



WOMEN AT THE WELL

March 2020

President

I hope 2020 is a happy, healthy, peaceful year that is full of love for all Maumee Watershed United Methodist Women. I am excited this year as there are some pretty interesting events to attend. The Maumee Watershed Spring Event is April 25, 2020 at Maumee First UMC. Our Fall Annual Meeting is September 19, 2020 at Whitehouse Hope UMC. Mission U is July 16—19 and is always a fun learning experience and enjoyable time with other District UMW ladies. The West Ohio Fall Celebration is October 31, 2020 at Scioto Ridge UMC 4343 Dublin Rd., Hilliard, Ohio. Please review the flyers in this newsletter and consider attending some of these events, you will not regret it.

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Secretary

Although many of you may know me, I'll start with basic facts. Church: Cloverdale (small rural church SE of Bowling Green). Married: to Craig for 44 years. Children: Alex and Lauren, both married. Grandchildren: five. Retired: 10 years from Bowling Green Municipal Court. I've been involved with UMW since the 1990's, first just dabbling, now passionately. My mission focus has evolved thru being involved locally, at conference level and on the district, as a treasurer, on nominations committees, and now as secretary. I see lots of mission work and giving being done by UMW locally. But every organization and non-profit appear to do the same service and giving. What I like about

UMW is that it also focuses globally. I feel for those women, children and youth in cultures that do not value them, those that suffer injustice, lack of education, and fear for their lives, not to mention lack of basic necessities like water, food, etc. They have no safety net in those countries. We can't be there physically to help hands-on, but we can give money. And our 90+ UMW mission sites world-wide address these issues. I have faith in our organization that our mission giving is wisely spent and making a difference wherever UMW is present. Let's join together in making a difference beyond our immediate locales. The world needs United Methodist Women!

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Program Resources:

My name is Cheryl Bolton.
I'm the Education & Interpretation Chair at my home church of Hayes Memorial UMC in Fremont. This is a good fit with my new position on the District team doing Program Resources. Tim & I have been married for 32 years. We have a daughter, Tasha, who lives in Westerville with her husband Chris and their daughter Margot. I am a substitute teacher serving three school districts.
Within our church I sing with the choir & I play with the bell choir. I also cook for the monthly youth fundraiser luncheons. In April I'm going to be

cooking for the youth's dinner theatre. This is something new we've been wanting to do for a long time. Hopefully it will become an annual fundraiser for our youth.

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As Membership, Nurture & Outreach officer, I bring you greetings from the Maumee Watershed District.

As we travel through the year of 2020, we have been blessed so far with a very mild winter. This could change so quickly. With so many people suffering with different illnesses, and other problems around the world, we have to put our faith in God for patience and guidance to pull us through these trying times.

Our Maumee Watershed UM Women's Spring Event will be April 25, 2020, at the Maumee United Methodist Church, 405 Sackett Street, Maumee, OH 43537.

Kerry Patrick Clark will be our entertainer, and most of you know how good he is. Our speaker(s) will be Ron and Catherine Tijerina of The Ridge Project, on "Breaking Cycles of Incarceration". Ron was convicted of a crime he did not commit and sentenced to 14 - 25 years in an Ohio prison. Other areas of The Ridge Project will be covered.

This is a program that you will not want to miss. Be sure to send in your reservation.

In connection with the Memorial Service for the Spring meeting, if you have not already done so, please inform me of any UMW unit/organization members who have passed away between April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020. We want to be sure that we remember these deceased members at our April 25th meeting. Thanks!

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/member-resources?>

Instructions this year for filing your 2019

Membership Census report:

That each unit/organization president should file her own report directly to National via email. It is impossible for me, as your MN&O officer, to answer all the questions pertaining to your group. If you have not done this already, you need to do it soon.

I hope things are going well with each of your units/organizations. I understand some of you do not meet monthly but instead every other month, quarterly, etc.

Whatever your pattern is for your meetings, I hope for good attendance, exciting meetings and new growth. I realize that most of us are getting older and the younger ones, because of working, shuttling their children here and there, say they don't have the time to attend UMW meetings. We must work harder to try to attract new members. It isn't easy. I see this in my own UMW group. Let's try to think of new ideas for our groups. We just can't allow units/organizations to continue to Disband. As I've mentioned before, maybe we need to cluster with other Methodist churches close to us. Let's keep UMW strong!!

We will be making changes in the Shepherdess program as to assignments.

