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# UMW

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### MAY DINNER PROGRAM

*Fight for the Forgotten: How a Mixed Martial Artist Stopped Fighting for Himself and Started Fighting for Others*



**Monday, May 1, 2017  
6:30 to 8:30pm  
HPUMC Great Hall**

Justin Wren, a promising Mixed Martial Artist who descended into the depths of depression and drug abuse, heard God's call to fight for those who could not fight for themselves. Taking the opportunity to travel to some of the most desperate areas of the world on humanitarian missions, Wren found his calling. Living among the Mbuti Pygmies in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and

working to help improve their lives has proven to be his best and ultimate fight! With the global water crisis claiming 3.4 million lives a year, Justin has championed the cause of bringing clean water to communities and partnered with water4.org to build water wells.

Grab your guy friends or husband and join us for this unique and inspiring evening!

**For dinner reservations, payment of \$15 per person (online or with check) must be received by Monday, April 24, 2017.** Pay online at [www.hpumc.org/umw](http://www.hpumc.org/umw) or pay by check by mailing your check payable to *HPUMC UMW* to: Laura Petty, HPUMC UMW Reservations Chair, 7803 Hanover, Dallas, TX 75225. Your PayPal receipt or check is your confirmation.

BE SURE TO INDICATE THE NAME OF YOUR GUESTS, CIRCLE NUMBER, or OTHER INFORMATION on your check or, if paying by PayPal, email the information to Laura Petty at [rsvp.hpumc.umw@gmail.com](mailto:rsvp.hpumc.umw@gmail.com).

**YOU ARE ALSO WELCOME TO ATTEND WITHOUT EATING DINNER. PLEASE RSVP ONLINE SO WE WILL KNOW YOU ARE COMING.**

Childcare is available for this event free of charge, but you must make reservations by Monday, April 24, 2017 at [www.hpumc.org/kidcare](http://www.hpumc.org/kidcare).

### SUMMER SALAD POTLUCK SOCIAL!

UMW wants to gather with friends during the summer! Grab a friend or someone new to UMW and join us on Saturday, July 15 from 11:00am to 1:00pm at Dana Harkey's home at 12304 Brittany Circle. Let us know that you are coming and if you are bringing a salad or dessert at [rsvp.hpumc.umw@hpumc.org](mailto:rsvp.hpumc.umw@hpumc.org). See you there!

## The President's Message

Dear UMW Friends,

I can't believe we are already sending out our May newsletter! When I think about the month of May, Mother's Day comes to mind. Being a mom is one of the greatest blessings of my life and I am so grateful that I live in a community in which I was able to bring a healthy baby into the world. Then, while raising a child, I was blessed with the resources of a church that offered educational opportunities for all phases and issues a parent could face, great pediatric medical facilities and a supportive group of church friends.

Unfortunately, many women do not have the resources with which I was blessed when I was a young mother. According to recent statistics, a quarter of a million women die worldwide from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth and approximately 19,000 children die every day

from treatable diseases such as diarrhea and tuberculosis. Historically, healthcare for women and children has been at the heart of the mission of United Methodist Women and this year our special "Call to Prayer and Self Denial Offering" will provide grants for programs and partners that support women's and children's health. By participating in this offering, we are joining 800,000 Methodist sisters around the globe who are funding ministries that may provide prenatal and postnatal care, educational opportunities in medical fields, child protection, and crisis ministries for victims of domestic violence and for victims of violence during periods of war or conflict.

Sometimes I wonder if our membership knows how meaningful their gifts to UMW are. When combined with the gifts of faithful UMW members around the globe, we accomplish so much. We truly can be "the hands and feet of Jesus" when we place our money in an offering envelope. Our unit treasurer, Michele Vicente, has a column that shares where

our money goes and how our offerings are used. I hope you will be blessed knowing that you are a blessing to so many women and children throughout the world.

*Sandy Wilson*

Sandy Wilson, [wilson.sandyb@gmail.com](mailto:wilson.sandyb@gmail.com), 214.349.8860

### CRAFTY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

HPUMC has a group that meets twice a month to knit and crochet prayer shawls and baby blankets for HPUMC's Congregational Care Department to give to our members needing support. If you are interested in enjoying fellowship while creating beautiful things for others, join them on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the Staff Lounge (Room 366) from 1:00-3:00pm. For more information, please contact Ann Brown at [ahb89@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ahb89@sbcglobal.net) or 214.526.5897.

