



The Inner Circle

October 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.

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>
Oct. 10/24	Oct. 10/26	Oct. 10/27	Oct. 10/27	
Nov. 11/28	Nov. 11/30	Nov. 11/17	Nov. 11/17	Dec. 12/18

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!
 September—Ruth
 October—Mary Elizabeth
 November—Rachel
 December—Sarah

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



Lord of Heaven, I rest underneath your mighty wings of love. I dwell within your gentle heart. I know there is healing in your touch. Through the sufferings of Christ I can ask for restoration and trust in your goodness. You are my Lord, my Savior, My healer and my friend. I dwell within your gentle embrace. Amen.

Kelly Pringle was the United Methodist Women's Longest Drive Champion at the United Methodist Open held September 24, 2016.



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>

Aurora District UMW website: <http://sdavenportarch.wixsite.com/auroradistrictumw>

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.

NICUMW Facebook group is [Northern Illinois Conference—United Methodist Women](#)—find it and ask to join.

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

Three young ladies met and made tote bags from old t-shirts. Julie Stone will take them to P.A.D.S. to see if any of our guests would like one. We will try to hold a book drive for adult and children's fiction books to give to the PRC along with the bookmarks we made in May.

We will meet on Sunday, December 18th, 11:00 a.m. in Chapel Hall.

Co-Circle Coordinators— Shelly Davenport and Julie Stone

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

The Sarah circle met on Monday September 26 at the church in room 213. Six members were in attendance. Gretchen led devotions and a short discussion of the all church book "Fear of the Other." The members will be taking turns planning the programs for 2016-2017. Our next meeting will be Monday October 24 at 7:00 PM in room 213. Lilian Ficht will present a bible study-based program. All are welcome.

Circle Coordinator— Gretchen Shearer

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

Sixteen were in attendance at our Sept.28th meeting. It was good to see everyone after our summer hiatus. We enjoyed a seasonal dessert of Apple Crumble. Our program of "What would Jesus Do " given by our program director Jean Bahler incited much great discussion. We signed up to cover the "PURCHASE with a PURPOSE table for October. We also planned our part of the General Meeting on October 13th. We will support Birthday Bags for PRC again this year for our November and December project.

Our next meeting is October 26th.

Circle Coordinator—Joan Van Order

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

Twelve Ruth Circle members gleefully came back together in September! We heard DGFUMC Youth Leader Howie Snyder talk about the summer mission trips and what's on tap for the fall. We were happy to welcome Mary Joyce Pickett to the fold!! On October 13th, we will cohost the General Meeting. On October 27th, Caroline Bertolino will lead the Circle in my absence, as I will be in Little Rock babysitting my grandson Elliott! The program is yet to be determined.

Circle Coordinator— Julie Stone

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

The Rachel Circle met on Sept 22 at the church. We had a wonderful time catching up after summer break and discussing our highlights. We welcomed a new visitor to the group and outlined our plans for the fall. Cindi Roselieb will lead a book discussion during the next few months as we read through "The Endless Practice" by Mark Nepo. The group will read the first section and discuss it during our October meeting.

Circle Coordinator– Maggie Roth



2016 Election Checklist: A Questionnaire for Voters

Electing Candidates Committed to Positively Transforming the Lives of Women, Girls and Families

We come to you this month with a different format for our Action Alert in preparation for this year's elections. We have created a [2016 Candidate Checklist: A Questionnaire for Candidates Seeking Election](#) for you to use while following this year's election. We hope you will use the checklist as a tool to assess whether a candidate's positions reflect your values.

Take Action

The checklist can be used by taking the following suggested actions. (Please keep in mind that all candidates should be asked to explain his or her support or opposition to an issue.)

Use the checklist to:

- Organize a candidate forum and directly pose questions to candidates
- Monitor community or nationally televised debates and note candidates' responses
- Attend a town hall meeting and ask questions from the checklist
- Distribute copies of the checklist to your district and local counterparts for use as bulletin and table handouts or for use in legislative event packets
- Assess the election outcome. Convene a discussion group to determine how the winning candidate's views compared with issues you or your conference support.
- Convene a community dialogue around one of the categories on the checklist. Reach a consensus on your point of view; schedule a meeting with your elected official to discuss the outcome of your dialogue

Purchase With a Purpose

Thank you for your continued support of PWP helping to raise money for UMW's mission projects by purchasing gift cards to use for your own shopping or to give as gifts. We have raised close to \$3000 so far this year and hope to reach our goal of \$5000.

Every Sunday we have Amazon, Dairy Queen, 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!

To make way for some different holiday specials I will be removing the Dairy Queen gift cards from the box as they sell out so if you want to have a final summer treat of ice cream buy your gift card first. Look for Home Run Inn gift cards to use when we have our fundraiser in October.

PWP orders are placed on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month through November. Anyone who has signed up for an account to order online from the convenience of home gets an email reminder on the day the order will be placed. Email Ina, at inamairi@mac.com, if you would like to set up an account. The cards will still be delivered to church with our regular order but you can browse the gift card selection at home and don't need to remember your check book on Sunday morning!

The Benefit Mobile APP for your smart phone that allows you to buy gift cards as and when you need them has been updated making it even more convenient. Download the APP, register with First United Methodist Downers Grove, Purchase With A Purpose and set up your bank account for direct debit, or a credit card. Many retailers allow you to buy the exact amount of your bill so you never have to carry a balance on the card.

Purchase With a Purpose is not just for members of UMW, encourage all your friends at church to participate.



We need a president, vice president and program resources person on our leadership team. Please prayerfully consider filling one of those roles.



The joy of friendship at the Neighborhood Center in Utica, N.Y.
Photo credit: Lisa Curtis

Blessedness is seeing the face of an elementary Little Buddy enjoying his time with his high school Big Buddy and knowing that their interactions help to develop self-esteem, cooperation, friendship, respect and educational success.

The Rev. Dr. Diana Loomis, director of development, McCurdy Ministries, Española, New Mexico



FUNDRAISING DAY

LET'S MAKE SOME DOUGH TOGETHER

**Thank you for supporting:
United Methodist Women**

20% OF ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO YOUR ORGANIZATION!

Dine In-Carry Out

When: Tuesday, October 18th

Time: 11:00am-9:00pm

Location: Home Run Inn

Home Run Inn- Darien

7521 Lemont Rd.

630-739-9966

***The distribution of promotional material on Home Run Inn premises is prohibited.**



UMW

**BAKE
SALE**

**Sunday
November 13th**

**9:00 - 12:15 P.M.
CHURCH PARLOR**



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER
(mark your CALENDARS!)

Nov. 1	Officer report due to Aurora District	
Nov. 13	Bake Sale—Parlor	
Dec. 1	Leadership Team	9:00 a.m.
Dec. 6	Christmas Tea	1:00-3:00 p.m.
Dec. 10	Treasurer's report due to Aurora District	
Jan. 20-22, 2017	Winter Mission u Camp Reynoldswood, Dixon, Illinois	
Jan. 28	Aurora District Leadership Breakfast and Training Channahon UMC, Channahon, Il.	8:30 a.m.
Mar. 20	General Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Apr. 22	Aurora District Spirtual groth event Minooka UMC, Minooka, Il.	8:30 a.m.
May 4	Leadership Team	9:00 a.m.

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