

FAQ's	Responses
Who can join the United Methodist Women (UMW)?	The membership of the UMW is open to all women who are committed and engaged in mission and who affirm the purpose of United Methodist Women. You don't have to be a member of Christ United Methodist Church or the United Methodist Church to be a member of United Methodist Women.
What are the vision and purpose of UMW?	The vision of United Methodist Women is turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world. The 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.
What are the focus areas for United Methodist Women?	<p>The following are the many channels or focus areas through which United Methodist Women are engaged in mission:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Spiritual growth · Transformative education · Service and advocacy · Leadership development · Organizing for growth · Climate change · Domestic violence · Human trafficking · Immigration and global migration</p> <p><i>More detailed information is available on the United Methodist Women web page.</i></p>
What does UMW do at Christ United Methodist Church (CUMC)?	The CUMC UMW is a very active group of women who support the national and international missions of the United Methodist Women and specific local missions. Individual circles and members volunteer and contribute to non-profits of their choice. The CUMC UMW meet monthly in circles and once a year in a Unit meeting.
What are circles?	Circles are small groups who have monthly programs aimed at serving, growing spiritually, and growing in fellowship. The circles meet at various times and places, so members can select one that best fits their schedule.
Will I have to participate in fundraisers like bake sales?	UMW at Christ United Methodist Church do not have bake sales or similar types of fund raising at this time. Our work is funded by donations. The source of money for our local mission work is from our No-Bake Bake Sale – for which a donation is made based on the amount that would have been earned assuming you were donating baked goods for sale or participating in another type of fundraiser.
What opportunities will I have for spiritual & personal growth as a member of UMW?	<p>As a member of UMW, you will have many opportunities for growth including the following:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">book reading program (we have a large selection of books), monthly circle programs, <i>Response</i> magazine, spiritual growth retreats, district workshops and the annual district prayer breakfast.</p>
What opportunities will I have to serve as a member of UMW?	The members of UMW at Christ United Methodist Church support local and international missions in many ways. As a unit we currently assist Anchor Hope in its mission to provide assistance to children entering into and transitioning out of the foster care system; we provide needed supplies, support life skills training, assist in educational and reading activities and provide support through prayer.