



the inner circle

November 2015

First United Methodist Church of Downers Grove

Focus on Women, Children & Youth

From its beginning, United Methodist Women has focused on ministries with women, children, and youth.

Sarah Circle 7:00pm <u>Room 213</u>	Mary Elizabeth Circle-1:00pm <u>Chapel Hall</u>	Rachel Circle 9:00am <u>Room 213</u>	Ruth Circle 12:45pm <u>Chapel Hall</u>	Joanna Circle 11:00 a.m. <u>Chapel Hall</u>
Nov. 11/30	Dec. 12/02	Dec. 12/17	Dec. 12/17	Dec. 12/20
Jan. 01/25/16	Jan. 01/27/16	Jan. 01/28/16	Jan. 01/28/16	Jan. 01/31/16

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord God, on this day of Thanksgiving, we ask your blessings on our family, our friends, our home, our health—and on the food we are about to eat.

We thank you for this time together and the many gifts that you have given us.

Help us to remember in this time of bounty those less fortunate. And may your love consume us all that we might share in your glory.

Amen.



PWP Rotation

January—Ruth

April—Sarah

July—need volunteers please!

February—Mary Elizabeth

May—Ruth and Mary Elizabeth

August—need volunteers please!

March—Rachel

June—Rachel and Sarah

Ruth Circle—women of all ages—childcare provided upon request
Meets in Chapel Hall- 4th Thursday 12:45 pm

At our October meeting there were ten members present plus our guest speaker, Pastor Jim and Linda Kraft. We were pleased to welcome two new members to Ruth Circle from Miriam Circle: Garland Cramer and Marge Froemke. After reading the UMW Purpose we enjoyed delicious refreshments by Verla Boyle and Leslie Hillard with help serving by Jette Coward. Our guest speaker was Pastor Jim. He gave an interesting talk about the Canadian Thanksgiving and how it came into being and why the celebration date was changed from November to October. He mentioned that he rarely gets back to celebrate the Canadian Thanksgiving. Also visiting us was Linda Kraft who was present as a follow-up visit to the program presented at the October UMW general meeting about recycling. She answered questions we had and offered to pick up any recycle items we may have brought. Devotions were given by Leanne Rolfe. Dea Ashcraft gave the treasurer's report: all Ruth Circle pledges have been paid for 2015. As there is enough money in our PRC fund we voted to send money to PRC to pay for two Thanksgiving dinners. Also there was still \$50.00 in a memorial fund Ruth Circle had received from the Aileen McDole family in appreciation for Ruth Circle hosting a dinner for the family after the memorial service for Eileen. It was voted to use the money to purchase books for the UMW Reading Program. Garland Cramer also mentioned that there is still money in a memorial fund for Doris Dalluege which was donated in her memory to Miriam Circle. The use of these funds was discussed and it was decided to look into possibilities where the money could be used as a memorial gift to UMW in Doris's name. Both Aileen and Doris were long-time members of UMW. Sheets were passed around for updating member information for the 2016 UMW Membership Handbook. Also passed around was the sign-up sheet for the UMW cookie sale on December 6. Concerns and prayers were given for Leanne Rolfe's daughter who was to have surgery the following week and for Dea Ashcraft's great nephew's family who is moving out of the country.

Our next circle meeting will be November 19, a week earlier than usual due to Thanksgiving, at 12:45 PM in Chapel Hall. The program has not been decided yet.

Circle Coordinator— Caroline Bertolino

Joanna Circle—young ladies in 6th through 12th grades
Meets in Chapel Hall - 3rd Sunday 11:00 am

Two young ladies met and played All Saints Day Bingo, had candy fondue with rice Krispy treats and sprinkles and talked a little about what to do in December.

We will meet December 20th at 11 a.m. in Chapel Hall for cookie decorating and hot chocolate and a white elephant gift exchange.

Co-Circle Coordinators— Shelly Davenport and Julie Stone



We are going to need your help!

Please prayerfully consider a role on the leadership team.

Next year we will need a president, vice president, treasurer, program resources, and a couple circle leaders.

Consider increasing your commitment to UMW by serving in one of these roles.

Rachel Circle—mostly mother's of young children—childcare always provided
Meets in Rm. 213 - 4th Thursday 9:00 am

Nine members and two guests, Barb Friedel and Stacy Klepper, attended our October meeting. Cindi Roselieb presented a program on Gratitude, we signed up for the bake sale and PWP table, and Linda Kraft was there to follow up on the General Meeting topic, the mission of the S.C.A.R.C.E. (School and Community Assistance for Recycling and composting Education), and to offer to deliver any donations we collected this month to the facility. She'll be back at the November meeting to pick up items we bring in for donation.

