

THE VOICE

Building a community of women who are committed to mission

United Methodist Women of the Miami Valley

A New Year's Resolution

As we enter a new decade, there is the utmost assurance that it will be one of change for all of us! "Look! I am making everything new." [Revelation 21:5]

For those of us who follow the events within the United Methodist Church, we anxiously await General Conference in May, 2020 and West Ohio Annual Conference in June, 2020. *We have the promise that God will be with us.* Currently, women make up almost 60% of church membership but in 2019 constituted only 36% of the voting members for General Conference. The CEO of United Methodist Women, Harriett Jane Olson tells us we still have much work to do in the church. "In the midst of all the change, United Methodist Women seeks to be a place where all women are welcome, inclusive of sexual orientation, where we can work together on shared commitments to spiritual growth, mission with women, children and youth, and empowerment of women in the United States and around the world. Our church context may change, but our calling continues." (Response Magazine, Jan/Feb 2020) Con't on page 2

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Miami Valley UMW Dates to Remember – 2020

April 18, 2020 – "Magical Mystery Mission Tour" - Concord UMC – Englewood

September 26, 2020 – UMW Annual Fall Gathering - Grace UMC - Dayton



UMW PURPOSE

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.

In mission with . . . Wesley Community Center

In 2015, the Miami Valley District of the United Methodist Women organized the Friends of Wesley Community Center to support outreach to women, children and the Baby Ready program. Our co-chairs, Deb and Nancy are ready to answer any questions about your unit supporting “Friends of Wesley Community Center”. If you or your unit hasn’t joined, or you want to share your local unit’s project ideas, contact either of our co-chairpersons: Deb Dunlop, debmunlop@aol.com, (937) 890-2729 or Nancy Shaw, nsnanshaw@gmail.com, (937) 339-1426. ***Wesley Community Center is a National UMW Mission Institution!***

(Continued from the front page, *A New Year’s Resolution*)

We are still called to be strong United Methodist Women wherever we serve. We remember that we are members of the largest women’s mission organization in the world. Our commitment and work does not stop because the church is changing! We must recognize that churches are closing and units of United Methodist Women disbanding but that does not change our commitment as individual members. During this time of change, we can each be a “card carrying” United Methodist Woman by registering on our national organization’s website: unitedmethodistwomen.org. Even if you are not a member of a local unit, you can connect with your district and conference United Methodist Women through their website and newsletters.

This year, there will be thoughtful, creative programs offered at the district and conference level plus Mission u July 16-19, the mission education opportunity of the year. Continue to use the UMW website for the latest news of changes in the church and United Methodist Women. And you can also volunteer to be an at-large representative at West Ohio Annual Conference, June 7-10, 2020. Contact the Miami Valley District office at 937-529-2320 for more information.

Tara Barnes, editor of ***Response*** magazine reminds us: “Change can be something that happens to us. Or it can be something we make happen. United Methodist Women, we have been making change now for more than 150 years; I don’t expect 2020 to be any different. I thank God for you every day. On our horizon is joy, for God will be with us.”

West Ohio Conference UMW Dates to Remember – 2020

April 3-4 Spiritual Growth Retreat – Procter Center, London Ohio

June 7-10 West Ohio Annual Conference – Lakeside, Ohio UMW Breakfast

July 19-19 West Ohio Mission u – Otterbein University, Westerville, Ohio

October 31 West Ohio UMW Annual Celebration – Scioto Ridge UMC, Hilliard, Ohio

Registration & info for these events is at: www.westohioumw.org/calendar-of-events

2019 MIAMI VALLEY DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN GIVING SUMMARY

“All members praying; all members giving; together we can make it happen!”

MISSION GIVING*	\$55,905.80	(69.9% of pledge which is \$80,000)
CALL TO PRAYER & SELF DENIAL	3,320.75	
SUPPLEMENTARY GIFTS	<u>4,000.00</u>	
TOTAL SENT TO WOC UMW	\$63,226.55	

**Includes Pledges, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory and World Thank Offering.*

FRIENDS OF WESLEY **\$ 1,302.00**

CAMPERSHIPS **\$ 7,653.30**

***Thank you for your continued gifts to support the mission and ministries of
United Methodist Women!***

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24 - Five Star Local Mission Units for 2019!

