



Arthur Carlen
Pat Dromboski
Pam Manners
Vera Straley

Paul Chapman
Doris Gafgen
Robin Martin
Arlene Wittenborn

Diane Davis
Shirley Malmsbury
Joseph Massaquoi

Austin (friend of Rhonda Rea)
Edward (brother of Stella Smires)
George B. (brother-in-law Estella Smires)
Jane (friend of Ike Whitter)
Jayne & her family (friend of Mark Conrad)
Julia Logan Lomasc (aunt of Pat Logan)
Laura (Pam Manners)
Melissa (friend of Pam Manners)
Nancy J. (Mother of John Jakimowicz)
Paula (friend of Linda Herbster)
Paulette S. (cousin of Estella Smires)
Rich S. (friend of Pam Manners)
Pam M. (friend of Vera Straley)
Ed Mier (brother-in-law Linda Mier)
Teri Mier (sister-in-law Linda Mier)
Tom Mier (brother-in-law Linda Mier)
Nicole (friend of John Koba)
Susan H. (Scott Weed)
Leslie R. (friend of Vera Straley)
Robin (friend of Phyllis Patterson)
Mike Pugh (Nephew of Vickie Katona)
Mark C. (friend of Beth Marucci Ellsworth)
Benjamin (great grandson Yvonne Bruner)
Keith (friend of Charlotte Swenson)
Jill M. (friend of Pam Manners)
Infant Holden (friends of John Koba)
Madelyne L. (friend of the Trimble family)
Pattie B. (friend of Charlotte Swenson)
Emily Garner
Teri M. (Linda Mier)
Patrick Burke (Abby's husband)
George L. (Helen Chokey)
Carson (grandson of Tami Leather)
Tim (cousin of Linda Mier)
Danielle C. (Jamie Lombardo)
Bev Hoyer & Family
Maisy (granddaughter of Tami Leather)
Allan Mannon



The January Maple

"How is it with your soul?" Back in the early days, when Methodism was sweeping through the Westward expansion in early America, this question was asked every time the faithful met for worship, study and fellowship, in what was then called a "Class meeting." That seems a bit too intimate to ask in today's world. But in these days after the celebration of Christmas and New Year when the nights are long and the days are no longer filled with the hustle of shopping, decorating, anticipating and preparing, it might be a good time to ask that question – even if it is only in the privacy of your devotional time with God. *How is it with my soul?*

I over-heard a nearly 90-year-old woman complain to another woman of the same age, "Life is just too busy!" And my first thought to myself was, "when I am 90, I am NOT going to have that phrase as my motto!" I hear it repeated by school students; I hear it from hassled parents; I hear it from the over-worked; I hear it in the hall-ways of the church and I feel it in the aggressive drivers on the highways and in the actions of weary sales clerks. Being too busy has become a social illness that our faith MUST speak into.

Jesus went off to a quiet place to be alone with God e-v-e-r-y day of his life! He was refreshed in God's presence so he could do what each day presented to him. You and I must carve out for ourselves a time with God for our soul to be "re-set" and ready to live fully in the grace and peace God wants to give us.

My new year prayer for you and for our congregation is that we will spend time in God's presence so our souls can be deeply nourished with the food of God's love and peace.

*Peace and Joy,
Wendy*

PRAYER
changes things

SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of the Saturday Morning Men's Group is on the 11th of January at 8 AM. We meet in the church lounge on the second Saturday of each month. The lesson will be taken from Philippians 2:1-11 which challenges us to think like Jesus. Join us for an encouraging time of fellowship!

If you have any questions call Dave Miller at 215-943-2046 or 267-614-3836.



January 7, 14, 21, 28
Active Faith by Paul Chilcote

In this four-week study we will learn from Paul Chilcote, a well-known author and Seminary professor, as we think deeply about how we love one another in the church in the Wesleyan tradition. Our world, and our church are easily divided by ideologies and theology, but Mr. Chilcote reminds us that love is the golden thread that binds us together in faith.

All are invited to join us in this study. Books have been purchased for all students, or you can purchase a book on-line (or on kindle). We meet in the Library at 10:00 on Tuesday mornings.



THE PURPOSE

United Methodist Women is 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.

We welcome all women who commit themselves to our Purpose, including you. You don't have to be a member of The United Methodist Church to join. Our membership is diverse: women of many races, cultures, languages, young and old. There is no minimum age requirement.

We hope you will prayerfully consider joining this **multicultural, multilingual, and multiracial** organization of women.

All women are welcome to attend!

January Schedule

NO GENERAL MEETING

JANUARY 15

ELIZABETH CIRCLE – 1:30 P.M. – Church Lounge
Hostesses: Sue Friend and Barbara Althouse
Devotion/Study: TBA

MARCIA-RUTHCIRCLE – No meeting

Mission U



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Women

It's not too early to mark your calendar for the UMW summer event that will inspire, educate and motivate you in MISSION! On **Friday, July 24- Sat., July 25th**, more than 100 people will gather at the Inn at Reading to study, pray, fellowship and eat together. Lead by nationally trained teachers, they will study one of the following topics- Finding Peace in the Midst of Anxiety (spiritual growth), Women United for Change-150 years in Mission, or Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools. There will also be a variety of pre-conference events held in the early afternoon on Friday. The cost of this event includes meals, lodging and instruction and will be about \$230. There are scholarships available for first-time attendees, so please plan to save these dates now!



