



United
Women
in Faith

**A Message From
UMW / UWFaith Palatine**

Autumn, 2022

Blessed are you autumn,
Season of the heart's yearning.
You usher us into places of mystery
And, like the leaves, we fall trustingly
Into eternal, unseen hands



Dear Sisters,

As the seasons turn toward the cooling days and the beautiful colors that make this time special, we invite you to remember the important place you hold in the life of our church family and our UMW/UWFaith organization. You are loved, respected and appreciated.

**We are pleased to announce
with your help,
the garage sale raised \$760.00!**

**This money will be used to support the
Northern Illinois Methodist Conference
Mission to support immigrants
arriving by bus from Texas.**



As of September, more than 750 asylum seekers from Central and South America have arrived on buses sent from Texas, according to the city of Chicago. In collaboration with other agencies, NIC is taking action to ensure they have access to shelter, food, and other resources. More information is available on the NIC website

Sunday Morning * November 20
Drop off baked goods Saturday 9 - 2 in the Commons

BAKE SALE



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Stock Up on Thanksgiving Goodies

Calling All Bakers!

Our Annual Bake Sale Fundraiser will be The Sunday before Thanksgiving

Drop Off Baked Goods in the Commons on Saturday, Nov. 19th

And Please Sign Up to help at the sale too

Free! Drive-Thru Oktoberfest Community Meal
Thursday, September 15th 5:00-6:00

Schnitzel & Spaetzel
 (Breaded Pork Cutlet & German Noodles)
 Fresh Sliced Tomatoes
 (Grown in our Community Garden)
 Apple Cake

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 **THE COMMUNITY MEAL** &  United Women in Faith

**The Community Meal was a nice success.
 Meals served = 195!**



Many thanks to everyone who baked, cooked, washed dishes, directed traffic, played violins, dished food, and shlepped boxes and bags to the waiting cars!
 We are so grateful for your willing hands.

Planning Ahead!

Look for more information on the “Operation Christmas Child” project we will share with you soon!



Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan’s Purse, an international relief organization. Our mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We ship these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S.

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123 N. Plum Grove Rd.



Donating to
Palatine Opportunity Center
◆ Refugee One
And Kids Above All

Collecting
New &
Very Lightly Used
Coats

Please place in a bag,
& leave in the shed
by the parking lot door
Before October 25th

The cold weather is coming soon! Help us keep families warm this winter. Consider donating a new or very lightly worn coat.

We will deliver them to area charities that support immigrants, refugees, children in foster care and other disadvantaged individuals in our community.

Check out our website: www.umwpalatine.org

Or follow us on Facebook: [umwpalatine](https://www.facebook.com/umwpalatine)

We welcome women who would like to become more involved in our work by joining our *leadership team!*

Please email us if you are interested: UMWPalatine@gmail.com



Kirk School is a specialized school for young adults with significant disabilities. These students are working hard in our church! Two days a week, students come to clean the upholstery on our hundreds of chairs! This is a work training job, where they learn work behaviors as well as a valuable skill.

To thank them, we are inviting all Kirk students to a party on October 22.

Sign up to help with games and snacks! If you have experience with young adults with disabilities, or if you just feel called to help, we have a signup sheet in the Commons.

UWFaith originally formed a small group called Memory Cafe. Memory Cafe is part of a nationwide group. The UWFaith leadership decided it might be more useful to our community to expand it to any caregiving situation both memory challenges, physical or any situation that involves a care giving and receiving relationship.

On December 7th we will meet in the commons for Christmas Cookies and Christmas music. This is a low key, social get-together in a totally accessible space.

Please reach out to anyone you think might enjoy this event!

First United Methodist Church
123 N. Plum Grove Rd
Palatine, IL 60067

1:00-2:00PM
Wednesday
December 7

*Caring
Cafe*

Join a small group of caregivers and individuals experiencing challenges. Meet friends who share your journey.

