



## CAPITOL AREA SOUTH UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Weekly update for event status and information sharing



Dear Sisters in Christ,

The sun is shining and yes, God is looking down on us! We have just experienced a week of many more corona virus cases and deaths. Please lift up in prayer the families and individuals involved and also our front-line workers. God bless and guide them all as they risk their lives each day caring for us.

Each morning I take my temperature as I read my Prayer Calendar mission witness, pray for the mission focus for the day, and pray for our missionaries serving women, youth and children around the world.

This week we will be praying for mission sites in California, Philippines, Guatemala, around the Global, and Massachusetts. These include helping with health, environmental issues, education, poverty, and violence. Our UMW support is **HUGE!**

Notice that two of our mission birthdays this week are servants in Central Ohio area – Mariellyn Dunlap Grace at Charitable Pharmacy in Columbus and Margaret Madison at Community Development for All People. How wonderful for these two servants to receive birthday cards and/or emails from UMW members in Capitol Area South! Please consider reaching out to Mariellyn and Margaret.

This past week I noticed a book beside my bedroom reading chair – its title is Finding Peace in an Anxious World. I said to myself, “Linda, you need to be reading this book.” I have read the introduction and first two chapters, and you know what? This is the UMW spiritual growth study book for this year! Yes, how appropriate. I feel like we should be doing a Bible study right now via Zoom for us all! It is based on the Serenity Prayer, a prayer that I was introduced to by my UMW circle at Church of the Messiah in Westerville when I was a young mother. It continues to be a source of strength for me.



*God, Grant me the Serenity  
To accept the things I cannot change  
Courage to change the things I can  
And the Wisdom to know the difference*

Please forward this email to your individual UMW members, so we all can be praying together for our mission sites, missionaries, and each other. God bless and guide you all as we walk this journey with corona virus together!

*Linda*

Linda Miller, Capitol Area South United Methodist Women President

April 3, 2020

## **United Methodist Women Prayer Calendar**

### **Prayer requests for April 5-11, 2020**

Let's include the prayer requests from the UMW's Prayer Calendar in our daily prayers! Each week there is a Mission Witness of our missionary work and institutions throughout the world. Each day we are asked to pray for a mission partner of UMW and also for birthdays of mission staff and mission personnel.

#### **Mission Witness:**

During a women's Bible study at jail, we talked about hiding from God, others and ourselves. We found that the Word sheds light on our inner thoughts, helping us see our motives, needs, strengths, and pain, and points the way to wholeness. Judith Vasby, Order of Deaconess and Home Missioner, Coordinator of Caring Ministries, Deerfield, MI

#### **Mission Focus and Birthdays:**

- ♦ April 5: Gum Moon Residence Hall, San Francisco, CA. Marcus Boggs, Lweendo Janny, Hachilenge, Donald Reasoner
- ♦ April 6: Philippines, Batis Center for Women. Training women and youth on migration and reproductive health and resisting. Frances Hayes, Gloria Marple
- ♦ April 7: Philippines. Board of Women's Work. The United Methodist Church Philippines Central Conference. Educating women and youth on environmental issues. Mariellyn Dunlap Grace (Charitable Pharmacy in Columbus), Yvonne W. Njoroge, Soila Vincent, Laura Young
- ♦ April 8: Guatemala. Pura Vida. Creating a brighter future for children in Guatemala. Margaret Madison (Church and Community Worker at Community Development for All People)
- ♦ April 9: Global. Children, Poverty and Violence. Supporting projects that address issues of child poverty and violence. Tapiwa Audrey, Manyonga
- ♦ April 10: Global. Children's Ministries. Empowering children and families to reach their full potential by tackling the root causes of poverty. Nancy K. Gordon
- ♦ April 11: Hattie B. Cooper Community Center, Roxbury, Massachusetts.

If you would like to send a card or email a greeting to our central Ohio missionaries: see below:

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