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**Miami Valley UMW June 28 E-News**

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## Miami Valley United Methodist Women June 28, 2020



## Miami Valley United Methodist Women E-News and Views

The Miami Valley UMW E-News comes to you twice a month and our goal is to bring you updates and information from United Methodist Women and thoughts, ideas and ACTIONS you can take to bring faith, hope and love into the world through our advocacy and our prayers.

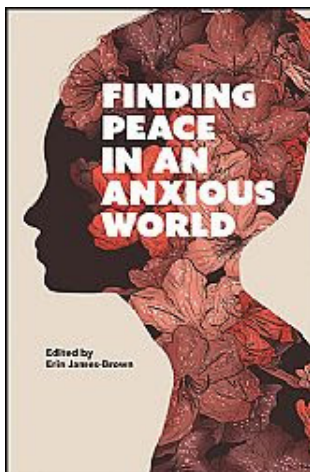
United Methodist Women of the Miami Valley have been a source of hope to many in our communities, from ministries in our own local churches to our ongoing support of Wesley Community Center, a national mission institution of UMW that is located right here in the Miami Valley! We want to be sure that you know about the important work of the Baby Ready program, so be sure that you check out the information below.



Hope Letters is a way you can be involved to bring hope to women that are incarcerated right here in the Miami Valley at the women's facility at Dayton Correctional Institution, please check out the details below.

As we have been become more aware of racism in our community, there are many excellent resources to educate ourselves and help us grow in understanding. The article below will provide an opportunity to read together and discuss the book, *So You Want to Talk About Race*.

And make sure your internet connection is good (or find one to use) and be sure you are tuned in for Mission u that will be held in August and our Miami Valley Fall Gathering that will be brought to you on-line this fall! See more information below.



## West Ohio MISSION U 2020

I know you have been hearing a lot about the Spiritual Growth study, *Finding Peace in an Anxious World*! We've had a series of devotionals and the cover of the book you've seen too. But this book and study on how to cope and find peace in these anxious times is so needed right now, that we want to be sure you are signed up! It would be wonderful to see each of you at the Zoom class meetings!

Classes will be offered in four sessions during the month of August. Each session will be a series of four weekly on-line classes based on the spiritual growth study, *Finding Peace in an Anxious World*. You will pick the day and time that is best for you and register through the West Ohio Mission u website at:

<https://www.westohioumw.org/mission-u>

Registration will be opening soon! The fee is \$25.00

Please order your book, read and be ready to join in! A *special edition* of E-News will come out as soon as Mission u registration is opened and we would love to see your faces on our screen in August!

Order *Finding Peace in An Anxious World* by clicking [HERE](#)

**MIAMI VALLEY UMW**



## ***FALL GATHERING*** ***September 26, 2020***

### **WE CAN DO THIS MV UMW!**

We will join together for our annual fall gathering on September 26 by going on-line! Save the date now and we will send you details as our plans develop. Now is the time to sharpen your skills using ZOOM or to find the someone in your life who can assist you in learning and preparing your computer, smartphone, tablet or ipad to be a part of this event.

Our summer/fall newsletter that is mailed via USPS in late August will contain all the information you will need and even a ballot to vote on what is presented at the business meeting. But be ready to sing, hear an amazing speaker and just be grateful for the opportunity to be together to praise God and share with our MV UMW community!

And when the opportunity comes later on (and it will) we plan to come together in person and have a huge celebration of worship, fellowship, prayer and praise!

**Be sure to join with your  
MIAMI VALLEY UMW family  
in a time of prayer and  
meditation on Wednesdays and  
Saturdays**

As believers in the power of prayer, we know that coming together with a shared intention can have profound impacts on our lives, on our communities and on the world.

Join with Beth Vanoli and others from United Methodist Women on Wednesdays and Saturdays to be a part of the Prayer Circle. Invite your friends and family too!

E-mail Beth Vanoli at [vanolibeth@gmail.com](mailto:vanolibeth@gmail.com) and she will give you all the information and the links needed to join us in prayer!



Have you read the **UMW PRAYER  
CALENDAR** today?



Prayer requests and a mission focus story are available [HERE](#) for the week of June 28-July 4 and [HERE](#) for July 5-11.