More Info: umwpalatine@gmail.com



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Press Release

NEW YORK, June 24, 2022 – As a leading Christian women’s organization committed to the needs of women, children, and youth, United Women in Faith is concerned about the impact of today’s Supreme Court’s decision to overturn *Roe v Wade*, a ruling that had protected women’s rights to legal and safe abortion since 1973. We know from women’s experiences in the United States that the banning of abortions will not end abortions. Rather, women of financial means will travel to areas where abortion remains safe and legal, while many poor and working-class women and girls will resort to unsafe procedures that could cost them their lives, which happened too often prior to the *Roe* decision.

Over the years, The United Methodist Church has adopted a position on abortion that calls us to respect both the sanctity of unborn human life and the well-being of the mother, while supporting the legal option of abortion by certified medical providers in cases of “tragic conflicts of life with life.”

*As a matter of religious liberty in this country, women are entitled to seek guidance in the privacy of their families and faith traditions or ethical mores in these moments. Religious communities offer guidance on this issue expressly because there are so many differing opinions, questions, and circumstances. The United Methodist Church has provided such guidance for members

(The United Methodist Church Book of Discipline 2016, ¶161 K).

Other faith communities provide their own guidance. Women must be able to make decisions touching on the multiple lives involved in a pregnancy both because it is a fundamental right and because it is necessary to her free exercise of religious belief.

We call on federal and state legislators to act to protect the lives of women and girls by codifying their right to privacy, to legal and safe contraceptives, and, in tragic conflicts of life with life, to abortions. State-coerced motherhood — like state-coerced sterilization — undermines women’s ability to carefully discern and follow God’s calling in their lives.

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*The United Methodist Church on Abortion

“Our belief in the sanctity of unborn human life makes us reluctant to approve abortion. But we are equally bound to respect the sacredness of the life and well-being of the mother and the unborn child. We recognize tragic conflicts of life with life that may justify abortion, and in such cases, we support the legal option of abortion under proper medical procedures by certified medical providers.

“The Church shall encourage ministries to reduce unintended pregnancies such as comprehensive age-appropriate sexuality education, advocacy in regard to contraception, and support of initiatives that enhance the quality of life for all women and girls around the globe.”

—¶161 K, The United Methodist Church Book of Discipline

WALKIN' WITH THE LORD

By: Cindy Dingwall

From her book, "Bible Verse Fun with Kids"

"I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be my people." Leviticus 26:12

What does God mean by saying, "I will walk among you?" What does it mean to be people of God? Take some time to reflect upon this and write down your thoughts.

Mary and Joseph walked to Bethlehem just before the birth of Jesus. The Bible does not mention riding on a donkey. Go back and read the story. Sorry, no donkey! Jesus walked among God's people, teaching the word of God. The Disciples walked around teaching others as well.

Of course, today we have transportation, yet we still walk around. How can we share God's message as we walk about meeting other people? Take time to reflect upon this and write down ways you do share God's messages of hope and love with others as you walk with God through your life.

Here are some things you can do to more closely walk with God.

--Go into our church sanctuary during the daytime. Keep the lights off and let the light from the stained-glass windows light your path. Pause by each of the stained-glass windows, reflect upon the story each window tells.

--Go to YouTube and search for the song "Walking On High Places." Listen to this song where we are reminded that we are God's and God belongs to us.

--Go on an outdoor walk. Stop along the way and look closely at what God has created. Give thanks for each thing you see. "God, thank you for creating cloud designs. God, thank you for creating trees that change with the seasons. God, thank you for birds singing."

--Read the Bible story "Jesus Walks on Water." (Matthew 14:28-29) What are your thoughts?

--Google "Walking in the Bible" for more verses and stories about walking with God.

Dear Lord, We thank you for always walking alongside us through the challenges of life.

We thank you for sending us our Savior, Jesus who also walks with us, guides us and loves us. Help us to walk alongside you and share your love with everyone!

In your Name we pray, Amen!