “Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Our pastor, Bryan Palmer-Smith, writes: one day last June I was fishing and the fish weren't biting so I did a little reading about a fascinating practice that I'd seen on Discovery Channel on TV. However, I didn't realize the preparation needed before the practice can take place. Here are some of the details that preceded the practice. The practice originates in the South Pacific Islands and involves land diving. In ancient ritual, men build a platform on a high cliff, tie themselves to the tethered vine, and dive off the platform. The ritual is designed to please the gods and ensure a good harvest. What I hadn't

realized until I read the book was that the divers build their own platforms at a site of their own choosing. They select their own vine and cut it to the desired length so that it breaks their fall as they plunge headfirst toward the ground. Too short a vine and the gods will not be pleased. Too long a vine will mean a fatal crash landing.

Here's what I want you to note: I see this process as a metaphor of our spiritual lives. You and I are engaged on a spiritual quest. No one else is responsible for us although many make contributions to our quest to become more Christ-like. It is ultimately up to us to construct a platform for our faith that insure we survive and gather a rich harvest. Where can we turn to for help? I suggest we turn to today's Bible reading from Matthew's Gospel. The “platform” of our

spiritual lives has to be the constant striving for the kingdom of God. The “vine” of our spiritual lives is the word of God which will always keep us from fatal falls.

Questions:

As you strive for the kingdom of God, who have been some faithful companions along the way? When have you felt “at the end of your rope”?

Have you ever been afraid to “take the plunge” of seeking God's kingdom?

Do you know enough Bible to be able to bring it to mind in times of need?

Used by permission.

Mary Wood
Spiritual Growth Coordinator

SOCIAL ACTION...

My Heart Hurts:

During the past few weeks our nation and world has been bombarded by devastating natural and man-made disasters that adversely touched millions of lives.

Earthquakes, tsunamis, tornadoes, and flooding have reached record breaking proportions, bringing about epic numbers of death, sadness, misery, and unimaginable horrors of all kinds.

For those of us in Indiana, some of us may have experienced this devastation firsthand through our own losses or through those of our friends and loved ones many miles from us. But, all of us have been touched in some way, and our

hearts are hurting with compassion and a need to help in any way possible to ease the immense pain of our fellow men and women.

Then, to add more pain, the death of terrorist leader Osama Bin Laden has opened up memories of terrible atrocities and loss associated with 9/11. Watching the news and documentaries of that unbelievable event has given us renewed heartaches, anger, and a sense of desperation.

Throughout all of this, however, reigns a sense of pride in our determination and perseverance in taking on the rebuilding and healing of what seems to be impossible tasks.

Proud as we are of rising to the occasion and meeting what seems to be insurmountable odds, let's not forget to thank God for what He has given us, to be willing to even take the first steps toward these endeavors of love and compassion.

God uses us in ways we would never aspire to on our own and leads us toward working together to share what we have and what we can do with those who need it more.

Thank you, God, for using our Hurting Hearts.

Barbara Lane
Social Action
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United Methodist Women of Indiana

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION 2011

“MAKING ALL THINGS NEW”

All God's people in mission together in the world



Sponsored by United Methodist Women of Indiana
School of Christian Mission: July 26-29
Saturday Sampler: July 30

DePauw University — Greencastle, Indiana

2011 MISSION STUDIES

COMING OUT ON THE SIDE OF GRACE: FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION

This study teaches us about being on a journey, the hazards of failure to forgive, and teaches us about God's grace and reconciliation. This journey is deeply involved in biblical teaching and spiritual principles into what the Apostle Paul called the "new creation".

Study Leader: Rev. Dr. David V.W. Owen.

HAITI: SOCIAL ACTION

This mission study will teach us how to share mission and understand the difficulties facing the Haitian people. Haitians are still facing the same economic conditions, insufficient resources, and access to basic needs. With the help of God's Love, the United Methodist Church, the Haitian people can share faith and hope in building a strong foundation. Through this mission we can celebrate God's love and grace. Study Leaders: Rev. John Davis, Nancy Myers, Tamara Krelgh, Marva Usher-Kerr, Lorelei VerLee.

