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NORTHWEST PLAINS DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Spring 2021



President, Barbara Coats

I was hoping and praying that 2021 would have found it to be challenging like 2020. churches for services or meetings like counties being "RED." Today as I am



be a much better year for everyone but Most of us are still not gathering in our United Methodist Women due to our writing this, it is Ash Wednesday and the

beginning of Lent. Lent is a season of the Christian Year when we focus on prayer, repentance, and fasting to grow closer to God which is important in these troubled times.

The district team members have been mailing out newsletters from the conference and other districts, Faith Talks, and other literature to officers of local units with email addresses; hopefully those officers passed the information on to other women in their units. Even though we are not meeting in person, this information helps us put our faith, hope, and love into action as United Methodist Women. We are planning a virtual district Racial Justice meeting on April 17th at 1:30 p.m. with Bishop Palmer as our speaker. We hope that you will join us via ZOOM by registering with me at bacoats1212@yahoo.com or 419-423-1771. You will receive an invitation with the link for computers and a phone number for phones. Another suggestion for joining us, if your unit is meeting (wearing masks and distancing) and if your church has the capability to pull in Zoom, is to watch as a group.

Stay warm, stay safe, and remember that spring is just around the corner and the snow should be gone. God bless everyone.

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.

2021 UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS – Tentative due to COVID-19

April 17, 2021 Racial Justice Day via ZOOM at 1:30 p.m. Speaker Bishop Palmer

May 1, 2021 Conference Event

October 9, 2021 District Annual Day at Lima Trinity UMC, Lima, Ohio

Treasurer, Charlotte Kain

Please send **remittances** for the following directly to the intended recipients; do NOT send to the NWP UMW District Treasurer. Thank you.

NATIONAL MISSIONS

Friendly Center	Henderson Settlement	UMCH Family Services
1324 N. Superior St.	P.O. Box 205	431 E. Broad Street
Toledo, OH 43604	Frakes, KY 40940	Columbus, OH 43215

Wesley Education Center Wesley Community Center Red Bird Mission
525 Hale Avenue 3730 Delphos Avenue 70 Queensdale Center
Cincinnati, OH 45229 Dayton, OH 45417 Beverly, KY 40913

Community Development for All People

946 Parsons Avenue

LEGACY FUND

United Methodist Women

Columbus, OH 43206 Office of the Treasurer
475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor

New York, NY 10115

UMCOR*

Advance GCFA OR GBGM

P.O. Box 9068 458 Ponce Deleon Ave., Room 226

New York, NY 10087-9068 Atlanta, GA 30308-1836

*NOTE: Include Advance Number on check.



2020 NORTHWEST PLAINS DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN FINANCIAL REPORT

Pledge to Mission	\$28,762.00
Special Mission Recognition	1,180.00
Gift to Mission	930.00
Gift in Memory	740.00
World Thank Offering	3,696.39
MISSION GIVING (5-STAR)	\$35,308.39
Call to Prayer & Self Denial	1,639.63
Designated Gifts	300.00
Total of Designated	<u>1,939.63</u>

TOTAL GIVINGS SENT TO WOC UMW......\$37,248.02

Program Resource Coordinator, Karen Dull

I received 13 participants who completed the 2020 UMW Northwest Plains Reading Program; this is only 50% of 2019's readers. This made me curious, so I looked at some research on reading habits during the COVID-19 lockdown. It seems we should have had more time to read, so why are numbers lower? One research stated that people spent more time reading and seeking escape, but an inability to concentrate meant they made less progress than usual. In short, people spent more time reading but the volume they read was less. It remains to be seen if and how the pandemic might be responsible for continuing changes in our relationship with books.

Several reasons why the reading program could have been affected were as follows:

- 1) Our district events had to be cancelled so reading lists, assistance, and books were not available.
- 2) Some units have group book readings and they were unable to meet during the pandemic.

