



Hello Church Family & Women In Faith By President Mindy Smith

The United Women of Faith had an outstanding In-Door picnic in July. There were eighteen members and six guests present. After our amazing meal two of our guests presented our program/entertainment for the evening. First, Chris LaMar, our Hagerstown Town Manager, shared with us the plans that are being put together for the Total Eclipse that will occur next April 8th. Wayne Co is expecting 20,000 to 100,000 visitors to be here because Dalton will be in the path of totality. Chris explained that the airport, the park, and several farmers will have spaces available for camping. There will be port-a-pots at designated locations and the High School will also make facilities available. There will be many food truckers here. One opportunity for churches in the area is, the possibility to serve breakfast in our churches on the Saturday, Sunday, Monday. Indianapolis is advertising the dates as Friday the 5th thru Monday the 8th. Nothing is set in stone at this point in time, but many ideas are being considered and any ideas are welcomed by the planning committee. I'm sure you are reading updates in The Western Wayne News and other sites.

Next on our agenda was our own member, Mattie Drew Doerstler, to help us make flower arrangements. Mattie Drew shared many directions and insights she learned in a class her Senior year at

Purdue University. Our hostess, the Reflections, purchased the flowers, and some of our members also donated fresh flowers from their home gardens so we could create beautiful unique arrangements. A Big Thank You to Reflections Circle for a very enjoyable evening. Another Thank You to Chris for updating us on the 2024 Total Eclipse Plans and Mattie Drew for educating and working



with us. Our Executive Committee will be discussing the possibility of our United Women of Faith participating in some way in the 2024 Total Eclipse event. We will keep everyone apprised of our plans. I also want to thank our Kitchen Committee co-chairs Donna Winters and Betty Thalls for all their hard work in the kitchen cleaning out drawers, cabinets and refrigerators! They also hung some beautiful curtains in Fellowship Hall. Thank you ladies for your hard work!

We are working out plans for our next General Meeting. As soon as those details are complete, we will make them known to you probably in the bulletin.

I hope our members are remembering to use our prayer cards. Two scriptures I want to share with you that make me excited to see what God will bring about because of our praying this prayer together are: “Where two or three are gathered in my name, I’m there with them.” Matthew 18:20

They cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and He brought them out of their distress. Psalm 107:28

God loves it when we agree with our Christian sisters and brothers. He loves to respond when He sees us being His people, His church. Let’s keep working to be the Hands and Feet of Jesus.

Special Mission Recognition; The pin is given to honor members and non members who have dedicated time and effort to service. Service to our Church Family and our Community. Through their generosity, they transform the lives of women, children, and youth in Indiana, the US, and around the world.

We look for people here in our church family who strive to live out our purpose, expand concepts of mission, participate in local, regional and global ministries. The person we are recognizing this morning has done that. She’s served many jobs here in our church-stepping up when we need her. Helping with our church delivering meals to shut ins. Then even members during COVID 19.. Organizing and directing Christmas Advent decorations, serving on multiple boards and committees, taking on a youth Sunday School Class. The list goes on.

Most recently she’s stepped up to help our Nettle Creek Senior Center out of their predicament. Thank you Greta Gustin. Please come up and receive this special Recognition Pin from your sisters in United Women In Faith.