JOY TO THE WORLD: MISSION IN THE AGE OF GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY (Mission Study 2010-2011)

This study explores the theology of mission and evangelism in the twenty-first century context of Christianity as a world-wide religion. The study invites us to look at why we are involved in mission and how we proclaim the Good News in Jesus Christ. What are the biblical mandates for mission? Does Christ call each of us to be his evangelist? Study Leaders: Sandra Ruby, Rev. Fernando Slaba, Rev. Bob Epps.

CHI-MI-CA (Children's Mission Camp)

This popular event for children age 3 through 5th grades (completed) is an exciting opportunity to go to camp with their Mom or Grandma and learn about mission. Children are in CHI-MI-CA or child care while adults are in their classes. They also have time for games and outdoor activities. Each class is staffed with an adult teacher and helpers. Director: Lisa Vaughan.

YO-PE-MI-CA (Young People's Mission Camp)

Middle school and senior high youth will have the opportunity to participate in the mission studies, share in meaningful worship, games, recreation and build friendships that will last forever.

DEPAUW UNIVERSITY – JULY 26-29



Indiana Conference UMW SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

All times listed are Eastern Daylight Time

WHO?

The School of Christian Is for everyone! Women, men, youth, children, laity, clergy – You!

WHAT?

SOCM is where persons of all ages come together to grow in understanding of the mission of the church in the current world context through study, fellowship, worship and fun.

WHEN?

SOCM (weekday school)
Tues.- Fri . July 26 - 29

- ✓ School for adults
- ✓ Yo-Pe-Mi-Ca (youth)
- ✓ Chi-Mi-Ca (children)

Sat. July 30 – Sampler Day

WHERE?

DePauw University

Greencastle, Indiana

WHY?

It's educational, fun and one of the best vacation bargains around!

QUESTIONS?

Contact Rosa Bernard at (317) 255-5816 or email Bern1445@aol.com

WHAT TO BRING?

Study books, Bible, notebook, drinking cup, flashlight, casual clothing, jacket, comfortable walking shoes, rain apparel, toiletries, bath linens and **bed linens** (extra long twin beds, may use a flat sheet)

For your information:

- Transportation service available
- 911 for emergencies
- Assistance with luggage

SATURDAY SAMPLER DAY — July 30

- Saturday, 8:00 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast in Memorial Student Union Center
- 9:00 a.m. Opening session begins in Green Center for Performing Arts
- Study books, literature & resources available for purchase
- Children's program for children ages 12 and under
- Sampler Day concludes at 4:00 p.m.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION (SOCM) TUESDAY-FRIDAY

- Registration Tuesday 1:00 – 2:45 p.m.
- Opening Plenary begins at 3:00 p.m. in Green Center for Performing Arts.
- Children and youth will report to their classes at 3:00 p.m.
- Morning Praise at 8:00 a.m. Wed/Thurs/Fri.; Breakfast starts 7:00 a.m.
- Variety of classes, plenary sessions and learning opportunities
- Mission offering taken at closing worship. Concludes at 4:00 pm Friday

HOUSING AND MEALS

- Air-conditioned dormitory* and meeting rooms – *all smoke free*
- **Elevators in doms.** Limited number of first floor rooms available
- Each dorm room equipped with two (extra long) twin beds
- Children and youth stay with adults who bring them
- Accommodations for couples and men available
- Meals begin with dinner on Tuesday and end with lunch on Friday

*Note: Accommodations are college dorm style. If you would prefer hotel accommodations, please register as a commuter and make hotel arrangements on your own.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Available for first time attendees
- Youth, Children, Young Women (age 18-35) and Clergy
- Contact your local UMW president for application form.
- Local churches and UMW units may offer scholarships.

FEES

Saturday Sampler Day	
Adult/lunch	\$ 25
Child/ lunch	\$ 10
Sampler Day deadline July 2nd.	
Walk-ins welcomed but cannot guarantee lunch ticket.	

School of Christian Mission	
Double room.....	\$ 195
Commuter (no lodging/all meals).....	\$ 145
Child under age 3	\$ 50
Child age 3 - grade 5 (Chi-Mi-Ca)	\$ 95
Middle/High School (Yo-Pe-Mi-Ca)	\$ 150

- **SOCM** fees include registration, meals, lodging.
- **SOCM** (weekday school) registration deadline - June 25th.
- No refunds given but substitutions may be made.
- A confirmation of registration will be mailed to you



SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION 2011 REGISTRATION — JULY 26-29

(Use one form per person; duplicate as needed. Use a separate form for each child.)

