









United Women in Faith

### St. Luke's United Women in Faith

Previously known as United Methodist Women (UMW)

#### Who are we?

A Community of Women...

We are women who find meaning in our church and want to combine fellowship with study, worship and outreach opportunities. We are women with gifts to share with others. We seek to realize our own sense of purpose and commitment to God within a supportive community.

Joining this group of committed women is a unique opportunity no matter who or where you are in your life. It's an opportunity to move in harmony with other women, who have been responding to this Purpose for over one hundred years. We seek 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. We are a part of the Florida Conference United Women in Faith. If you are interested in becoming involved and need more information, please email UWIF@st.lukes.org.

#### 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.

#### Vision

Turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

#### Purpose

To be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

### Why Change Our Mame?

The United Methodist Women's name was changed in March of 2022 to United Women in Faith by the national organization. The name change was adopted by the United Methodist Women of St Luke's United Methodist Church the same month. We believe that the name is more appropriate for our group as we have participants from Holy Family Catholic Church, our Muslim community, the Armenian Church, and more.

The 150-year-old national organization changed its name to United Women in Faith to better reflect the inclusion of women of Baptist, Church of Christ and other denominations who are very much a part of the group. Things change, people change. But God remains, and that continues to be the purpose behind everything that we do in this organization.

Debbie S. McNary, President St. Luke's United Women in Faith





# Annual Holiday Marketplace

Hundreds of handmade holiday décor and gifts. Even Santa attends! On the second Saturday and Sunday in November. *Proceeds go to missions and charities.* 







## Annual Afternoon Tea with Boutique Shop

Wear your hat, raise your pinkie finger and enjoy delicious tea delicacies, themed and decorated tables, a fashion show and more!

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### Blessed Treasures Shop

Upscale resale shop with clothing, jewelry, and household décor. Unique handmade gifts and crafts. The shop is located on St. Luke's church property. *Proceeds go to missions and charities*.

"Blessed Treasures is a special space that allows your creative personality to come out to play. While creating with others, you feel acceptance and kindness shown through those who help and encourage you to be your best. On Sundays after church, you will find a group of ladies that just drop in to connect with others and perhaps even shop. The way these ladies interact is quite special, they up lift each other, catch up on happenings and provide a space for unconditional love."

Debbie McNary









## Crafting at Blessed Treasures

Bring your creativity and join the fun of making items weekly for the Holiday Marketplace Bazaar. Supplies are provided. "I enjoy the camaraderie of working with others for a good cause. Interacting with customers is the best! We have many repeat customers thrilled to find a bargain."
-Anita Virondes



and charities." - Susse Mabie

"Blessed Treasures Shop is a wonderful place to be in service as the hands and hearts of our Father in our world."
-Jackie Gill



# Annual Rummage Sale

The congregation and our community enjoy shopping for "like new" items. Proceeds go to missions and charities.





## Canning and Preserving Group

Women come together, sharing their talent and having fun canning and preserving food for those in need.





# UWiF Spiritual Retreat

Join your spiritual sisters as we gather for a day to re-energize our faith journey with inspiring speakers, fun activities, and delicious food.





## Recipients



"Thank you so much for your generous donation. We are so appreciative of your continued support of **Special Hearts Farm**! Please know that your donation will support programs and opportunities for our "special farmers."

-Kathy Means





"On behalf of **Dave's House**, I wanted to express our deepest gratitude to you and the St, Luke's Women in Faith for your generous support. Thanks to your grant, we were able to create a beautiful sensory garden in partnership with Aspire Health Partners."

-Ellen O'Connor

"Thank you for your recent gift of funds to give HOPE in Jesus' name to struggling neighbors from across Central Florida. You are also providing them with safe shelter and Christcentered care ... transforming their lives."



-Fred B. Clayton, Orlando Union Rescue Mission

"Your generous financial support of **Camp Boggy Creek** will help us continue our mission of helping to heal Florida's most seriously ill children and their families. Thank you for your kind monetary gift and providing hope and healing."



-Dr. Dan Jurman







