

Wesley Newsletter

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Spring FAIR



SATURDAY

APRIL 9

10:00 AM—2:00 PM

Chinese Auction

Jewelry, Gifts

Gourmet Table

Lunch Available

Wesley United Methodist Church
619 Fenworth Blvd., Franklin Square

CONGO UBUNTU FOUNDATION (CUF)

Receive warm greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ from whom all blessings flow.

Lucie and I have the privilege to share with all of you about the mission and progress of our Non-For-Profit organization "Congo Ubuntu Foundation" in Kalemie township in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. As many of you are aware, we have been in the process of building an Orphanage shelter that will have 54 rooms, 24 toilets, a kitchen, conference room, and offices. Our call is based on ultimate response to the gospel of Christ and biblical principles that are only fulfilled in practicing pure religion *"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."* (James 1:27), and to do what is good and what the Lord requires of us to do justice, to love kindness or to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8). *"Learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow."* (Isaiah 1:17) and Psalm 82:2-4, *Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."*

The purpose is to support the well-being of vulnerable and defenseless orphans in Africa educate, empower, and train future responsible citizens. We are pleased to update you, and the first phase of the building process of the foundation has been completed at the moment the contraction workers and hired engineers have begun to build or raise walls. We are now supporting 100 children last Christmas 2021, and we sent clothes to each child equivalent to \$10 each. Also, we raised funds in the past to help purchase mattresses, blankets, and mosquito nets for the kids; some of these can be found on our website, www.congoubuntufoundation.com.

Please allow Lucie and I to express our deepest gratitude to all of you for the financial and spiritual support you have shown throughout the existence of the Congo Ubuntu Foundation. Our prayers are that you would continue to support us through your prayers as we continue building not only a physical orphanage shelter but also making disciples of Jesus Christ for the glory of God and the transformation of the world together. You are all welcome to send your contribution and participate in the efforts to make a difference in the lives of voiceless children, and you are their voice send the check payable to "Congo Ubuntu Foundation.

In Christ,

Pastor Lucie Tshama

Rev. Dr. Nelson K Ngoy

UMW News

On Tuesday, February 8th we had our first meeting for 2022. We have begun planning our first fundraiser in two years. We will have a Spring Fair on Saturday, April 9th. Please save this date and volunteer to serve. The program for the evening was presented by Terry Lloyd. Terry led a discussion of Racism in the Methodist Church based on the book I'm Black, I'm Christian, I'm Methodist by Rudy Rasmus. She had attended a conference at which the book was presented. She shared the concepts and the problems with us. Thank you, Terry.

I delivered 21 gift bags to Glory House in Hempstead. The bags were full of necessary items for the women at this residence. This is all possible due to your generous contributions. Thank you for supporting this social action event.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 9th. At this meeting we will finalize our plans for the Spring Fair. Please bring your ideas and commitment.

The April UMW meeting will be on Tuesday, April 5th. Pam Fernandez will lead the group in her presentation "Keeping the Body of Christ Bone-fit." Please join us for this informative presentation.

Gail Gregory is collecting UMW pledges for 2022. Please be generous in your contribution to your sisters in faith.

Your sister in faith,
Aileen Sesso

Financial Update

I wish I could say things have gotten better financially, but February brought more financial challenges – the water heater in the parsonage died and had to be replaced and the significant snow storm cost us quite a bit for snow shoveling and plowing out the parking lot, on top of which the regular gas and electric bills have increased dramatically.

But, as has happened in the past, when I really didn't know how I was going to pay bills that were due, 2 people made large donations and got us out of the hole, without really knowing that that was what they were doing. God really is watching over us.

I still urge everyone to raise your pledges and to give a communion offering every first Sunday of the month.

Faithfully,

Linda Renzo

Finance Chair

Carlyle Players

The Carlyle players have begun rehearsals for their next play.

“The Fox on the Fairway” will be performed on:

- ◆ **Friday, May 6** - **8:00 pm**
- ◆ **Saturday, May 7** - **8:00 pm**
- ◆ **Saturday, May 14** - **8:00 pm**
- ◆ **Sunday, May 15** - **3:00 pm**

This play is a comedy by Ken Ludwig. Please plan on attending this show.

Remember, all the money from ticket sales will go directly to Wesley Church!

Aileen Sesso

BOTTLE RETURN

We are still collecting bottles to return for deposit. Please bring your clean empty bottles and cans to church and leave them in the vestibule.

Since we started this project in June we have collected over \$500 dollars!

Aileen Sesso



Church Council

Boy Scouts:

Excerpt from a recent letter from Bishop John Schol, the UMC Leadership Team Chair and Roger C. Mosby, the Chief Scout Executive:

The UMC and the BSA are continuing to develop a long-term solution regarding the church's relationship with Scouting in service to youth. As we move forward, we recognize that changes are needed. We are thankful that we are working together to improve the program and safety of Scouting for future generations of young people.

To plan for and carry out the new relationship agreements, the leadership of BSA and the UMC have agreed that it is best for all, and especially Scouts, to extend the effectiveness of all existing charters from March 31, 2022, through June 30, 2022. This will provide for uninterrupted ministry with young people through scouting.

We will keep you updated as we receive additional information.

Church Council Chair

Aileen Sesso



UNITED METHODIST MEN

The UMM of the New York Annual Conference are sponsoring a Men's Health Fair. It is scheduled for Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 9-10 AM. There will be speakers from the Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center of Columbia University.

The main topic is **colorectal cancer; getting tested and reducing one's risk factors**. Because men are often reluctant to pursue these matters, the event is open to any and all persons concerned about a special man in their life.

The Zoom meeting code is: **942 5041 6608**.

There is no password. To phone in, Dial: **1 (646) 558-8656**.

Future topics will be announced.

Kevin Lloyd



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