When you are contacted by your Shepherdess, please invite her to attend one of your meetings. This is our way to get to know you personally. It's an opportunity to bounce off ideas from each other. Who knows, maybe it could add "new life" in UMW groups.

Looking forward to seeing you on April 25th for our UMW Spring Event

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Treasurer

DISTRICT GIVING

Thank you everyone for your generous mission giving in 2019. The Maumee Watershed District forwarded \$22,490.84 in undesignated giving dollars to the Conference UMW last year. This included \$17,615.40 for Pledge to Mission, \$840.00 for Special Mission Recognition, \$745.00 for Gift to Mission (remember those cards for birthday, congratulations, new baby, thank you, etc.), \$565.00 for Gift in Memory, and \$2,725.44 for World Thank Offering. In addition, we had monies remitted for designated giving, such as Call to Prayer and Self Denial (\$764.15) and other special UMW and UMCOR projects. Although we did not meet our district pledge, we did reach 80% of our 2019 goal, which is a higher percentage than we did in 2018 (75%). Thank you, thank you, thank you. Remember – you can forward monies to me at any time of the year. As of February 10, I have received a little over \$1500.00 toward our 2020 district pledge of \$24,000. Keep those envelopes coming – my mailbox looks forward to getting envelopes from you!

Note to treasurers: When remitting monies, you do not have to write a separate check for each category. One check including all remittances is fine. The one exception is the Legacy Fund. Legacy monies should not be sent to me but remitted directly to the national office. If you have questions, just let me know.

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FRIENDLY CENTER GUILD GARAGE

SALE:

AUGUST 3-8, 2020 AT Maumee UMC.

Need helpers Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday getting ready and Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the sale. 9-5 each day. Contact Diana Randolph 419-345-6542 or Terry Robideau 419-343-2120.

Spiritual Growth

I'm glad to be back for my second two-year term as the Spiritual Growth coordinator on the MWD UMW team. In looking for a small word of encouragement for all our faithful women, I didn't have to look far. I found this excerpt in the introduction to the small group study "Forward" by Nick Cunningham. "In life there is no neutral." He talks about when he and his cousins visited their grandpa on a lake and how they would take the paddleboat out to explore. "Paddleboats are not the easiest things to get around in. For one thing, you have to steer it with that little lever in between the seats, so they don't exactly handle very well. Your only options are either a hard turn to the right or a hard turn to the left—so you'd better mean it when you push that lever. At the same time, there is no such thing as neutral when you are in a paddleboat. Sitting still is not an option. Because of the waves and water currents, even when you aren't trying to get anywhere you are still heading somewhere. The only way to get somewhere on purpose is to paddle deliberately in the direction you want to go. And because of the archaic steering mechanism, you will more than likely have to circle back around a couple of times in order to finally reach your destination. In life, there is no such thing as neutral. Just as in a paddleboat, even when we are not trying to get anywhere, we are still headed somewhere. Whether we are meaning to or not, we are all making decisions, or not making decisions, that impact our trajectory and shape our lives in various ways. We're either paddling in a direction we choose, or we're drifting in the direction the waves happen to carry us." This is such a great analogy for the work of the UMW; sitting still is not an option, and we have a 150-year legacy of what can be accomplished when women work together in mission. So I encourage each of you to get involved in one of our four national campaigns. When we all come together and lift our voices to address a specific shared concern, we are far more likely to win measurable change for our communities.

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Social Action

During the month of February special emphasis is placed on and celebrating the many contributions made in this country by African Americans.

I would like to highlight Mai Gray who was the first African American president of United Methodist Women. "Gray was wholly committed to the Methodist denomination – from the segregated period of the Central Jurisdiction to the creation of the United Methodist Church. You can read more about Mai on the United Methodist Women's website: UnitedMethodistWomen.org.

The year 2020 marks the centennial of the Nineteenth Amendment and the culmination of the women's suffrage movement. The year 2020 also marks the sesquicentennial of the Fifteenth Amendment (1870) and the right of black men to the ballot after the Civil War. The theme speaks, therefore, to the ongoing struggle on the part of both black men and black women for the right to vote. This theme has a rich and long history, which begins at the turn of the nineteenth century, i.e., in the era of the Early Republic, with the states' passage of laws that democratized the vote for white men while disfranchising free black men. Thus, even before the Civil War, black men petitioned their legislatures and the US Congress, seeking to be recognized as voters. Tensions between abolitionists and women's suffragists first surfaced in the aftermath of the Civil War, while black disfranchisement laws in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries undermined the guarantees in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments for the great majority of southern blacks until the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The important contribution of black suffragists occurred not only within the larger women's movement, but within the larger black voting rights movement. Through voting-rights campaigns and legal suits from the turn of the twentieth century to the mid-1960s, African Americans made their voices heard as to the importance of the vote. Indeed, the fight for black voting rights continues in the courts today. The theme of the vote should also include the rise of black elected and appointed officials at the local and national levels, campaigns for equal

rights legislation, as well as the role of blacks in traditional and alternative political parties.

