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The Inner Circle

April 2016

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.

<p>Sarah Circle 7:00pm <u>Room 213</u></p> <p>Apr. 04/25 May 05/23</p>	<p>Mary Elizabeth Circle-1:00pm <u>Chapel Hall</u></p> <p>Apr. 04/27 May 05/25</p>	<p>Rachel Circle 9:00am <u>Room 213</u></p> <p>Apr. 04/28 May 05/26</p>	<p>Ruth Circle 12:45pm <u>Chapel Hall</u></p> <p>Apr. 04/28 May 05/26</p>	<p>Joanna Circle 11:00 a.m. <u>Chapel Hall</u></p> <p>Apr. 04/17 May 05/15</p>
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God is good all the time— All the time God is good

- ◇ Prayers for Marge Froemke. Her husband, Chris, passed away.
- ◇ Prayers for Joan Van Order. Her daughter-in-law passed away.

World
Thank
Offering



May 8th



“Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.”

2 Corinthians 9:10-11

[Sign up](#) to help during the services

April 23, 2016
New Lenox United Methodist Church
339 W. Haven Ave.

New Lenox, Il. 60451



Dr. Regina Davis Bridges, Deacon

Guest Speaker

9:15-9:40	Gathering Music & Announcements Devotions: Lana Stafford Response Moment & Book Review: Julia Jones
9:40-10:40	Dr. Regina Davis Bridges
10:45-11:00	Break
11:00-12:00	Worship, Memorial Service, Communion

Registration Fee is \$5.00 – Checks payable to “Aurora District UMW”

Send registration by April 20, 2015 to

Susan Tyree Kline

339 W. Haven Dr.

New Lenox, 60451 or email at sltk1@hotmail.com

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Church _____

Child Care (number of children & ages) _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Ruth Circle—women of all ages—childcare provided upon request

Meets in Chapel Hall- 4th Thursday 12:45 pm

In March, Ruth Circle focused on Easter. Jennifer Segrest brought her family's set of Resurrection Eggs, which we took turns opening and discussing the contents hidden inside. Pastor Greta had worked up a program about Easter hymns, having us guess the song by seeing only the first line. It was quite a challenge! She then told the story behind each hymn, i.e. a little bit about the author and why he had written it. Garland Cramer shared the Response Moment, using the issue that told all about the UMW Seminar held in Chicago recently.

In April, our guest speaker will be Nancy Economou, Founder and President of Watts of Love. She will enlighten (pun intended!) us about her Downers Grove charity which provides solar lights to the darkest corners of the world. It should be fascinating and inspiring, and we invite all UMW members to come and bring a friend – April 28th at 12:45. Please mark your calendars now!!

Circle Coordinator– Julie Stone



Mary Elizabeth Circle— mostly women of grown children—childcare provided upon request

Meets in Chapel Hall-4th Wednesday 1:00pm

Our March 23rd meeting had an attendance of fifteen. Our program called: "It's an Anniversary But don't bring any Candles" was about the UMW 150th anniversary coming up. We had much discussion on how UMW helps women and children all over the world. That led us to talk about the wonderful program Cindi Roselieb and Maggie Roth presented at our first general meeting on Monday evening. "Sisterhood" focused on our purpose, which is to develop a creative, supportive, fellowship. It was a fun and interactive evening as we dug deeper into the topics of connection, sisterhood, and Christian community. Our collection was for Prayer and Self-Denial. After Joys and Concerns we adjourned.

Our next meeting will be April 27th.

Circle Coordinator—Joan Van Order



Joanna Circle—young ladies in 6th through 12th grades

Meets in Chapel Hall - 3rd Sunday 11:00 am

We met on March 20th and discuss pray and made prayer beads. We will meet again on Sunday, April 17th at 11:00 a.m. in Chapel Hall and we will make decorations to be delivered to our elderly church members.

Co-Circle Coordinators– Shelly Davenport and Julie Stone

PWP Rotation

January—Ruth

February—Mary Elizabeth

March—Rachel

April—Sarah

May—Ruth and Mary Elizabeth

June—Rachel and Sarah

July—need volunteers please!

August—need volunteers please!

Purchase With a Purpose

In the Preschool hallway their noticeboard is adorned with a paper chain rainbow and the quote “April Showers Bring May Flowers”. Let’s hope so! Spring sunshine uncovers all sorts of projects and if you use gift cards to purchase supplies you will brighten up your home, garden or wardrobe and help women and children around the world at the same time. Stop by the Purchase with a Purpose table in the Parlor on Sunday and take a look at what’s available.