Please fill out entire form

Name _____ E-mail address _____

Address _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____

City _____ Zip _____

Check all that apply: Female Male First time attending Clergy Lally UMW Member Missionary
 Scholarship recipient UMW District officer UMW Conference officer SOCM officer

District: _____ Local Church/City: _____ Roommate: _____

Youth/Child Registration: (check one) Chi-Mi-Ca Yo-Pe-Mi-Ca

Child Care Registration: Yes Child gender: male female

***Note: Special needs children must be accompanied by a qualified caregiver.**

SPIRITUAL GROWTH STUDY: Coming Out on the Side of Grace: Forgiveness and Reconciliation (Everyone takes this study).

STUDY CHOICE FOR SOCM (Indicate first and second choice):

Social Action: ___ Joy to the World ___ Geographic: Haiti

Complete the following with the appropriate dollar amounts. (See fee schedule.)

• A limit of two children in a room.

	Adult	Child/Youth (Indicate gender above)
Double Room	_____	_____
Commuter (All meals, no lodging)	_____	_____

Special Health/Dietary Needs: _____

Wheelchair Bound : Yes ___ No ___ / or / Limited Walking Yes ___ No ___

Bathrooms are handicap accessible

For youth or children: Birth date _____ Grade completed _____ (Spring 2010)

Name and relationship of person accompanying child (if other than parent): _____

RESERVE YOUR SPACE!

Mail registrations to registrar:

Rosa Bernard
1325 Keensburg Court
Indianapolis, IN 46228

Make checks payable to:
IN UMW SOCM.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

REGISTRATION: Register early to ensure class placement preferences. Copy registration forms as needed. Send roommate registrations together whenever possible.

MEDICAL CONCERNS: Although a nurse will be available for emergencies, any treatment will be handled through a local emergency care center. Due to privacy regulations, SOCM cannot have health forms on file. Therefore, documentation of any medications and medical conditions will be your responsibility.

SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN: Any special needs child must be accompanied by a qualified caregiver. Please contact the Registrar with any questions.

CEU CREDITS: Clergy requesting CEU credits should indicate below so registrar can prepare certification letter to be available at end of SOCM.

CLERGY ONLY, PLEASE READ, SIGN BELOW AND SEND WITH REGISTRATION:

_____ As Clergy, I intend to use the course of study at UMW of Indiana School of Christian Mission for CEU's

Signature _____

District _____



SATURDAY SAMPLER JULY 30, 2011 REGISTRATION

(Use one form per person; duplicate as needed.)
Please fill out entire form — Deadline is July 2nd

Name _____ E-mail address _____

Address _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____

City _____ Zip _____

Check all that apply: Female Male First time attending Clergy Loyal UMW Member
 Missionary UMW District officer UMW Conference officer SOCM officer

District _____ Local Church/City _____

Children: yes no Age(s): _____

***Note: Special needs child must be accompanied by a qualified caregiver.**

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Mail registrations
to registrar:

Cheryl Cole
8501 Lincolnshire Dr.
Yorktown, IN 47396

Make checks payable to:
IN UMW SOCM.

Presentations: In Green Center for Performing Arts and classrooms.
Lunch will be served in the Memorial Student Union Center.
Complete the following with the appropriate dollar amounts.
Study Books: not included in the registration fee.

Complete the following with the appropriate dollar amounts.

	Adult (\$25.00 ea.)	Child (\$10.00 ea.)
Sampler Day (Includes lunch)	_____	_____

Special Health/Dietary Needs: _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE JULY 2nd. Walk-ins welcomed but cannot guarantee lunch ticket.

DePauw University
SOCM 2011
July 26 - 29th
SATURDAY SAMPLER EVENT
July 30th

“MAKING ALL THINGS NEW”



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Barnes United Methodist Church
Central District
900 W. 30th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46208-5038

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Social Action 2 year 2011-2012	Barbara Lane	Spencer U.M.C.	Owen	239 W Frankin St. Spencer, IN 47460	812-821-4246 n/a
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Call to Prayer and Self-Denial 2011 -- Theme "Give the Gift of Love"

2011 offering will support the Retirement Benefits Fund which provides pensions and health care for retired UMW deaconesses and missionaries. Programming materials can be found in the 2011 Program Book.

