

UPDATES AND REFLECTIONS MARCH 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Outside the church, it looks like spring is trying to make an appearance. Inside the church, all of the Circles are engaged in service projects and meetings. Many thanks to Donna Potts and the other ladies who helped with the Red Cross Blood Drive on February 28th. It was a great success. Also, many thanks to Cindy Banek for the Call to Prayer and Self Denial on March 14th. It was good to see more ladies attending this event than some of our other General Meetings. However, we still need to get more of our members to attend these events. Ladies spend time getting speakers and putting together a program.

The next General Meeting is our Membership Tea. It will be held on Saturday, May 2nd at 2 pm. The theme for this tea is the 250th anniversary of the United States. Attend and find out more about the role tea played in the revolution! The Tea Party in Boston wasn't the only one!

We are so lucky that Donna Potts has volunteered to fill the position of Secretary for the UWF Board for this year! We are still looking to fill the position of Social Action mission chair. Her job is providing the membership with updated information about ongoing social issues that reflect the interests of the United Methodist Church.

Janet

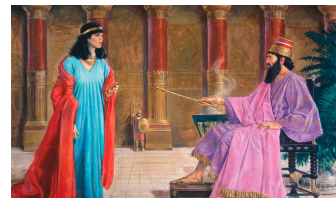
CIRCLE HAPPENINGS

Heritage Scott



The Heritage Scott Circle met on Tuesday, March 3. Fourteen members attended along with 2 guests. Bill Herman did the program about Abukloi. He had several videos that he shared with us. One described the day in the life of the students there. We also watched a video with Esther, our adopted "daughter at Abukloi". Bill also shared a letter Esther had written to the Circle members. We will be sending return letters to her. Following the meeting several ladies had lunch at Sal's.

Ruth Simpson



The Ruth Simpson Circle Wednesday, March 4, with 8 members present. In commemoration of National Women's History Month, Marilyn Riddle presented a program on Queen Esther, one of only two of the many women mentioned in the Bible with an entire book in her name, the other being Ruth. Disregarding her own safety and admitting her secret identity as a Jew, Esther's bravery and faith saved her people

from a plot to destroy all the Jews throughout the whole kingdom of Xerxes.

Sisters in Grace



Sisters in Grace Circle met on Tuesday, March 10 with 20 members and 1 guest present. Sami Meconnehey, from Here for the Girls, was our guest speaker. Learning about the invaluable support that this agency gives to women dealing with breast cancer was heart-warming and a good resource to know about. Linda Upshaw gave our devotion titled, *The Pencil Parable*, which taught us 5 important lessons for life. We discussed our upcoming Arc of Abilities day, the Women's retreat, Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, and our WUWF Sunday. Jeannie Neibel closed our meeting sharing about the life of an inspiring Christian woman from the book, *Hearts of Fire*, which is on the 2026 UWF reading list. Anne Hardister did our closing prayer.



Sisters in Mission



Sisters in Mission Circle met on March 17 with 14 members present. Libby Daniel shared

an Easter devotion, followed by the Mission Moment from Virginia Price. Donna Potts shared information, through a slide presentation, on WUMC most recent communication tool and digital program for internal communication throughout all church programs and committees. Following this program members spent time painting rocks with messages and pictures of love, hope, and encouragement to share with our church family to either take and keep for themselves or share in places within our community. We were happy to welcome Patty Benesh back after her recent health concerns. Prayers for a friend of Susan Griffin, whose husband had passed away on our meeting day.

CAROL BRINKLEY MEMORIAL BOOK CLUB



Here is the wonderful book that will be read for our May meeting:

May 11: *Church of the Wild*

WORLD THANK OFFERING CHALLENGE



The challenge for March's World Thank Offering will not be difficult. It is the season for planting or just enjoying plants. Walk around your home do you have any potted plants you "love" watering? How about your yard? You are NOT counting trees or bushes it is plants. We will say \$.25 for every plant. Place your contribution into your World Thank Offering "jar".