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Mid-State District Mini u
Saturday, August 24, 2019
Wesley United Methodist Church
2727 Wesley Street, Jefferson City

Registration: 9:30 a.m.

Study Session: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Lunch: \$10 (for each participant)

Mission studies as follows;

Practicing Resurrection: Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship

Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission

Study Leaders

Judy Shannon & Gwen Blodgett

Please make your reservation by August 19 by contacting:

Brenda Sells, Nominations Chair

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Please call or send the number of attendees from your district to Brenda.

****If you are interested in purchasing books, they may be ordered from the Resource Center**

Jackie Bruner, Education & Interpretation Coordinator

How surprised are you that summer is already winding down, and we will soon be in the midst of school starting, fall festivals and preparations for the holiday season? I thought time might slow down during retirement. Wrong again!

I hope your units have had some time to relax this summer and are ready to gear up again for the fall activities. Be sure to check our calendar included in this newsletter so you don't miss anything. Our Mini Mission is upon us. It will be held at the Wesley United Methodist Church in Jefferson City on Saturday, August 24. More information may be found on the information sheet in this newsletter. We hope to see many of your units represented at this event. Participation by at least 10% of your unit helps you complete Goal #17 of the Mission Today Goals.

Continue to encourage your members to read books on the Reading Program, and make sure these are reported at the end of the year. Education and information found in these books help make our women stronger and more informed on past and present issues important to UMW.

God's blessings to each of you!

Sandy Dolezal, Social Action Coordinator

For more than 150 years, Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren women organized for mission have worked in the name of Jesus to take positions on social justice issues and change legislature, systems, justices and practices considered unjust and oppressive. Today we continue to build on this foundation as we **work to end maternal mortality, attain a living wage for all, interrupt the school-to-prison pipeline and ensure energy** that is just for all. These are United Methodist Women's four social action campaigns. A way for us to work together on shared goals across lines of difference and geographic distance. When we lift our voices together, we can be a powerful force. Information, resources and ways to get involved can be found at unitedmethodistwomen.org/action

(Tara Barnes, *response* magazine editor, July/August *response* magazine, used by permission)

What is your unit doing to help in these efforts? Are they informed about these 4 Social Action Campaigns? What might we do? Are their local meetings on these topics that we might attend? Are there legislatures that we might contact to make our voices heard? Can we attend the Legislative Event planned for March 2020 in Jefferson City?

If we unite, we can make a difference

Joni Troyer, Secretary of Program Resources/Mid-State Librarian

Keep on Reading!!!

How's your Reading Program going this year? There is still time to complete Plan 1, – or at least **Every One Read One**. Take some time and read a good book for the Reading Program, and tell your friends about the book!

I will be at the Fall Meeting in September with the Mid-State Library Books for check-out and returns. I hope to see you there!

Nettie Cherrington, Treasurer

Thanks to all units who have sent their monies in for the first two quarters. I appreciate all of you. At this time, I want to remind you that I must receive your fourth quarter payments no later than December 1. All funds received after this date will be counted on the 2020 fiscal year. If you are working toward being a five-star unit for 2019 please make sure I receive your funds by December 1.

Blessings to all and have a great fall.

MID-STATE DISTRICT UMW FALL MEETING
 SEPTEMBER 21, 2019
 HARPER CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 5567 OSAGE BEACH PARKWAY
 OSAGE BEACH, MISSOURI 65065

Registration 9:30 a.m., Meeting begins at 10 a.m.
 Cost \$10.00 includes morning snacks and lunch

CELEBRATING UNITED METHODIST WOMEN -- 150 YEARS

Presented by Diana Revelle and Becky Kreek

Our ingathering will be items for “God’s Cupboard” a “take what you need” pantry. Suggestions are canned food, cereal, chips and other food items that do not need refrigeration. No chocolate please.

Our district Library will be present to loan and sell books

Come join the fun, bring a friend and help us celebrate!

Please make your reservations by September 13th by contacting: Karen Hunt, 1388 County Road 2230, Moberly, MO 65270. phone 660-263-1904 or email kkhunt44@gmail.com

Unit _____ \$10.00 per person

Names _____



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Diana Revelle,
 Coordinator of Communications
 United Methodist Women, Missouri United Methodist Church

The program for the Fall District UMW meeting will be a celebration of the 150 years of history that has been the foundation for United Methodist Women. Becky Kreek and Diana Revelle are developing the program and would like input from the units in the district. If your UMW unit has currently or has had small groups or circles within the full unit that have been named for women in the field of mission, please send that information to either Becky or Diana. They will incorporate this into their program. Send pictures and information to either Becky Kreek –or Diana Revelle –no later than Monday September 1st.

Special Thoughts and Prayers....



