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Legislative Training Event 2020 Mid-State Attendees

Joni Troyer, Melissa Clarke, Julia Goodell, Linda Mealy
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Sally Dorrell

Winner of the
Val Hinshaw Award.
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Reflections from President Julia Goodell

2000 years ago, the life of Jesus's followers was turned upside down by an empty tomb. The women lead the way in declaring the Risen Lord. And now we face another crisis with a quickly spreading and deadly virus and also with rampant financial hardship. And again, women lead the way with sewing masks, caring for grandchildren, and nursing the dying.

The plans and rhythms of our beloved UMW have been disrupted. The last "normal" gathering was the Legislative Event in March. Then the shut downs began. Cancelled April's district meeting, cancelled July's Mission u, cancelled August's Mini u. Our District goals of more worship time and hands on mission at the district meetings is NOT cancelled, but only on hold. Our commitment to serving the units is NOT on hold. We've mailed you a packet of information which would have been presented at the April meeting. Your shepherdess is trying to stay in contact with you. Your Mission Team is praying for you. We care!

I urge you to stay connected. Call or email women in your unit. Continue to pay your pledge to your church if you are able. Check in with women in other churches across the District and Conference. Stay connected to God through prayer and devotional reading. Be assured that your sisters in UMW are still loving, still serving, and still leading the way as Christ's disciples.

Jackie Bruner, Education and Interpretation Coordinator

Hello, Dear Friends I surely hope all of you are doing well, staying home, and finding wonderful things to do to pass this awful time. 2020 will certainly be one for the books!

All of us were saddened to have to cancel the Mid-State District Spring Meeting, but we know we need to obey the rules for the sake of everyone. Hopefully we will be able to have a wonderful fall meeting, and we will make it a huge celebration. You have probably received your packet of information by now. If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call any of us on the Mid-State Mission Team.

We are also saddened that Mission u for 2020 has been cancelled due to coronavirus concerns. For that reason, we have cancelled Mid-State's Mini Mission u scheduled for August. We urge you to continue reading and studying the recommended studies for 2020.

One of the agenda items for the spring meeting would have been the presentation of the **Mission Today Units**. Twelve units submitted their reports of participation in the Mission today program, and we thank them for their reporting. The following certificates were included in the units' packets:



Love - Columbia Missouri UMC

Hope - Ozark Chapel UMC, Columbia Community UMC, Eldon UMC

Faith - Moberly Trinity UMC, Moberly West Park UMC,
Jefferson City First UMC, Prairie Home UMC

Joy – Malta Bend UMC

Peace - Jefferson City Wesley UMC, Fayette Linn Memorial UMC,
Columbia New Horizons UMC

Sally Dorrell, Spiritual Growth Coordinator

As I get ready to write my article for *The Missive*, I keep saying to myself “What am I going to write about” but you know when I call on God to inspire me in what to write, He always does. Since my last article so many things have happened in a very drastic way, I must say. I am sure no one was expecting the coronavirus to be so devastating and we all practicing social distancing, washing hands, wearing masks, and staying home, etc. I think the hardest part for me was not being able to attend church. During this time of crisis, we all need to come together and pray for our country. This is our opportunity to ask God to lead our country and bring us back into a nation of God. (II Chronicles 7:14).

It has been hard to miss out on so many things that we as United Methodist Women look forward to: Spring Mid-State District meeting, Jurisdiction meeting, Mission u, Mini u. I pray for each of our local units each day and want to remind you that any of the district officers can be reached via phone or email if you need answers to questions or help with anything involving your local units.

I had the privilege of receiving the **Val Hinshaw Award** to attend the **Legislative Event** at Wesley United Methodist Church in Jefferson City in March. This was a wonderful experience and I learned a lot but there is so much more we need to do. It was wonderful being with my Christian sisters and getting to know them better. I want to “Thank” the district for giving me this opportunity.

I am going to leave you with these words and scriptures. I hope you will be as blessed as I was when I read this.

I Am a '**Kept**' Woman?

You see, there were a few times when I thought I would lose my mind,
But GOD **kept** me sane. (Isaiah 26:3)

There were times when I thought I could go on no longer,
But the LORD **kept** me moving. (Genesis 28:15)

At times, I've wanted to lash out at those whom I felt had done me wrong,
But the LORD **kept** my mouth shut. (Psalms 13)

Sometimes, I think the money just isn't enough,
But GOD has helped me to **keep** the lights on, the water on,
the car paid, the house paid, etc..., (Matthew 6:25--34)

When I thought I would fall,
HE **kept** me up.

When I thought I was weak,
HE **kept** me strong! (I Peter 5:7, Matthew 11:28-30)

I'm **Kept** by the Love and Grace of God!

I am indeed a 'kept' woman and praise God for it

Summer at Home reading!

I really missed seeing everyone at the cancelled Spring Meeting. I hope and pray that everyone is staying safe during this unusual time. God is with us!