ALSO, Circle 8 WILL be meeting this summer to continue working on the new kneelers for Cox Chapel. This is another great opportunity for fellowship while using your crafty skills to needlepoint gorgeous new kneelers for Cox Chapel. You can find Circle 8 in HPUMC Room 385 on Tuesday, June 27, and Tuesday, July 25 from 10:00am-12:00pm. Circle 8 will then celebrate the end of summer with a potluck luncheon in August! Please contact Gloria Jones for more information at [gloriakjones@verizon.net](mailto:gloriakjones@verizon.net).



### UMW 2017 THEME

Supporting Methodist Women through intergenerational fellowship, friendships, and opportunities to foster a deepening relationship with God through outreach and mission.

*"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."*  
Hebrews 10:24 (NIV)



YOUR GIFTS TO MISSION

Our HPUMC unit of United Methodist Women has been blessed with generous members and friends whose contributions allow us to support a variety of missions right here in Dallas while also contributing to the valuable mission work that UMW supports around the world. That generosity is particularly notable because UMW does not charge membership dues. Instead, we rely on members and friends to offer their support through donations that fit their individual budgets. In return, HPUMC UMW carefully stewards those gifts to ensure that more than 85% of the funds received goes directly to UMW missions.

Want to know more about where your financial gifts go? The details are listed in the budget on page 14 of your 2017 Directory. In general, though, our 2017 budget anticipates these disbursements:

- \$11,690 to HPUMC UMW-directed missions:
- \$10,590 to ten local missions
  - \$1,100 to four global missions
- \$8,750 to UMW national and global missions, pooled with \$12 million from 800,000 members worldwide, distributed to:
- 100 U.S. mission institutions
  - Regional missionaries
  - 121 programs in 110 countries
  - Grants
  - Service and advocacy

Please prayerfully consider your role in HPUMC UMW as we support each other as well as the missions of UMW. If you are able to offer any amount in support of UMW programs and missions, please donate online at [www.hpumc.org/umw](http://www.hpumc.org/umw) or send a check payable to “HPUMC UMW” to United Methodist Women, HPUMC, 3300 E. Mockingbird Ln., Dallas, TX 75205. You may contact 2017 HPUMC UMW Treasurer, Michele Vicente, with any questions at [m.m.vicente@swbell.net](mailto:m.m.vicente@swbell.net).

OTHER UMW, CIRCLE, & LOCAL MISSION EVENTS

**HPUMC UMW Executive Board Meeting**  
**Monday, May 1, 5:00-6:00pm**  
HPUMC Room 385  
Contact: Sandy Wilson, [wilson.sandyb@gmail.com](mailto:wilson.sandyb@gmail.com), 214.349.8860

**Circle 1 - Evening Group, 40+, focus on spiritual growth & various mission/service projects**  
**Tuesday, May 9, 6:30pm**  
Mi Cocina at Skillman & Walnut Hill  
*End of the Year Fiesta*  
Contact: Candace French, [candace.french@sbcglobal.net](mailto:candace.french@sbcglobal.net), 214.417.4376 or Jenny Hedges, [jenny.hedges123@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.hedges123@gmail.com) 214.789.2062

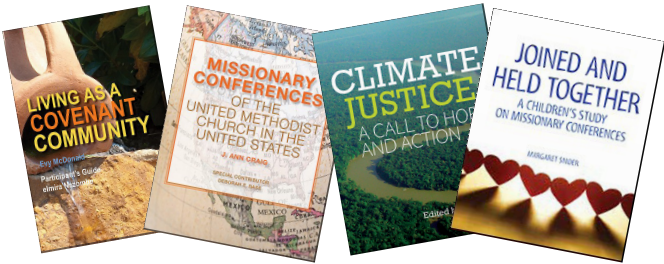
**Circle 2 - Day Group, Intergenerational, Bible study with Candace Winslow**  
**Tuesday, May 2, 9:30-11:00am**  
HPUMC Room 213  
Last spring meeting, studying the *Gospel of John*  
Contact: Candace Winslow, [candacewinslow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:candacewinslow@sbcglobal.net)

**Circle 3 - Day Group, 40+, focus on various service/outreach activities & various speakers**  
**Tuesday, May 9, 12:00-1:30pm**  
Home of Susan Brown, 6415 Belmead  
Luncheon with program by Fran Lobpries, Director of Development and Strategic Initiatives at Dallas Bethlehem Center  
Contact: Rebecca Lones, [rlones@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rlones@sbcglobal.net), 214.349.7725 or Mari Epperson, [mariepper@aol.com](mailto:mariepper@aol.com), 972.672.4015

