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**E-NEWS March/April 2021**

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## Miami Valley District United Methodist Women



## UMC Camps are BACK! And so are CAMPERSHIPS!

Many of you and your local UMW units have generously given to our Miami Valley UMW Campership fund. Now we are ready to find those children or youth that would love to go to camp, but may be unable to do so because of the cost. Here's what you can do:

**Encourage and sponsor a child (or children) or youth to attend Mission u or one of our three West Ohio UMC Camps: Camp Wesley in Logan, Ohio, Camp Otterbein in Bellefontaine, Ohio or Camp Widewater in Liberty Center, Ohio.**

Application Process:

1. Identify potential campers.
2. Obtain Miami Valley United Methodist Women campership application form and UMC camp or Mission u brochure.
3. Choose a suitable camp for each camper.
4. Determine the amount of money the family, local UMW and/or your

Church, and West Ohio Conference camp scholarships can contribute toward the fees.

5. Fill out the Miami Valley District United Methodist Women campership application and the West Ohio Conference Mission u or Camp registration form.
6. Send completed request to the Miami Valley District United Methodist Women's Campership Oversight Board by **April 18**.
- g. Scholarship money will be sent to the local unit treasurer by April 30, so camp or Mission u fees can be paid.

You can print a Miami Valley District UMW **Campership application form** by clicking [HERE](#).

Click [HERE](#) for a printable flyer about MV UMW Camperships that has additional information.

You can **download a camp brochure from the West Ohio Conference UMC website**, [westohiocamps.org](http://westohiocamps.org) or call the camp office at 614-781-2630.

You can find out more about Mission u by going to the West Ohio United Methodist Women's Conference website:

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

Any other questions on CAMPERSHIPS for 2021? Email MVD UMW Camperships at: [mvdumw20@gmail.com](mailto:mvdumw20@gmail.com)

**What a great summer for UMC CAMPS & Mission u!**

**United Methodist Women  
DAY OF GIVING  
2021 Our Year of HOPE  
March 23**



**United Methodist Women members continue to put their faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth in our communities and around the world. On Day of Giving, March 23, you can ensure that future generations of women can continue this vital legacy.**

**This year our theme is “Our Year of Hope” and, for the first time, we will have a very special 6-hour Live Day of Giving Facebook Event. Programming was specifically chosen to cover the full**

breath of our work as United Methodist Women. Viewers will be able to watch discussions with Regional Missionaries, specialists on justice issues, meaningful worship, live music and much, much more! Including hearing from our new National President and CEO, Harriet Jane Olsen as they speak on HOPE.

Invite your friends and join us LIVE on March 23 on Facebook at 9:30 am EST and stay with us throughout the day to experience meaningful connections as you witness your donations at work.

During this worldwide pandemic, we ask you to join us in looking toward the future with hope and contribute to The Legacy Endowment Fund. Give online by clicking [HERE](#), by phone at 800-278-7771 or Text 41444 and enter Legacy 150 in the message area.

Checks can be sent to: UMW, Attn: Development, The Legacy Endowment Fund; **475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10115**, memo line: "Day of Giving"

**TOGETHER WE ARE BUILDING OUR LEGACY!**

## **Your 2020 Miami Valley UMW Book of Reports and 2021 Directory has been MAILED!**

Last month we reported that the Miami Valley Leadership Team decided to create a special edition booklet that combined yearly reports and the new 2021 directory. We are happy to report that it was completed and **TWO**

**copies were mailed to all active, local unit presidents or contact persons in the Miami Valley District.** We have a limited number of printed copies available and if you would like one of these OR would like a pdf version to download immediately on your computer, click [HERE](#) and complete the form.

2021 Miami Valley District  
United Methodist Women



DIRECTORY

BOOK OF REPORTS

& lots of INFORMATION!



**HONORING THAT SPECIAL PERSON  
WITH A GIFT TO MISSION, GIFT IN MEMORY OR  
MISSION RECOGNITION**

It is never too late to honor those special persons in our lives with a Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory or Mission Recognition through our local UMW units. These names may be publicized in your local church AND also will be recognized in our MV district UMW E-News and newsletter, *The Voice*.

Please write the name of the person honored on your remit form sent to our treasurer, Kathy McGrath and we will list the name for publication in the next newsletter.

