

## THE VOICE

Building a community of women who are committed to mission

### **FINDING PEACE IN AN ANXIOUS WORLD . . .**

was the Mission u spiritual growth study for 2020 and how important it was for us to hear the words of wisdom from the book of Proverbs and dive deep into ways we can achieve serenity and peace during these anxious times. From Centering prayer, to the Welcoming Prayer, to praying for and with each other, the time in August when this was offered through Zoom online classes was important and needed.

We invite each of you on **September 26, 2020 at 10am** to join us on-line through Zoom to our **MIAMI VALLEY UMW FALL ANNUAL GATHERING** and experience a taste of this study as together we can share and learn together (registration link below). In addition, we will hold our business meeting and give you the results of our voting for our district budget and nominations (NEW this year!) and also have our Memorial service too. News will be shared, and we will CELEBRATE all of the work as we do in MISSION TOGETHER for women, children and youth both locally, regionally and around the world. Please join us!

### **MIAMI VALLEY DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 2020 LEAD TEAM**

**President:** Marcia Florkey, 937-232-6990  
mlbflorkey@gmail.com

**Treasurer:** Kathy McGrath, 937-244-2114  
kmcgrath8488@gmail.com

**Secretary:** Evelyn West, 631-455-7392  
ewest0345@gmail.com

**Mission Coordinator:** Linda Bales Todd,  
703-282-6254; joylab47@yahoo.com

**Mission Coordinator:** Joan Johnson 937-946-6402; jajumc@aol.com

#### **Committee on Nominations:**

Chairperson: Sonia Zennie 937-470-9181  
szennie@woh.rr.com

Karen Baldasare 937-438-3239  
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Barbara Winston 937-438-3239;  
pastor104@aol.com

#### **West Ohio Conference Lead Team Resident in the Miami Valley District:**

Beth Vanoli (Mission Coordinator) 937-901-9649  
vanolibeth@gmail.com

Jane Benner (National Board Director)  
937-258-8090 bennerjane@yahoo.com

### **Miami Valley UMW Dates to Remember –2020**

September 26, 2020 – MV Annual Gathering; Being held on-line through Zoom,

Register by going here: <https://forms.gle/jm4hDvs56mDHURKcA>

### **West Ohio UMW Conference Dates to Remember – 2020**

October 31, 2020 VIRTUAL ON-LINE MEETING details coming in E-News



**Miami Valley District UMW website**

## Miami Valley UMW on FaceBook

## West Ohio Conference UMW

## National United Methodist Women

## UMW Mission RESOURCES

[www.missionresourcescenter.org](http://www.missionresourcescenter.org)

**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.

**“All members praying; all members giving; together we can make it happen!”**

## MISSION GIVING\*

**\$18,243.00\* (26% of our pledge Of \$70,000)**

Honor out-going officers or other women in your unit with a Special Mission Recognition and encourage women to purchase UMW's exclusive Mission Cards for \$5 that goes 100% towards Mission Giving. Cards available by contacting Kathy McGrath, below. Thank you for your continued gifts to support the mission and ministries of United Methodist Women!

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

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

**Kathy McGrath, MV UMW Treasurer** contact at 937-244-2114 or e-mail: [kmcgrath8488@gmail.com](mailto:kmcgrath8488@gmail.com);

**Mail remits to:** 10700 S. Charleston Pike; S. Charleston, OH 45368



Join with us for the . . .

**2020 Miami Valley  
United Methodist Women's  
Annual Fall Gathering**

**On Saturday, September 26, 2020**

**10 – 11:30 am via Zoom**

Our theme will be . . .

***Finding Peace in an Anxious World***

Following expressions of concerns due to the COVID19 pandemic, the district leadership team decided to go ONLINE and have our Annual Gathering virtually. Be prepared to be blessed by highlights from our Mission u Spiritual Growth study; a message by National UMW President, Shannon Priddy; enjoy music; learn about the work of Wesley Community Center from their new director, Shawn Kerley; plus, reports and Memorial Tributes and sharing in prayer!

We will have a brief MIV District UMW Business meeting, but all the reports and your approval form are in this Newsletter. Please read the last few pages of this newsletter carefully and return your form as soon as you can! This will be in place of our usual business meeting. Everyone who receives this newsletter can vote.

