



Then he was told, “Go, stand on the mountain at attention before God. God will pass by.” A hurricane wind ripped through the mountains and shattered the rocks before God, but God wasn’t to be found in the wind; after the wind an earthquake, but God wasn’t in the earthquake; and after the earthquake fire, but God wasn’t in the fire; and after the fire a gentle and quiet whisper.
1 Kings 19:11-12 (The Message)

When we think about God, we usually think of power and strength. Likewise, we often feel that our actions as Christians should imitate that power, and we are tempted to wield our beliefs as we would a weapon of might. Scripture reminds us, however, that God’s strength is more often revealed quietly and thoughtfully, filled with compassion and quiet tones of love. Just as a rainbow follows a storm, God follows the hurricanes, earthquakes, and fires speaking to us in the gentle whisper of tenderness and love. May we each seek ways of sharing the quiet, supportive strength of God’s love.
 Diana Revelle, Editor

THE PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 1 _____ Yearbook Information Deadline
 October 7 - 8:45 a.m. _____ Executive Committee
 October 18 _____ UMW Sunday and Candle Burning
 November 4 – 8:45 a.m. _____ Executive Committee
 December 2– 8:45 a.m. _____ Executive Committee
 December 2 – 10:30 a.m. _____ Unit Meeting
 December 18 _____ Newsletter Article Deadline
 December 25 _____ Christmas

FROM THE PRESIDENT

UMW is active. Something that has kind of amazed me, but for which I am thankful, women are joining UMW circles in the midst of this pandemic, even though some circles are not meeting. My circle (Searcy Feely) and UMW Executive Committee both meet by ZOOM. Other circles are finding their way and 'meet' as they can. Prayer shawl ministry and book clubs are meeting.

I have some exciting news to share. On UMW Sunday, October 18 at some point during the announcements time, a Mission Recognition Pin will be presented to Rev. Leist in recognition of and appreciation for his support of UMW by his words and his actions. This special moment will be shared by Linda Leist as she pins the pin to his lapel or robe.

Twelve MUMC UMW members attended the Mid-State District UMW meeting on September 19 by ZOOM. As you probably know, Julia Goodell is the current President of the Mid-State District UMW.

MUMC UMW was represented at the Missouri Conference UMW meeting on Saturday, September 26 that met by ZOOM.

June DeWeese,
 President, United Methodist Women

CIRCLE NEWS

Searcy-Feely

Searcy-Feely continued gathering in the summer through Zoom, meeting virtually for no-agenda circle chats. The gatherings allowed circle members to stay connected. The first meeting of the fall was held on Wednesday September 16th. Reverend Elmer Revelle presented a program entitled, United Methodist Heritage in which he traced the development of the denomination from its beginning in 1784 to the present time.

Christmas in July

Suzanne McDavid

Your generous support of the July 9th Christmas in July event made the following possible: 125 Gift Bags delivered to Nora Stewart, Park Avenue, Mary Lee Johnston and Lunch in the Park Children. Boxed chicken dinners and snack bags were served at Loaves and Fishes – 125 were served!! Then you made it possible to still give \$1,255 to VAC. Thank you again from the Christmas in July Committee: Nancy Franklin, Pat Martin, Mary Quart, and Suzanne McDavid.



UMW Book Club

The UMW Book Club has continued to meet via Zoom. In July, we discussed the book *The End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe. In September we shared the book *A Gentleman in Moscow*, by Amor Towels which was this year’s choice for the Columbia, One Read. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 11. We will again be meeting via Zoom. Our book will be *Paris Hours* by Alex George and the author will be joining the discussion. If you would like to become part of the

UMW Book Club, or if you would like to join the November meeting to virtually meet the author, contact Diana Revelle. revellediana@gmail.com

UNIT NEWS

UMW Book Cart

The UMW Book Cart is now located in the Connector. With the current Covid procedures, you will need to call the church to let them know when you will be there to check out a book. Books on the cart are available for check-out Monday through Friday from 9:00 – Noon. A check-out sheet is available to note the date and person who has checked out the book and when it has been returned.

