

UMW CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WEST LAFAYETTE, IN 47906

MAY 2011

THE UMW PURPOSE: "The organized unit of the UMW shall be 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". (Article 3, Constitution)

Our unit received a "Five Star Award" for fulfilling our Pledge to Mission and giving to special missions at the Northwest District UMW Spring Meeting on April 9th. We were also among 5 winners of the first annual "Mission Today Unit" silver award for fulfilling 12 of the 18 categories. There were six ladies who completed the reading program and received the book award certificates.

The UMW Executive Committee furnished breakfast and lunch for the CROP on April 9th. This is a very worthwhile project for missions.

Our unit had our annual UMW Retreat at the Lily Nature Center on April 30th. A diverse learning experience was lead by Rev. Lana Robyne, and a timely talk by Dr. John MacDonald on ticks and mosquitos. A sack lunch was shared on the deck during the noon hour.

Sally Gustafson will be our delegate to the Annual Conference in June. She will be attending the Annual Conference UMW dinner along with attending the Educators' Breakfast on the topic of Africa University.

Upcoming events and dates:

June 9 IN Annual Conference Dinner

July 10 Taco Bar following the children's program

July 26-29 School of Christian Missions, DePauw Univ.

July 30 Sampler Day at the School of Christian Missions

Sept. 17 Fall District Meeting

Sept. 18 Next Executive Board Meeting

Sept. 25 Fall Unit Program

Eileen Chamness, UMW President 2011