**The Annual Gathering will be FREE!**

**But you will still need to register, so please use this link:**

**<https://forms.gle/RcZCaeKPfCsDUR6e8>**

**and register quickly and with no expense!**

Once you register online, on September 24, you will receive an e-mail from MV UMW E-NEWS with the ZOOM link and additional resources. If you cannot access the link above, send your name, e-mail address, phone number and the name of your local UMW or UMC to: [mlbflorkey@gmail.com](mailto:mlbflorkey@gmail.com)

If you do not have access to a computer or internet, check with friends, family or your church to see if there is someone who can assist you and then invite a few women (less than 10) from your local UMW or Circle to join you with their coffee and pastries and enjoy the time together, just as if you were at the meeting!

## Our Tribute . . . In Honor and Memory



We present these special people that you have sent us their names to honor and remember in 2019 and 2020. They light the way to faith, hope and love in action. Thank you for sharing their legacy and supporting Mission Giving.

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>Aley</b>                    | Mildred Keener  |
| <b>Arcanum Faith</b>           | Gloria Hamilton   |
| <b>Asbury</b>                  | Ron Ossege, Wayne Wiseman, Bob Fuller, Charles Balzer   |
| <b>Casstown</b>                | Ron Hufford   |
| <b>Centerville/Restoration</b> | Norm Bartley  |
| <b>Christ Kettering</b>        | Penny Erbaugh, Jean McFarland, Celesta Warner, Phyllis Wykoff, Virginia Amli, Shirley Perryman, Charlotte Feldmaier |
| <b>Church of the Cross</b>     | Iris McElfresh, Cheryl Eagan  |
| <b>Concord-Englewood</b>       | Louise Dennin   |
| <b>Fairview</b>                | Kathy Fruechte  |
| <b>Fort Jefferson</b>          | Iris Hathaway   |
| <b>Germantown</b>              | Barbara Burns, Virginia Hanahan   |
| <b>Grace Ithaca</b>            | Mark Baker, Bob Riffell, Susan Oakes, Lenvall Delk  |
| <b>Normandy</b>                | Edith Corbin, Jean Geckeler, Dorothy Overly, Betty Wilder, Shirley Rafferty   |
| <b>South Charleston</b>        | Earlene Wenner  |
| <b>St. Andrew</b>              | Ilene Schultz, Harriet Brown, Jan Garrett, Elda Fitzsimmons   |
| <b>Sulphur Grove</b>           | Becky Richter, Miriam Stroede, Mary Tripp   |
| <b>Tipp City</b>               | Barbara Grady, Helen McGaffic, Kim Wilson   |
| <b>Troy First</b>              | Henry Etta Cline, Mary Deem, Evelyn Spicer  |
| <b>MV UMW Lead Team</b>        | Helen M. Brown (Marcia Florkey's Mother)  |

\*Note: As hard as we try, we do miss things. If you have sent in a Gift in Memory along with name(s) and they are NOT listed above, please let our treasurer, Kathy McGrath know.

## What is 5 STAR MISSION GIVING?

**Your UMW Local Unit can still be a 5 Star Giver and receive recognition for 2020 at Spring Mission Day 2021! The five channels of mission giving which counts towards your pledge includes a gift in each of the following 5 areas:**

1. **Pledge to Mission** - The amount a member gives to her local unit to help fulfill the Purpose of United Methodist Women that supports developing resources for local units, our National Mission Institutions (like Wesley Center) and International Ministries.
2. **Special Mission Recognition** – Purchase a pin to honor members who have dedicated so much time and effort to service. \$40 gift.
3. **Gift to Mission** - Make a gift in honor of someone and send a Mission Card to the honoree. (Cards available from Kathy McGrath) The following cards are available: Congratulations, A Baby, In the Service of Christ, A Special Day, Thinking of You, Happy Birthday and assorted Christmas cards. Be sure to specify the card(s) needed on the remit form. \$5 minimum gift
4. **Gift in Memory** - Individuals or local units may wish to send a card to the family of a loved one who has passed. Give a gift in memory of a member, a friend or anyone, in any amount of \$5 or more.
5. **World Thank Offering** – Individuals may keep a blessing jar to deposit money during the year in appreciation of God's abundance, grace and celebration of life. Any gift of gratitude can be given throughout the year.

Share these channels of mission giving with unit members to encourage mission giving beyond pledges. Please send names of those honored with gifts in memory if you wish them acknowledged at our Fall Gathering meeting.