### 2021 In Memory:

**Asbury UMW** - Bob Burri, Lois Layer, Paul Dabrowski

**Aley UMW** - Jeff Plumley, Kathryn Fisk, Peggy Lakes, Doral McPherson

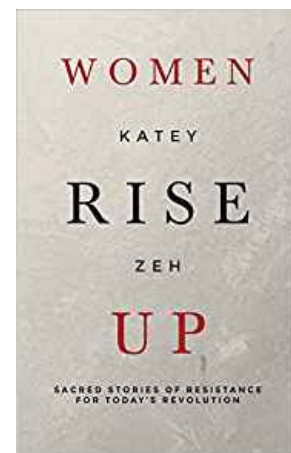
**Church of the Cross UMW** - Sandra J. McElfresh, Helen M. Beason  
**Sulphur Grove** - Marion Posson

### 2021 Gift to Mission:

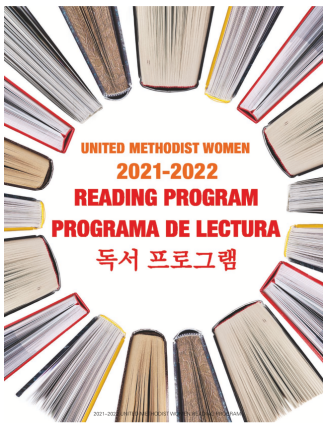
In honor of all the women of Tipp City UMW

## Our Lenten Study Continues . . . Thank YOU for coming . . .

It has been so wonderful to see so many of you on Thursday evenings at the West Ohio UMW Lenten study on the reading program book, ***Women Rise Up*** by Katey Zeh. The book and the scripture it uplifts, has been giving us new perspectives on old stories. Our faith has been strengthened and stretched as we have been challenged to take action to serve and raise our voices in support of others.



Deb Dunlop who serves on the Friends of Wesley team on the Miami Valley District, has prepared two documents for us to use so that we can continue to learn and serve. One document gives us information on Human Trafficking and the ***Oasis House in Dayton***, it is [HERE](#). The other one is from the statewide program, Help Me Grow that lists the shelters and programs that are available to assist women, children and youth who are in housing crisis or who are the victims of domestic violence and it is available [HERE](#).



Once you complete reading the book from our lenten study, ***Women Rise Up*** be sure to go [HERE](#) and download the Reporting Form and join in on the **United Methodist Women's Reading Program**. You will now have one book completed for 2021! For more about the UMW Reading Program, click [HERE](#).

*So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation.  
The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived!*  
*2 Corinthians 5:17 (CEB)*

**United Methodist Women Virtual Community**  
***A supportive virtual community, rooted in Christ,  
focused on mission and justice***

Over the past year, we have enjoyed a new way of being United Methodist Women that has expanded our concept of community. It has been exciting and energizing to connect with people who we would not have otherwise known. To continue building even stronger connections, we are forming a new virtual community that is steeped in our purpose and vision to grow spiritually, serve and advocate, educate for change, and organize for growth. This community is committed to being intentionally inclusive and affirmative.

**All are welcome—**

- those who are looking for a home with United Methodist Women
- those who are already members of a UMW Local Unit or if your local unit has become inactive
- those of all faiths
- anyone interested in spiritual growth, mission, and justice
- Deaconesses and Home Missioners

**Our first Zoom meeting is scheduled for:**

**Saturday, April 24**

**2:30-3:45pm ET**

If you are interested in being part of this new virtual fellowship, join us by signing up [HERE](#) to receive a Zoom link prior to the meeting. If you are interested but cannot make this meeting, sign up [HERE](#) so we can send you future communications.

***Getting Comfortable on Zoom***

Attend an opportunity to “Get Comfortable on Zoom” by attending one of the basic Zoom workshops being offered in April and May.



Tuesday, April 13 at 10am  
Thursday, May 13 at 2:00pm  
Wednesday, May 26 at 7:00pm.

**[REGISTER HERE](#)**

If you have questions about any of the Zoom Workshops, you can contact Beth Vanoli at **[academyforspiritualpractice@gmail.com](mailto:academyforspiritualpractice@gmail.com)**



## **SAVE THE DATES!**

**(more information coming)**

Instead of having our own Miami Valley district spring program, you have an opportunity to join with the **West Ohio Conference UMW** for a virtual **Spring Retreat** on Saturday, **MAY 15**.

Also **Miami Valley UMW** will be having a **Eco Divina Walk** (at a park or nature preserve to be announced later) on **JUNE 19**. An Eco Divina Walk is a purposeful, contemplative walk (of less than a mile), where we are led through the forest, sharing in scriptures and blessings as we absorb the beauty, sights, sounds and smells of God's good earth. Only masks, comfortable shoes and willingness to try something different will be needed!

## **My UMW - Join us!**

Be sure you have the latest in news and information from national UMW, by clicking here on **[MY UMW](#)**.

United Methodist Women is a membership organization dedicated to mission with women, children and youth. All mission-minded women within and beyond The United Methodist Church are welcome. We are an open, Christian organization with ecumenical ties and connections around the world.

**myUMW:**  
Add your info,  
& get your  
membership  
card

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