



# UPDATES AND REFLECTIONS

## JUNE 2026

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Summertime greetings to all! The warm days we have been having certainly herald the arrival of summer. Several Circles take the summer months off to travel, relax and maybe spend time with families.

Enjoy the more relaxed pace but don't forget that our Vendor Craft Fair is scheduled for August 29th! We are responsible for the Bake Table. Be thinking of tasty items you can prepare. We also will need ladies to work the table on that Saturday. Shifts will be 1-2 hours long. Let your Circle chairs know what you will be making and whether you can help the day of the event.

Also, mark your calendars for Saturday, September 26th when we are hosting the Mission Rivers District Annual Meeting. WUMC will be providing breakfast as well as the meeting space. In early September we will put out a request for breakfast items such as casseroles, sweet breads and fruit. We will need volunteers to act as hostesses and way finders. More on this to follow!

Our Candle Burning was originally scheduled for September 26, but will be rescheduled for an October date to be announced!

Enjoy your summer whatever your plans call for!

Blessings,

*Janet*

### CIRCLE HAPPENINGS

#### **Heritage Scott**



The Heritage Scott Circle met on Tuesday, June 2 in Room 303. Stacie Gardner, the new Director of Congregation and Community Engagement was our speaker. Sixteen members and one guest attended the meeting. The ladies enjoyed getting to know Stacie and to welcome her to WUMC. During the business meeting, ladies signed up for the baked goods they will bring to the August "Goodbye to Summer" vendor " sale. Following the meeting, several of the ladies had lunch at Craft 31.

## Ruth Simpson



Ruth Simpson Circle met on Wednesday, Wednesday, June 3, 2026 with 9 members and 2 guests in attendance. Our brief meeting focused on the upcoming vendor fair fundraising event on August 29. All members were encouraged to donate a sweet dessert such as a cake, pie, cookies, muffins, etc. for the bake sale and to also purchase an item. We discussed different ways we could package some of the items into smaller quantities to accommodate our guest shoppers. Following the meeting, we engaged in very delightful conversation while enjoying a delicious covered dish brunch.

## Sisters in Grace



Sisters in Grace Circle met on Tuesday, June 9 with 17 members and 3 guests present. We welcomed Wanda Sills to our meeting and look forward to getting to know her. Angela Ciingale, from VCE Master Gardeners, presented a program on herbs and container gardening. We enjoyed learning about several aromatic herbs, their scents, and the how-to's for successful container planting. Troy Sims spoke to us regarding a new "hands on mission" initiative that will kick off in the fall. Plans for this month's Arc of Abilities gathering were finalized, along with our August meeting and December outreach mission. Our ladies signed up for the baked goods items they will provide for our "Goodbye to Summer" vendor fundraiser. We also discussed publicity and sales volunteer needs for the event. Anne announced the June "Dining Out for Missions" fundraiser at Tuscany

Restaurante on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Barb Stahl then shared about one of the women in the UWF's reading list book, *Hearts of Fire*, and we closed our meeting with prayer.

## Sisters in Mission



Sisters In Mission Circle met on Tuesday, June 16. We had 14 attending; 12 members and 2 visitors. Our theme for the meeting was flowers. We all wore flower leis and heard a lovely devotional on creating flowering friendships. We played games to learn about flowers in the Bible and the Victorian meaning of flowers. Our speaker, Laura Viancour, spoke about flowers in Colonial Williamsburg.

## SOCIAL ACTION



Stop by and visit our bulletin board – it's full of information!

## CAROL BRINKLEY MEMORIAL BOOK CLUB



Here is the wonderful book that will be read for our July meeting: *Rough Sleepers* by T. Kidder

## WORLD THANK OFFERING CHALLENGE



JUNE IS BUSTIN' OUT ALL OVER from Carousel is one of my favorite songs during this season. SO, your June World Thank Offering Challenge is to think about your favorite musical. Once you have your musical in mind think about your favorite song from this musical. Write it down and count how many letters are in your song. You will be putting \$.10 for each letter. Have fun SINGING AWAY.