



## **Andrews Chapel UMC United Methodist Women**

## **Trailblazers**

## Celebrating Our United Methodist Women (UMW) Trailblazers



Rosie **Bivens** 

The UMW Communications Committee of Andrews Chapel United Methodist Church (ACUMC) interviewed thirteen (13) UMW trailblazers who have been members of ACUMC for many years. The following members range in age from 77 years old to 90 years old, and have been members of UMW unit for an average of over 40 years.



Mary Williams



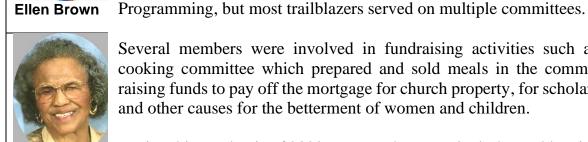
**Ellen Brown** 

Our trailblazers were encouraged to join the UMW unit by family members such as mothers, grandmothers, aunts, cousins, and other church members. As active UMW members, trailblazers enjoyed a range of activities which included UMW retreats, trips, discussions, doing projects, fellowshipping, visiting the sick, and fundraising.

Some of our UMW trailblazers were officers and/or served on committees in the UMW unit in the capacity of President, Vice President,



**Dorothy** Franklin-White



**Ellawease** Clemons

Several members were involved in fundraising activities such as the cooking committee which prepared and sold meals in the community, raising funds to pay off the mortgage for church property, for scholarships and other causes for the betterment of women and children.



Ann **Watkins** 



Adelle Freeman

During this pandemic of 2020, our members, particularly as older citizens, are staying safe from the virus by observing the official protocols such as staying home and only going out as necessary, wearing masks, washing hands and ensuring social- distancing. Our members remain physically active by walking in the park, around their yards and neighborhood and exercising at home.



Catherine Starr

Members' entertainment activities include reading, praying, listening to the Bible, watching television, listening to music, accessing social media, gardening, and talking with family and friends.



Marguerite **Jefferson** 



Georgia **Johnson** 



**Mable** Murphy



Sarah Norwood



**Imogene Starks**