WEST DISTRICT 2011 CALENDAR

* REGISTRATION REQUIRED

red indicates a West District function

blue indicates a Conference function

JUNE

9 Thur * UMW Dinner at Annual Conference 5:00PM

9-11 Thur-Sat UMC Annual Conference

16-19 Thur-Sun Regional School at Drake University

JULY

26-29 Tues-Fri * School of Christian Mission at DePauw University

30 Sat * School of Christian Mission Sampler Event at DePauw University

AUGUST

13 Sat West District Executive Meeting 10:00AM-2:00PM at New Market UMC

27 Sat West District Fun Family Picnic 10:30-?? At Forest Park in Brazil, IN
Bring Canned Food Items to benefit the 14th and Chestnut Food Pantry

SEPTEMBER

24 Sat * West District Fall Gathering

First go to 14th and Chestnut at 9:00AM-9:45AM for a tour
then go to Memorial UMC, Terre Haute for meeting at 10:00AM-3:00PM
Speaker: Rev. Bill Felts from 14th & Chestnut

OCTOBER

14 Fri * Night before Annual Event TBA

15 Sat * Fall Annual Celebration 10:00AM-3:00PM at Old Bethel UMC, Indianapolis

29 Sat West District Executive Meeting 10:00AM-2:00PM at Gosport UMC

NOVEMBER

12 Sat *District Officer Training 10:00AM-3:00PM at Christ UMC, Indianapolis

NEWS RELEASE (taken from the UMW of Indiana Website)

Women's Division Proposes Becoming "Structurally Separate, Missionally Connected" from Global Ministries

The Women's Division board voted to become structurally separate from the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) while remaining "missionally connected" in staff configuration and by its board of directors at its recent meeting, April 7-11 in Stamford, Conn. The directors of GBGM also approved the proposal at their meeting, April 11-13.

Based on recommendations from the board's policy committee, there was strong support of the proposal to be structurally separate and missionally related to GBGM. These recommendations came out of the previous Fall 2010 meeting request to prepare two plans for consideration at the Spring 2011 meeting, one outlining structural connection with GBGM and another outlining structural separation.



of
Indiana Conference

Dinner
during Annual Conference
Thursday, June 9, 2011
5:30 p.m. (EST)
at Ball State University
Student Union

2000 University Avenue, Muncie, IN
(Shuttle service will be available to the Student Union from Emens Auditorium)

Cost is \$20.00 per person

(Menu: Italian Buffet (includes lasagna, pasta with alfredo, marinara and Italian meat sauce, marinated vegetables, Caesar salad, breads, dessert, beverages)

Prepaid dinner reservations must be made by
mailing the form below with a check payable to UMW of Indiana to:

Mary Etta Yoho

2805 W. Petty Rd., Muncie, IN 47304

Questions: Telephone (765)284-2184 or email: myoho@yohoassoc.com

(PLEASE DO NOT mail your reservation to the Conference Office.

Your ticket(s) will be mailed to you.)

Deadline: Friday, May 27, 2011

NAME _____ TELEPHONE (____) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Amount enclosed _____ Number of tickets ordered _____

Deadline: Friday, May 27, 2011

EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

As I sit outside and enjoy the spring day, I am watching the birds and looking at the flowers growing. I am reflecting on the book of Isaiah, God's wrath and warnings He continues to tell us. Then he tells us over and over the promises for us of His comfort and peace that comes through faith in Jesus Christ.

I heard a story, about the stained glass windows in the church. The beauty they bring can only fully be seen from inside the church. The beauty of God's words can only be felt when we come to Him, want to know Him more by studying and reading His word. We must submit to Him, let Him use us. The UMW Missions applies God's words to help others in need, in many ways. We can be a light and let them see Christ through what we do.

I hope you came to our spring gathering. We gained knowledge on human trafficking and how we can help. We collected powdered milk, flip flops, and T-shirts as our hands-on projects.

