

The Missive



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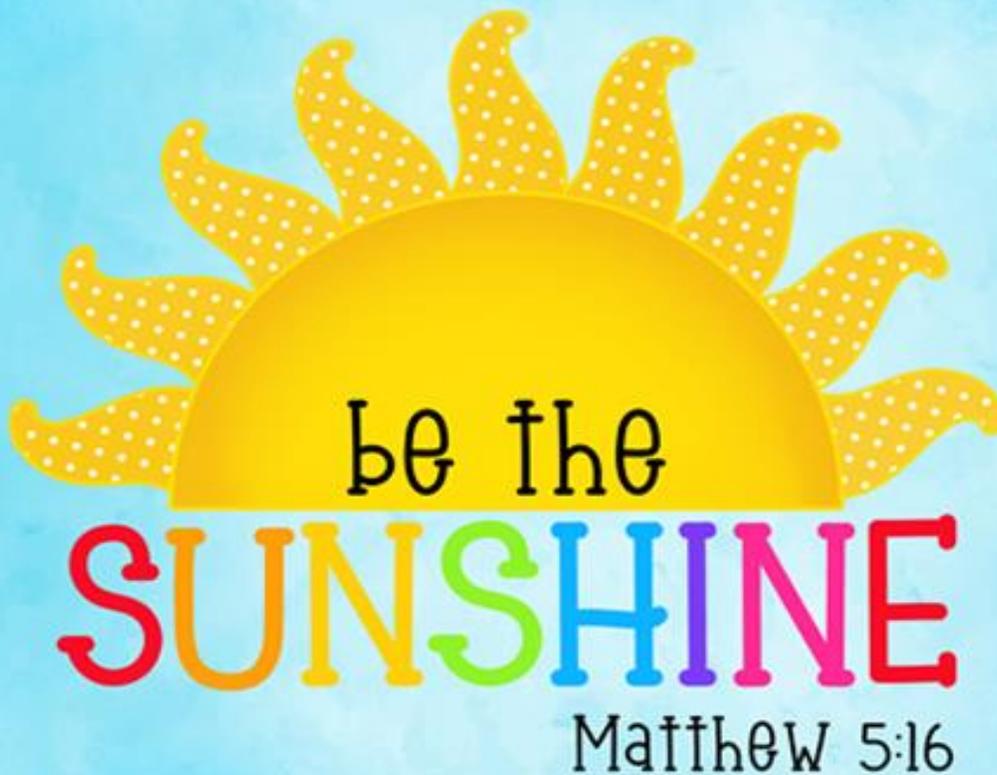
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Mission u 2021



Jackie Bruner, Education & Interpretation

115 United Methodist Women and men met at the UMC Celebration Center in Sedalia on July 16-17 for worship, study, and reconnecting with old friends at Mission U 2021. It was a lovely setting for the group with plenty of room to social distance and yet be together.

The study sessions centered on the book Finding Peace in an Anxious World. Christi Campos led us through the book which centered on the Serenity Prayer and the book of Proverbs. Christi did a delightful job of making the studies interesting with varied activities and time to chat together in small groups.

It was not an easy task to pull together Mission U after not having it in 2020 and having to completely change locations. We thank the committee who worked, worried, and prayed for the event and for their organization in pulling it together. We look forward eagerly to Mission U 2022. Pictures: Sharon Smith.



Deaconess Christi Campus—Study Leader



Jackie, Pauline, Brenda, and Sharon



Deaconess Christi Campus & Sharon



Altar with items representing peace, faith, serenity, and courage.



Friendship

Sally Dorrell, Spiritual Growth



There's a miracle called friendship
That dwells within the heart,
And you don't know how it happens
Or where it gets its start.
But the happiness it brings you
Always gives a special lift.
And you realize that friendship
Is life's most precious gift.
(Author Unknown)

I think of so many wonderful events and friends I have met over my many years being involved in United Methodist Women. Many of my friends are longtime friends but I also have many new friends. The friendships I have made are so precious to me and I hope they will continue for many years. I have always enjoyed going to Mission u (formerly School of Christian Missions), District and Conference meetings, Jurisdictional meetings and also Assembly several times.

I am shepherdess to Ozark Chapel; Laurie and I had the privilege of attending their first meeting since COVID. Julia Goodell, Mid-State District President went with me. They had a great meeting and speaker and a lovely luncheon. Thanks so much. I would encourage all shepherdesses to try and visit the units you are shepherdess to, if possible. It is such an uplifting experience.

The Missouri Conference United Methodist Women Annual meeting is on September 24 and 25 in Joplin, MO. Mark your calendars now so you will be able to attend. More information to follow. This meeting gives you so much information of things happening regarding changes in United Methodist Women. It is not only a great meeting, but you also get to see old friends and make new ones.

You are all such a blessing to United Methodist Women.

Your Sister in Christ,
Sally Dorrell
Spiritual Growth Coordinator



Message from Gwen



I have had the pleasure of attending a couple of local UMW meetings during the last several months. It has been great meeting with members. While attending these meeting, I have had the opportunity of listening to the wonderful mission programs and events that units have had and are planning. There have been questions regarding the Standing Rules. These were adopted at the April District meeting. If anyone would like a copy of the rules or has questions about the rules, I would be happy to answer them.

I missed Mission u and the opportunity to gather with friends while continuing to grow in my faith. I pray that those who attended came away refreshed and rejuvenated. Please be safe and with the grace of God we will be able to meet in Joplin in September.

Submitted by Gwen Blodgett (UMW District Secretary)



Pads ready to go.

