



St. Mark's  
United Methodist Women's  
Newsletter

Spring  
2010

From The President's Pen

We are getting well into the Spring season and there are many great things to tell you about. Be sure to read this Spring's newsletter from cover to cover so you don't miss out! I am just so proud of our St. Mark's team which has done such a great job at being hospitable to new members and transfer members. You have done a great job of informing ladies about UMW activities and we want to keep it up so that members know what a great experience it is to be a part of St. Mark's United Methodist Women. For the year 2010, we have two service opportunities still open: **Vice President**, whose duties are helping with programs for three meetings in the year and the **Social Action Officer** who helps spread the word about ways we can serve others in our community and our world both at general unit meetings and throughout our church community. We are going to have many updates on the St. Mark's website for the United Methodist Women page so be sure to check it out if you go online. Also we are always updating our UMW group email list so if you would like to receive regular emails about upcoming activities call Carol Pickering or myself with your information. I look forward to serving as your president this year and can't wait to see how our projects bring us blessings this year!

*Valerie Adams*

Mission In Action



**Relay For Life**

We are asking all Circles to help with various food items for the team.

- Susanna Wesley Circle**—Hot dogs & Fruit
- Friendship Circle**—Cokes & Water
- Mary Tarrant Circle**—Chips
- MOPS**—Cookies & Brownies
- (Mothers of Preschoolers)**
- The congregation**—Goodies, if they wish.

We encourage EVERYONE to participate in some way - by donating, walking, raising funds from others, purchasing luminaries, participating in the silent auction, buying and proudly wearing a St. Mark's T-shirt, coming out to Stallworth stadium to support the team and enjoy the celebration of hope, and most importantly, keeping Relay for Life in their prayers. We want to win the battle against cancer!



*Carol Pickering*

**Important Dates To Keep**

**Sunday, April 11** Women's Tea

**Sunday, April 18** Cancer Awareness Sunday UMW members will be ushers, greeters, and scripture readers for both services. All of the congregation are asked to wear Relay for Life or red UMW shirts including hats of all types to support cancer awareness.

**Friday-Saturday, April 23-24** Relay for Life, Stallworth Stadium

**Friday, May 7** Church Women United (CWU) May Friendship Luncheon/Style Show at Cedar Bayou Methodist Activity Center, Registration: 9:30 AM, Style Show 10 AM. All women are invited to share in this fun-filled gathering.

The Style Show consists of fashion taken directly from the Baytown Thrift Shop. Our community's generosity of donating wonderful, gently worn clothing has enabled Baytown Thrift Shop to sell great clothing at a reasonable price. Funds earned by the shop is used to assist CWU's Child Care Center.

We need four models for the Style Show. If you are interested in modeling, please contact Jean Bailey.

*Striving to know God and  
to make God known.*

## ST. MARK'S LADIES TEA

Join us for a cup of tea on Sunday, **April 11 at 3 PM** in the activity center. Ladies of all ages are welcome. View the uniquely decorated "tablescapes". You will be served by our special St. Mark's "Butlers"! There will be a special program for the "little ladies" during the special adult time. A nursery will be provided for those not quite old enough to sit at the little girl's tea table. Invite family and friends! Space is limited so please register in advance by calling the church office (281-427-7335) or register at the "Tea Table" after worship service in the narthex. Dress is your choice. Hats are optional. If you want to help with food preparation or decorate a table, please call me at 713-906-9366



*Connie Walding*

**MARY TARRANT Circle** recently met at St. James Home in Alexander Hall because so many of our members reside there. Our regular meetings are held in St. Mark's Parlor at 1 pm on the third Monday.



We recently brought sandwiches to Grace UMC to support the South District Spring Retreat. We will be bringing chips to Relay for Life on April 23 & 24. All members are invited to attend Church Women United's May Friendship Luncheon/Style Show which supports Baytown Thrift Shop. Thebe Worden provides the program at our meetings. We'd love to have you visit us

*Jean Bailey*



## COOKBOOK Time

We are asking members to submit their very favorite recipes especially recipes of those all-time favorites everyone loves every time you bring the dish to a church event. You can submit up to five recipes. Please include your name, phone number and email address (if you have one) Return the recipes to the church using the forms available in the Narthex or Church Office OR you can email the recipes to [cdtnancy@earthlink.net](mailto:cdtnancy@earthlink.net). The deadline for submitting recipes is May 1, 2010. Thanks for your help!

*The Cookbook Committee*



**FRIENDSHIP Circle** gave \$1000 towards Milk Menagerie through Heifer International. The gift of a Milk Menagerie represents a quality-breed heifer, two goats and a water buffalo. These are four milk-producing animals intended for hardworking families hoping to provide a better life for their children.. *Milk Makes a Meaningful Gift* Join us as we work on ceramics for the children of our church.. We meet the second Monday of each month at 6 PM in the Ceramics Room.

*Connie Litterer*

**PRAYER Group** meets 2nd Monday 9:30 am in the conference room. This is an Intercessory prayer group because we pray for others in the church. We follow the UMW Prayer Calendar, sending birthday cards to a male & female missionary each month. We have a card ministry in which we send cards to those who are home bound, church members, families and friends. Cards sent are get well, thinking of you, seasonal cards, and more, as appropriate.



You don't have to be a UMW member to attend. Everyone is welcome. The number of cards sent have increased every year. Last year, 523 card were sent out to members, friends and families. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Prayer Group, please contact Debbie Burnham in the church office at any time.

*Debbie Burnham*

## SUSANNA WESLEY Circle



Susanna Wesley members have been busy! We've packed boxes for our service men & women overseas, made health kits, and made 27 bibs for the residents at a neighboring Rehabilitation center. Our circle meets on the second Monday of each month in the Church Parlor at 6:30 PM. We'd love to have you visit us!

*Nancy Hanson*