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Greetings from Mary

Greeting to Everyone,

The year of 2018 has ended and a new year has begun. Fay Biggs has done a great job the past four years and we appreciate her dedication to UMW.

Let me introduce myself. I am Mary Klaproth, your new Southeast District President. I am a member of the New McKendree United Methodist Women in Jackson. I feel honored for your trust in me and at the same time I feel inadequate. Hopefully, with everyone's help, and especially the Mission Team, we will have a successful year.

On March 23rd, UMW will celebrate our 150th anniversary. New McKendree is planning a celebration tea on Sunday, March 24th in honor of our anniversary. As many of you know, UMW was started with eight women. Isn't it remarkable what those eight women accomplished? Remember also, March 23rd will be our fifth annual Day of Giving. The Legacy Fund has been started to insure UMW will be here in another 150 years. (See the report by Brenda Neumeyer, treasurer, on page 4.)

Following are the dates for our district and state events. A spiritual Growth Retreat is planned at Community United Methodist in Columbia on April 5th and 6th. The Spring District Meeting will be held at Kennett First on April 27th, Day Apart is scheduled for June 22 in Poplar Bluff, Mission u will be held on the campus of the Central Methodist University in Fayette on July 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th, the Fall District Meeting/mini u will be held on September 14th at Hobbs Chapel in Cape and the UMW annual meeting will be held on September 28th and 29th in Columbia. Please mark your calendars for these UMW events.

The attendance has been low for our district events and I want to encourage a large number of members to attend these events. I have been blessed to meet so many wonderful women because of attending district events. It is a great time to meet other UMW members in our district and also see old friends. Remember to call your neighboring churches and carpool together. If anyone has questions, your Shepherdess is here to give you information. I am always saddened when a unit disbands because they are not able to attract younger members. That is a great challenge for us in our district and also on the state level.

I have a passion for UMW because as our Purpose state, we are to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. What a calling!

Blessings,

Mary Klaproth

Mission Ribbon Coordinator - Elwanda Corbin

In honor of UMW's 150th anniversary, a new ribbon is available to help you celebrate this special occasion. These commemorative ribbons are attractive.

Mission Ribbons have been a part of United Methodist Women for many years. We purchased ribbons for many reasons, including recognizing and honoring others. Ribbons have been made available at all levels of UMW.

Elwanda Corbin

Education and Interpretation - Shirley Patterson

Greetings to all:

I've been checking out educational opportunities that can be emphasized through my new responsibility as Education and Interpretation Coordinator in our UMW District.

I'll be emphasizing some ways we can continue to learn about our organization and contribute to its growth this year as we are celebrating 150 years of United Methodist Women!

Shirley Patterson

Secretary Program Resources - Mary Farmer

Greetings from the Book Lady!

If you have access to the December issue of the Response Magazine, the 2019 Reading Program gives a summary of new books available for 2019. Please copy pages 24-29 for members of your unit to become familiar with books that will be available for ordering at the District Meetings as no books will be available for sale. Order blanks will be available for the sale of books. Books will be shipped directly to you.

Program Resources samples will be on display, such as program book, prayer calendar, Response magazine, etc.

Book Years 2014-2019 will be eligible for credit for Reading Program Plans. Mission u books for 2019 will be Spiritual Growth:

1. *The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipline*
2. *UMW in Mission: 150 Years and Beyond Social Action*
3. *What About Our Money?*

Payment of books ordered will be due upon receipt.

Mary Farmer

Social Action - Adelaide Parsons

Priorities of Social Action for the UMW

TIME TO CELEBRATE: Voters in the state of Missouri have approved a gradual increase in the minimum wage. Missouri Conference UMW members have raised their voices along with others and helped promote this important legislation.

Priorities of the Social Action Team

The United Methodist Women have identified four priorities for the Social Action Team for the 2016-2020 Quadrennium. The priorities (possible program topic) are (1) Criminalization of Communities

of Color and Mass Incarceration (Racial Justice, Racial Justice Newsletter), (2) Economic Inequality (A Living Wage for All, includes a list of articles and a Living Wage Map of the U.S.), (3) Climate Justice (13 Steps to Sustainability), and (4) Maternal and Child Health (Maternal and Child Health Stories , Violence).

Each Unit is asked to provide one program per year on one of these injustices. An explanation of our scriptural and Policy Basis for these four priorities can be found at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/service-advocacy> Program suggestions and materials for each topic are offered at the site. Just follow the links!

Why does the UMW choose to address Social Injustices?

United Methodist Women interprets the biblical passage from Luke 4:18 as both a model and a mandate for Christian social action and advocacy: ***"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."***

United Methodist Women has been challenging social injustice for almost 150 years. Members improve the lives of women, children and youth nationally and internationally. United Methodist Women continues its advocacy work on peace and justice, education, the rights of children, human rights, and farm workers' rights, to name a few.

In all advocacy efforts United Methodist Women supports its work with a scriptural basis and adheres to the denominational mandates in the Book of Discipline and Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church.