UMW Reading Program

If you have been reading UMW books for the reading program, please remember to send your report to Diana Mooney by the end of November. dianamooney@centurytel.net

Fall UMW Unit Meeting

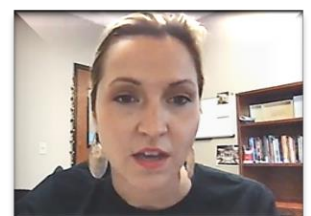
The MUMC UMW unit meeting was held on Wednesday September 2nd at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. The program was presented by a panel of three members of the Missouri Conference staff representing three conference ministries. Presenters were Lucas Endicott, Associate Director of the Office of Mission, Service and Justice; Melanie Smollen, Missional Strategist for the Center of Congregational Excellence; and Maggie Lohmeyer, Youth Specialist for the Office of Next Generation Ministries. Each presenter spoke about his/her office and addressed the ministry that is being done in this time of adjustment and challenge. They also addressed ways in which their offices can be of service and assistance to the local church.



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Yearbook Information

The deadline to send your information for the 2021 yearbook was October 1st. If you have not sent in changes for your circle members or if you are a General Member and have a change in your contact information, please send them to Pam Thomeczek as soon as possible: mrstee@socket.net

Church Women United

Rene’ Rau

The Columbia Chapter of Church Women United held its last meeting in March 2020 and has halted scheduled meetings until 2021. The Least Coin Offerings will continue to be sent as donations are received. Columbia CWU will meet on Friday, October 2 at 10 am via Zoom. Anita Pickens, CWU Missouri president, announced the April 20-21, 2021 state annual meeting will be held remotely. If meetings resume in 2021, MUMC will host the January meeting.

Festival of Sharing 2020

The Festival of Sharing office needed 15,000 recipes folded in preparation for the Share Fests this fall. Rene’ Rau organized a team of people to help with the preparation. Jo Lee assisted Rene in getting the recipes folded, and five volunteers picked up a set of 1,000 recipes each to count and bundle.

(Sidney Everhart sent the following information regarding the 2020 Quilt Auction.) We have made the difficult decision to cancel the in-person portion of the 2020 Quilt Auction that was originally set for Saturday, Nov. 14 in Columbia, MO. We are delighted to still bring you an opportunity to view and bid on all donated quilts through our first ever online auction. Bidding will open at 8 a.m. CST, Nov. 5 and close at 11:59 p.m. CST, Nov. 14. Quilt photos, details and bidding information can be found at benefitbidding.com/festivalofsharing If you have questions about the auction, please reach out to Sidney Everhart: 573-474-3332 or festival@socket.net.

UMW Sunday and Candle Burning



The UMW Information Board maintained by Marsha Sargent highlights UMW Candle Burning and Member Recognition this month.

Each year United Methodist Women International calculates the cost of doing mission for that year. In 2020, the cost of doing mission per minute is \$21. 61. MUMC UMW Sunday has

been scheduled for October 18th. A candle will burn during the service to represent monies that have been donated from our unit and the church at large to finance mission in Missouri, in the United States, and around the world. Five agencies located in Missouri are supported through these donations:

- Della Lamb Community Services - Kansas City, MO
- Epworth Children & Family Services - St. Louis, MO
- InterServ - St. Joseph, MO
- Spofford - Kansas City, MO
- Susanna Wesley Learning Center - East Prairie, MO

Donations can be made online through the church website, by placing a check in the offering plate, or by sending a check to the church office. The donation form can be found in the church newsletter, on the website, and following this article. Please make checks payable to UMW. Donations must be received by Monday October 12 to enable Teressa to compile a list of persons for whom donations have been given.

United Methodist Women Candle Burning Oct. 18

Gifts received through the UMW candle burning support the work of the Women’s Division of the Church. The Women’s Division focuses on serving women and children here in the United States and around the world. The cost of underwriting this mission work in 2020 was \$21.61 per minute. We will light a candle at the 9:30 Sanctuary Service on Sunday, Oct. 18 to represent gifts in memory or in honor of someone special to you. Any contribution is worthwhile, regardless of amount. Thank you!

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Given by:

Amount \$ _____

Please make checks payable to UMW. Place in the offering at church or mail to the church office. Contributions must be received by noon on Monday, Oct. 12 to have the names recognized in worship.

For more information:

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/missionminute>

DISTRICT NEWS

Mid-State District Meeting

The Mid-State District United Methodist Women met via Zoom on Saturday September 19th. During the business meeting, officers for 2021 were installed by Conference President, Marilyn Henegar. MUMC UMW proudly announces three of the officers for 2021 from our unit: Julia Goodell, President; Diana Mooney, Secretary of Program Resources; and Diana Revelle, Chair of the Committee on Nominations. In addition to these elected officers, Rene’ Rau was recognized as the new District Librarian.