In November, Cindi will present a program called "Unexpected Gifts". We'll be talking about stress and adversity, and how looking at difficult experiences with new eyes can offer rich opportunities for transformation.

Circle Coordinator– Stacey Ramsey

Sarah Circle—mostly working women—no childcare available
Meets in the Room 213—4th Monday 7:00pm

Sarah Circle held their October meeting on Oct. 26th in room 213. Lenore led a program/discussion on racial injustice. Linda Kraft stopped by to explain the recycling project that UMW is running this fall. Eight ladies were in attendance.

The next meeting will be Nov. 30th and it will be our last meeting of the year. The program will be holiday themed.

Circle Coordinator– Gretchen Shearer

Mary Elizabeth Circle— mostly women of grown children—childcare provided upon request
Meets in Chapel Hall-4th Wednesday 1:00pm

Seventeen circle members and three guests attended our Oct. 28th meeting. During our dessert time, Linda Kraft visited and talked about recycling resources and how we can help. Our program was on the "DuPage Convalescent Center" in Wheaton. Char Black introduced Monica, an employee there. Char's husband is a resident there and the program was very informative. After our devotions and prayer calendar, we discussed needs for our leadership team. No one has stepped up to be president, vice president, treasurer, or program resources. Our circle needed a hospitality person and Pat Pyburn stepped up. Fundraisers were discussed and we signed up for the bake sale on December 6th. Everyone was encouraged to attend the Christmas Tea on December 8th. We passed the basket for our project of birthday bags for PRC. We collected \$151 for Judy Bittikoffer to purchase cake mixes, frosting, candles and birthday bags. She is champion shopper and loves doing it. After joys and concerns we closed.

Our next meeting is December 2nd. Program is unknown at this time. We will bring new toys for the PRC birthday bags.

Circle Coordinator—Joan Van Order

November

Gwen Kenney-Benson	11/02
Lilian Ficht	11/13
Martha Stauffer	11/15
Judy Bach	11/19
Diane Cunningham	11/19
Margaret Glahn	11/27
Verla Boyle	11/29
Bonnie Egan	11/30



December

Garland Cramer	12/04
MaryLou Carroll	12/06
Bonnie Lehmann	12/11
Becky Quirk	12/24
Pat Pyburn	12/25

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM YOUR TREASURER.....

Please turn in your pledges and any receipts that you need reimbursement for by December 1, 2015.

Place them in the UMW folder in the church office, attention Elizabeth Breese.

Time for fewer meetings!

The leadership team has decided that they have moved beyond the need for monthly meetings. Beginning in 2016, the leadership team will meet February 4th, May 5th, September 1st and December 1st at 9:00 a.m. in room 218.

The three general meetings will take place on March 21st, October 13th and December 6th.

Mark your calendars next year and watch for more details as the events get closer.

God is good all the time— All the time God is good

- ◆ Wendy Nystrom's mom needs healing prayers after knee surgery.
- ◆ Maribeth Schauert's friend's brother-in-law needs healing prayers.
- ◆ Ina Osborn's mom needs healing prayers.
- ◆ Maribeth Schauert's sister needs healing prayers.
- ◆ Elizabeth Breese's grandmother has moved to assisted living and is doing well—prayers for continued health.
- ◆ Julie Stone's son is getting married.
- ◆ Leah Oswald's sister needs healing prayers.

Stay Connected! Keep in Touch!

Browse the United Methodist Women website - www.unitedmethodistwomen.org

UMW Mission Resources website: <http://new.gbqm-umc.org/umw/resources>

DGFUMC website: <http://www.dgfumc.org>

FUMCUMW website: <http://www.dgfumc.org/fellowship/umw>

UMC General Board of Church and Society Faith in Action website:

<http://www.umc-gbcs.org/site/c.frLJK2PKLqF/b.2798475/k.7A8F> Faith in Action.htm

Facebook: group is called [United Methodist Women of DGFUMC](#)—find us and ask to join, then invite your friends to join.

Aurora District Facebook group is called [Aurora District UMW—Illinois](#)—find us and ask to join, then invite your friends to join.

Purchase With a Purpose

These beautiful fall days belie the fact that the holiday season is almost here. It's time to start thinking about extra groceries and gift giving and I hope that you will use our Purchase with a Purpose program to help you shop. We need a strong finish to the year in order to meet our fundraising goal.

As you make your lists look and see if you can use a PWP gift card to do your shopping or to give as a gift. Many merchants offer an increased % bonus at this time of year; check out the flyer at the PWP table. Most catalog and online merchants accept them as well. It's an easy way for you to help us raise the money we have pledged to United Methodist Women's mission work around the world.