**Circle 4 - Evening Group, 20's & 30's, focus on relevant Christian topics and fellowship**  
**Tuesday, May 2, 7:00pm**  
Gloria's on Greenville Avenue  
Fellowship & celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Taco Tuesday!  
Tuesdays in June & July, Circle 4 will have Game Nights. For more information, contact: Lauren Schick, [lauren.schick@bankofamerica.com](mailto:lauren.schick@bankofamerica.com), 214.762.3200

**Circle 7 - Evening Group, 30+, focus on balancing workplace & spiritual life, relationships, outreach & spiritual growth**  
**Thursday, May 11, 7:00pm**  
Meeting at Mr. Mesero, located at 4444 McKinney Ave  
Discussing *7 Phrases That Scream Lack of Confidence (And Make You Look Weak)*  
Contact: Susan Peck, [peck.susan@hotmail.com](mailto:peck.susan@hotmail.com) or Nicole Zrake, [nmzrake@gmail.com](mailto:nmzrake@gmail.com)

MISSION u 2017  
Wednesday, July 19 – Saturday, July 22, 2017  
Arapaho UMC  
1400 W Arapaho Rd, Richardson, TX



**LEARNING TOGETHER FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD**  
**Spiritual Growth Study (English and Spanish)**  
Living as a Covenant Community

**Geographic Study**  
Missionary Conferences of The United Methodist Church in the United States

**General Issue Study**  
Climate Justice

**Children's Study**  
Joined and Held Together (Missionary Conferences)

\$50/Session (3 Studies), Lunch \$10/day  
Children- \$30 (3 days)

REGISTRATION OPEN: May 1 – June 30, 2017  
Online registration and more forms & info at [UMWNorthTexas.org](http://UMWNorthTexas.org)  
CEUs and Scholarships available

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VBS AND SUMMER CAMP – CAN YOU HELP?



Miss having little ones “under foot”? Here are two ways to fix that!

Consider serving as a volunteer for HPUMC’S super fun VBS week held at HPUMC the week of June 5-9 from 9:00am-12:00pm. Commit to coming the entire week or choose the day(s) that work(s) best for you. You can even choose the age group you would like to be with. All volunteer registration is done through the SIGNUP GENIUS: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b49a9ac23a02-45s1> If you have any questions, please reach out to Alicia Winn at [aliciaf Winn@gmail.com](mailto:aliciaf Winn@gmail.com)

Wesley-Rankin Community Center also needs YOUR help with their amazing B3X Summer Camp being held June 12-26 and July 3-27. Sign up for half day or full day slots, 8:15am to 3:30pm. This includes prep time for the next day. You may even bring children ages 12 or older to help! Please contact Natalie Breen at [natalie@wesleyrankin.org](mailto:natalie@wesleyrankin.org) for more information and to sign up.

JOYS & CONCERNS

*We pray for comfort and peace for those who have lost precious loved ones:*

Lisa Stewart (HPUMC Director of Outreach) - mother passed away on March 4, 2017.  
Diana Miller (Circle 3) - mother, Dorothy Ann Ingram, died on March 17, 2017.

Please keep UMW updated on any special joys or concerns by contacting Sue Hughes at [suelh620@att.net](mailto:suelh620@att.net) or 214.361.4504.

Church Studies at the Perkins School of Theology, will discuss the key elements of the Islamic faith and look at differences among contemporary Muslims in their understanding of the political implications of their way of life. UMW spouses and guests are also invited to join us this evening as we remember the 16th anniversary of 9/11.

**Monday, October 2, 6:30-8:30pm**  
**HPUMC Great Hall**  
**CitySquare**  
Did you know that CitySquare serves over 50,000 of our neighbors each year through 14 different initiatives? The Rev. Larry James, CEO of CitySquare, and Rev. Jonathan Grace, campus pastor of CitySquare, will tell us about the exciting things that are happening at CitySquare and share ways we may help this outreach partner of HPUMC.

**Monday, November 6, 11:30am-1:00pm**  
**HPUMC Great Hall**  
**Women at Work**  
Join your UMW friends in “hands-on” mission projects benefitting our local and global mission partners and our congregation.

**Monday, December 4, 11:30am-1:00pm**  
**HPUMC Great Hall**  
**Annual UMW Christmas Luncheon**  
Enjoy an inspirational Christmas message from Hannah Buchanan, HPUMC Associate Pastor of Cornerstone and Outreach.

PURPOSE OF UMW

United Methodist Women (UMW) is a community of women whose purpose is to know God and 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.