



## United Methodist Women, Foothills District

Spring 2020

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### Greetings

**Kathy S. Elasky, District President**

Greetings to all ladies of the Foothills District UMW. My name is Kathy Elasky and I am your new district president. Seeing all the problems on the news always makes me feel like I should be doing more. By working together with all of you, I can tell myself I am doing something by supporting UMW missions both here and abroad. It is both humbling and exciting to accept this position among such an amazing sisterhood of women dedicated to making the world a better place.

I am fortunate to have my great grandmother's 5-year diary. She never had a lot to say, but she often wrote that she had been "over to town to a women's meeting at church." As a little girl, I remember my grandmother and mother attending circle meetings. And I have been inspired by the dedication of now deceased UMW members of my local church. You can see that UMW runs deep in my roots. I am glad to continue the legacy they left for me.

You might wonder how I came to be president since I was not at the installation service last fall. Let's just say that God and Carlene Triplett (our former president) were persistent in the search and very persuasive once someone was found who would consider saying yes. Thus, here I am ready to work hard to fulfill my duties. I feel truly blessed to be surrounded by fellow officers who are so willing to lend their assistance and support. I excitedly look forward to our next two years together.

This may be a perplexing time for UMW at large. We face many changes and challenges in our denomination. I am confident that United Methodist Women everywhere will rise to the occasion; that we will persist in our calling to support missions

as we follow in the footsteps of the devoted women who came before us.

I would love to join you in some of your meetings. Please feel free to invite me. God bless each and every one of you as you continue your work in spreading His love.

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### Thank You

**Janice Deal, District Nominations**

Thank you, Christian Sisters of the Foothills District, for your support over the past years. When asked to be Communications Coordinator, I thought it would be a great way to meet fellow sisters—I was not wrong. I also discovered Mission u and the Reading Program. Next, you asked me to be your president. I thank you all and especially the leadership team for your support. It was through these positions on the district team that I learned more about United Methodist Women. I encourage you all to consider answering the call to become a district officer if asked.

Now, I ask for your support and prayers as I attend the North Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial meeting in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in June. There, I will undergo the interview and voting processes to be elected a Director of National United Methodist Women. The board of directors sets policy, secures funds from the members, and determines the budget that provides opportunities for women to connect within the United States and around the world. If elected, I will keep the Purpose and the needs of United Methodist Women in the Foothills District and West Ohio Conference in mind when fulfilling my duties.

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## Mission Giving

Beth Morgan, District Treasurer

Our giving amount has gone down, but, unfortunately, the need has not. Our “sacrificing” that special coffee or bagel or dessert may cause us a moment of discomfort, but by adding that amount to your pledge, you are giving help to women, children and youth throughout the world every second of every day. To read about the work of some of the UMW missions, go to [unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org) and click on Mission Giving and read of the work women have done to improve lives. How about sharing one story at each meeting?

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Tina Turner sang “What’s love got to do with it,” and this year for the Foothills District UMW, **love** has everything to do it. To add to our pledge to help women, children and youth, we are asking you to collect your “L” one-dollar bills. What is an “L” dollar? Look at George Washington on the dollar bill and then shift your eyes to the left where you will find a capital letter. If that letter is an “F” or a “G,” etc., go spend it! However, if it is an “L” for **love**, please save it and turn the “L” dollars in throughout the year or at the Annual Meeting. You will be spreading the “LOVE” to the mission work of the United Methodist Women.



As the *United Methodist Women Program Book* explains “The World Thank Offering is one of five channels of Mission Giving. This channel of mission giving allows for people to give out of God’s abundance with spontaneous gifts of gratitude and thanks. These funds are used to fund mission and advocacy nationally and internationally.” Please be prepared to support this special offering.

## WANTED: A Few Good Women!

Jody Stevens, District Nominations

Are you interested in fun, fellowship, and serving the Lord? We are in the process of selecting a slate of officers for the coming year to represent the Foothills District UMW.

We have several positions to fill and need the help of everyone in the Foothills District to achieve this goal. This is a great way to get acquainted with other women who are interested in helping fulfill the Purpose of United Methodist Women.

If you are interested in being one of these women or if you can recommend someone from your unit or from the district, please contact me or anyone on the nominations committee.

