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Until joining our United Women in Faith when established at St. Luke's Edmond, Connie had only been on the receiving side of the United Methodist Women. However, it is now a clear understanding, she was Methodist in the womb from both sides of her family. She grew up as a third generation in the Harrah UMC. Her Great Grandparents were involved in the original building of the Church. Every adult woman, so it seemed, was involved in the UMW. We knew each other well. It was obvious the women were very present in the local Church and the community. Their service example greatly influenced her to do mission work.

As an adult, the churches she attended prior to St. Luke's were not active with UMW. Then, two years ago after volunteering with our Community Market, she connected at the UMW Garage Sale at St. Luke's downtown campus. There I met amazing, caring, women who planted the seed for more wonderful opportunities to participate in United Women in Faith.

Connie's background reflects many volunteer service commitments for as long as she can remember. Currently at St. Luke's, she is committed to working with the Community Market, delivering food every Friday to local neighborhoods. She teaches second and third grade Sunday school, serves on the Hospitality Team, and as a stagehand for Poteet Community Theatre. She also truly enjoys/blessed by the many service opportunities provided by our UWFaith Circles and Unit.

Previously, she volunteered for four years on the "Peace with Justice Task Force" followed by eight years as the "Peace with Justice Coordinator" for the Oklahoma United Methodist Conference. She developed and coordinated seminars and training events for our church members. During this appointment she attended many meetings and workshops in Washington D. C. and other states, speaking for and representing Methodists in Oklahoma. In all her years of service experience, Connie states she always leans on...

"Whatsoever You do for the least of my brethren, that you do unto to me." (Jesus Christ). And, "Seek opportunities to show you care. The smallest gestures often make the biggest difference for others." (J Wooden)