Since Mission u is cancelled, consider reading the Mission u books anyway. The books are Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools, Issue Mission Study: 2020 and Finding Peace in an Anxious World, Spiritual Growth Mission Study: 2020

I wanted to share a few resources with you to help you with your reading program. The Mission Resources Center did not print a 2020 booklet of the books list. For an on-line list of Reading Program books (remember we are reading 2015-2020 books):

- www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/reading-program

Books / materials for the Reading Program can be obtained:

- Local Libraries
- Mid-State Library for books 2015 – 2017. A listing of the books in the Library is on our
- Mid-State website at <https://www.moumethodist.org/umwmidstatedistrictwebsite>
- Amazon or Barnes & Noble or other retail book outlets
- Mission Resource Center (not reading program books; however, they have Mission u books):
Mission Resource Center website: www.umwmissionresources.org

The five categories of the Reading Program are: Leadership Development, Education for Mission, Social Action, Spiritual Growth, and Nurturing for Community. The Children's books and the Youth books are available to be counted toward ANY plan. And we acknowledge Each One Read One award for members that read only ONE book for the year.

I challenge you to read ONE book to receive the Each One Read One (EORO) award. Additional challenge: I challenge you to read one book every other month this year! Soon you will have completed Plan I.

And don't forget to read the *response* magazine! It's a wonderful read with so much information to share.

Enjoy your summer and read every day!

Joni Troyer

Secretary of Program Resources

Mid-State United Methodist Women Fall District Meeting

Saturday, September 19, 2020

New Bloomfield United Methodist Church

Program: Gary Moreau, Executive Director Mobility Worldwide, Columbia

Annual Missouri Conference United Methodist Women Meeting

September 25-26, 2020, Kimberling City

(Host Districts: Southwest, Ozark and Mid-State)

Mid-State District Library:

The library is open and we have Reading Program books from 2015-2017 and several Mission Study books from 2018. We have enough books in the library for your unit to check out several at a time and then share within your unit before returning. A listing of the books in the Library is on our Mid-State website at <https://www.moumethodist.org/umwmidstatedistrictwebsite>

Please email or call me with your selections to check out. I can meet you in the Columbia area to deliver the books to you. We can work something out if you have a request, just contact me.

When the fall district meeting comes on Sept 19th, please gather your library books for return and plan to bring them to New Bloomfield. We will have a great exchange of books for you to check out more for the winter and next spring. Additionally, we will have books for sale that have fallen off the Reading Program list due to year.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Joni Troyer
Mid-State District Librarian

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Jefferson City First UMW

Moberly- Trinity UMW

Moberly – West Park UMW

Ozark Chapel UMW



Brenda Sells, Chairman of Nominations Committee

It is spring time and we are blessed to see God's wonders blooming with new life and color. It is also time to consider new opportunities for 2021. Here is a list of officers we will need and a brief description. We would ask that you prayerfully consider joining our Mission Team.

Vice President – Plan spring and fall district meetings; assist President

Program Resource – Promote resource material and reading program; present certificates at spring meeting

Membership, Nurture and Outreach – Reach out and encourage potential new members; coordinate the selection of the Woman In Mission of the year

Communications – Organize and distribute quarterly newsletter; communicate between district and conference UMW to keep local units informed

Nominations – Coordinate election of officers for Mission Team; present slate of officers at fall meeting.

When you take on a new position, you will have the support of the outgoing officer as well as the entire Mission Team to help you get started. You definitely will be joining a team that supports and helps each other.

Please consider one of these positions by contacting our nominating committee.



Diana Revelle, Renee Holloway, Nettie Cherrington



Legislative Training Event 2020

This spring was my first time attending the UMW conference Legislative Training Event. I have a heart for social justice issues but occasionally find myself searching for direction.

My goal for attending was to learn more about the UMW social justice agenda in Missouri. During the 1 ½ day event experts talked about how these issues are affecting Missourians and how to promote social justice for marginalized people in our community. Our visit to the capital and talking to legislators gave me knowledge and confidence I needed to continue this advocacy. I came away feeling invigorated and impressed with the quality of this event. The next one is in 2022 and I will definitely attend.

-Melissa Clarke

**Senator Cindy O’Laughlin meets with Karen Hunt, Judy Gudehus,
Glori Siebert and Nancy Douglas**

Legislative Training Event 2020



RIBBONS

I hope you are doing well and staying healthy. I was able to pick up ribbons from the Conference Ribbon Coordinator at Legislative Event. If you had planned on stopping by the ribbon table and didn’t get the chance, I do have ribbons. You can give me a call if you need ribbons and I will be glad to send them to you. Turnaround time takes a few days if I have the ribbons on hand otherwise if I order them it will take a week to two weeks. Ribbons are a nice gift when recognizing a member of your UMW unit.

Have a safe summer,



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**Mid-State Fall District
United Methodist Women
Meeting to be held at**

**New Bloomfield United
Methodist Church**

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