Karen Hunt

Joshua Lee Berney
 1987-2019
 Lillian Cerveny
 1920-2019

Lu Lockwood

Lauren Merrill Lockwood
 1980-2019

**MUMC UMW CELEBRATE THEIR HISTORY
GUEST SPEAKER:**

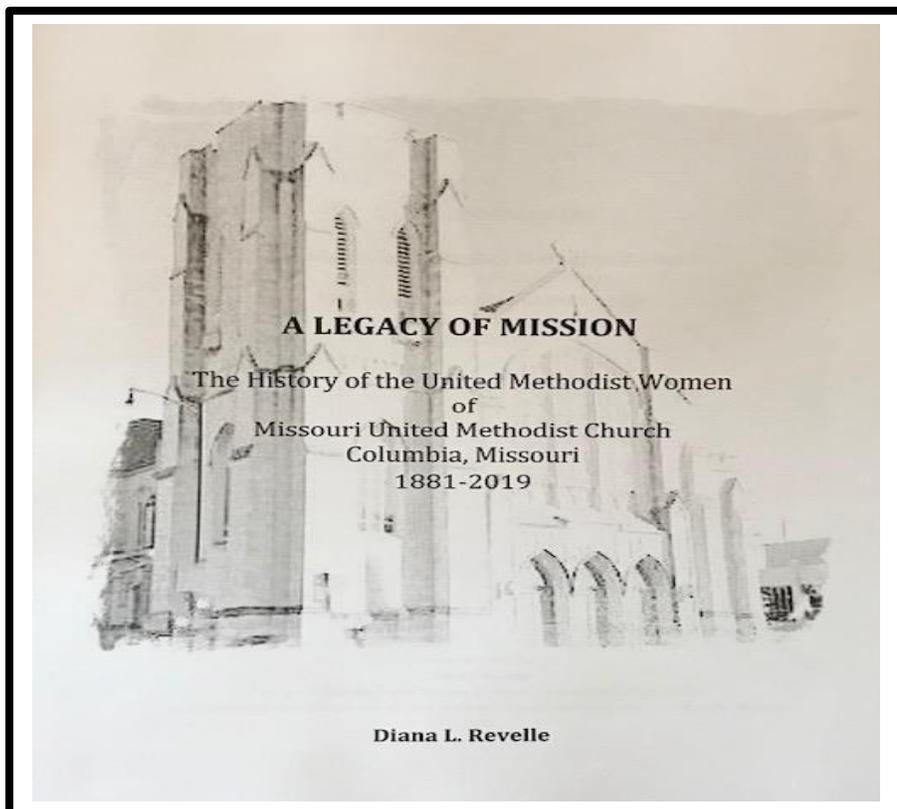


YVETTE RICHARDS, Kansas City

On Wednesday, September 4, The UMW unit at Missouri United Methodist Church is having a special celebration to honor both 150 years of the work of Methodist Women and the 138th year of the work of Methodist women at MUMC and its predecessor congregations. A party and luncheon will follow our regular unit meeting that day. Our guest speaker will be Yvette Richards from Kansas City, Missouri. Evette is currently the Director of Community Connections for St. James UMC, Kansas City, Missouri. She served as the National President of UMW 2012-2016; on the General Board of Global Ministries 2011-2016; and on the General Commission of the Status and Role of Women 2008-2012.

In preparation for the celebration, the UMW has written a history which traces the development of the work of women in mission from the beginning of the denomination to the present time, highlighting the development within our congregation. The history entitled, *A Legacy of Mission*, has been available since April and has sparked a great deal of interest in the work of United Methodist Women both among the members and within the general congregation. We are proud of our legacy and look forward to continuing the work begun by the many women who have shaped our organization.

**Diana Revelle,
Coordinator of Communications
United Methodist Women, Missouri United Methodist Church**



Judy Shannon, Spiritual Growth Coordinator

This is a new day, **WAKE UP--GET EXCITED--YES YOU!**

What new and exciting things are coming up? Well, Mission u has come and gone. What a great 3 days it was. I wish somehow, I could tell you what it means to get away with U M W members for a few days for study and fellowship. I know we think we can't take those days really for ourselves, but we CAN. I am really surprised that the scholarships we offer are not used. We only had one used this year. People apply for these scholarships, this is getting the horse to the trough then it is up to you to drink. (plainly speaking). No, you are not too old, no excuses There were 43 I think first timers, all ages this year and the ones I talked to said they were coming back next year. People YOU are missing out. Women, children and youth, and a few good men, ha, come. **Our Spiritual Growth Study Practicing Resurrection, The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship by Janet Wolf** will be presented August 24, 2019 at Wesley UMC, Jeff. City. This will be our Mini Mission u day. It will give you a taste of the study. These studies are very good, and as we look at it, discuss it in fellowship with each other, it will be a good day of study and fellowship. I always get a lot out of these days together. A quote from Oscar Romero from the study, A church that does not join the poor in order to speak out from the side of the poor against the injustices committed against them is not the true church of Jesus Christ. Come. Let's talk.