Here is the list of 2020 participants who completed the UMW NWP Reading Program that will be announced at the annual district spring Racial Justice Day via ZOOM on April 17th at 1:30:

Plan -3- Joyce Schelling, St. Paul's UMC Montpelier

<u>Plan</u> -2- Sheila Rowe, Lima Trinity UMW
Marcy Ruble, St. Paul's UMC Montpelier
Armeda Sawmiller, St. Paul's UMC Montpelier
Janene Thomas, St. Paul's UMC Montpelier



Plan -1- Becky Babcock, Findlay St. Marks
Tina Basinger, Ottawa Trinity
Anne Bowen, Convoy UMW
Martha Cramer, Forest UMW

Sherri Federici, Findlay St. Andrews Anita Heintzelman, Findlay St. Marks Linda Holden, Convoy UMW Helen Smalley, John Stewart Upper Sandusky

Please contact me at karenadull@gmail.com or call/text 419-605-8110 if you know of anyone who completed the 2020 reading program that has been omitted.

Nominatons Chair, Patsy Schwendeman

The Cross and Flame, the emblem of the United Methodist Church, reminds us of our PURPOSE which is to grow in our understanding of and willingness to participate in the global ministries of the church. The women that preceded us promoted change and growth which is suggested by the emblem's free-flowing shape and the heart of United Methodist Women still continues to focus on missions for women, youth, and children around the world.

"I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God which is in you . . ." (2 Timothy 1:6)

What are you doing with your gifts? We still need a Communications Coordinator for our Northwest Plains District team. If you or someone you know might have a gift for this position, please contact me at 419-733-5789 or pasch44@hotmail.com. Blessings to everyone!



WORKING FOR JUSTICE THROUGH SERVICE AND ADVOCACY

I would like to encourage everyone to visit the website <u>unitedmethodistwomen.org</u> for a wealth of information from the National Office of United Methodist Women. While there, you will be able to sign up for Action Alerts by selecting "Advocacy" at the bottom of the home page. Then, click on the "Social Action" box. On the next page, there is a blue box labeled "Sign up for e-mail Action Alerts." From there you will need to fill in your personal information. When asked to choose your church name, you will probably find yours near the end of the long list under West Ohio churches.

I have already been a part of two Faith Talks this year. One was "Creating a Sustainable Lifestyle" featuring Elizabeth Lee who encouraged us to be involved in "Just Energy for All" and Phyllis Terwilliger of "Be Just, Be Green" who offered a variety of ideas for living sustainable lifestyles such as the following: Consume less, Invest in renewable energy through your electric service provider, and Minimize purchasing plastic packaging and plastic products which are made from fossil fuels. Dr. Andrea Marpillero-Colomina spoke of the importance of public transportation and the need for it to be located near affordable housing. She suggested a link to help understand the effects of COVID-19 and environmental issues at: www.sciencenews.org. Laura Haight spoke on the importance of using clean energy such as geothermal, wind and solar then cited www.pfpi.net as a source of information.

The other Faith Talks podcast met with the author Darryl Stephens of "Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom." He spoke of the importance of listening to and being present with those in your community. Emily Jones, Executive for Racial Justice for UMW, was also a part of that dialogue. Our society has been shaped by white supremacy and everyday systemic racism. She has found the Wesleyan Quadrilateral to be a helpful tool in dealing with racial issues:

Use **reason** to look at facts and numbers. Use **experience** to listen to other's stories.

Use **Scripture** to do some real soul searching. Emily also hosted a special presentation for Black History Month introducing the movie "13th." The movie deals with Constitutional Amendment #13 which has been used as a tool for incarceration. "13th" can be viewed through Netflix.

So, a lot of information is being shared through Faith Talks and other podcasts that you will be invited to join after signing up for Action Alerts at <u>unitedmethodistwomen.org</u>. If you are unable to join live talks, access to recorded Faith Talks is available on the national website.

While on the site, check out the UMW Reading Program for books pertaining to social issues. Also, learn more about the UMW issue priorities for 2021-2024 which are Climate Justice and Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration.

May our lives be enriched as we grow through study, experience, service, and advocacy for others.



