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**Miami Valley UMW June 12 E-News**

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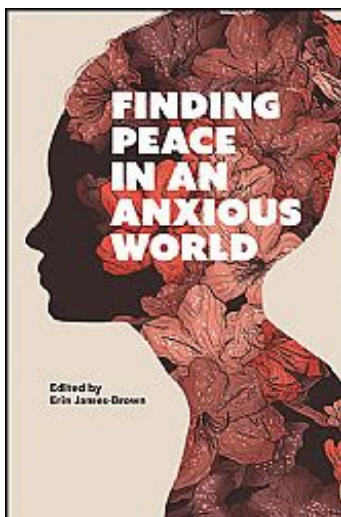
Our world continues to change and often we find that prayer is not the least we can do, but the MOST we can do.

The Miami Valley UMW E-News comes to you twice a month on the second and fourth Fridays and we attempt to print articles to encourage, challenge and bring you hope. Our call to serving others and bringing the love and justice of Jesus continues on, even in this still limited world of COVID-19, the challenging news of the death of George Floyd and the need for justice heard around the world. Please continue to be the



light of love and the hands and feet of Jesus for all of those around you. Even when life gets hard and we are weary, we are here for each other.

United Methodist Women support the work of Wesley Community Center and the Baby Ready program, see below how your local UMW and YOU can support babies and mothers. The need for COVID-19 Re-Entry Kits are still needed and remember that Hope Letters is a way you can be involved to bring hope to women in prison, please check out the articles and details below.



## West Ohio MISSION U 2020

A wise friend once told me, "Healthy things grow. And growing things change. And change challenges us. Challenges cause us to put our trust in God." For the past few months we have been challenged, but I have also seen many of you grow in the process, so I ask you once more to GROW and join us for an on-line version of Mission u this year!

The Spiritual Growth study will be using the book, *Finding Peace in an Anxious World*. You will participate through your computer, laptop, tablet, iPad or smartphone using Zoom, an internet meeting application.

*Finding Peace in an Anxious World* uses the book of Proverbs and the "Serenity Prayer" as a guide to help Christians find their way through anxiety, worry and fear and more toward God's peace that surpasses all understanding. You will need a working e-mail address and a computer or other electronic device with a microphone, speakers and internet connection.

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

### Session schedules:

Tuesday sessions: 10:00-11:30 am, August 4, 11, 18, 25

Wednesday sessions: 7:00-8:30 pm, August 5, 12, 19, 26

Thursday sessions: 2:00-3:30 pm, August 6, 13, 20, 27

Saturday sessions: 1:00-2:30 pm, August 8, 15, 22, 29

Sunday evening worship: August 9, 16, 23, 30

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](#)

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 the  
links needed to join us in prayer!



Have you read the prayer requests  
from the **UMW PRAYER**  
**CALENDAR** today?

Prayer requests and a mission focus  
story are available [HERE](#) for the  
week of June 14-20 and [HERE](#) for  
June 21-27.

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."

## 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.

Miami Valley District has been blessed with mission giving totaling \$15,584.77 so far in 2020, which is 22% of our \$70,000.00 pledge for 2020.

Keep in mind, the five channels of mission giving which count toward our pledge.

- **Pledge to Mission** - the amount a woman gives to her local unit to help fulfill the purpose of United Methodist Women.
- **Special Mission Recognition** - a pin to honor members who've dedicated so much time and effort to service.
- **Gift to Mission** - a gift in honor of someone. The following cards to honor others are available: Congratulations, Thank You, A Baby, In the Service of Christ, A Special Day, Thinking of You, Happy Birthday and assorted Christmas Cards.
- **Gift in Memory** - Individuals or local units may wish to send a card to the family of the deceased with gifts of \$5.00 or more.
- **World Thank Offering** - Give gifts of gratitude or to celebrate joys of life. Many members keep a World Thank Offering box or jar to collect gifts during the year.

Share these channels of mission giving with unit members to encourage mission giving beyond pledges. Remember to request cards needed (if desired) with gifts to mission and gifts in memory. List names of those honored with gifts in memory if you wish them published by Miami Valley District.

Every unit can easily be a 5 Star Giving Unit by designating mission giving in each of the five channels above.

Click on this link to print a mission giving remit form.

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/about/financial-documentation/remittance-form.pdf>

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

Your local UMW will be receiving a letter soon with your invitation 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.



The letter is attached [HERE](#) for you to read and take action!



## COVID-19 Reentry Kit Challenge

Due to increased exposure to the COVID-19 virus, our neighbors returning from prison are at a higher risk of spreading the coronavirus back into the community. At the same time,

incarceration comprises the immune system and one's overall health, putting COVID-negative returning neighbors at a higher risk of coronavirus affliction upon their return to community. The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) has asked The West Ohio Conference for assistance in providing hygiene items and face masks to our returning neighbors.

All In Community, the WOC Disaster Response Ministry, and the West Ohio Conference United Methodist Women are challenging our members, churches, and groups to provide 4,000 returning neighbors with a health kit that will better protect the well-being of all community members by reducing the spread of COVID-19.

The All In Community COVID-19 Reentry Kits consist of hygiene products (similar to UMCOR Hygiene Kits), a washable facemask, and a note of hope. You can print off the entire list for the kits by clicking [HERE](#) and how to safely assemble the kits [HERE](#). Visit the website for drop-off points (in Beaver Creek and Brookville) and for more information from the website go [HERE](#).

Face Masks have already been made by many of you and your UMWs, those are very much needed. If you can donate FaceMasks for these kits that would be AWESOME. The website gives more details about face masks, just click [HERE](#).

**QUESTIONS? Contact Paula Nourse**  
at [kinder6595@hotmail.com](mailto:kinder6595@hotmail.com) or 614-326-9062

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND CARING FOR ALL GOD'S  
PEOPLE DURING THIS TIME OF CRISIS!**

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### **ON-GOING 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 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](#)



**Check out the UMW West Ohio News and Updates  
and meet the newest Deaconesses from West Ohio  
and MUCH MORE!**

*Click [HERE](#) to read the June edition of West Ohio UMW that has lots of information and resources for you and the women of your UMW.*

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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