Many thanks to Linda Miller UMW District President of Capital Area South for the idea of this useful resource for prayer.

## THE PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

"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."

## MISSION GIVING

The work of United Methodist Women to 'turn faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world' continues during the COVID 19 Pandemic.

Remember, the greeting cards you order from our district treasurer, Kathy McGrath (at \$5 each) can be used for anyone at anytime!

Cards available include: Congratulations, Happy Birthday, Thank You, Baby, In the Service of Christ, Special Day, In Memory, Thinking of You, and even assorted Christmas Cards!

And the money goes towards MISSION GIVING! It's a win-win!

Mail Remits (and requests for cards) to:

Kathy McGrath  
10700 S. Charleston Pike  
S. Charleston, OH 45368

## Social Action Opportunity: Conversations

*"When we identify where our privilege intersects with somebody else's"*

*oppression, we'll find our opportunities to  
make real change."*  
~~Ijeoma Oluo

As United Methodist Women, we are encouraged to engage in the work of ongoing anti-racist learning and unlearning, recognizing that self-reflection is not a one-time experience but must be, instead, a sustained spiritual practice.

You are invited to Conversations, a two-part book discussion on the book, ***So You Want to Talk About Race***. Starting the week of July 20th we will begin Zoom conversations about this important issue. If you are interested in taking part in these conversations, email **Beth Vanoli** at [vanolibeth@gmail.com](mailto:vanolibeth@gmail.com), then purchase (or borrow) the book and read with us!



## Friends of Wesley Community Center Update

We hope your local UMW has received a letter with your invitation and a return postcard to be a part of the work and ministry of Wesley Community Center and the Baby Ready program that is so very vital to soon-to-be mothers in the Westwood neighborhood of Dayton.



If not, no worries! The letter is attached [HERE](#) for you to read and take action!

## ONGOING ENCOURAGEMENT FOR WOMEN THROUGH "HOPE LETTERS"

*"Let me tell you how valuable a letter is . . ."*

Let's accept Jesus' challenge to visit "the least of these" in prison through a ministry of correspondence. The gift of a letter or card can have a profound impact on





A signature initiative of  
All In Community



mothers, wives, sisters and daughters in prison who feels forgotten by the world, and perhaps, by God. The good news is, **YOU** can write letters or sign cards. It's an easy way to make a big difference to so many women. You can join with a small group of friends and UMW sisters to send HOPE Letters to women in Dayton Correctional Institution (DCI).

You can bring together your own small group from your local UMW or church or from two or three other UMW/churches to form a group OR be a part of a group from Miami Valley UMW. HOPE Letters staff and volunteers will provide training and the connections with the Chaplain at DCI who

selects woman who are separated from the their local community and who are seeking a better future for themselves. Your small group will meet once per month to write letters and share together.

Interested? Want more information? Can you help by being a leader for the *Miami Valley District UMW HOPE Letters* group?

Please contact: Linda Bales-Todd at [joylab47@yahoo.com](mailto:joylab47@yahoo.com)

You can view a slide presentation by clicking [HERE](#)  
OR watch a video about *HOPE Letters* by clicking [HERE](#)

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

*Please help us and other local UMW organizations by sending your ideas for creative ways to raise funds for Mission Giving during this time of social distancing and COVID19. Ideas for things like "Bakeless Bake Sales" or "No Rummage Rummage Sales"! Send your ideas to Marcia Florkey at [mlbflorkey@gmail.com](mailto:mlbflorkey@gmail.com).*

*Thanks for your creative suggestions! We will publish these in a future edition of the Newsletter. so everyone can benefit.*

If you enjoy quality clothes at a reasonable price, be sure to stop at "The Clothesline", a gently used clothing shop located at 22 N. Second Street in Tipp City, Ohio.

The shop has re-opened on June 3 and their hours are:

Wednesdays from 2:00 - 7:00

Thursdays 10:00 – 7:00

Fridays 10:00 – 7:00

Saturdays 10:00 – 4:00.



The Tipp City UMW provides 25 cashiers per month and shares in the profits for the mission work of their UMW.