As I think about the stained glass windows, in order to fully experience the beauty you must come inside the church. To experience all the UMW has to offer, you must do more than attend your local unit meetings. I know this first hand. When we first started our unit we did not fully participate. We went one time to a spring gathering which we really enjoyed. Then it was over a year before we went to anything else. As you participate in the events you grow in so many ways: in mission, in your relationship with God, just the fellowship with other UMW women is great! I encourage you to come and bring one or more from your unit to these events and to the School of Christian Mission. You will be very blessed you did get involved. Come inside. God has formed something wonderful for you to experience. Don't miss a blessing! Whether it is the stained glass windows, reading God's words, or getting more involved in the UMW, let God lead you!!

I saw many faces I recognized, and

I had the pleasure to get to know many ladies for the first time. I hope to visit some of you at your local unit meeting. I hope you will invite me to a unit meeting. You can call me at 812-829-5948 or email me at bls1125@yahoo.com. **Beware!** I will be contacting you. I look forward to working with your unit to be a Mission Today Unit for 2011. I am very proud of our Mission Today Units in 2010. GREAT JOB Ladies!! Let me help you promote your local mission opportunities and expand your concept of Mission with all of the units working together for God's love and light to shine all over the world.

Think about this: Are you inside or outside? Do you see the beauty God wants you to see? Or are you missing God's blessing? Isaiah 6:8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying. "Whom shall I send? And I said, Here am I. Send me!"

Lisa Kelley
Education and Interpretation

COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

I'm so excited to be able to attend this year's School of Christian Mission at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana!! It's literally in my own backyard from where I work as a Secretary at Gobin Memorial United Methodist Church surrounded by DePauw University.

I've been told that attending the School of Christian Mission is uplifting and rejuvenating, and what modern woman couldn't use some of that these days.

I'm also excited about some of the hands-on mission items that participants are being asked to bring to the

School of Christian Mission. Part of the collection includes NEW, packaged, modest-styled underwear and socks for girls, women, and boys; small stuffed toys, and pillowcase dresses. The pillowcase dresses will be sent to Haiti for the Haitian children. The pictures of the pillowcase dresses I've seen are absolutely adorable!!

Now I'm not any kind of a seamstress, but I think even I could make up one of these without too much trouble. I KNOW there are many terrific seamstresses out there in the West District. So, I encourage you to get out those sewing ma-

chines, find your leftover sewing embellishments and send me some stories and pictures about your sewing pillowcase dresses for the School of Christian Mission on July 26th-30th or for the UMW Fall Celebration on October 14th & 15th at Old Bethel UMC in Indianapolis. You can bring these hands-on mission items to either event!!

Hope to see you at SOCM with your underwear, socks, toys, and pillowcase dresses!!

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Pillowcase Dress Pattern for Young Haitian Girls

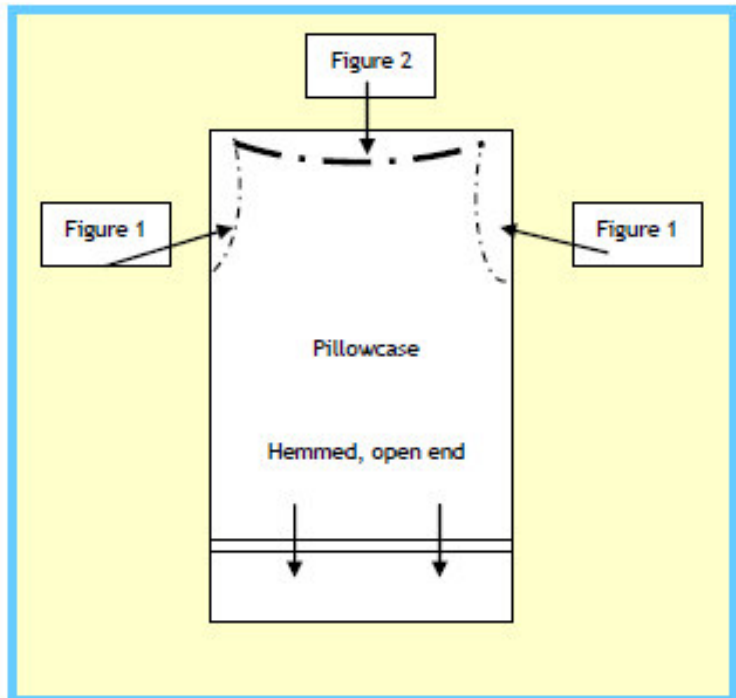
Materials Needed:

- One new pillowcase, any size
- 1 1/2 - 3 yards* single-fold bias tape in matching or contrasting color as pillowcase
- 2 - 3 yards ribbon in matching or contrast color of pillowcase—choose ribbon 1" or wider
- Sewing thread

*Bias tape measurement is estimation based on dress size.

