



# United Methodist Women

Faith • Hope • Love in Action

The organized unit of United Methodist Women 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.

At St. Luke's, UMW members enjoy the fellowship of women who are committed to supporting Christian missions in the Houston area and around the world. Membership is intergenerational and open to women of all ages and stages of life.

For more information about any of these groups, please contact JoNell Beadle at [jnpohl@yahoo.com](mailto:jnpohl@yahoo.com).

**Special Events** - All members come together five times a year for worship services and special events.

- ◆ September 2016 - "Kick- Off Meeting" with a potluck lunch and guest speaker
- ◆ December 2016 - Advent Spiritual Growth Service
- ◆ February 2017 - Joint luncheon with the women of The Church of St. John the Divine on Shrove Tuesday
- ◆ March 2017 - Lent Spiritual Growth Service
- ◆ May 2017 - Field Trip

**Circles** provide a way for women to meet regularly in smaller groups to worship, study, and be in fellowship with each other. Circles generally meet once a month. Our circles have similar tasks and goals, but are each unique in the way they fellowship and in the way they fulfill the UMW purpose.

- ◆ **Afternoon Study Circle - Westheimer** The Afternoon Study Circle meets in member's homes at 12 noon, on the 4th Tuesday of the month (excluding summer months). Hostesses provide lunch followed by a program.
- ◆ **Night Circle - Westheimer** - The Night Circle meets at 6:30 p.m. (rotating between member's homes and the Westheimer campus) on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Programs are presented by members or outside speakers and light refreshments are served.
- ◆ **Shalom Circle - Gethsemane** Shalom Circle will be meeting at Clarewood House on the third Tuesday of the month beginning in September 2016 at 9:30 a.m. Programs are led by circle members with the focus on mission studies and topical programs.

## Interest Groups

**Service Group** - The group does hands-on projects for St. Luke's and local charities. Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 10 a.m. (excluding summer months) on the St. Luke's campus or an outside location.

**St. Luke's Book Group - Westheimer** The Book Group meets on the 2nd Monday of the month. Coffee and fellowship begin at 10 a.m. with a devotional and book discussion following at 10:30 a.m. Books from a variety of genres are selected by the group. Discussion is facilitated by group members.

**Gethsemane Book Group - Gethsemane** The Book Group meets September - May on the 2nd Saturday of the month in members' homes. Book titles, discussion leaders and hostesses are chosen in September. Fellowship time begins at 9:30 a.m. with brunch and book discussion to follow.

**Games Group - Westheimer** The Games Group has evolved into a Mah Jongg group where all levels of experience are welcome. The group meets on Mondays at 10 a.m.