Missions Breakfasts Returning in January

Join us on the fourth Saturday morning of each month, beginning on January 25th, for a delicious breakfast, fun fellowship and to raise money for our church mission projects. See you there!

Coffee House Ministry

Beginning on the fourth Saturday in February our church will open for a brand new ministry: **Holy Grounds Cafe**. The purpose of this ministry will be to reach out to those dealing with addiction and recovery, and to help them in their journey. More details to follow soon.



Finance Committee

Thank you to all who have pledged for 2020. We have received pledges totaling \$252,200, which is above our goal of \$251,000. If you want to indicate a pledge to us for next year, but have not done so yet, please let us know. We will be happy to include it in the final figures. You do not have to pledge to give and we thank everyone who gives to support our church's mission throughout the year.

Offering envelope boxes are out on the table in the hallway. If you would like a box of envelopes for 2020 and there is not a box on the table with your name on it, please let me know by signing your name on the clipboard on the table and I will be happy to provide you with one. Thank you!

Jim Rea
Finance Committee Chair



Do you know what happened as a result of the Mission Saturation Weekend? Here are some highlights:

- At a small group meeting on Saturday, the idea of the Coffee House for our friends and family members in recovery, was born. Our first Holy Grounds Coffee House will take place February 22, 2020!
- At another small group meeting on Saturday, there was a presence of the Holy Spirit and missionaries as well as members of our congregation were able to share their faith journey.
- Ivins House has new volunteers to drive their clients to necessary appointments.
- Volunteers are in the process of getting clearance to help at Morrisville High School, a result of the attendance of Jason Harris, Superintendent of Morrisville School as a missionary at the Mission Saturation Weekend.
- As a result of Pastor John Brice's visit as a missionary that weekend, St. James United Methodist Church (in the Olney area of Philadelphia) was the recipient of \$20,000 from our Investment Stewardship Fund, to hire staff for a free after school ministry at St. James and create a game room at the Church. There is a school across the street from the church which lost its funding for an after-school program. Thus, was born Pastor Brice's idea to provide a free, safe place for the children who attend the school. The attendance started with 12 children in September and now there over 139 children with more on the waiting list.

- Another idea was born as a church member overheard Pastor John wondering to himself what he would give the children who attend the after-school program for Christmas. God worked in Diana's mind and heart, giving her the idea to make pillowcases – doesn't matter whether a child is 5 or 15 – everyone uses pillowcases! Blessings continued as a dear friend of Diana's happened to have a whole lot of fabric to make pillowcases which she graciously gave. Through the help of Diana's circle of friends and family, (even her grandson!), Pastor Brice will be presented with 180 pillowcases for the children. ****See the picture below.**

God is good!

As we are in the Christmas season, celebrating the birth of our Lord, isn't it awesome to witness the tremendous amount of "births" that happened as a result of the Mission Saturation Weekend?

*God Bless and thank you all.
Diana Pabers*





Soul Reset: A Journey to Wholeness

- January 5: How Is It With Your Soul?
Matthew 11:28-30

- **January 12: Unity Worship at 10:00 AM**

FAITHFUL
servants

We will thank Jenn, Kim and Janet for their faithful ministry with our kids and teens. Join us in the celebration and stay for a lunch that will follow.

- January 19: It's Not All on Me
Luke 10:41-42



In the 11:15 service we will celebrate the baptism of Joseph Massaquoi Jr.

- January 26: Eat Something
1 Kings 19:5-9
- February 2: Life In Crisis
Job 17:7
- February 9: Living in the Light
John 3:17 and Psalm 51



May 15-17 at Ocean Grove With Sue Duffield

Close your eyes, think where would you most love to be - RIGHT NOW? Many of us will immediately say - at the beach, toes in the sand, waves crashing in the distance. - ahhhhhh!

Ladies, LET's GO!!!!

Jesus invites us to be with him, offering our full and undivided attention to him. When we choose to go to a retreat, we make a generous investment in our friendship with Christ. We also make a generous investment in each other. Loving one another.

We are not always generous with ourselves where God is concerned. Many of us have tried to incorporate regular times of solitude and silence into the rhythm of our busy and unique lives, which may mean that we give God half an hour here and there (maybe even just on Sunday), and there's no question we are better for it. But we need more. Indeed, we long for more. **He longs for more of you!**

Ladies, this retreat is a unique opportunity to hit "pause" on our daily rhythms and gather together to be encouraged, equipped, and strengthened in our faith. We know there's a lot to coordinate – from work and home requirements, to saving up for the cost, from doctor's appointments and family obligations and giving up the bulk of your weekend. We encourage you to give your concerns for the weekend to Jesus, embrace all that He has waiting for you, and join us in the following:

1. Begin praying for the weekend.
2. Register in advance. Retreat forms are located by the Youth Office and in the lobby. \$25 is required up front to hold your spot. After the hotel is confirmed, costs will be shared.
3. Invite a friend and encourage them to join you.