

St. Paul's United Methodist Women

2021 Spring Meeting and Memorial Service

We remember our members who have recently passed:



Amy Isabel Hoult passed away at age 94 on January 31, 2020. She was born on January 8, 1926. She lived in the same house where she was born. She was a lifetime member of St. Paul's. Amy and her Mother joined St. Paul's together and they originally went to the church on Walnut Street. Rev. Collycott was the minister at that time. Amy was the longest living member of St Paul's.

Amy was a member of Joy Circle. She served on the Membership committee, and volunteered at Rummage Sales, was part of the Alter Guild, and helped in the church office.

Amy graduated from Rochester High School. She worked for Michigan Bell for 35 years. She volunteered at OPC for 26 years, at city hall and for the Red Cross.

Amy is survived by five nieces and five nephews. Amy will be missed.

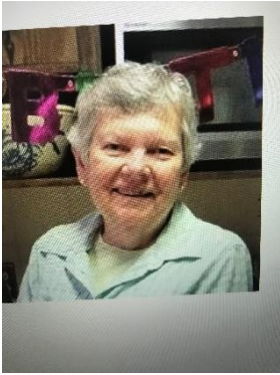


Betty Jane Kondis passed away on March 22, 2020. Betty was born in 1924 at her grandmother's home in Rockwood, PA. She married her high school sweetheart, Pete in 1944 and they had one daughter, Karen. They moved to Rochester in 1999 to be near Karen and joined St. Paul's. They loved St. Paul's staff, the social activities like Lamplighters, Bridge and YAHA's. Betty was in charge of the monthly themed table arrangements.

Betty really enjoyed UMW. In 2004 Betty received a Mission Pin. She was the interchurch representative from 2006 to 2014. She was part of Patience Circe, and was responsible for Courtesy for 2004-2020. Betty was on the Calling committee from 2004 to 2013 and the Program Committee. Betty especially enjoyed helping with every Rummage Sale. Betty won a contest to name the upscale room of women's clothes. Her name choice was "Unique Boutique."

One member recalls working on a Mission Project sewing dresses for girls in Malawi, Africa. Betty was in charge of the elastic as the other person sewed. They talked and laughed and had a wonderful time.

Many members recalled Betty's wonderful smile and said, "To know Betty was to love her." Betty will be greatly missed.



Mary Henry passed away on May 31, 2020. She was 83 years old and was living in North Carolina. Mary was born on August 11, 1936 in South Carolina. Mary graduated from Winthrop University in Rock Hill, South Carolina with a teaching degree. She married Jerry Henry and had four children. They move to Rochester, MI in 1975. They joined St. Paul's and Mary taught Sunday School and joined UMW. Mary was President of the UMW from 1986 to 1989. She was chairperson of New Hope Circle from 1990 to 1991.

When Henry retired in 1992, they moved to North Carolina to be near family.

Mary was a gifted quilter, seamstress, rug maker, and gardener.



Barbara Vandewater passed away December 7, 2020. She was 87. Barbara was born in Wyoming on July 29, 1933. She graduated from Cass Technical High School and received a Bachelor's of Nursing Degree from Mercy College of Detroit. Barbara worked as a nurse at Beaumont Hospital.

She married Richard Vandewater in 1959 and had two son.

Barb attended Patience Circle. She enjoyed the Rummage Sales. And worked in the collectables room and jewelry. Barb worked on bereavement luncheons.

Barbara worked in the church library laminating covers for books.

Barbara enjoyed traveling, crafts, playing bridge and spending time with her grandchildren who will miss her.



Sally Rhodes Crawford passed away on December 10, 2020 at the age of 93.

She was married to James (Jim) Crawford and they had three children. Sally and Jim lived in Pontiac in the 1950's and then moved to Rochester. Sally taught for Lake Orion and Rochester Schools systems.

Sally and Jim were members of St. Paul's for over 50 years and raised their children here. She sang in the Choir, taught Sunday School, was a Church Treasurer for many years, and was very involved in YAHA's. Sally remembered many former

ministers including: Rev. Rickard, Rev. Parker, Rev. Hickey, Rev. Regan and Rev. Kelsey.

Sally was awarded Mission pins in 1994, 2008 and 2019. She participated in Faith Circle from 1988 until her passing. She was a nominations rep in 1988 and was part of the Courtesy Committee in 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009. She would also call people before important events – she called me many times before the rummage sales to lend her support in prayer.

Sally's greatest gift to the UMW was her washcloth ministry. Her handmade washcloths were an ever popular item with church members. She donated all the proceeds to UMW Missions. The UMW is extremely grateful to Sally for all her support of the UMW.