Secretary, Lisa Harlan

The West Ohio UMW and the Academy for Spiritual and Social Practice at St. Paul UMC are sponsoring a Lenten study using the book "Women Rise Up, Sacred Stories of Resistance for Today's Revolution" by Katey Zeh. The study is via ZOOM every Thursday from 7 pm to 8:15 pm through

March 25, 2021. free two-day women of the For more



The book is available to order on Amazon for \$14.99 with shipping with Prime. The study delves into some of the Bible and how their situations are still perpetuated today. information on the study, please contact Beth Vanoli at vanolibeth@gmail.com or 937-901-9649.

MN&O Coordinator, Sheila Rowe

The following dear women passed away in 2020. We plan to include a Memorial Service during the upcoming Racial Justice Day. In case some of you are unable to attend that day, we are listing the names now. We praise God for these United Methodist Women's lives!

2020 MEMORIALS

Alger UMC: Claire Ann Harter **Bryan Melbern UMC:** Karen Pastor

Bryan Wesley UMC: Mary Stevens, Billie Wolfe, Brenda Isaac, Joan Stokes,

Thelma Zinsmaster

Columbus Grove St. John: Sue Hover

Continental Christ UMC: Helen Good, B. Vandemark

Convoy UMC: Refa Mohr, Irene Adams

Delphos Trinity UMC: Betty Cochensparger, Donna Erman, Carla Harter, Nancy Wreede

Edgerton UMC: Shirlee Strup

Findlay Howard UMC: Grace Arrington, Betty Williams, LaVonne Decker

Findlay St. Andrews UMC: Marilyn Lannis, Nancy Jackson, Ruth Haley, Evelyn Hamilton,

Karen Miller, Patricia Herrit Fort Recovery UMC: Joyce Souder

Hicksville Grace UMC: Mary Smith, Lila Wittig, Vivian Wahl, Velma Myers **Kenton First UMC:** Patty Good, Erma Boysel, Susie Heilman, Marian Anderson,

Sharon Moore, Ruthanna Tobey, Sharon K. Fleming

Lima Trinity UMC: LouAnn Pugh, Joyce Pugh, Margaret "Peg" Griffith, Karen Elmquist,

Doris Tobin

Middle Point UMC: Peg Etgen, Delores Miller

Montpelier St. Paul's UMC: Caroline Adams, Dorothy Schlegel, Barbara Kreischer

Ottawa Trinity UMC: Karen Zimmerman, Bettie Dickey, Betty Brown

Payne St. Paul's UMC: Millie Cadwallader, Arla Jean Wolford

St. Mary's Wayne St. UMC: Mary Musilek, Dorothy Marsee, Martha Robinson,

Carla "Peggy" Smith, Wanda Dammeyer, Barbara Vogel

Van Wert Wesley UMC: Jean Abbott, Cleota Knott West Unity UMC: Olive Depew, Nancy Pruden







5-Star Units for 2020



There are Five Channels of Mission Giving in the United Methodist Women: Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, and World Thank Offering. The following units have given to ALL five channels of giving and have earned the recognition of being a <u>5-Star Unit</u> for 2020.

Ada First **Delphos Trinity** Oakdale Alger **Findlay Howard Ottawa Trinity** Carev **Findlay St. Andrews** Rinehart **Celina Grand Lake** St. Mary's Wayne Street **Forest** Columbus Grove-St. John's **John Stewart Upper Sandusky** Salem **New Knoxville NWP District Team** Convoy

Education & Interpretation, Sally Kiggins

The following United Methodist Women groups have qualified for Gold, Silver, Mission Today or Mission of Hope in 2020.





St. Mary's Wayne Street

GOLD SILVER Mission TODAY Mission of HOPE

Findlay Howard Columbus Grove St. John's Bryan Wesley Willshire Union

Findlay St. Andrews Findlay St. Marks Kenton First Continental North Creek

NWP Team Forest Montpelier St. Paul's

Ottawa Trinity Lima Trinity Upper Sandusky John Stewart

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We would like to thank each UMW group for taking the time to fill out the Mission Today Reporting Form for 2020 with the items your unit completed, and we pray your group will continue to work on completing more of our Mission Today items in 2021. You will find the 2021 Mission Today Reporting Form on the end of newsletter.