Mothers Day is on May 8th and you can order restaurant gift cards to go out to lunch or gift cards to mom’s favorite store. Visit www.mannagroup.net to see the many different options.

Every Sunday we 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.

Orders are placed on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month through June then the 2nd and 4th Sundays through November.

Talk to Ina about ordering online from home at www.MannaOrders.net or using the Benefit Mobile APP on your smart phone. When you shop at Kohl’s you can charge your purchases to your store card then use gift cards to pay your bill. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser and making a difference in the lives of women and children everywhere.

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

Rachel circle gathered this month with eight women in attendance. Cindi Roselieb and Maggie Roth gave the program at general meeting and Cindi continued on that theme for the Rachel circle program. She spoke on the importance of connection and meaningful relationships in life. In addition, some women volunteered to take extra homeless kits for their cars.

Circle Coordinator– Maggie Roth

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

The Sarah circle co-hosted the March General meeting with Rachel circle. The meeting was held on Monday March 21 in the church gym. The program was presented by Maggie Roth and Cindi Roselieb. After a getting to know you opening exercise, Cindi discussed the scientific basis of positive psychology and then Maggie talked about how UMW helps to foster and encourage a creative supportive fellowship. Maggie ended the program with suggested prayers for the week including praying for our UMW unit at DGFUMC “asking God to lead us and open our eyes that we may better nurture and support one another and live according to Christ’s teachings.” She also requested that each of us pray for one UMW sister.

The next Sarah Circle meeting will be held on Monday Apr. 25 at the church. The topic will be finding meaning in our lives through prayer and community.

Circle Coordinator– Gretchen Shearer



Save the date!

Mission u:

Learning Together for the Transformation of the World

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Summer 2016

One Day Mission u Event Saturday, July 9, 2016, (8:00 registration - 4:00)

First United Methodist Church, 100 West Cossitt Avenue, La Grange, IL 60525

Sessions on that day and the study leader:

English Language Classes, a "mission sampler"— a "taste" of all three studies:

Spiritual Growth: *The Bible and Human Sexuality: Claiming God's Good Gift*,
Rev. Dr. Norval I. Brown

Global Focus: *Latin America: People and Faith*, Roger Curless

Social Issue: *Climate Justice: Call to Hope and Action*,
Peggy Hansen, Diana Davis

Korean Language Classes: *The Bible and Human Sexuality: Claiming God's Good Gift*,
Leader TBA

Climate Justice: Call to Hope and Action, Jung Ja Kim

Spanish Language Classes: *The Bible and Human Sexuality: Claiming God's Good Gift*, Gladys De Quiñones

Climate Justice: Call to Hope and Action, Liseth Lopez

Children's Class (ages 7-11): *God's Extravagant Garden: Climate Justice*, Joy Hayag

Class for Youth (ages 12-15): *Joining Voices for Climate Justice*, Rev. Dr. Harriette Cross

Weekend Mission u Event Thursday, July 14 (3:30 registration) –
Sunday, July 17, 2016 (1:00 pm)

Camp Reynoldswood, 621 Reynoldswood Rd, Dixon, IL 61021
(Hotel accommodation options being arranged)

Studies and the study leader:

Spiritual Growth Study: *The Bible and Human Sexuality: Claiming God's Good Gift*,
Rev. Dr. Norval I. Brown

Plus a choice of:

Global Focus Study: *Latin America: People and Faith*, Roger Curless

Social Issue: *Climate Justice: Call to Hope and Action*
Peggy Hansen, Diana Davis

Watch for more information including a registration form that will be coming soon.

We hope to see you at Mission u!

Dean: Linda Priest

Assistant Dean: Robbie Moultrie



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](http://www.umc-gbcs.org/site/c.frLJK2PKLqF/b.2798475/k.7A8F%20Faith%20in%20Action.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.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

(mark your CALENDARS!)

April 23	Aurora District Spring Growth Event New Lenox UMC	8:30 a.m.
May 5	Leadership Team	9:00 a.m.
May 8	World Thank Offering Sunday	
July 9	Mission u one day event Lagrange UMC	8:30 a.m.
July 14-17	Mission u Camp Reynoldswood, Dixon, Illinois	
Aug. 28	Children's Sunday Blessing of the Backpacks	

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