



United Methodist Women's News
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LADIES mark your calendars! **Sunday, June 9** is our next **Unit Meeting**. It begins at 12:15 in the dining room right after church.

We will have a guest speaker, Peg Kenyon, who will talk to us about Maternal & Child Health. Lunch will be served (a donation to cover cost is always welcomed). There will be a short business meeting, where you will hear the minutes of the previous meeting and a financial report. This is a great time to ask any questions you may have regarding our St. Marks United Methodist Women's programs---reading program, mission projects, etc. Ladies, we need your support; so, please mark your calendars and plan to stay after church and meet for food, fellowship, and information. If you need a pledge card for this 2019 year, those will be available from Anita.

WORK DAY AT HEART AND HAND is Saturday, July 13, 9:30 a.m. One of our mission projects for this year is volunteering at Heart and Hand to help do whatever they may need us to do. It is always a great experience. If you cannot help on that day and want to volunteer at Heart and Hand, you can get the phone number from Margaret Waybright and schedule a time that's good for you.

Plans are in the works for possibly two ways to raise money to support our United Methodist Women's mission projects—a spaghetti dinner (and you know how good those are) and to sell only pecans this year from the Terri Lynn Company. So, get out that coffee can and start saving for these worthwhile projects. More information will be coming out as time goes by. Be sure and watch the church bulletins.

I am slowly working my way through the book Love in a Time of Climate Change: Honoring Creation, Establishing Justice. The title intrigued me when I saw it. Now, looking over some of the chapters, I am looking forward to moving through the book. Some titles are: Climate Change: A sign of the Times; Honoring Creation; Creation in Christian Tradition; Scripture: Hearing Creation's Groan; Transforming the Jericho Road; and Climate Justice and Common Sense. Needless to say, this is not going to be a swift read like the mysteries and westerns that I love.

Mission U is June 27-29 at Cedar Lakes. The Theme is "Loving the Present." Leaders are: Rev. Barry Steiner Ball and Rev. Ken Peters. (The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship). Sue Owens and Judy Raines (Women United for Change: 150 Years of Mission). Adults take both classes. Check with Becky Britton or Margaret Waybright for **Registration Forms**.

To Think About: June is named for the Roman goddess Juno, patroness of marriage and the well-being of women. Also, from the Latin word juvenis, "young people."*

Do you dislike those pesky dandelions in your yard? Did you know dandelions make great wine, are a natural diuretic, can be dried and made into coffee, and can be braided into lovely necklaces. You can eat their young leaves in salads, and in fact, they were brought to this land as an exotic green. They're an excellent source of potassium, phosphorous, calcium, and Vitamin A.* (* The Old Farmers 2019 Almanac).

"Thank God for Little Things"

Thank You, God for little things that often come our way---The things we take for granted, but don't mention when we pray---The unexpected courtesy, the thoughtful, kindly deed --- A hand reached out to help us in the time of sudden need --- oh, make us more aware, dear God, of little daily graces That come to us with "sweet surprise" from never-dreamed-of places. (Lovingly (Poems for all seasons) by Helen Steiner Rice).

Lest we forget: "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you." *Psalm 32:8*