

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 2021-2022

Now UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Given COVID concerns, craft sales and in-person group gatherings continued to remain on hold during 2021-2022; however, FUMCOG's UMW has continued our tradition of active outreach, both individually and collectively.

During the year we provided organizational and/or financial assistance included the following:

- The Caring Connection's homemade holiday cards at Valentine's Day, Easter, and Christmas for over 25 FUMCOG members facing difficult life challenges.
- Lucy and David Hill's ongoing collection and delivery of groceries for Northwest Neighborhood Services as well as personal items for Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network - all donated by many dedicated FUMCOGers.
- The Annual December Book Review on Zoom, hosted by Faye Ross.
- The United Methodist Neighborhood Services' clothing drive, along with Barbara Sveen's service on the UMNS's board.
- Mariana Eckardt's faithful commitment to knitting prayer shawls.
- Financial pledges from a committed group of FUMCOG women.

The UMW's primary focus is a commitment to supporting women and children. This past year, money from pledges plus distributions from the UMW/Helen Arthur Fund provided financial support for a wide variety of initiatives. The list below illustrates the broad nature of our financial outreach. [**Figures are rounded to the nearest five dollars.*]

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| FUMCOG-related: | \$2,330* |
| • Caring Connection expenses. | |
| • Altar candles | |
| • FUMCOG's Scout Troops. | |
| • A FUMCOG member. | |
| Community: | \$5,130* |
| • Northwest Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network. | |
| • United Methodist Neighborhood Services. | |
| • Women's Association of Methodist Hospital. | |
| Internationally: | \$3,000* |
| • UMCOR: Children's Health-Haiti. | |
| • FONDWA. | |
| • Liberia Education Project sponsored by Somerton United Methodist Church. | |
| • Kids of Kadiogne, a project in the Sudan spearheaded by Mt. Airy's Luke Klein. | |
| The UMW's East district and conference, supporting Methodist programs nationally and internationally. | \$1,550 |
| Total: | \$ 12,010 |

Becoming United Women in Faith: In March 2022, we learned that United Methodist Women is now United Women in Faith, with a new logo and "an array of new and improved programs to nurture current members and welcome new women to join to put their love in action on behalf of women, children, and youth." [from *Response*, the bimonthly magazine for members]. We are looking forward to learning more about this new initiative.

The UMW invites all FUMCOG women to take an active role in these efforts. Look for announcements as we return to a broader range of activities.

Submitted by Faye Ross, UMW Secretary/Treasurer