REENTRY KIT DONATIONS

The NWP UMW district team would like to extend an **apology** to the following groups whose names were omitted from the Reentry Kit Donation List in our last newsletter: <u>Findlay St. Andrews</u> - 50 kits, <u>Ada UMW</u> - 10 kits, <u>Ottawa Trinity UMW</u> - 3 kits, <u>Allentown UMC</u> - 48 kits, <u>St. Paul's Findlay UMC</u> - 25 kits, and <u>Together for a Change</u> - 100 kits. The support from the Northwest Plains District was good, and we would like to thank everyone who participated.

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Northwest Plains UMW Shepherdess List – 2021

Barbara Coats, President	419-423-1771	Debbie Knox, Spiritual Gr.	419-305-2956
Arcadia	15 members	Celina St. Paul/Grand Lake Campus	s 26 members
Bluffton Trinity	10 members	Findlay Houcktown	06 members
Carey Memorial	21 members	Findlay St. Andrews	101 members
Findlay West Zion	12 members	Ottawa Trinity	28 members
Montpelier St. Paul's	138 members	Payne St. Paul	17 members
Lisa Harlan, Secretary	<u>419-771-3241</u>	Sally Kiggins, Edu & Int.	419-692-8806
Bryan Melburn	10 members	Continental Christ	09 members
New Knoxville	27 members	Continental North Creek	13 members
Edon	10 members	Continental United	16 members
St. Mary's Wayne St.	81 members	Middle Point	11 members
Charlotte Kain, Treasurer	419-694-3822	Sharon Wildermuth, Soc. Act.	419-999-6461
Bryan Wesley	35 members	Ada First	104 members
Findlay Howard	34 members	Forest	24 members
Findlay St. Marks	38 members	Harrod	27 members
John Stewart UMW	32 members	Mt. Victory/Rhinehart	10 members
Upper Sandusky Salem	11 members	Twin Oak Oakwood	12 members
Karen Dull, Prog. Resource	es 419-605-8110	Sheila Rowe, Membership	419-230-5361
Alger First	09 members	Hicksville Grace	33 members
Delphos Trinity	32 members	Kenton First	63 members
Edgerton Emanuel	12 members	Stryker	26 members
Edgerton UMC	38 members	Van Wert Wesley	16 members
Willshire Union	15 members	West Unity	37 members
Barbara Cramer, Nom.	419-422-7376	Patsy Schwendeman, Nom. Ch.	419-394-7145
Defiance St. Paul	72 members	Elida Allentown	13 members
Defiance Trinity	12 members	Fort Recovery	11 members
Kenton Silver Creek	08 members	Lima Trinity	46 members
Leipsic Caring Point: Oakda	ale	Uniopolis	10 members
(Leipsic, New Hope Bethel, Gilboa,			
New Beginnings Deshler, D	eshler		
Oakdale)	16 members		

2021 MISSION TODAY REPORTING FORM

Organ	ization/Church	Address:_				
	of Person	Dhono/Email				
Repor	ting	Phone/Email				
Those be red which	alify as a Mission of Hope O organizations completing a m cognized as a Mission Today O are starred items, will be re- will be recognized as a Gold O	ninimum of eight (8) items, Organization. Organization cognized as a Silver Orgar	four (4) s compl	of which eting ten	are starred (10) items	d items, will , four (4) of
Our o	rganization has completed	of the nineteen item	s and is	eligible t	o be recogn	nized as:
	Mission of Hope	Mission Today		Silver	G	old
Check	those items completed by yo	our organization between J	anuary 1	l, 2021, t	o Decembe	er 31, 2021. NO
* 1.	Fulfilled the organization's P	ledge to Mission.				
*2.	Prayed for persons in missio Prayer Calendar at each mee		2021			
3.	Corresponded with five pers	ons listed in the Prayer Cal	endar.			
* 4.	Supported 2 of the following Missions:	g West Ohio Conference Na	ntional			
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* 5.	Had at least 1 member of the Number attended		cually.			
6.	The unit or a member compl	leted a Mission u study on	its/her o	wn.		
7.	The unit helped a group or s	omeone in need locally.				
*8.	Had a member log into the c seminars, "Faith Talks," Zoor		for any			
* 9.	Had at least 1 member join t Network to receive and resp			ion		

