

WE SERVE.

WE ADVOCATE.

WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

United Women In Faith supports partners providing direct services to women, children, youth and families in neighborhoods around the country. Internationally, we support partners empowering women, children and youth with education and economic development opportunities. We advocate for a more just world to improve life for women, children and youth.

OUR STORY

Our 155-year legacy began with a few bold women determined to change the world for the better. In 1869 two wives of missionaries to India made a plea to a group of eight women in Boston about the spiritual and physical needs of poor women in India. They could not be treated by male doctors. Schooling for girls was almost non-existent. Help was desperately needed. In what would become a lasting legacy of "showing up and getting things done," the attendees were moved to action. Within a year they organized The Methodist Women's Foreign Missionary Society. By the end of 1869 they raised funds and sent educator Isbella Thoburn, who started a school, and Dr. Clara Swain, who opened the first women's hospital in Asia. Both institutions continue to serve the people of India today.

For the remainder of the 19th century and through the 20th century women's missionary groups were formed throughout the U.S. which grew to become powerful, independent women's organizations sending women missionary doctors, nurses and educators all over the world and advocated for justice, children, women and disenfranchised communities fearlessly.

In 1972 United Methodist Women first became the women's mission organization as part of The United Methodist Church's Board of Global Ministries. In 2012 the UMC General Conference voted to make the United Methodist Women's national policy-making body autonomous. Today we mark the beginning of a new era. As United Women In Faith we stand ready to not only continue our legacy, but forge courageous new paths. We will go wherever we are needed, without hesitation because the needs are great but our power, our resolve and our faith are even greater.

OUR MISSION

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.

OUR PURPOSE

We are 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



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participation in the global ministries of the church.
(for national and global info: uwfaith.org)

Bartlett United Methodist Church

MEETING OPTIONS

MARILYN MUKLEVICZ CIRCLE

Meetings: Fourth Tuesday in LEC Parlor, 9:30 am
(does not meet in June and July)

Leaders: June Peterson and Debbie Young

SERVICE CIRCLE

Meetings: Fourth Tuesday 10:00 am, Room 011S
(does not meet in June and July)

Leader: Pat McFarland

SUSANNA CIRCLE

Meetings: Called meetings as needed.

Leader: Glenda Bowen

VITAL CIRCLE

Meetings: Third Tuesday 6 pm, LEC Parlor

Leader: Marcia Hall

UNIT MEETINGS

Meetings: Second Tuesday 10 am in Fellowship Hall
excluding January, June, and July.

President: Susan Tanner

METHODIST ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

Golden Cross Senior Ministries

Strives to enhance the life for all seniors served by Wesley Living.

United Methodist Neighborhood Centers

Ministers to the physical and spiritual needs of families who need a helping hand. This organization provides education, childcare, social services, and spiritual development in a loving atmosphere.

Methodist Healthcare Auxiliary

Has been providing financial and volunteer support for the patients, families, physicians, and caregivers at Methodist hospitals and facilities since 1935.

Church Women United

Started in 1941 as a racially, culturally, theologically inclusive Christian women's movement to celebrate unity and diversity and work for peace in the world.

Local charities and organizations we support:

Appalachian Service Project--Bartlett United Methodist Church
Children, youth and outreach programs-- Dayshore Summer Camp--
Friends of Faith-- Hannah's Hope-- Kings Daughters and Sons Nursing
Home-- Mariah House-- Memphis Union Mission-- Reelfoot Rural
Ministry-- Room at the Inn-- Service over Self--St. Jude Children's
Hospital--UMCOR--Veterans Hospital.

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