## NEW, only TWO Yearly Reports & Ordering Resources!

**Your leadership team has been working hard to make it easier for your local unit of UMW to report to the district, conference and national UMW organizations.** For all of our UMW work it is vital to have up to date information and to be transparent in sharing our blessings, challenges and accomplishments. To make this as simple and as easy as possible, we have used the next two pages of this newsletter to have the *copies of those reports that are especially needed by the district team to keep everything up to date.* Please return these to the district officer indicated and by the due date on the form. Thank you so very much for completing these so that we can recognize your UMW accomplishments at our district Spring Mission Celebration in 2021! **These TWO forms are: 1) an updated Mission Today form (which is combining several old forms in ONE! And 2) 2021 Leadership and Nomination Report.** All of these blank report forms are also on our website: <https://www.westhioumw.org/miami-valley-1>

The national **UMW Mission Resources** no longer sends out program books or prayer calendars on consignment for us to sell at our district meetings. BUT there is a **2021 Annual Sampler package** that allows you to order key resources just once a year and receive them as they become available. This money-saving package includes four resources—all yours for \$40 (a \$4.00 savings) and items can be ordered by mail, on the mission resource website or you can call 1-800-305-9857 and order over the phone toll free! Go to: <https://www.umwmissionresources.org/> to order online.

***Miami Valley District United Methodist Women (UMW)  
2021 Local Unit Leadership and Nomination Report***

Every year our Miami Valley District UMW Secretary updates our district Directory and mailing lists so that we can communicate and serve each other in the best way possible. To assist our secretary with this very important task, please list below ALL of your officers for 2021 with their updated information so that we can send out e-mails and newsletters to current, correct addresses. Returned paper newsletters cost us money! If you don't have elected officers, please list a contact person.

***Please return by December 10, 2020 to:***  
**Evelyn West, MVD UMW Secretary, 532 Armand Drive, Troy, OH 45373**  
**or by e-mail to: ewest0345@gmail.com**

**Name of your Local UMW Unit:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Local United Methodist Church:** \_\_\_\_\_

| Name | Street address<br>City, State, Zip | E-mail | Phone | Office held |
|------|------------------------------------|--------|-------|-------------|
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## 2020 Miami Valley District United Methodist Women MISSION TODAY REPORTING FORM

You will qualify as a **Mission Today** local UMW Unit by completing (either fill-in or circle responses) the following **Mission Today** form and also the **2021 Local Leadership and Nomination Report** and returning by the dates and addresses on each form.

Name of your Local UMW Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

President or contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the one that best applies:

- ☐ We are an active local organization (unit) in the Miami Valley District UMW
- ☐ We have a women's group but are not an active local organization of UMW

### 1. MEMBERSHIP:

Number of members reported in December 2019: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of members added in 2020: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of members removed in 2020 by death or choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of members as of December 2020: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the average age of your local unit/circle members? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you define a thriving UMW Unit? \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. READING PROGRAM PARTICIPATION:

The United Methodist Women's Reading Program encourages members to expand their understanding and participation in God's mission through reading and/or study of books that have been chosen by the Reading Program Committee of the UMW's national organization.

How many women from your local UMW participated in ANY LEVEL of the Reading program? \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. PROGRAMMING:

A. Does your unit (or a member of your unit) subscribe to *Response Magazine*? Please circle: **YES NO**  
If **YES**, how does your unit use *Response Magazine*? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Mission Today Reporting Form continued . . .

B. Did you use the Prayer Calendar to pray and/or send cards to Missionaries, Deaconesses or Home Missioners or use in your programs or by individuals? Please circle: **YES NO**

C. Did your unit/circle use at least two programs from the *United Methodist Women's Program Book* during the past year? Please circle: **YES NO**

### 4. MISSION and MINISTRY:

A. Which of the following social action campaigns did your local UMW unit/circle engage in during 2020: (check all that apply)

- ☐ Climate Justice: Just Energy for All
- ☐ Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration: Interrupt the School to Prison Pipeline
- ☐ Economic Inequality: A Living Wage for All
- ☐ Maternal and Child Health: End Maternal Mortality

B. Did your local unit/circle support the following West Ohio Conference National Missions Institutions through volunteering, material or monetary donations? Check Yes (Y) or No (N)

- ☐ Friendly Center, Toledo Ohio
- ☐ Community Development for All People, Columbus Ohio
- ☐ Wesley Community Center, Dayton, Ohio
- ☐ Wesley Education Center, Cincinnati, Ohio

C. Did your local UMW unit strive to be a 5-Star Mission Unit contributing to all FIVE channels of Mission Giving? Please circle: **YES NO**

D. Did your local UMW unit/circle support other missions through volunteering, material or monetary gifts? Check all that apply and provide mission/ministry name:

- ☐ UMW supported National Mission outside of Ohio \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ UMW supported International Mission \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Another United Methodist national or international mission \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Local mission project \_\_\_\_\_

E. Did you have members of your local unit/circle, other than conference or district officers, attend Mission u or a Mission u event? Please circle: **YES NO** Number attended \_\_\_\_\_

