



DECEMBER 2024 Newsletter

THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

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Happy Birthday!



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Cookie Crumbs

The word "cookie" is of Dutch origin, from the word *koekje* meaning little cake. The origins of the British cookie, biscuit, means twice cooked and goes back to the days when bakers put slices of newly baked bread back into the oven, so that it dried out completely. This really was a method of preservation, for it enabled the cookies to be kept a long time. It wasn't until the beginning of the last century that the habit died out and the quality and variety of biscuits improved dramatically. We call them cookies when they are sweet, crackers when savory, while in Britain both are called biscuits. What we call biscuits the British call scones. We all agree on the word for muffins. Cookies are fun to make alone on a rainy day, to share with family and friends or to give as gifts.

Upcoming Meetings

Our next **Membership meeting** will be **Wednesday, December 11th**, at 11:30am for socializing and business meeting at 1:00pm. Our hostesses will be the board and trustees. We will be having a wrapped gift exchange under our Christmas tree.

The **Board meeting** will be on **Monday, December 9th**, from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

UFA Fun Day is **cancelled** because the last Wednesday is Christmas Day. See you next year!

Christmas Soups & Bread Dinner

All members, family and neighbors are invited to attend on December 8th at 4:00pm. There will be a short program and with luck Santa will appear. Donations are appreciated.

Reminder Utsalady Ladies Aid dues is \$25 starting January 1, 2025.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

President's Message

A President's message one last time....December 2024
As we approach December 2024, Reflections of childhood, and of adulthood flood my mind & heart. Not too long ago, each of us were preparing our hearts, preparing our homes for the sweetness of the Holiday Season...Christmas...and whatever we each think we hold in our hearts. The BEST EVER gift was given many years ago. Without that giving of That gift...there would be no celebration, no Christmas. For over 2000 years that gift has been given. Christmas holds memories for a lifetime. Reflections and recollections...oh so dear.



Wouldn't the ladies of 1908 be thrilled and blessed that we are celebrating another Christmas in our very own building in 2024.

*Love & Blessings,
Jeni Mellum Bottin, President*



Holiday Gift Basket Raffle

The membership meeting will be your last chance to purchase tickets to win the holiday basket for \$1.00!! So while you are shopping think about buying the Storybook of Memories for \$20.00 and our beautiful building by John Ebner on a tile for \$10.00. All proceeds go back into the community.

Remembering Mary Jo

Mary Jo Sweeney passed away on November 14th. She was always helpful, kind and generous and always offered to bake pies in her ovens since she only lived two houses away. She was an emergency contact when needed. Mary Jo helped bake cookies with her granddaughter for the Soap Box Derby lunch bags. Mary Jo was very active in lobbying to pass the Grandparents Law in Washington and I remember she would give updates at our membership meetings. Over the last few years she has had to focus on her husband's needs. A Celebration of Life gathering will be on December 6th at 11:00 am at the Utsalady Ladies Aid building. We will miss her.

Neighborhood Cookie Delivery

On December 21st Ladies Aid members will be walking the Utsalady neighborhood delivering Christmas tins and joy. Cookies should be delivered to ULA on December 20th between 11:00am and 2:00pm.

Wreaths Across America

On December 14th at 10:00am wreaths will be placed on every Veterans' grave at Anderson, Camano Lutheran and Camano Pioneer cemeteries, if you would like to help.