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Last May I was invited to become a member of the Nominations Committee. I had to think about this because I felt I was too busy and would have to maybe miss a lot of the meetings. I prayed about this and I felt compelled to answer this call and accept the invitation.

Many times we think we are just too busy. We have this and that to do and many times we fail to prioritize our time. We need to keep in mind that the more time we spend serving our Lord is time well spent.

Serving on this committee, I have met many devoted Christian women. I find we all have more in common than we realize. It is good to share our time and work to move our organization forward.

I would encourage anyone who has a desire to give more of their time serving the Lord to ask about taking a position on one of the committees. There is no doubt you will find it rewarding and a blessing.

Contact Jody Stevens, chair of nominations. I know she would appreciate letting her know if you are willing to serve.

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## Reading Program Certificates

Barb Wolfe, Program Resources

Hello everyone, I'm Barb Wolfe, your new Foothills District Program Resources Coordinator.

The purpose of the United Methodist Women is to **know God** and **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. *I truly believe a way to accomplish this "purpose" is to learn through experiences, programs, services, reflection, study, and reading.* We want to learn!

The United Methodist Women are known for being invitational, for inviting people to attend or participate in something. The question for us is who would thrive in a creative supportive fellowship that expands concepts of mission? Who wants to join a group of women to learn about God and experience freedom as a whole person through Jesus Christ?

There are many resources to guide us to invite and intrigue others into the learning, leading, inviting community called the United Methodist Women. The *Program Book*, *Prayer Calendar*, Mission studies, the Reading Program and *response* magazine are examples.

To elaborate more on the Reading Program, I encourage you to go online ([www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram)) and see all the great books you have to choose from.

The Reading Program brings us together as we explore, share and discuss the books. To participate, select one of our four plans and start reading! From captivating novels and heartfelt biographies to urgent messages about issues such as economic justice, mass incarceration, climate change, and race relations. The Reading Program helps us stay informed in our world and what we affect as United Methodist Women. When we know what is happening in the

world, we know what areas we want to impact.

I'd be happy to help you get started, as an individual or as a group. My own church, Faith UMC in Zanesville, has a robust, active United Methodist Women's Book Club.

Make sure you get your 2019 Reading Reporting Forms to me as soon as possible. My address and email are below. You can send your form in the mail, or just write your list (with the required information) in an email.

Thank you and I look forward to meeting everyone at our Spring Day Apart at First Hope UMC in Crooksville on April 25. I will have a table set up with many United Methodist Women resources and many books you may purchase or borrow. I will also present the Reading Program Certificates of Recognition.

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During the Spring Day Apart we will honor the memories of women who lived among us and are gone on to eternity in the past year. Please send the names of members who died in 2019 to Janice Deal ([jdeal@ideal-services.com](mailto:jdeal@ideal-services.com)); please include your unit name.

For Mission Today certificates, please send completed 2019 Mission Today forms to Mary Dailey ([maryd01@windstream.net](mailto:maryd01@windstream.net)) if not already submitted. Forms can be found at [www.westohioumw.org/forms-yearbook](http://www.westohioumw.org/forms-yearbook).

## Issue Priorities 2016–2020

Just Energy for All (climate justice)

Interrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline:  
Criminalization of Communities of Color and  
Mass Incarceration

A Living Wage for All: Economic Inequality

End Maternal Mortality: Maternal & Child  
Health

Learn more about these issues at  
[unitedmethodistwomen.org/action](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/action).

**Mission u 2020**  
**Otterbein University, Westerville OH**  
**4-Day Event: July 16–19**  
**Day Sampler: July 18**

Mission u has something for everyone—adults, youth, and children; male or female. An immersive four-day program is offered, as well as a one-day sampler. Age-appropriate programs and activities are available for youth and children. We invite you to grow with us in learning and understanding the mission of the church through study, worship, music, fellowship, and prayer. Come join us for an experience like no other of learning and spiritual renewal!

**Spiritual Growth Study**

Adults: *Finding Peace in an Anxious World*

Youth: *Managing Anxiety*

Children: *Managing Our Emotions*

**Topical Issue Study**

The Criminalization of Black Girls in  
Schools

Scholarships are available for United Methodist Women, youth (ages 12–18), or young adults (ages 19–25) who are attending for the first time. Registration opens in March. More information can be found at [www.westohioumw.org/mission-u](http://www.westohioumw.org/mission-u).