F. Did you have members of your local unit/circle, other than conference or district officers, attend the district annual Fall Gathering event? Please circle: **YES NO** Number attended \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN by January 10, 2021 by e-mail to: Marcia Florkey,  
[mlbflorkey@gmail.com](mailto:mlbflorkey@gmail.com) OR by post to:**

**Marcia Florkey, MV UMW President  
3318 Northfield Rd., Dayton, OH 45415**



# MIAMI VALLEY DISTRICT UMW

## Annual Gathering Minutes

Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church, Huber Heights, Ohio – September 28, 2019

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Marcia Florkey, President, called the business meeting of the Miami Valley District United Methodist Women (UMW) Annual Gathering to order. She reported that the committee reports could be found in the Program Book beginning on Page 20. The minutes of the 2018 District Annual Gathering (on Page 20) had been read and approved by the Standing Rules Committee of three who were elected by this body.

The following committee reports were presented as follow:

**STANDING RULES COMMITTEE** – Evelyn West, Chair, presented the changes to the Miami Valley District UMW Standing Rules for 2020 as proposed by the Standing Rules Committee and accepted by the Leadership Team. These changes had been distributed via the Conference UMW website at least 30 days prior to this UMW Miami Valley District Annual Gathering. Evelyn West moved to adopt the proposed changes as previously distributed and listed in the program book. The Standing Rules for 2020 were unanimously adopted as presented.

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE** - Kathy McGrath, Chair, presented the proposed 2020 Miami Valley District UMW budget (\$5,275) and pledge (\$70,000) and moved that they be adopted. The proposed budget and pledge had been accepted by the District Leadership Team and the West Ohio Conference Executive Committee. The proposed budget and pledge for 2020 were unanimously adopted as presented.

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS** – Cecelia Long, Committee on Nominations Chair, presented the committee's report. Voting was done by acclamation. Nominees were asked to stand as their names were called. The following slate of officers to be elected by the Miami Valley District UMW for the year 2020 are as follow:

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| President (1 <sup>st</sup> year of 2 <sup>nd</sup> term) .....           | Marcia Florkey    |
| Secretary (1 <sup>st</sup> year of 2 <sup>nd</sup> term) .....           | Evelyn West       |
| Treasurer (2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 2 <sup>nd</sup> term) .....           | Kathy McGrath     |
| Mission Coordinator (2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 1 <sup>st</sup> term) ..... | Joan Johnson      |
| Mission Coordinator (1 <sup>st</sup> year of 1 <sup>st</sup> term) ..... | Linda Bayles Todd |
| Chair, Committee on Nominations (Class of 2021) .....                    | Sonia Zennie      |
| Member, Committee on Nominations (Class of 2020) .....                   | Karen Baldassare  |
| Member, Committee on Nominations (Class of 2022) .....                   | Barbara Winston   |

There being no nominations from the floor, Marcia Florkey moved to close nominations and have those nominated as the slate of officers for 2020 be unanimously elected. Joan Johnson seconded the motion and the slate of officers to serve the Miami Valley District UMW for 2020 was duly elected. The 2019 Leadership Team was called to the front to be recognized as representatives of the Miami Valley District UMW.

No further business was brought before the Assembly and the business session of the 2019 Miami Valley District UMW Annual Gathering was closed at 12:30 p.m.

Submitted by Evelyn West, Secretary  
Miami Valley District United Methodist Women

## COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS REPORT 2021

## Slate of Leadership

### TO BE ELECTED

Treasurer (1<sup>st</sup> year of 3<sup>rd</sup> term, term ends 2022) ..... Kathy McGrath  
Member of Committee on Nominations (Class of 2022) ..... Susan Hodapp

### CONTINUING IN OFFICE

President (2<sup>nd</sup> year of 2<sup>nd</sup> term, term ends 2021) ..... Marcia Florkey  
Secretary (2<sup>nd</sup> year of 2<sup>nd</sup> term, term ends 2021) ..... Evelyn West  
Mission Coordinator (2<sup>nd</sup> year of 1<sup>st</sup> term) ..... Linda Bales Todd  
Mission Coordinator (1<sup>st</sup> year of 1<sup>st</sup> term) ..... TBD\*  
Chair, Member of Committee on Nominations (Class of 2021) ..... Sonia Zennie  
Member of Committee on Nominations (Class of 2022) ..... Barbara Winston

### RETIRING

Member of Committee on Nominations ..... Karen Baldasare  
Mission Coordinator ..... Joan Johnson