Every Sunday we continue to have Amazon, Home Depot, iTunes, Jewel, Kohl's, Meijer, Panera Bread, Speedway Gas, Starbuck's, Target, Ultra Foods, Walgreens, and Downers Grove Downtown Dollars ready to pick up at the table in the Parlor! Let Ina know if there are any cards you would like to see in our inventory for the holidays.

Orders will be received every Sunday up to and including December 13th and arrangements can be made for you to pick up your order in the church office during the week. Check and Carry of our regular cards and order pick up will continue through the holidays and on January 3rd, 2016 we will resume order taking on the 1st and 3rd Sundays through June.

At this busy time of year take advantage of the convenience of ordering online from home at www.MannaOrders.net. You can buy your usual gift cards and pick them up on Sunday or you can get certain speciality cards directly to your email address via MannaEscrip. You can also send someone else a gift via email. The list of MannaEscrip can be found online at www.MannaGroup.net. If you would like an account it will take a few days to set up so ask Ina at inamairi@mac.com soon.

The Benefit MobileAPP for smart phones has been another successful program for those of us who use it. We have raised over \$700 so far this year. You can buy gift cards as and when you need them, even at the checkout. Download the free BenefitMobileAPP, select First United Methodist Downers Grove, Purchase With A Purpose as your beneficiary, and set up your bank account for direct debit or a credit card. They are adding new merchants regularly. Questions? Ask Ina!

Kohl's is the only merchant that allows customers to pay their charge card bill with gift cards in \$25 (available every week) and \$100 denominations. When you receive your bill, order the cards you need on Sunday so that you'll be in time to pay your bill. You can pay it at the check out as well as customer service!

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser and making a difference in the lives of women and children everywhere.

PRE BLACK FRIDAY BONUS OFFERS

Prepare for your Black Friday shopping with gift cards from The Manna Group!

<p>LETTUCE ENTERTAIN YOU 5% Bonus</p>  <p>\$25, \$50, \$100, \$250 19% Total Discount October 31st – December 25th</p>	<p>BASS PRO SHOPS 3% Bonus</p>  <p>\$25, \$100 13% Total Discount November 7th – December 25th</p>	<p>BATH & BODY WORKS 5% Bonus</p>  <p>\$10, \$25 19% Total Discount November 7th – December 4th</p>	<p>EXPRESS 2% Bonus</p>  <p>\$25 13% Total Discount November 14th – November 27th</p>
<p>SHUTTERFLY 5% Bonus</p>  <p>\$25 15% Total Discount November 14th – November 27th</p>	<p>MCCORMICK & SCMICK'S (LANDRY'S) 2% Bonus</p>  <p>\$25, \$100 12% Total Discount November 14th – November 27th</p>	<p>AÉROPOSTALE 5% Bonus</p>  <p>\$25 14% Total Discount November 14th – November 27th</p>	<p>BAKERS SQUARE 3% Bonus</p>  <p>\$25 17% Total Discount November 14th – November 27th</p>
<p>JIFFY LUBE® 2% Bonus</p>  <p>\$25 12% Total Discount November 14th – November 27th</p>	<p>COLD STONE CREAMERY® 5% Bonus</p>  <p>\$10 15% Total Discount November 14th – November 27th</p>	<p>FUDDRUCKERS 5% Bonus</p>  <p>\$25 14% Total Discount November 14th – November 27th</p>	<p>NIKE 3% Bonus</p>  <p>\$25 18% Total Discount November 14th – November 27th</p>
<p>WALGREENS 2% Bonus</p>  <p>\$25, \$100 9% Total Discount November 14th – November 27th</p>	<p>FANNIE MAY 5% Bonus</p>  <p>\$10, \$20 30% Total Discount November 14th – November 27th</p>	<p>PETCO 2% Bonus</p>  <p>\$25 10% Total Discount November 14th – November 27th</p>	<p>PETSMART 2% Bonus</p>  <p>\$25 7% Total Discount November 14th – November 27th</p>
<p>BEST BUY 1% Bonus</p>  <p>\$25, \$100 4% Total Discount November 14th – November 27th</p>	<p>ITUNES 2% Bonus</p>  <p>\$10, \$15, \$25 6% Total Discount November 14th – November 27th</p>	<p>PIER 1 IMPORTS 2% Bonus</p>  <p>\$25 12% Total Discount November 14th – November 27th</p>	<p>HONEYBAKED 2% Bonus</p>  <p>\$25 12% Total Discount November 14th – November 27th</p>
<p>LONE STAR STEAKHOUSE 5% Bonus</p>  <p>\$25 10% Total Discount November 14th – November 27th</p>	<p>TARGET 1% Bonus</p>  <p>\$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 4% Total Discount November 14th – November 27th</p>	<p>CARSON'S (BON-TON) 2% Bonus</p>  <p>\$25, \$100 12% Total Discount November 14th – November 27th</p>	<p>MORTON'S (LANDRY'S) 2% Bonus</p>  <p>\$25, \$100 12% Total Discount November 14th – November 27th</p>