God grant me the serenity  
To accept the things I cannot change;  
Courage to change the things I can;  
And wisdom to know the difference.  
Living one day at a time;  
Enjoying one moment at a time;  
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;  
Taking, as He did, this sinful world  
As it is, not as I would have it;  
Trusting that He will make all things right  
If I surrender to His Will;  
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life  
And supremely happy with Him  
Forever and ever in the next.  
Amen.

*(Finding Peace In An Anxious World, Mission u Study)*

**CONTACT INFORMATION FOR OUR LOCAL MISSION  
PROJECTS IN THE MIAMI VALLEY that YOU or YOUR LOCAL  
UMW ORGANIZATIONS CAN SUPPORT with your DONATIONS  
during these difficult times:**

**DAYTON:**

**ST PAUL OUTREACH MINISTRY** - Please remember St. Paul with your prayers. We still need canned vegetables, fruit, meat, and soup; shelf milk; pasta and sauce; pork and beans; bread and crackers. If you can help

financially, checks can be sent to: St. Paul Outreach; [101 Huffman Ave.; Dayton OH 45403](#). Or visit their website to donate at: <https://www.stpauldayton.org/donations>

**WESLEY COMMUNITY CENTER** - Is in need of your help during this time of COVID-19. Even though many activities have been temporarily closed down, the needs of women, children and youth do not stop for Wesley Community Center, our UMW National Mission Institution in Miami Valley. Please consider sending an extra donation check to: Wesley Community Center, [3730 Delphos Ave., Dayton OH 45417](#) OR donate through Wesley's website at: <https://wesleycenterdayton.org> Also a special WISH LIST has been created on Amazon for you to send items directly to the center. The items are limited it to Diapers, Feminine Hygiene products, Beans, Rice, and Water. When ordering be sure to click on the Wesley Center, click [HERE](#) to go to Amazon, Wesley Center shopping.

#### **PREBLE COUNTY:**

**JACOBS LADDER** - "Eliminating hunger, one child at a time" Serving children and teens in Preble County [www.jacobsladder-ohio.org](http://www.jacobsladder-ohio.org); Mail: P.O. Box 626, Eaton, OH. 45320

**SOJOURNER RECOVERY CENTER** - Comprehensive alcohol and drug addiction treatment facility for women. Call 513-868-7654; [1881 US 127, Eaton, OH 45320](#); their website is [HERE](#)

#### **SHELBY COUNTY:**

**ALPHA COMMUNITY CENTER** - Serves the community through meals, food pantry, children/adult programs and rent/utility assistance. 937-498-9758; email: [info@alphacommunitycenter.org](mailto:info@alphacommunitycenter.org) or [www.alphacommunitycenter.org](http://www.alphacommunitycenter.org)

#### **CHAMPAIGN COUNTY:**

**SYCAMORE HOUSE** - Provides hope and assistance for women, infants and children. 937-653-3737 or [315 Sycamore St., Urbana, OH 43078](#)

#### **CLARK COUNTY:**

**THE OPEN HANDS FREE STORE** - Supports the material and spiritual needs of people in Springfield and Clark County with groceries, clothes and household items. 937-323-5815

#### **GREATER MIAMI VALLEY:**

**OASIS HOUSE** - Offers hope and support to women victims of sexual exploitation with life skills, program referrals, personal and household goods and mentoring. Call 937-898-7811 for specific needs; located at the Life Enrichment Center, [425 N Findlay St., Suite 308, Dayton, OH. 45404](#)



**During this time of keeping ourselves and those around us safe and healthy, we will publish good news and information for spiritual growth and social action. Also updates of what is happening in UMW at the local, district and national organization levels.**



**Do you have a story to tell? Or do you have a question about UMW?  
We want to stay connected with you! Please send stories, pictures,  
questions and suggestions to Marcia Florkey at  
[mlbflorkey@gmail.com](mailto:mlbflorkey@gmail.com).**

We appreciate your help in keeping your addresses and e-mail addresses up to date, so we don't have to spend money on returned mail! Please send any changes to MV UMW secretary, Evelyn West at [ewest0345@gmail.com](mailto:ewest0345@gmail.com). **THANK YOU!!**

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