### APPOINTED LEADERSHIP

Friends of Wesley Community Center, Co-Chair ..... Deb Dunlop  
Friends of Wesley Community Center, Co-Chair ..... Nancy Shaw  
Campership Oversight Team ..... TBD

### Miami Valley District United Methodist Women

### BUDGET PROPOSAL 2021

Pledge to Mission - \$65,000.00

|   | 2020             | 2021             |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Administration & Membership Development |                  |                  |
| Travel                                  | \$1,200.00       | \$ 925.00        |
| Postage                                 | \$ 250.00        | \$ 150.00        |
| Copies and Supplies                     | \$ 300.00        | \$ 300.00        |
| Communications/Newsletter               | \$1,400.00       | \$ 1,100.00      |
| *Literature                             | \$ 325.00        | \$ 325.00        |
| *Special Days                           | \$ 350.00        | \$ 350.00        |
| *Annual Gathering                       | \$ 350.00        | \$ 350.00        |
| *Leadership Training                    | \$ 250.00        | \$ 250.00        |
| Financial Review                        | \$ 200.00        | \$ 200.00        |
| District Officer Recognition            | \$ 200.00        | \$ 200.00        |
| AV Support                              | \$ 300.00        | \$ 300.00        |
| *Miscellaneous                          | <u>\$ 100.00</u> | <u>\$ 100.00</u> |
| *Provided by WOC UMW                    | \$5,225.00       | \$4,550.00       |
|   |                  | (7% of pledge)   |

Literature Category is broken out by the following:

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Reading Program Books which include Response     | \$100        |
| Mailing Service (5) (Mission Resources Samplers) | \$200        |
| Return Literature Postage                        | \$ 0         |
| Miscellaneous                                    | <u>\$ 25</u> |
|  | \$325        |

Approved by committee. March 8, 2020

Submitted by Kathy McGrath, MVD UMW Treasurer



**MIAMI VALLEY (MV) UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)  
BUSINESS MEETING APPROVALS FOR 2020**

***These are recommendations from committee***

***Please approve by marking the line before your response with an X***

1. **Approval of minutes** of MIV UMW business meeting from September 28, 2019. On the previous page of this newsletter and at <https://www.westohioumw.org/miami-valley-1>

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **NO**

2. **Slate of officers** – On previous page and at <https://www.westohioumw.org/miami-valley-1>

**To be elected:**

Treasurer (1<sup>st</sup> year of 3<sup>rd</sup> term, term ends 2022) ..... Kathy McGrath  
Member of Committee on Nominations (Class of 2022) ..... Susan Hodapp

**Continuing in office:**

President (2<sup>nd</sup> year of 2<sup>nd</sup> term, term ends 2021) ..... Marcia Florkey  
Secretary (2<sup>nd</sup> year of 2<sup>nd</sup> term, term ends 2021) ..... Evelyn West  
Mission Coordinator (2<sup>nd</sup> year of 1<sup>st</sup> term) ..... Linda Bales Todd  
Chair, Member of Committee on Nominations (Class of 2021) ..... Sonia Zennie  
Member of Committee on Nominations (Class of 2022) ..... Barbara Winston  
Mission Coordinator (1<sup>st</sup> year of 1<sup>st</sup> term) ..... to be determined

**Adoption of the Miami Valley UMW Slate of Officers as printed above:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **NO**

3. **Adoption of MIV UMW proposed district budget for 2021** of \$4,550.00 and our 2021 Pledge to Mission to the National Organization of the United Methodist Women in the amount of \$65,000. On previous page and at <https://www.westohioumw.org/miami-valley-1>

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **NO**

**Your Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Local UMW unit** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Please print, mark, and sign this and mail to:

Kathy McGrath, 10700 S. Charleston Pike, South Charleston, OH. 45368

**OR** print, mark, scan, and email to Kathy at [kmcgrath8488@gmail.com](mailto:kmcgrath8488@gmail.com)

This form must be received by **September 23, 2020**.

This form may be used by any MIV local UMW who would attend the MIV UMW Annual meeting.  
One form per person only.

Miami Valley District UMW

United Methodist Women  
Miami Valley District  
3318 Northfield Rd.  
Dayton OH 45415

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**WEST OHIO CONFERENCE  
United Methodist Women  
Annual Celebration  
October 31, 2020  
10:00am**

West Ohio United Methodist will be on Saturday, October 31, 2020. This event will take place on Zoom, an online meeting service. To take part in this event you will need a working email address and a computer with a camera and mic.

To register go to: <https://www.westohioumw.org/calendar-of-events>

The Zoom link and instructions will be sent to you on Friday, October 30 via the email address provided on the registration form.