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**UMW
Bake
Sale**

**Sunday
December 6th
9:00-12:00**

**Christmas
Cookies in the
Parlor**



Babysitting
available,
contact the church
office 630-968-7120

Join us for
fruit, cheese
and crackers,
cookies and
treats

Tuesday,
December 8, 2015
1:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

**UMW
Christmas
Tea**





Northern Illinois Conference - United Methodist Women
Mission u – Winter Event
January 15 - 17, 2016

Learning Together for the Transformation of the World

Camp Reynoldswood 621 Reynoldswood Road Dixon, Illinois 61021 815-284-6979

Three Mission Study Options & their Leaders:

Created for Happiness -- Rev. Julie Bunt
The Church and People with Disabilities – Peggy Hansen
Latin America – Joyce Carrasco

Cost:

Weekend student: \$125 (linens not included)
 o add \$7 per linen set, if you don't bring your own
Commuter student: \$90 (includes all meals)

Schedule: registration starts at 4 pm
Friday dinner served at 5:30
Events begin Friday, 6:45
Concludes after Sunday Lunch

Reading Program books and United Methodist publications will be available.

Mission Project: Collection of empty prescription pill bottles (orange, green, etc. but not opaque or white) with labels removed, Campbell's Labels for Education (for Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, E. St. Louis), and spiral notebooks (wide or college ruled, 70 pages)

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Name (as for nametag) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

District _____ Church _____

Study choice: 1st _____ 2nd _____

First time at school? Yes _____ No _____ Top bunk? Yes _____ No _____ Climb stairs? Yes _____ No _____

Special needs (food allergies, diet, mobility, etc.) _____

Emergency contact & relationship _____ Phone _____

Enrollment is limited. **Registration Deadline: January 2, 2016**

Total enclosed _____ Make checks payable to: **NIC-UMW**

Send Registration to: Marilyn Steenwyk
9347 S Harding Ave
Evergreen Park, IL 60805
nilumw.registrar@gmail.com
708-422-6153

Pastors check here if eligible for and interested in available CEU credit \$15

Questions? Contact Robbie Moultrie, Assistant Dean, 708-343-8208 rl.moultrie@yahoo.com

Scholarships are available. Contact your District and Local Mission Teams.

You may order your textbook at: umwmisionresources.org or 1-800-305-9857. A limited number of textbooks will be available; to help us plan, please indicate if you would like to be able to purchase the textbook at Mission u. Yes _____ No _____

CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE E-MAILED. If you desire a paper confirmation, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your registration.

Frida Kahlo, 1907–1954

Mexican painter Frida Kahlo is known for creating striking, often shocking, self-portraits that reflected her political ideology, cultural identity, and her turbulent personal life.

Kahlo was the third of four daughters born to a German Hungarian-Jewish father and a mother of Spanish and Mexican Indian descent. She did not originally plan to become an artist; rather, Kahlo, who was a polio survivor, entered a prestigious pre-medical program when she was 15. Three years later, Kahlo was gravely hurt in a bus accident. She spent more than a year in bed, recovering from multiple fractures of her back, collarbone, and ribs, as well as a shattered pelvis and shoulder and foot injuries. Kahlo spent the rest of her life in constant pain, finally succumbing to related complications at the age of 47.



During her recovery, Kahlo started painting in oils, creating deliberately naive self-portraits and still lifes filled with the bright colors and flattened forms of the Mexican folk art she had always loved. In 1929, Kahlo married the much older Mexican muralist Diego Rivera, whose approach to art and political activism complemented her own. Theirs was a volatile relationship that underwent marital infidelities, the pressures of Rivera's career, a divorce and remarriage, and Kahlo's deteriorating health.

Kahlo and Rivera traveled to the United States and France, where she encountered many influential figures from the worlds of art and politics. In 1938, she had her first solo exhibition at the Julien Levy Gallery in New York. She enjoyed international success beginning in the 1940s. Her reputation soared posthumously, beginning in the 1980s with the publication of numerous books about her work by feminist art historians and others.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER **(mark your CALENDARS!)**

Dec. 6	Bake Sale—Parlor	
Dec. 8	Christmas Tea Fellowship Hall	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 15-17	Winter Mission u Camp Reynoldswood, Dixon, Illinois	
Jan. 30	Aurora District Leadership Breakfast and Training Grace United Methodist Church 300 E Gartner, Naperville, Il.	8:30 a.m.
Feb. 4	Leadership Team	9:00 a.m.
Mar. 21	General Meeting Host's—Sarah and Rachel Circle	7:00 p.m.