

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWSLETTER
November 2016
World Thank Offering

Happy Birthday to: Bette Paynter on the 1st, Cindy Guillory on the 6th, Toni Dickerson on the 12th, Joni Regensburg on the 14th, Linda Boesch on the 18th, and Pat Polkey on the 26th.

Heartline: Please pray for the family of Bill Cannon, former member of St. Matthew's, as they grieve his recent passing.

Five Channels of Mission Giving Spotlight:

1 - **Gift to Mission Cards:** This was explained in the May newsletter.

2 - **Gift in Memory Cards:** This was explained in the May newsletter.

3 - **Pledge to Mission:** This was explained in the September newsletter.

The 4th Channel of Mission Giving:

World Thank Offering: *Spontaneous additional gifts can be given out of gratitude for God's abundance and in celebration of the joys of life. The World Thank Offering is an opportunity for individuals to respond to God's abundance and grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude. The funds collected are used in the total program of mission carried on through United Methodist Women's national office in the United States and around the world.*

Conference Mission Candle Our unit of UMW honored the memory of our former member, Barbara Ferrera by donating \$25 for the conference mission candle to burn in her memory.

UMW Louisiana Conference Annual Meeting: The conference was a big success and I owe a big thank you to all of you who helped by bringing food and most importantly, giving of your time to help set up and prepare and serve the meals and snacks. I received so many positive comments about what a wonderful job we did.

UMW General Meeting and Election: We have a limited nominating committee this year, but they are working hard to fill the final positions for the ballot. The general meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, November 15 and this will be a covered dish dinner beginning at 6:30pm.

Thanksgiving baskets: Please be on the lookout for the list of suggested items to bring to fill the thanksgiving baskets. Circle Social Action Coordinators - please let Jane Abel know how you can be available to help with the Basket distribution.

Operation Shoe Box: Every year, Samaritan's Purse delivers millions of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world to share the love of Christ and the true meaning of Christmas. These gifts are lovingly packed by people like you with school supplies, personal care items, toys, and most importantly, prayer for the boy or girl who will receive the gift. If anyone would like to put together a shoe box, please let me know as one of our circles will be delivering them to the drop off point. I will keep you posted as to the due date.

Dates to remember:

Executive Board Meeting: Sunday, November 13, 11:15 AM (this is a schedule change)

SMR ballots due no later than Tuesday, November 13

UMW General Meeting: Tuesday, November 13 @ 6:30

Thanksgiving Basket Distribution: Monday, November 21