FIVE STAR Giving Recognition is for local units who send mission gifts in all five categories of:

Pledge to Mission; Special Mission Recognition; Gift to Mission; Gift in Memory; World Thank Offering

With an *increase of SEVEN Units from 2018*, we are excited that **the below United Methodist Women local units are 5 STAR Givers!**

Aldersgate	Arcanum	Casstown	Centerville	Church of the Cross
Concord	Englewood	District Lead Team	Fairview	Germantown
Grace	Ithaca			
Kettering Christ	Normandy	Phillipsburg	South Charleston	St. Andrew
St. Paris	St. Paul Dayton	Sulphur Grove	Troy First	Union (Union)
Urbana	Vandalia	Ware's Chapel	West Elkton	

Consider publicizing this 5 Star designation in your church bulletin or newsletter. This is an opportunity to share the work of your local UMW unit. WELL DONE good and faithful servants!

Miami Valley District United Methodist Women Campership Program

How can your local UMW make a difference in the life of the children and youth in the Miami Valley District?



1. Contribute to the Miami Valley District United Methodist Women Campership Fund.

- 100% of what you, your units and churches contribute go directly to funding Mission u or camp for the children and youth of the Miami Valley District.
- Contributions can come from your unit budgets, individuals, or a special church project.
- We take contributions all year long not just during camping season.

NO AMOUNT IS TOO SMALL!!!

Send gifts to the Miami Valley United Methodist Women District Treasurer (payable to MVDUMW Community Care Fund/Camperships): Kathy McGrath, 10700 S. Charleston Pike, South Charleston, OH 45368

2. Encourage and sponsor a child(ren) or youth to attend Mission u or one of our three West Ohio Camps: Camp Wesley, Camp Otterbein, Camp Widewater

Scholarship Application Process:

- a. Identify potential campers.
- b. Obtain Miami Valley United Methodist Women scholarship application form and camp or Mission u brochure.
- c. Choose a suitable camp for each camper.
- d. Determine the amount of money the family, local UMW/Church, and West Ohio Conference camp scholarships can contribute toward the fees.
- e. Fill out the Miami Valley District United Methodist Women scholarship application and the West Ohio Conference Mission u/ Camp registration form.
- f. Send completed request to the Miami Valley District United Methodist Women's Campership Oversight Board by April 15.
- g. Scholarship money will be sent to the local unit treasurer by May 15.

You can get a Miami Valley District United Methodist Women scholarship application form on the West Ohio UMW website [click on Miami Valley District] or by **contacting Joan Johnson, jajumc@aol.com**.

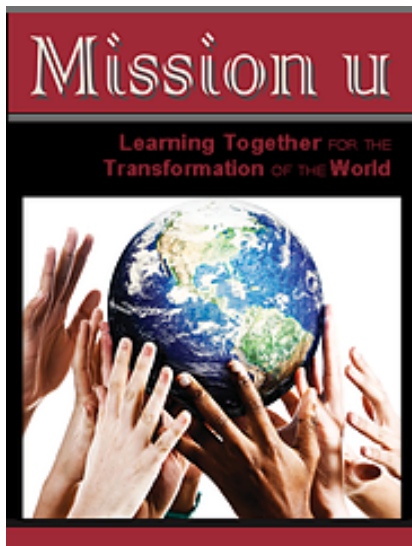
You can download a camp brochure from the West Ohio Conference UMC website, westohiocamps.org or call the camp office at 614-781-2630.

You can download the Mission u registration brochure by going to the West Ohio Conference UMW website, westohioumw.org/Mission u or register online by clicking on "Register for Events".

Send applications and refer all questions to the Campership Oversight Board contact, Joan Johnson at:

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Learning Together for the Transformation of the World - 2020 Otterbein University, Westerville, Ohio Week School: July 16-19 Day Sampler: July 18

Mission u has something for everyone—adults, youth, and children; male or female. An immersive four-day program is offered, as well as a one-day sampler. And there are age-appropriate programs and activities for youth and children. We invite you to grow with us in learning and understanding the mission of the church through study, worship, music, fellowship, and prayer. Come join us for an experience like no other of learning and spiritual renewal!

