

United Methodist Women

WORLD THANK OFFERING

A group of Methodist women in Lansing, Michigan began the World Thank Offering *127 years ago* when they asked each other to give two cents a week for a year in gratitude for all of God's many blessings to them, and to share their gifts with those in need all over the world.

Today this is still a very important observance for United Methodist Women. It provides us with opportunity to respond to God's blessings, love and care by helping others.

Through the World Thank Offering we are in mission as we share our gifts with others.

At our Unit Meeting in November, we will have a time of thanksgiving for all of our many blessings. Come join us!

Unit Meeting: November 4, 10 AM

Everyone is welcome to attend!

HAPPENING THIS MONTH:

<u>Unit Meeting</u>	November 4, 10 AM
<u>Fellowship Circle</u>	November 12, 11:30 AM
<u>Hope Circle</u>	November 17, 10 AM
<u>Executive Meeting</u>	November 25, 10 AM

HAPPENING NEXT MONTH:

<u>Unit Meeting</u>	December 2, 10 AM
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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.*

Sunday, November 9 The Utah Subdistrict of the United Methodist Church welcomes Dr. Emmanuel and Mrs. Florence Mefor to Salt Lake City

The Mefors will share their story during the 9 AM Sunday School hour here at FUMC, and will present a Mission Moment during the 10:30 AM worship service. A potluck luncheon will follow the service.

Centenary UMC will host the Mefors beginning at 5 PM for dinner and an extended presentation on their ministry.

Dr. Emmanuel Ufonna Mefor, a medical doctor, is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, currently assigned to Mutambara, Zimbabwe.

God's mission is being carried out through my work by the unending stream of patients being cared for physically, spiritually, and psychologically ... God's blessing is on this ministry as he expands its territory, one of which is improving and restoration of failing sights. His healing hands are making the patients well, which brings joy to everyone. To God be the Glory!

A native of Kano, Nigeria, Emmanuel earned his medical degree at the University of Maiduguri College of Medicine in Maidugri, Borno State, Nigeria. Emmanuel is married to Florence O. Mefor, who is also a GBGM missionary serving in Mutambara.

Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend!



WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Tuesday, November 4 5:30 PM Lee Room

Georgi Donavin will lead the Women's Spiritual Formation gathering on October 7. We will be reading chapter 2 and 3 of Harold Kushner's book. Please plan to bring your Bible.

Since this is also Election Day, please plan to vote early so we can spend our time together as usual.

All women are welcome to attend. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Lee Room.

Georgi Donavin will be our contact person this year. If you have questions, please call her at 531-1183 or email gdonavin@yahoo.com.

THE WOMEN'S PREACHING SERIES

Saturday, November 15 5:00 PM

The Women's Preaching Series is delighted to welcome well-known philanthropist and advocate for the homeless, Pamela Atkinson, who will be preaching on this evening. She will be joined by others whose work is focused on the issues of the homeless in Utah. Please start saving coins now for a special collection for homeless ministries, to be taken up that evening. No person's home should be a cardboard box or a park bench. No one should be left outside this winter.

Please plan to come. Invite your neighbors. Our potluck supper follows; please bring a dish to share. Children are always welcome to attend!

If you have questions, please contact Rev. Cheryl Popple, 435-649-1101, or crpopple@comcast.net.

PIANIST JOHN NILSEN IN CONCERT

Saturday, November 15 7:00 PM

Following our potluck, we are pleased to welcome award winning Oregon pianist, John Nilsen, in a special solo piano concert. Please plan to attend!

Glory Dharmaraj, Director of Spiritual Formation and Mission Theology for the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, will be speaking at Christ United Methodist on **Sunday, November 9** at 8 AM, 9 AM and 10:30 AM.

She is the staff contact for Spiritual Growth mission coordinators, as well as the Administrator of the United Methodist Seminar Program on National and International Affairs at the Church Center for the United Nations in New York.

Glory spent her childhood on a tea estate in Sri Lanka. After completing her undergraduate and master's studies in India, Glory taught at Sarah Tucker College in Tamil Nadu and Queen Mary's in Mumbai (Bombay), India. She received her PhD from Loyola University in Chicago and did special studies at Harvard University. She is currently completing her Doctor of Ministry, a joint program at San Francisco Theological Seminary, California, and Ecumenical Theological Education at the World Council of Churches, Geneva.

Her books include *Concepts of Mission; Mutuality in Mission; Christianity, Judaism and Islam; A Missiological Encounter;* and *Many Faces and One Church: A Manual for Cross-Racial and Cross-Cultural Ministry*, as well as the mission study, *India and Pakistan*.

Everyone is welcome to attend!