

## **United Methodist Women Report for Annual Meeting Booklet 2019**

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN is a group of women created for Mission.

We have 131 women who are members of our local Unit of United Methodist Women.

Our budget (\$14,640) supports Mission, especially with Women & Children, both worldwide through the National United Methodist Women's Organization, and in our local community. We also make a pledge to our local church and youth projects.

We have 5 fellowship groups called Circles that meet monthly for an educational program and fellowship. Several circles support community non-profit agencies by bringing small donations each month. Circles meet on weekdays, evenings and weekends. Check the Roseleaf for dates and times.

We have an extensive supply of books from the UMW Reading List to help us grow and be more aware of the world around us. These are in the church library and are available for anyone to read.

We hosted a "Getting to Know You" event in February. Along with several other churches, we helped plan and participate in World Day of Prayer in March, and held several fellowship events with everyone in the church invited. Our Christmas Luncheon is a popular event with everyone invited.

We raise money by member pledges, a "Spring Fling" fun event for all women of the church and their friends, a Fijian Luau in the summer, hosted by the women of the Fijian Language Ministry and a "Snowflake Bazaar" in the fall where many church and community groups take part.

We hosted the Conference UMW's one day Mission U in August with over 120 people in attendance. We provided lunch & snacks for everyone and were able to use the event as an additional fundraiser. This also provided an opportunity for our ladies to be a part of the larger UMW organization at work and to learn about this year's studies.

In October we sponsored a Women's Retreat for all women of the church. Women were invited to attend at no cost. Pastor Lori led the reflections in the morning and Paula Peterson provided a workshop on Worship through Art in the afternoon. About 50 women attended. We were able to provide both food and program materials due to the money raised by Mission U.

We invite all women of the church (and men) to join us for fellowship, education and fundraising events. Our purpose is to be in Mission to each other and the world around us! One of our goals for 2020 is to have more women involved in new and exciting ways.