Sally thought that her friends at St. Paul's were her greatest gift. All of UMW will miss Sally.



Joan Swanson passed away on January 4, 2021. She was 90 years old and the UMW members had sent her birthday cards. She enjoyed all the cards she received and read them over and over.

Joan married her husband Michel and had two boys. They joined St. Paul's in 1977 and Joan so enjoyed hearing Dr. Hickey preach. Joan was part of the original Joy Circle and then that circle merged with Faith Circle. She used to say that they joined Faith Circle but had Joy in their hearts.

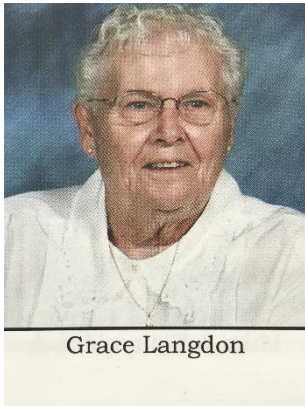
Joan received Mission Pins in 1990 and 2007. She was President of UMW from 1982-1984 and again in 2006. Some of the other positions she held were Supportive Community 1988 to 1991, Historian 1992 to 1993, Courtesy 1995, 1996, and 2005. She represented Interchurch Women for 18 years and served 2 years as the Interchurch President. She served on nominations, worked at the Silent Breakfast, Bereavement luncheons, Rummage sales in jewelry, crafts, and holiday areas. As part of Faith Circle she was on the Program Committee 1992 to 2004, and Christian Personhood 2007 to 2012.

Joan was always willing to help. One member remembers falling and breaking a dish and cutting her hand. Joan and Rev. Regan took her to the hospital.

As Joan got older, her sense of direction wasn't so good. A number of times she would call a friend and say "I'm in Pontiac. How do I get back to Rochester?"

Joan really enjoyed working at the Rummage Sales. She would work and tell stories and make people laugh and enjoy themselves.

We will miss Joan and her deep dedication to the UMW and St. Paul's.



Grace Langdon

Grace “Betty” Langdon passed away on January 6, 2021 at the age of 93. She was born on December 5, 1927 in Detroit Michigan. Grace married Donaldson Sanday and later Lloyd Langdon in 1963. Grace had three daughters. She was a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Girl Scouts, and OPC. She was a member of St. Paul’s and Charity Circle.

Grace helped with the Rummage sales where she enjoyed working in the housewares section. She helped with funeral luncheons.

Grace had a passion for knitting, crocheting, ceramics, sewing, traveling, Nascar and she loved to play euchre.

Grace will be missed.



BARRATT, James & Fran

Fran Barratt passed away on February 19, 2021 at the age of 83. She was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan on March 28, 1937. Fran graduated from Mt. Clemons High School and earning a Master’s Degree in Education from the University of Michigan. She married James Barrett in 1958. They had two sons. Fran was a teacher at Oak Park Schools. She taught computer classes at Oakland Community College and supervised teachers for Oakland University. Fran was a member of the Meadowbrook Woman’s Initiative and Brookwood Gulf Club.

Fran was a member of St. Paul’s for many years and the UMW in New Hope Circle.

Fran was always cheerful and supportive and shared stories of her teaching experiences with her New Hope Friends. Fran will be missed.



*RALPH, Wilma

Wilma Frances Ralph passed away on April 10, 2021. She was 101 years old. She was born on March 17, 1920 near Milford, Michigan. She graduated from Pontiac Central High School and attended Pontiac Business Institute. She was married to Jack Ralph for 37 years and had two children.

Wilma worked for St. Paul’s as a bookkeeper for 25 years. The Historical Society of Rochester honored her with a plaque in 2008.

Wilma was a member of St. Paul’s for more than 50 years. She

enjoyed working for Dr. Hickey and greatly enjoyed seeing the new sanctuary being built and completed.

Wilma was a member of Love Circle and Charity Circle. She was given a Mission Pin in 1998. Wilma was a UMW President in 1963-65. She was treasurer from 1995-1996 and assistant treasurer in 1997. She served on the Devotions and Courtesy committees in 1999 and 2001-2002 and was Historian in 2008.

In Love Circle she was on Christian Personhood 1991-1998. Treasurer from 1988 to 1991, Courtesy 1988, 1992-93 and 1995, program committee in 1999,

Co-chairperson in 2000 and Christian Personhood 2006-2016.

She enjoyed being known as Mrs. Jack Ralph.

Wilma loved playing the organ, reading, doing research on family genealogy and playing cards with family and friends. She traveled to all 50 states and visited Shishewana every year with her cousins.

Wilma will be remembered and missed.