

United Methodist Women

This past year has been a good one for UMW! While we have had our falls, broken bones, illnesses and such, we still have all the members we had last year at this time, plus some new members. Praise God! We visited with homebound, attended the School of Christian Mission, and met in fellowship and love.

Sharing meals is a tradition of fellowship within the Methodist Church. There is a marvelous diversity of women within our unit, and more than ever before it is good to look around and ask, "Who's at the table?" The program book for 2009 addressed this question through different contexts of mission. Our work and faith were strengthened through the presentations of programs from the manual.

The new year, 2010, brings new challenges and opportunities. Our new program book is "Let's Get Together!" Our God is a community-making God and our mission together as members of the UMW is creating beloved communities with women, children and youth. "Let's Get Together" calls each of us to be more authentic in this effort. We need the spirit of each of our members to help us create this community.

Women's Assembly will take place April 29 - May 2, 2010, in St. Louis, Missouri. The assembly is a quadrennial event bringing together thousands of women who are committed to Christ's mission, again with women, children and youth. As Assembly brings together members of UMW from all areas of the church and society, we can expect a sense of unity in worship and mission, to be confronted with areas of critical need and concern, and to be challenged to responsible action. All are invited to attend Assembly. Please talk to Ann Mayne, Bette Brickey, or Susan Baker if you think you may be able to attend.

Happy New Year! Peace be with us all!

HAPPENING THIS MONTH:

No Unit Meeting

No Circle Meetings

Executive Meeting January 26, 10 AM
At the home of Elaine Nelson
1131 North 1300 West, SLC

HAPPENING NEXT MONTH:

Unit Meeting February 2, 10 AM
Program: Installation of new officers
Lunch: Potluck

If you are able to bring a dish to share, please do. If not, we encourage you to join us for food, fellowship and learning. We need all to be with us! Please plan to attend!

OUR PURPOSE

Our 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 participation
in the global ministries of the church.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL FORMATION



The Women's Spiritual Formation group will not meet during the winter holidays. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, February 2** at 5:30 PM in the Lee Room. We will be discussing miraculous births in both the Old and New Testament.

We will go out to dinner after our discussion. Merry Christmas!

The Women's Spiritual Formation group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 PM in the Lee Room for devotionals and fellowship. All women are welcome to attend! If you have questions, please speak with Georgi Donavin, 801-531-1183, or email to gdonavin@yahoo.com.

THE CHOIR'S CORNER



This month we wish to recognize long time Chancel Choir member Susan Goodrich.

My name is Susan Goodrich. I grew up in a small town in central N.Y called McGraw. My mom was a kindergarten teacher. I had two sisters and one brother growing up. When my mom remarried, two more brothers and one sister were added to the family.

My husband Steve grew up about three miles from me. We got married in 1976. In 1978 we decided to move West because we had heard it was nice and could find lots of jobs. We ended up in Utah because a friend who had moved here previously said it was a beautiful place.

Our son Benjamin was born in 1979. In 1982 I started looking for a church to take him to, and First United was the closest to my house. I grew up a Methodist and was made to feel very welcome here from the start. The choir director at the time was Scott McPherson, and he was looking for people to help the choir with The Messiah that they were singing. I volunteered and am still in the choir 27 years later!!!

Steve and I are music lovers. We enjoy live concerts, especially rock and roll. We are life long fans of the Grateful Dead; we are Deadheads, in other words. We love hiking and camping in this awesome state. I worked in retail and childcare. I was a nanny, a preschool teacher and did home daycare. Steve has worked for many years in the cabinet business as a purchasing agent and customer service representative.

Our son recently married Michelle Smith. We have two beautiful grand daughters – Quinn, who is 7, and Abigail, who is almost seven months. They are the light of our lives. I am semi-retired, so I can take care of Abigail. Singing in the choir at First Methodist is still one of my favorite things.

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSES EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING FROM 7-8:30 PM. NEW VOICES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

ADULT EDUCATION

Please join us for an Adult Education program on **Sunday, January 31** after the coffee hour. We will be discussing Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church is Transforming the Faith (HarperCollins, 2006), by Diana Butler Bass. This book was named one of the best books of the year by Publishers Weekly and should inspire us as we chart First Church's mission in the local and wider communities. We will meet for about one hour. You are welcome and urged to attend this event even if you don't get a chance to read the book. We should have some copies available.

If you need more information, please call John Schwiebert, 801-364-3463.