The program was presented by Gary Moreau, Executive Director of Mobility Worldwide of Columbia, Missouri. Gary shared a wonderful program featuring the ministry to Kenya and highlighting the many recipients of the mobility carts.

Marilyn Henegar, Conference UMW President installs officers for 2021



Julia Goodell, President
Jackie Bruner
Education & Interpretation



Gwen Blodgett, Secretary
Diana Mooney,
Program Resources



Barb Dearing, Treasurer
Linda Mealy,
Social Action; M, N, & O



Diana Revelle,
Chair of Nominations
Sally Dorrell,
Spiritual Growth



Rene’ Rau, District Librarian



Gary Moreau, Executive Director of Mobility Worldwide, Columbia, MO Program Presenter



Disabled children who are residents of the Devine Providence Home are recipients of mobility carts.

UMW District Library

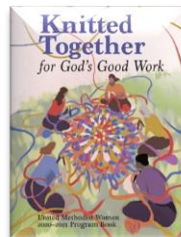
The UMW District Library has moved to MUMC under the direction of Rene’ Rau who has accepted the position of District Librarian. Rene’ hopes to have the library available soon. District president Julia Goodall is meeting with the district’s UMW units and will collect books that have been checked out and not returned due to the pandemic. She is also taking books with her to the units for new checkout. René Rau will inventory the collection and work with Diana Mooney, Secretary of Program Resources, to plan for the library’s opening.

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

The District newsletter, *The Missive*, is available online and by email. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, contact the District Communications Coordinator, Shirley Link: 573-295-4640; dslink@ktis.net.

UMW ACROSS THE NATION and AROUND THE GLOBE

2021 Program Book



Knitted Together for God's Good Work is the theme of the 2020-2021 United Methodist Women Program Book. The programs explore how we are joined and linked together as the Body of Christ, even during times of social distancing.

The Poultry Project



21-day-old chicks at the Poultry Project

From the July issue of UMW E-News by Adelina Chilundo

The Poultry Project was created to assist the community in employment opportunities, particularly for women and youth through entrepreneurial development by United Methodist

Women in Mozambique South Annual Conference. One participant in the project is Felizarda Joaquim. In 2019 at age 66, with a retired husband, no job, caring for two grandchildren and her disabled adult daughter, Felizarda dipped into the family savings and started a new broiler chicken project through the Poultry Project of United Methodist Women. Felizarda currently has 800 broiler chickens of her own and she works very closely with Adelina Chilundo, UMW Mozambique South Annual Conference executive secretary, in running the broiler chicken project. She is the bread winner for her family and the project coordinator for the Southern Annual Conference. Because of her hard work, together with the executive secretary of United Methodist Women in Mozambique, the project will probably sell 1,500 broilers this summer. The proceeds will go directly to United Methodist Women Mozambique.

Training for Transformation – UMW Emergency Grants



The Sierra Leone Country Team prepares supplies.

From the September issue of UMW e-News by Keziah Kargbo

As COVID-19 has harmed already vulnerable women, the United Methodist Women Sierra Leone Country Team has provided resources and encouragement to widows, the aged, single parents and the needy in Sierra Leone.

The ban on air travel, inter-district lockdowns and a highly limited business atmosphere have had a downward effect on the national economy and a spillover effect on livelihoods. Rural women who normally rely on farming as a means of livelihood could not travel to their farms; and small business owners have experienced losses.

United Methodist Women's emergency grant has provided hope for women in Sierra Leone through the Country Team's swift response. Country Teams are in-country local working teams on the ground through United Methodist Women. The teams, led by the Regional Missionaries, consist of intergenerational United Methodist Women and United Methodist Church leaders.

The emergency response grant from United Methodist Women mainly supports elderly women, widows, single parents and the needy in Port Loko, Lunsar, Moyamba, Rotifunk, Pujehun and the Western Rural districts. More than 200 families, including female pastors, were visited by the team. Each household received a food pack containing coronavirus education leaflets, toiletries, rice and cooking condiments, breakfast food items and sanitizing materials.

STAYING CONNECTED

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