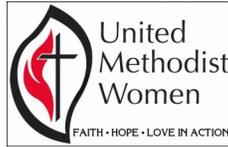




United
Women
in Faith

Also known as:



What is UWF/UMW?

Organizationally, United Women in Faith is the successor to the home and foreign missionary societies, the ladies' aid societies, parsonage societies, and guilds of the seven predecessor denominations now comprising The United Methodist church. It is that group of women in each congregation committed to mission. In 150 years in mission, our organization has had 25 names, each reflecting the various times. In March of 2022 the name United Women in Faith was introduced to make the organization more inclusive. Local units still relate directly to district and conference organizations of United Methodist Women and to the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries. The new mission statement says: *"United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities."*

Who is a member?

Any woman who commits herself to mission and chooses to belong. She does not need to be a member of the United Methodist Church.

What is expected of a member?

Support for the program of the organization through prayers, financial contributions and acceptance of leadership responsibility.

How big is the organization?

Membership is approximately 800,000 worldwide. UWF is the largest laywoman's organization of a major Protestant denomination in the U.S.A. Of the 24,000 local units, unit size varies from 6 to more than 600 members.

What is the scope of the program?

Programs in unit and subgroup meetings encompass mission education, spiritual growth and social action with a continuing focus on the needs of women, children and youth.

How is the organization financed?

Local units have budgets that are supported by individual pledges and gifts. Some units supplement their budgets by fund-raising activities. Each unit makes a Pledge to Mission that is sent to the district treasurer, and by her to the conference treasurer and then to the Women's Division for worldwide ministries with women, children and youth. Each unit determines it's budget and the amount of it's Pledge to Mission, although conferences and districts may set goals for them. That Pledge and other undesignated money sent to the Women's Division is sent to the national body & budgeted for ministries in the US and all around the world. International Ministries partners with approximately 20 other organizations in nearly 80 countries.

What does UWF here at 1st UMCBV do?

Our unit consists of 4 circles listed below. We have 4 combined meetings each year. Our funds are generated through Pledges, member gifts and 3 main projects each year: The "Bakeless" Bake Sale in the Spring, the Rummage Sale each August and the annual Bazaar in October. Along with the primary goal of missions, we also support our local church in a variety of ways. Some of the local missions we support are: Children's Advocacy Center, Havenwood, Saving Grace, Restoration Village, NWA Women's Shelter and many more.

Where can I find more information on the Web?

Go to: uwfaith.org

NW Arkansas conference site: nwarumw.wordpress.com
<https://www.youtube.com/c/uwwomenfaith>

Call the church office, 855-1158 or talk to any UWF member so we can find a circle of sisters to meet your needs, abilities & interests

SARAH

2nd Tuesday
1:00pm
in Parlor

EVENING

2nd Thursday
6:00pm
Youth Rm

MARTHA

3rd Monday
9:30am
Quilt Rm

NAOMI

3rd Tuesday
1:30pm
in Parlor