

# ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWSLETTER

March, 2015

Circle Program: Welcoming a Sustainable Future

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**Happy Birthday to:** Katie Brandt on March 5<sup>th</sup>, Anne Pierce on March 7<sup>th</sup> and Anne Bower & Katherine LeCompte on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Heartline:** Please keep the following in your prayers: Cathy Ferris as she faces surgery on March 13 and Anne Pierce as she continues to recover at home.

**Social Action:** Individual circles are always encouraged to work on a special outreach project each year. In February, our newest circle, **Hope**, sent Valentines to some of our church members. **Rebekah** circle will be delivering the items we have collected for Eden House this month.

**Call to Prayer and Self Denial:** After a delicious meal of creamy vegetable soup, prepared by Brenda Marks, she led us in an inspirational Call to Prayer and Self Denial Service.

**UMW Retreat.** Four of our members attended the retreat in the beautiful setting of Solomon Episcopal Center. We used a book from the 2015 UMW reading program, Praying to Change Your Life, as our study for the weekend. The retreat concluded by worshiping at The Well United Methodist Church in Ponchatoula.



**Treasures & Trinkets: March 21 8:00 am – 3:00 pm**

This is the UMW's only fundraiser of the year to help meet our budget, so we are hoping that everyone will become involved in this effort. We are asking everyone to gather up your "treasures" and bring them to the fellowship hall beginning Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup> between 9 and 5. We will need volunteers to come Thursday and Friday between 9am and 9pm so we can start pricing and putting the items on the tables. On Saturday from 8am to 3pm we will need people to walk around, watch the tables and help customers. If you can, please sign up on the papers in the narthex so that we can assure enough help for the entire day. We are especially looking for help between the times of 11:00 and 1:00 from those that are not planning to attend the Safe Sanctuary Class. Although the Mission Team will pack up most of the items left and take them to the Corder's house for the Mission garage sale, we will need a group of people to help clean up at 3PM. You can call Toni Dickerson or Jerry Gast if you have any questions. Claire Ward, who is in charge of advertising, is looking for help to hang signs around the neighborhood either Friday evening or Saturday morning.

**District Spiritual Day Apart** is scheduled for Saturday, April 11 – time and place will be announced as soon as we are notified. It would be nice to have a group from St. Matthew's UMW attend.

**Spring Cleanup:** The UMW will be sponsoring a workday to clean up around the church, starting with the kitchen. We will be inviting others from the church to join us (tentatively set for April 18<sup>th</sup>)

**Food Pantry & Sock Program:** We are continuing to collect non perishable food items & solid white children's socks. They can be placed on the table in the corner of the Great Hall.

**Dates to remember: Executive Meeting - Tuesday March 17, 7:00 PM**

**Treasures and Trinkets – Saturday, March 21 – 8 AM - 3 PM**

**UMW District Spiritual Day Apart - Saturday, April 11**