		YES	NO
10.	Shared a Racial Justice article at least once at a meeting or online with members of your unit.		
' 11.	Two persons in your unit joined the Racial Justice Day via ZOOM.		
12.	Contributed through all 5 Channels of Mission Giving (5-Star Unit).		
13.	Shared article of interest from response magazine at each meeting.		
14.	Had at least 2 subscriptions to response magazine.		
15.	An officer kept in contact with members if unit was not meeting.		
16.	Remitted more than you pledged to the district.		
17.	At least 1 member completed a plan in the Reading Program.		
18.	One member, not an officer, joined ZOOM for a conference meeting.		
19.	Supported 2 of the following mission projects: (Please check letter and give name of project below) a Gave a monetary or material donation to a UMW supported national routside of Ohio. b Gave a monetary or material donation to a UMW supported internation Gave a monetary or material donation to another United Methodist nation.	onal mission.	
	international mission. d Gave monetary or material donation to a local mission project.		
	e Gave to the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign.		
	Name of the Mission:		
	a b		
	c d		

Send report to the following by January 15, 2022:

Sally Kiggins 7762 Shenk Road Delphos, OH 45833

NORTHWEST PLAINS DISTRICT

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

RACIAL JUSTICE DAY

Via ZOOM*
April 17, 2021
1:30 P. M.



SPEAKER: Bishop Palmer

Bishop Gregory Vaughn Palmer serves as the episcopal leader of the Ohio West Area of The United Methodist Church. He received this assignment on Sept. 1, 2012.

He was born and reared in Philadelphia. Palmer is a "child of the church," the son of the Rev. Herbert E. and Mrs. Charlotte Sue Hewitt Palmer. Palmer's

father is a retired United Methodist pastor; his mother (now deceased) was a schoolteacher in the Philadelphia Public School System. Rev. Herbert Palmer and his wife Peggy reside in Philadelphia.

Bishop Palmer received his undergraduate degree from George Washington University in Washington D.C. and the Master of Divinity degree from Duke University Divinity School, Durham, North Carolina. Baldwin-Wallace College, Iowa Wesleyan College, Simpson College, Hood Theological Seminary, and Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary awarded him honorary degrees. He was ordained a deacon and elected a probationary member in the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference in 1977. In 1981, he was elected into full membership and ordained an elder in the East Ohio Annual Conference. His pastoral career includes student pastorates in North Carolina and post-seminary appointments in the East Ohio Conference in Cleveland, Canton, and Berea. Palmer also served as superintendent of the Youngstown District of the East Ohio Conference. He was elected to the episcopacy by the North Central Jurisdictional Conference in 2000 and served the Iowa Area until assuming responsibilities in the Illinois Area in 2008. Palmer served as president of the General Board of High Education and Ministry from 2004 to 2008 and president of the Council of Bishops from April 2008 to May 2010, and he also served on the Commission on a Way Forward. Currently, he is a member of the Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters and chair of the Comprehensive Africa Plan; he is a board member of several organizations, including The United Methodist Publishing House, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, United Theological Seminary, and OhioHealth, a family of nonprofit hospitals and health care facilities.

Bishop Palmer has been married forty-four years to his wife Cynthia and they are the parents of two adult children, Monica and Aaron. Both children reside in Charlotte, North Carolina. His wife Cynthia is an honors graduate in religion from Duke University and is a senior sales director with Mary Kay Cosmetics. She has served as a director of Christian education and on staff of several community action agencies focused on Welfare-to-Work projects. She is an outstanding student and teacher of the Scriptures and has strong competencies in leadership development.

*To join meeting email <u>bacoat1212@yahoo.com</u> or call (419)423-1771 by April 15th, you will receive an invitation with the needed link for computers and a phone number for phones.