United Methodist Women works in partnership with coalitions on many justice issues to extend its reach.

Membership, Nurture & Outreach: Doris Dace

By now you are well into your 2019 UMW year. This is a year of celebration of membership in an organization that has stood through 150 years of good times and bad, prosperity and depression, war and peace. We are celebrating the evolution of a tiny group of faithful women into a world-wide force.

As I look at our district and the loss of so many of our units, I don't feel very positive about the future. I do know that UMW will not survive another 150 years if we do not make an effort to invite others to share what we do. Be open and inviting, and be willing to change from the usual way things are done to accommodate the needs of others who might be interested in joining. And always invite, invite, invite.

Nominations are in for District Woman of the Year. Come to Kennett on April 27 to meet our new star.

Doris Dace - Spiritual Growth Coordinator/ Membership, Nurture & Outreach

United Methodist Women Census 2018 Local Unit Presidents: **Local Unit Presidents are asked to complete this form for the 2018 United Methodist Women census. This year is focused on gathering information that will inform the National office, Conference and District leadership on local efforts in order to plan for growth, outreach and impact.**

Census Submission Deadline: **Saturday March 30, 2019.**

The United Methodist Women will never share contact information outside the organization without permission.

[Census 2018 UMW - United Methodist Women](#)



Hope Circle members at New McKendree in Jackson are pictured with their baked packages, ready to sell to the congregation on December 8, 2018.

Treasurer - Brenda Neumeyer

Candle Burning, one of United Methodist Women's most popular channels of giving is \$22.77 per minute in 2019. In 2018, you, the Southeast District, gave \$9,318.55 to Mission thru Candle Burning, a time to honor loved ones!

Please mail your quarterly remittances to reach me by March 31, September 31 and December 10. You may send them monthly if you prefer. Special Mission Recognition Pin orders can be submitted at any time.

Our 150th anniversary is March 23! Be sure to celebrate March 23 since it is also the annual Day of Giving to the Legacy Fund. An endowment called The Legacy Fund was established several years ago to ensure support for United Methodist Women as it continues to improve lives for women, children and youth who are next door or around the world. Members may give by check to United Methodist Women, 475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor-Finance, New York, NY 10115 , or online at: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund, or call 212-870-3705 and speak to a staff person who can assist you with a donation over the phone. Please consider a personal gift or a gift from your unit to the Legacy Fund on March 23. Gifts can also be given after the date. Those can also be included in your monthly or quarterly remittances to me, the District Treasurer.

Do you want information as to where your money goes? Check Response magazine for information on the programs and projects in which you the UMW, are involved. Refer to the Prayer Calendar for lists of agencies in Missouri and the United States. Read the March/April 2019 issue of Response for exciting information about the history of UMW, the courage, the commitment, and work of those women who answered "Here am I, send me" over the 150 years of our history. Going forward, how do we answer the question, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

Thank you, treasurers, for your commitment and work thru United Methodist Women.

Brenda Neumeyer

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Southeast District UMW
Spring Meeting

April 27, 2019

Kennett First UMC

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Recognition of Southeast District 2019

Woman of the Year in Missions

Program:

Kristin Stevens

Of

Hope International

Registration & morning refreshments at 9:30 am

Meeting begins at 10:00

Lunch \$8.00

Please pre-register by April 20 to:

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Directions: When you get into Kennett, go right, around the town square till you get to College Street, turn onto that; after two blocks the church is on the right.

Please give your unit, number attending, a contact person and phone number.

Southeast District Calendar: 2019

April 27	Southeast District Spring Meeting – Kennett First
May 1	Newsletter deadline
June 7-9	Annual Meeting – MO Conference UMC
June 22	Day Apart— First Poplar Bluff
July 25-28	Mission u at Central Methodist University – Fayette, MO
August 1	Newsletter deadline
August 9-10	Conference Mission Team Committee
Sept. 14	Fall Meeting / Mini School
Sept. 27-28	UMW Annual Meeting /Officers Training-Columbia
Nov 16	Southeast District Mission Team Meeting, Sikeston First
Nov 15	Newsletter deadline
Dec 15	Final pledges due to District treasurer
Dec 31	Reports due: Mission Today Report, Mai Gray Report, Green Team Report, Unit Officer Report

www.moumethodist.org/unitedmethodistwomen

Program resources:<http://www.umwmissionresources.org/products>

UMW: <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org>

Celebrate 150 years of United Methodist Women!

On a stormy night in Boston, eight women met. It was March 23, 1869, Their goal was to learn about women's health and education needs in India from missionary wives who were visiting Boston. After this initial meeting, the eight women met again, wrote a constitution and organized the Methodist Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Before the end of the year, this group raised enough funds to send an educator and doctor to India.

The organization that began with eight women now is approximately 800,000 strong, expends millions of dollars for programs and works in more than 80 countries. God Bless the UMW!

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The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is 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.