Instructions:

1. Wash, dry & press pillowcase so it lies flat as shown in full view of pillowcase.
2. Cut away arm holes as outlined in Figure 1, small dotted lines, cutting a 'J' edge, along the side seams, that is about 3 - 4 inches high by 3 - 4 inches wide. To create the arm hole opening on the open side of the dress, mark the cut out using an air-erase marker. For sizes 2T and smaller, measure 2 inches in and 3 inches down. Repeat this step 2 as instructed above.
3. Following heavy dotted line, cut neckline from the end of pillowcase as outlined in Figure 2. Note: Dress side seams are the side seams of the pillowcase.
4. Sew bias tape as directed on package to finish both arm cutouts. Securely stitch bias tape at each end of arm section, but leaving neck edge open.



5. Beginning with one neck section, turn neck edge under 1/4" and press fold down on the inside. Turn down again 3/4" and sew in place, leaving ends open to form casing for ribbon. Repeat with other neck section.
6. Measure neck edge and cut two (2) pieces of ribbon each measuring 1 1/2 times the length of each neck section. Attach safety pin to one end of ribbon to pull ribbon through one neck section. Repeat procedure. Secure ribbon in place in front and center back sections.
7. Trim loose end of ribbon ends diagonally to keep from fraying.

Optional: Sew decorative trim around hemline, or trim as desired.

Sizing information for different size girls:

Standard (American) Dress Lengths for Little Girls

- 6 - 9 months: 14 inches
- 12 months: 15.5 inches
- 18 months: 17.5 inches
- 2T: 19.5 inches
- 3T: 21 inches
- 4T: 22 inches
- 5/6: 24 inches
- 7/8: 26 inches

Find more sizing information online at: https://www.fabshophop.com/downloads/pillowcaseDress_chop1.pdf.

Additional instructions found at: <http://www.jenleheny.com/pillowcase-dress-instructions/>

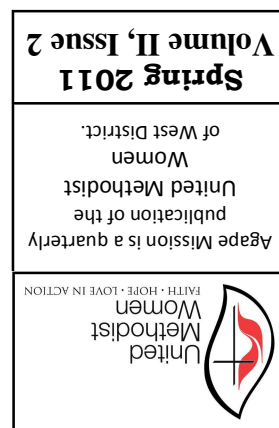
Lucille Raines Residence and YOU!

Next year on April 16, 2012, the Lucille Raines Residence celebrates its 35th anniversary. Owned and operated by the Indiana United Methodist Women, it offers hope to as many as forty-nine men and women who are actively engaged in rebuilding their lives from substance abuse. Many of these residents find Christ to be the source of their successful recoveries.

Though residents pay rent, this accounts for only half the expense of the program. United Methodist Women provide support—local UMW units contribute \$7.50 per UMW member. Opportunities for giving, sale of Lucinda pins, gifts made in memory and in honor and conference advance specials provide funds for staffing, programming and residence upkeep.

In addition to UMW monetary gifts, there is a Lucille Raines Residence Executive Board that meets monthly (with the exception of February, July and August) to assist in decision-making, to maintain awareness of on-going needs and to provide that little “extra” to the residents upon occasion. (At the April board meeting, Easter baskets for the residents and staff were filled from board member donations.)

As with any board, terms expire and new members are elected to the Lucille Raines Residence Executive Board. The board is composed of members that represent all districts of the Indiana Conference United Methodist Women. If you are interested or know of someone you think would make a good board member, please consider completing a Talent Bank form. The form can be obtained online by going to the Lucille Raines Residence website at <http://www.gbmg-umc.org/lucilleraines/> or by contacting Linda Crawford at (812) 336-2277 or carlelinda@sbcglobal.net. If you have questions or would like further information, contact Linda.



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