

Miami Valley United Methodist Women

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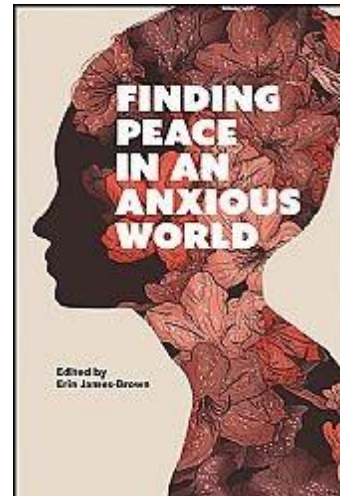


New WEEKLY Miami Valley UMW E-News!

For the next several weeks during this time of "stay at home" to help slow the spread of COVID-19, your Miami Valley United Methodist Women leadership team will be providing a WEEKLY E-NEWS with updates, information and articles on how we can stay connected as UMW, stay informed and take action!

We will always start out with updates of dates for UMW and local mission project events, these are:

West Ohio MISSION U has been cancelled for 2020. This is at the request of the National UMW organization, who felt that taking this action is best so that everyone can be as safe as possible.



However, we will be sharing the study "Finding Peace in an Anxious World" and are currently exploring using ZOOM, e-mail lessons on-line, or a phone-in conference call to share together in the study of this book. So, STAY TUNED! If you haven't read the book, considering purchasing and reading to help you to grow in your faith during these uncertain times.

Order *Finding Peace in An Anxious World* at:
<https://www.umwmissionresources.org/>

As you continue in your **LENTEN JOURNEY** - consider reading the devotions that are published weekly on the national **UMW** website. The devotion for **Good Friday and Easter** is **HERE**.



The UMW PRAYER CALENDAR

Prayer requests and a mission focus story are available **HERE** for the week of April 12-18.

Many thanks to Linda Miller UMW District President of Capital Area South for compiling 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."

Miami Valley UMW Mission COHORT groups

"co·hort. /' kō hōrt/ 2. a group of people banded together or treated as a group, often sharing similar likes and a common purpose"

Yes, this is NEW-er! In 2019 we started this initiative to help provide a stronger link of support and fellowship between your Miami Valley District UMW officers and local UMW organizations in order to serve you better.

Our MV UMW officers have 4-8 local UMW's in their Cohort group and will be using this time of "social distancing" to call or e-mail you and see how you and your UMW are doing and to share information and news about UMW happenings in our district and conference.

Interested in who might be calling you? Click [HERE](#) for our list of Miami Valley Cohort Groups. If you don't see your local UMW on this list, please email Marcia Florkey who will be happy to add you to our **Miami Valley UMW COHORT list!**

What Can We Do About COVID-19?
Wash your hands!
Stay Home!

But that's not all... United Methodist Women members are responding to the Coronavirus pandemic by supporting our households, our congregations and communities, and ourselves while also reaffirming our commitment to Social Justice Advocacy for women, youth and children. The pandemic has made visible the fractures in our society, where the most marginal communities are already being hard hit. The pandemic has made visible the fractures in our society, where the most marginal communities are already being hard hit. This is true of many people in our nation . . . want to read more? Click [HERE](#)



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; 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 or 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](#)

Welcome Spring!

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.

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. THANK YOU!!