Make sure you vote in the primary and general election. Your vote counts and it makes a difference.

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Education and Interpretation

Hi, I'm Linda DeNeve, the coordinator of Education and Interpretation. I have been on the Maumee Watershed UMW team for about 6 years. Coming up on April 25, is the Spring Event, when we will be awarding certificates of achievement. If your unit has not yet submitted the Mission Today Reporting Form, please do so. We would like to publicly recognize your unit at the meeting. Also, anyone interested can Google Mission U for West Ohio. Mission u will again be at Otterbein University on July 16-19, 2020. Information about the studies, scholarships and more can easily be accessed there.

I'll be looking forward to seeing you at the Spring Event. You can send your Mission Today form to my address below.

Yours in Christ,
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Conference Representative Nominations:

I have now joined the West Ohio Conference team as a member of the nominations committee. It is an exciting time to serve as I now attend the district meetings too. It was good to see the friends I worked with as a member of the district team in the past for the Maumee Watershed district. I now have a new address, as we moved to Perrysburg, Ohio, where we will be closer to our son, Michael and his wife Rachael, along with our grand-daughter, Colleen, who just married last October.

Chuck and I are now the proud great grand-parents of our very first great grand-child, Arthur Michael Kaylor, son of our grandson, Mike Kaylor II and wife Erin, who reside in Vandalia, Ohio. We plan a visit in the very near future. My husband, Chuck is a retired pastor and fills in as needed at the Elliston Zion church and enjoys his work there.

I hope to be an asset to the conference team and will do my best to fulfill all the commitments for this position. I know the Lord equips the called, so I am praying for that. Thanks to all who are already dedicated to God's work and I look forward to meeting the new team.

My phone number is 419 607-0161. Our new address is 10154 N Shannon Hills Drive. Perrysburg, Ohio 43551

Kathy Kaylor

Communications

Our newsletter will be sent 30 at a time with the heading "Women at the Well". I ask you to acknowledge back to me that you received it.

I double checked the returned or denied emails and fixed them but some of you didn't receive them. I hope this clears up the problem.

We will also mail out copies to the ones without emails and hope this goes well. I only received 3 back last time.

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S.C.R.A.P

We are going to have pie, ice cream, root beer floats and ice cream cones again this year at S.C.R.A.P Labor Day Weekend. September 3 – September 7, 2020. Workers needed Saturday, Sunday and Monday 10:30 – 5. White Star Park, Gibsonburg, Ohio. Please let Terry know if you can help and when. Last year we made \$1,200 profit with \$600 going to MWD UMW Pledge and \$600 to Friendly Center to purchase a snow blower. Come help this year, have fun and enjoy the tractors and flea market.

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MWD UMW Newsletter – RE: FC

The Friendly Center continues to have more entities using the facility. Its biggest current collaboration involves Play Naturally North Toledo, a natural park planned for down the street from the Center. We are moving forward with reconfiguring the upstairs of the house to allow for retreats and program housing.

WANTED: Donation of a used but usable van to pick up commodities and hot lunches. The three vans we had were no longer safe to drive and have been donated and/or salvaged. Call the Center at 419-243-1289 if you can help.

UPCOMING: The Board is planning a fundraising meal for Mar. 24, 6:30 pm, at the Center. Doors to open at 6:00. Buffet meal is being provided by Balance Restaurant. Will include facility tour and detailed information about what's planned for the Center's future. Ticket prices TBD. Will post more information on the MWD website as available.

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The organized unit of the 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:

April 3-4, 2020 Spiritual Retreat WOCUMW
April 25, 2020 District Day Maumee UMC
July 16-19, 2020 Mission u Otterbein College
August 3-8, 2020 Friendly Center Guild Garage Sale
Maumee UMC
Sept. 3-7, 2020 S.C.R.A.P. Gibsonburg, Oh
Sept. 19 Fall District Meeting Whitehouse Hope

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