Spiritual Growth: *Finding Peace in the Midst of Anxiety*

Topical Issue: *Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools*

Youth Study: *Managing Anxiety*

Children: *Managing our Emotions*

For more information and registration go to:

www.westohioumw.org/mission-u

Miami Valley UMW District Mission Projects

Alpha Community Center: 330 E Court St, Sidney, OH 45365; 937-498-9758;
info@alphacommunitycenter.org; www.alphacommunitycenter.org

Jacob's Ladder: PO Box 626, Eaton, OH 45320; www.jacobsladder-ohio.org

Oasis House: 425 N. Findlay St., Suite 308, Dayton, OH 45404; 937-898-7811;
www.oasisforwomen.org

Open Hands Free Store: Springfield, OH 45505; 937-323-5815

Sojourner Recovery Center: 1881 US Rt 127, Eaton, OH 45320; 513-868-7654

St. Paul Ministries: 101 Huffman Ave., Dayton, OH 45403; 937-252-4467; www.stpauldayton.org

Sycamore House: 315 Sycamore St., Urbana, OH 43078; 937-653-3737

Wesley Community Center: 937-263-3556; www.wesleycenterdayton.org

A special invitation to all Miami Valley UMW members

Magical Mystery Mission Tour

“Discover Your Mission”



On **April 18, 2020** the Miami Valley UMW officers have created a unique opportunity to learn more about the Miami Valley District missions. **We will board a chartered bus at Concord United Methodist Church in Englewood and travel to three mystery mission stops!** Along the way, we will also view other locations in our district that has experienced great need.

Since we are starting a little later than usual, breakfast snacks (granola bars, fruit and beverages) will be provided. During the trip, we will stop for lunch. **Your registration of \$20 will pay for the transportation, snacks, and lunch. What a bargain!**

Each unit with a representative attending this Mystery Trip will receive a gift bag of items related to UMW and the areas that we are touring.

Our mission project for this day will be a donation of an item that would be given at a baby shower and a monetary gift.

Questions you may have:

- **What time is this event?** The event will be from 9:30-3:00.
- **Where will we begin and end?** The mystery mission trip will begin and end at Concord UMC Concord United Methodist Church at 1123 S. Main Street, Englewood Ohio
- **If we are riding a bus, how many people can attend?** Attendance is very limited. Register early!
- **How long will we be on the bus?** We will be on the bus no longer than 45 minutes at any one time.
- **Where can I find the registration form?** See the registration form in this newsletter.

Please come and bring someone too! Discover YOUR mission and see for yourself how you can pray and give to all of these worthy mission causes!



United Methodist Women of the Miami Valley present . . .

Magical Mystery Mission Tour

“Discover Your Mission”

Saturday, April 18, 2020

9:30 to 3:00

Concord UMC

1123 S. Main Street

Englewood, OH

Schedule: Registration begins at 9:30 with breakfast snacks and devotions before loading the Chartered bus at 10:00. We will travel to three mission sites in the Miami Valley District before returning to Concord UMC at 3:00.

Mission Outreach: Attendees are asked to bring a gift for an infant to donate to mission sites. A monetary collection will be gathered at the third site.

Special Notes:

- Bring own travel mug
- Breakfast snacks and lunch is included
- Transportation on a chartered bus included
- Each unit represented will receive a mystery goodie bag to take back to their local units
- **Space is very limited – register soon!**

Send this portion in with your \$20 payment postmarked before April 1, 2020. Late registrations if space is still available will be \$25.

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Local Unit/Church _____

Dietary Restrictions or other special needs _____

Make checks payable to MVDUMW and send registration to: Kathy McGrath, 10700 S. Charleston Pike, South Charleston, OH 45368

Wesley Community Center . . . A Beacon of Hope

Wesley Community Center, a United Methodist Women's National Mission Site, continues to be a beacon for hope in West Dayton. Long-time staff will soon welcome a new Executive Director as the Board continues their search to fill this important position.

When you visit the Center you will learn first-hand about what a difference Wesley Center makes in the community and see the newly upgraded food pantry and accessible restrooms where United Methodist volunteers undertook much of the construction. As you plan ahead, you will want to learn about how they assist children, youth, seniors, expectant mothers, men, job seekers and persons in recovery. You will gain a better understanding of how your contributions are put to work. For example, gifts made directly to Wesley Community Center enable their overall operation while gifts to Friends of Wesley support the Baby Ready program.

Maybe you could even learn more about how you might help with one of their fun, educational, life-changing baby showers!

Contact Linda Bales Todd at 937-979-4207 or joylab47@yahoo.com or Deb Dunlop at (937) 890-2729, debdunlop@aol.com for further information about ways to serve and become involved with this national mission institution of United Methodist Women.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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