

Dear Non-Profit Organization Director,

The United Methodist Women (UMW) of the First United Methodist Church of Pensacola sponsor fundraisers to benefit regional non-profit charities whose mission focus is on women and children. In 2017, we will host three events to continue to share our love, concern and commitment to women and children in need.

The UMW of First Church will begin their 2017 fundraising events on Saturday, February 11. "Saturday Morning with Friends," features a Southern breakfast, a dynamic faith based speaker and opportunities for guests to purchase auction items, local artists' greeting cards and more. Last year, \$11,200.00 was awarded to charity.

The UMW's summer fundraiser, "Designing Women, A Celebration of Women" luncheon will be held in late August, 2017. This popular event highlights a delicious lunch served on beautifully designed tables, each having a unique and clever theme. Guests enjoy the encouraging and heart felt words from a popular inspirational speaker as well as a Silent Auction. Last year, almost \$11,000.00 was awarded to charity.

UMW's third event "Christmas Creations" will be held the Friday and Saturday before Thanksgiving 2017. This forty year old event offers guests two days of Christmas shopping! Local crafters and artists come, loaded with their specially made treasures so the shoppers can fill their baskets. A yummy lunch is served and the Gingerbread House Sweet Shop is enjoyed. In 2015, \$10,000.00 was awarded to charity.

To apply for UMW grants, please complete the enclosed form that will explain the operation of your organization and how you would use this money. Please return the completed form with a copy of your organization's IRS 501(c)(3) letter, any brochures, newsletters and pictures that would help the committee get a better understanding of your organization.

Please mail your application to:
First United Methodist Church
C/O UMW – Grant Committee
6 East Wright Street
Pensacola, Florida 32501

The Grant Committee, and then the membership of UMW at First United Methodist Church, will decide the dispersal of grants. Applicants will be notified of the Grant Award winner(s).

Grant distribution will be made for Saturday Morning with Friends in mid-March following the February event, for Designing Women in late September following the August event and for Christmas Creations in mid-January following the November event.

We would like for you to partner with us in these events. Please help us advertise the event and flyers will be available for your dispersal closer to the event date.

Questions may be directed to Katie Ramsey, chairwoman of the Grant Committee, at 850.418.1241.

The committee looks forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Katie Ramsey
Chairwoman of the Grant Committee

United Methodist Women
First United Methodist Church
2017 Grant Application for Funding

Name of Organization:

Mailing Address:

Physical Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Web-Site Address:

Contact Person:

Title:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

What is the purpose of your organization?

How much funding are you requesting? \$_____. For what purpose will this money be used? Please be specific: who will benefit? financial details? and what is the expected outcome?

What are the services your agency provides to the community?

How is your agency funded?

What are the fundraising activities in which you participate?

Does a Board of Directors/Advisory Group guide your agency? If so, how?

How many paid staff members, full and/or part-time, does your agency employ?

What type of in-kind / volunteer support does your agency receive?

Unless otherwise requested, any check that we disperse to your organization will be made out to the name of your organization as listed above and sent to the address as shown.

You may receive a UMW Grant only once a calendar (12 months) year.

If you are not awarded a UMW Grant, you are encouraged to reapply.

Deadlines for the receipt of applications:

2017 Saturday Morning with Friends – November 5, 2016

2017 Designing Women – April 1, 2017

2017 Christmas Creations – July 1, 2017

2018 Saturday Morning with Friends – September 1, 2017