Our prayer time, your unit is truly blessed if you have a spiritual growth person who comes to your meetings with good thoughts, poems uplifting sayings. We all need to be lifted up in these times when it seems to be popular to bring people down even ourselves. As U M W let's take that high road. There are so many things we should be grateful for even when things are not so good. When we read about our 150 years of history and the spirit these women had, what is ask of us seems very little. Come Holy Spirit, come and give us that spirit of excitement and joy of life being together and doing the work you have called us to do.

Love and Peace always...

Gwen Blodgett, Membership, Nurture & Outreach

We had an outstanding opportunity to meet, learn and fellowship together with other UMW members and associates at Mission u this past weekend at Central Methodist University. It was a wonderful chance to meet people from across the Missouri Connection. I had the pleasure of seeing friends I have made at previous UMW events, while making new ones from throughout the state. It was a wonderful chance to be with others who want to make a difference in the lives of others while continuing to grow in their own faith at the same time.

Some interesting statistics from our weekend together: There were 150 registrations, with 142 attending. There were several first-time attendees: 23 adults and 12 youth/children; In addition to Adult and Young Adults classes there were five different age groups for children/youth: preschool, K-grade 2, grades 3-5, grades 6-8 and grades 9-12. Mid-State district had 12 adults and 2 youth/children in attendance.

Although the Mid-State District has two scholarships available for Mission u, the Leah Rae Wreath scholarship for child/youth and the Joyce Raye Patterson scholarship for a person under 35, we had no applications this year. As a reminder these scholarships will be available next year so please consider nominating someone to join us. **Be Blessed.**



Brenda Sells, Chair of Nominations

I can't believe how the summer has flown by. I know everyone is busy; however, we are still in need of officers to complete the Mission Team in 2020. The officers needed are **President, Secretary, Spiritual growth Coordinator, Social Action Coordinator, Communications Coordinator and Chair of Nominations**. If there is someone in your unit who would be willing to join our Mission Team in any capacity, please contact our **Nominations Committee – Diana Revelle, Lu Lockwood, Linda Mealy or Renee Holloway.**

Karen Hunt, Vice President

In this our 150th year we've been researching, telling stories, writing and studying about our history. We will again have this opportunity to do this at our Fall Meeting in September. As we share the history, we also interpret it and frame why this organization and its work provides us with so much meaning. We choose whether we address the struggles and the effort required to do the work or if we focus only on the achievements that resonate with our own experience.

What if each of us connected our own stories with our unnamed predecessors as we tell the story? Just as we see ourselves in the unnamed women in the Bible, we can see ourselves in the unnamed women in our history. Like them we can invite others to journey with us and to respond to the call of God in this time turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

As you take time to reflect, it is our sincere hope that you will heed your call by stepping forward to accept one of the positions on the Mid-State Mission Team. This program starts at home and will only continue if we work together to keep it going **the available positions are president, secretary, coordinators for social action, spiritual growth and communications; also, nominations chair. Please pray with me for our future**

Sharon Kindle-Smith, President

Hello, to all of you sojourners of UMW. As you know, I have been in treatment for colorectal cancer this year. To say it has been a major journey is a bit of an understatement! I know I have been in your prayers this year, and they have helped carry me as I have had chemotherapy and radiation treatments. I have missed out on so much...meetings, district and conference, family gatherings, etc. I was thrilled to attend one day of Mission u. At that time, I thought I would be having surgery soon, but further study of biopsy tests on my liver showed that I needed to reschedule the surgery for this fall. I continue to need your prayers as I continue this journey. This has been a difficult year for many of our members and we need to keep them in our prayers.

As we go into the fall and winter, we can find strength through reading books from the UMW reading lists, through using the study of Mark and the history of the women who fought for rights of women and children around world through mission work and by participating in and supporting local UMW missions. We are doing following in the footsteps of bold and audacious women. May your coming weeks be full of love and support as you continue to learn and lead. **Blessings,**

Mid-State District attendees at 2019 Mission u



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Upcoming events: Mini Mission u will be August 24th at Wesley UMC in Jefferson City; the District Fall Meeting will be September 21st at Harper Chapel UMC in Osage Beach; the Missouri Conference Annual UMW meeting and Officer Training is September 27th and 28th at Community UMC in Columbia, hosted by the Mark Twain, Heartland, and North West districts; Legislative Training Event, March 10 &11; the UMW South Central Jurisdictional 2020 Quadrennial Event is March 26th - 29th of that year in Little Rock, Arkansas; and the UMW 2022 Assembly will be May 20th-22nd of that year in Orlando, Florida. Hope to see you at these events.

-Gwen Blodgett

**Linda Mealy,
Corsage Ribbon Coordinator**

This is a great opportunity to show your appreciation to the United Methodist Women who have heard God's calling. This year we will celebrate the legacy and history of bold women. Those who have and still are making a change to help women, youth and children live a better life in the United States and all over the world. The 150 Year Ribbon is sold for \$2, a great way to honor the women in your unit.

