

## **United Women in Faith – Meeting, March 9, 2023, 10:00am**

Present: Elsie Dedrick, Nancy Schrader, Marcy Elmore, Hazel Herdman, Irene Deemer, Carol Hyman, Cathy Knarr, Corinne Despos, Nancy Briggs, and our Guest Speaker – Rev. Della Ludwig

Elsie Dedrick, President, called our first meeting of 2023 to order with a prayer and devotions. She distributed the 2023 UWF Booklets. The group read the UWF Mission Statement. Cookies and beverages were also provided by Elsie.

Rev. Della Ludwig gave a very nice presentation of the Book of Ruth, noting that Ruth was a Gentile from Moab and pointing out that this small book falls between two major books in the Bible - Judges and 1 Samuel. She talked about Ruth's love of family and God, her devoted relationship with Naomi, and how her lineage is related to King David, Jesse, and Jesus. The book of Ruth causes us to view our day to day lives as being part of God's plan and to trust that he is at work in our lives even though we might not see it now.

Elsie advised Della that the Blessing Baskets for the Month of March will be donated to the Emmanuel Free Lunch Program.

Elsie shared the notes and letters received by the UWF in the past few months.

Treasurer Report: Nancy Schrader shared information about the projects taking place at the parsonage in preparation for a new Pastor. She handed out the Treasurer Report for early January to present. Recent expenses included items for the Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> Fellowship Meal, payment for carpentry work in the church kitchen refrigerator area, and the purchase of appliances for the parsonage kitchen. The budget in the 2023 UWF Booklet should be updated as follows: "Parsonage" should be \$4,000 (not \$8,000) and the "Total Expenses" should be \$9,100 (not \$8,500). We have three pending expenses which will need to be paid in the near future: 1. Electrical and Water lines in the church kitchen; 2. Kitchen sink, faucet, garbage disposal and oven hood for the parsonage.

Due to some issues which occurred during the Christmas Dinner prep, a decision was made to recycle/dispose of most of the aluminum pots in the church kitchen. A motion was made by Nancy Schrader to make a list of what we need and purchase new stainless pots and pans to round out our kitchen inventory. It was seconded by Nancy Briggs, and all approved.

Elsie talked about the Ray Boyd funeral reception. The family requested that it be dish-to-pass instead of our normal reception. We under estimated the number of workers needed. Thank you to those who did work the reception and were a little overwhelmed. Lessons learned.

Marcy Elmore handed out the updated Shut-in list and requested that we sign the related cards. We discussed the status of some of our members who are having health related issues. Marcy also gave an overview of the work taking place in the Church Library to sort spiritual vs fiction vs historical, clear out junk and clean. We will also be going through the UMW/UWF file cabinet located in the Library. It will take quite a bit of work but will be a job well done.

First Responder Sunday is March 19<sup>th</sup> which will be followed by a Coffee Hour Reception in the Lounge hosted by the UWF. Several ladies present offered to bake cookies. Nancy will provide juice.

The T.I.C. Christmas Dinner was hosted by Newark FUMC on Dec. 25, 2022. Elsie gave an overview of how it all went and lessons learned. T.I.C. will no longer be in charge of the dinner. So, if we want this annual community event to continue, Newark FUMC will need to take the lead and host (with the help of area churches). More discussion on this topic will need to occur at a later date.

Our next meeting is Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the Church Lounge. Nancy Briggs will do devotions and Marcy Elmore will do the program.

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