

Thank you for your interest in Solon United Methodist Women. We welcome you to join your group. We have been in existence since 1878, first as the Ladies Guild, then the WSCS, and now the UMW.

Attached is our yearly format. Besides our business meeting we have a short program at each meeting, presented by a member or a guest speaker.

We meet the first Wednesday of the month in the Fellowship Hall at 1:30, with the business meeting, program and luncheon lasting 2-2 ½ hours, depending if we work on a mission project or not. We have recently experimented with a morning workshop, and anticipate scheduling one or more of these per year.

The summer months provide us with a couple of fun activities. June's brunch is always filled with lots of excellent food and fellowship and held in the home of a member. July finds us road tripping to some interesting place in our corridor area. We do NOT meet in August.

We conclude the year with a Christmas potluck and program. Guests and prospective members are invited to this fun affair. At this time we support one of the various Xmas projects available in the Iowa City/Cedar Rapids area.

The second Thursday of each month we assist with Bingo at the Solon Retirement Village. Two of us provide cookies for refreshments after bingo, and every other month the group provides treats for the prizes.

Mission projects are an integral part of our organization. These may have a local, district or worldwide focus. Some of our recent projects have been school kits, school bags, pillows for the American Cancer Society and birthing kits.

In order to fund our state and national mission endeavors, we have a Pledge to Missions yearly in March, with a suggested minimum individual pledge of \$20. Of this, \$4 per member goes to Iowa Mission Projects. These projects are Bidwell-Riverside, Shesler Hall, Hawthorn Hill, and Mission U. The remainder goes to defray expenses on the national, state and local level, as well as support of other mission projects. A collection is also taken in October for a World Thank Offering.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact an officer.