

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:

MV UMW Spring Mission Day - The "Magical Mystery Mission Tour" scheduled for April 18 has been cancelled and postponed to a later date. All registration fees will be refunded, please contact district treasurer Kathy McGrath if you have any questions.

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 are looking at possible ways our district can do some on-line

Order the book at : <https://www.umwmissionresources.org/>.

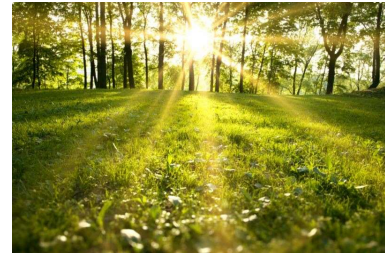
As you continue in your **LENTEN JOURNEY** - consider reading the devotions that are published weekly on the **UMW website** that are **HERE**

You can download these directions and print by clicking [HERE](#)



SOCIAL JUSTICE HIGHLIGHTS

BE JUST. BE GREEN: 13 STEPS TO SUSTAINABILITY



Even in the midst of this time of uncertainty with the COVID-19 virus taking so much of our attention, now is also a time to be thinking of how you or your local UMW organization can become better stewards of God's good earth!

13 Steps to Sustainability: A Principled Approach to Sustainability is one way to do this!

These 13 principles form the core of the social justice concerns that United Methodist Women has committed to. There are measurable, practical steps to the 13 principles' implementation that have been developed with experts' guidance and experienced national office staff. For inspiration and encouragement you will find specific questions on the survey as well as Bible studies, videos and an introduction to sustainability.

Just go to this link **HERE** to find all of these informative and free resources.

Be Just. Be Green. Be Sustainable and let's do our best to care for this one earth that we have and call home.

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:

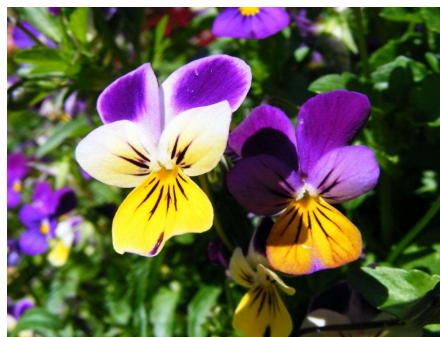
OASIS HOUSE - Offers hope and support to women victims of sexual exploitation with life skills, program referrals, personal and household goods and mentoring. Call 937-898-7811 for specific needs; located at the Life Enrichment Center, [425 N Findlay St., Suite 308, Dayton, OH. 45404](#)

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!!