Brunswick United Methodist Women

“Project Patricia” makes cloth, reusable feminine hygiene kits and sends them with Missionaries to be distributed to women and girls of menstruating age in parts the world where they are not afforded this luxury.

The mission is to bring glory and honor to Jesus Christ through service to women in Africa by meeting a physical need as an avenue to demonstrate Christ’s love and share His Gospel with them.

Brunswick United Methodist Women and volunteers from all over the area meet in the fellowship hall to begin the first steps for the pads. Sewn in stages, the outer layers are cut, along with an absorbent inner layer and the waterproof layer. They are then passed along to the volunteers running the serger sewing machines, who add the final outer panel. Edges are tucked and are then ready to send on to Glenda Wylie where her church volunteers add snaps, wash, and pack the pads in individual packages. The workdays are blessed days of fellowship.

“Project Patricia” was started in 2008 by Glenda Wylie (Master’s Community Church in Kansas City.) The project runs on donated materials, volunteered time, and lots of heart. Each kit contains a gospel tract, printed in a multitude of languages. The group carries Hebrews 13:16 close to their hearts: *“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”*



Missouri United Methodist Church

The Executive Committee of the UMW unit at Missouri United Methodist Church continues to meet via Zoom. Our August committee meeting will be the first totally in-person meeting since restrictions began. Circles continue to meet and serve as well as they have opportunity taking safety protocols into consideration.

Our unit continues to meet as circumstances allow in person, via Zoom, or in a combination. For our unit meeting in June, we conducted a hybrid meeting with some meeting in person and others linking through the Zoom portal. Max Marble gave a wonderful program on climate change featuring the work of the organization, Citizen's Climate Lobby, and the strides that communities are making locally and around the world in the struggle against the challenges of climate change. We continue to hold each other in prayer and contact each other as much as possible.

Diana Revelle,
Coordinator of Communications



Reading Program: 2021-2022



Download the 2021-2022 Reading Program Catalog (updated)

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogramcatalog2021.pdf>

The Reading Program is a cherished United Methodist Women tradition that brings together members in mission as they 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 climate change and mass incarceration, there's something for everyone.

Reading Program books are divided into five categories and are available for people of all ages and reading levels. As you read, track your progress using the [Reporting Form](#). When you submit the Report of Completion Requirements, you will be recognized with a [Certificate of Recognition](#).

Earning your Certificate of Recognition is just one way to show what you've gained from the Reading Program. The Reading Program is not meant to be completed alone or in a vacuum. As you read, consider taking one or more of the following actions:

Track Your Progress

- **Share the program** with United Methodist Women members and members of the community.
- **Help people attain books.** Distribute this guide.
- **Connect with local and district groups.** Start a book club, download books onto an e-reader to pass around and share, present book reviews at group meetings.
- **Display a progress chart in your church** for all who wish to participate, and post displays to encourage book sales.
- **Pray.** Books often raise concerns about people, countries and issues. Bring these concerns to God during your prayer time at home and at group meetings.
- **Advocate for tangible change.** Many Reading Program books address issues such as climate change, mass incarceration, immigration and racism. Organize a task force to address these issues in your community.

God bless you as you pray, study, act and organize in Christ's name.

United Methodist Women ONLINE!

Peggy Page, Mid-State Communications



☀️ There are many opportunities to keep pace with what is happening with United Methodist Women. On the national level the website is: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/>

☀️ Missouri United Methodist Women webpage contains information about UMW districts & units in our state.

<https://www.moumethodist.org/unitedmethodistwomen>

☀️ **Kelly G. Loeb, Conference Communications Coordinator / Newsletter Editor**, produces a Missouri UMW newsletter, *The Mission Voice*. It is a bi-monthly publication available to individuals, local units, district mission teams and the Missouri Conference Mission Team. Go to <https://www.moumethodist.org/unitedmethodistwomen>. On the left side of the page, scroll down to find *Mission Voice*. Click on the link to find a copy of the newsletter.

☀️ The UMW Mid-State District newsletter, *The Missive*, is published in February, May, August, and November. It is distributed digitally and printed copies to District Officers and Unit Presidents. To download a copy, go to <https://www.moumethodist.org/umwmidstatedistrictwebsite> Scroll down to find current and past district newsletters.

☀️ Missouri United Methodist Women also has a presence on **Facebook**:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/MOUMW>

☀️ Another good resource is **United Methodist Women Thrive**. “It is a resource for inspiring ideas to nurture your mind, body, and spirit. With increased access to vaccinations and summertime activities in full swing, it’s a good time to remind ourselves to rest, rejuvenate and find joy and solace, while following CDC guidelines. We hope this brings inspiration, grace, and renewal to your everyday moments.”

<https://mailchi.mp/e32e051d7bc4/thrive-with-umw?e=70f08c8dc9>

☀️ The United Methodist Women Prayer Calendar is available on **Facebook**:
<https://www.facebook.com/umwprayercalendar/>

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2021 UMW Annual Meeting!

Where: Byers Avenue United Methodist Church, Joplin, MO

When: September 24 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM

September 25 from 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Theme: *Knitted Together for God's Good Work*

Speaker: Rev. Alice Fowler, District Superintendent of Southwest District

Ingathering: Cleaning supplies, juice boxes, and Walmart gift cards for CHILDREN'S HAVEN

Note: Friday night, officer training, hands-on mission activity, video

Saturday morning, business meeting

Saturday afternoon, guest speaker

Mid-State District is providing snacks for Friday night (pre-wrapped items) and a basket for the silent auction.

***More information and REGISTRATION FORMS will be emailed soon! CHECK YOUR EMAIL...**