I am serving my second year on the nominating committee and am president of the Reedsville UMW. I am now realizing all the work and expertise of the women who have served on the District team in the past. I had no idea how much planning went into our District events. I appreciate that we have past officers helping us "learn the ropes," and it is my hope that more of our sister's would make the effort to attend some of the events. It is important to lift up our local units in prayer. Our membership is shrinking and facing new challenges, and prayer for each other is more important than ever.

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**Attention Treasurers of All Units!!!**

The accountant who reviewed the Foothills District books requested that all checks sent to me be made out in the name that appears on our checking account. Please make checks payable to **United Methodist Women of Foothills District**. I appreciate all that you ladies do in serving your unit and continuing to meet the needs of our mission work. Thank you. Beth Morgan



## **Foothills District Spring Day Apart Saturday, April 25, 2020**

First Hope United Methodist Church  
20 N Buckeye St, Crooksville OH 43731

**Featured Presenter: Carolina Alvarez  
portraying Francis Barker Gage**

Registration 9:00 to 9:30  
Meeting 9:30 to 2:00

\$10 registration for lunch and program

Carolina Alvarez is an actress, director, writer, and educator. She began working as an Artsbridge teaching artist in 2012 and currently teaches acting at Marietta College. She will portray Francis Barker Gage, a 19th century Women's Movement advocate, abolitionist, journalist, author, and world-traveling speaker, who was born near Marietta, Ohio, in 1808. "Aunt Fannie's" concern for *all* women and children would have made her a great member of United Methodist Women!

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**Registration due April 17** to Treasurer Beth Morgan, 121 Lee Ave, Marietta OH 45750.

### Dates to Remember

Mar 14	Foothills District Team Meeting, First Hope UMC, Crooksville
Apr 3–4	West Ohio Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat, Procter Center, London OH
Apr 25	Foothills District Spring Day Apart, First Hope UMC, Crooksville
May 5–15	UMC General Conference, Minneapolis MN
May 16	Foothills District Team Meeting, District Office, The Plains
June 7–10	West Ohio Annual Conference, Lakeside
June 26–28	North Central Jurisdiction UMW Quadrennial Meeting, Sioux Falls SD
July 15–18	UMC North Central Jurisdictional Conference, Ft Wayne IN
July 16–19	West Ohio Conference Mission u, Otterbein University, Westerville
Sept 19	Foothills District Team Meeting, location to be determined
Oct 3	Foothills District Fall Annual Day, location to be determined
Oct 31	West Ohio Conference Annual Celebration, Scioto Ridge UMC, Hilliard
Dec 12	Foothills District Team Meeting, location to be determined
May 20–22	Assembly 2022, Orlando FL (start planning and saving to attend)

**Please share the information in this newsletter with members of your unit.**

### Mission Giving Makes Mission Happen

United Methodist Women Mission Giving and special offerings make mission happen! Mission Giving is United Methodist Women members' second- and third-mile gifts beyond their tithes and offerings in their local churches. During the period from 2016 to 2018, more than \$10 million annually was allocated for US and international mission.

In the United States, Mission Giving provides vital support for United Methodist Women-related national mission institutions and other US ministries as well as spiritual growth programs, membership nurture, and opportunities for leadership development, mission education and service, and advocacy.

Internationally, United Methodist Women supports some 150 programs, carried out by up to 116 organizations in more than 110 countries annually. Mission Giving also provides scholarships to more than 73 students enrolled in institutions of higher education in 18 countries.

Grants disclosures, income reports, treasurer's reports, financial statements and annual reports can all be found at [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/finance](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/finance). See the breakdown of how much United Methodist Women's mission giving is spent per year, day, hour, and minute. Your gracious giving changes lives for women, children, youth and families down the street and around the world.

#### Mission Dollars Spent

	2020	2019
Year	\$11,360,000.00	\$11,967,715.00
Day	\$31,123.29	\$32,788.26
Hour	\$1,296.80	\$1,366.18
5 Minutes	\$108.07	\$113.85
1 Minute	\$21.61	\$22.77
1 Second	\$0.36	\$0.38