



Purpose of United Methodist Women

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a Community of women whose 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.

History of United Methodist Women

- 1879 - 1910 Women's Foreign Missionary Society
- 1910 - 1939 Women's Missionary Society
- 1940 - 1972 Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesley Service Guild
- 1972 - Present United Methodist Women

Organizationally, United Methodist Women is the successor to the home and foreign missionary societies, the ladies' aid societies, parsonage societies and guilds of the seven predecessor denominations now comprising the United Methodist Church. United Methodist Women is the group of women in each congregation organized for mission. Each local and district unit relates directly to district and conference organizations of United Methodist Women and to the United Methodist Women national organization.

United Methodist Women is a supportive, inclusive Christian membership organization where women grow spiritually, develop as leaders and serve and work to create a world in which all women, children and youth thrive. United Methodist Women is celebrated as the women's ministry of The United Methodist Church.

Who can join United Methodist Women?

Any woman who commits herself to the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women and to engage in mission, study, personal growth and social action can join. You don't have to be United Methodist or meet an age requirement to be a member. The organization celebrates a diverse and inclusive membership and welcomes all women who want to be members. We are a community of women who nurture and encourage one another in our spiritual growth and personal development. Over 800,000 women count themselves as members of United Methodist Women.

Covington First United Methodist Women –Circles

- Mary/Martha Meets 2nd Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in New Beginnings classroom
- Ruth Meets 2nd Monday at 12 Noon in Fellowship Hall
- Women in Action Meet at varied days/times

Executive Team

- President Kathy Wallace
- Vice President Lauren Enzor
Jenny Nix
- Treasurer JoAnn Anderson
- Secretary Wanda Butler
- Circle Representative Doris Ann Gray
- Circle Chairs Ruby Marshall - Mary/Martha Circle
Jean Jones - Ruth Circle

Upcoming UMW projects in 2015

- Boys/Girls Club - monthly meal and activity
- Covington Housing Authority - Reading Program
- Covington Care Center
- Grace Place
- Heritage Day Luncheon/Pie Sale
- Highland Heights UMC - homeless meals
- Manna House
- SRVS Adult Center
- UMCOR Health Kits
- Weekend Retreat at Lakeshore UMA

District and Conference Mission Outreach

- Confidential Care for Women
- FUMC Samaritan Fund
- Grace Place Prison Ministry
- Hannah's Hope
- Lakeshore Adult Developmental Camp
- Methodist/Presbyterian Nursery School
- Red Bird Mission
- Reelfoot Rural Ministries
- SRVS Adult Center
- Tipton County Commission on Aging
- United Methodist Neighborhood Centers