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Greetings from Mary

Well what a year 2020 has been! I hope all of you have stayed well. However, I feel COVID is getting under control with the vaccine and hopefully, we can have our district events and local units can again have their meetings. The spring flowers are beginning to bloom and the trees are getting their leaves.

I attended the Conference Mission Team Planning Meeting held in Sedalia on March 19th and 20th at the Celebration Center of the First United Methodist Church. I was happy to be able to attend in person. I hadn't been out of Cape Girardeau County for some time, and I enjoyed attending the meeting. It was held in person or via zoom. To me there is nothing like being there in person. I enjoyed the meeting and lots of planning was done. There will be some changes.

In the Southeast District we will have Day Apart on Saturday, June 26th at New Salem United Methodist Church in Daisy. I hope many of you will plan to attend since we had no district meetings in 2020.

There will be changes with Mission u. A contract had not been signed for 2021 with Central Methodist University, therefore, Mission u will be held at the Celebration Center at the First United Methodist Church in Sedalia. This will be a 2 day event starting in the afternoon on July 16th and ending the afternoon of July 17th. Persons attending will stay in a hotel in Sedalia at their own expense. The registration fee for Mission u will be \$50. Dinner and lunch will be provided with your registration fee at the Celebration Center. The study will be Finding Peace in an Anxious World by Christi Campos.

Most of you probably know at the Annual Conference they will vote to reduce the number of districts from 9 down to 5. This will probably pass and our districts will be much larger.

I will end with a quote from Abraham Lincoln. "We can complain that rose bushes have thorns or rejoice that thorn bushes have roses."

Stay healthy and I will see you at Day Apart.

Mary Klaproth
Southeast District President

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Vice President - Lea Davis

Hopefully, we are about to get back to work for the UMW. We will not have a Spring Meeting this year, but we will have Day Apart on June 26, 2021. Our Host Church will be Daisy New Salem.

How to get there? Go to Oak Ridge Exit on I-55, turn West onto Highway E, continue to Highway B, about 2 miles to Daisy.

You may call New Salem President, Jackie Kurre, at (573) 266-3308 or 275-8518 to make your reservation for lunch. Your reservation for lunch will be \$8.00.

I am looking forward to seeing you all. Have a safe and happy Spring.

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Program Resources - Julie Combs

Dear Friends,

I surely do hope all are doing well. 2020 was a very challenging year! I'm sure many of us have now gotten the vaccine and feel a little safer even though we still need to be cautious and continue wearing masks and distancing. The spring flowers and blooming trees are a welcome sight to see!

I'm wondering if there are ANY readers in our district as I haven't received anything from anyone. I know we are all busy but there are some books that make excellent reading. One on the Spiritual Growth list is "The Journey Between Us: Overcoming Grief to Finding Joy in the Journey" by Lisa McGrath. Books can be bought on Amazon or ordered from Cokesbury. Check your local libraries also. The reading list for 2021-2022 are available at <https://UnitedMethodistwomen.org/>

Hoping to see you all at Day Apart in June!! Love and Hugs to all!!

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Secretary - Gail Cox

Yesterday my husband ran over our six year old standard poodle, Sash, with our UTV. Completely white and very affectionate, this 65 pound dog is an important member of our family, as is his five and a half month old nephew and the 12 year old Schnauzer.

Yes, we have gone to the dogs. We always have had dogs, poodles and schnauzers because they don't shed their coat. Losing a fur child has always been a trauma for us.

But we didn't lose Sash. I was pushing an empty cart through the grocery store when Tom called about "the accident". He needed my help right then.

Two hours later Sash was in the care of our veterinary clinic, and shortly after that on our way home with pain pills, antibiotics and ointment.

This morning his tail was wagging, he went down the front steps with what appeared to be ease. Sash was doing what dogs should do in the morning.

What is this story about? It is another miracle. Our fur friend has no broken bones, no significant internal injuries and he will continue to enrich our lives. This is another time when we assess our blessings and remember how deeply God cares about the things that are important to us.

Miracles happen all the time and often we don't recognize them. It happened again this morning as we traveled to an appointment. I need to let Donna Howarton know that I wouldn't be in exercise class tomorrow. My daughter's biological father passed and I need to spend a day with her.

But I sent the message to Donna Huddleston instead. When I realized my mistake, I sent another note to Donna Huddleston. Her reply to me filled my heart with joy and humility. She said: "Gail, you didn't mean this text for me, but the Holy Spirit did. I'm in my prayer closet right now, so I'm praying for you, your daughter, and the rest of the family. Go with God on this visit. He is supporting you."

Even in life's smallest events we must remember God's involvement with us is never ending. He loves us and sustains us always.

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Communications Coordinator - Donna Howarton

I think Spring has finally arrived. I have been working on my flower gardens, clearing out the leaves and uncovering plants. I have had the most beautiful daffodils and little grape hyacinths and a beautiful plant that came up and bloomed, a Bleeding Heart. The blooms are perfect heart shaped flowers with a drop that looks like a drop of blood. My green house is full of tomato sprouts. I enjoy this time of year when I can "play in the dirt."

We have both had our vaccines so we are ready to hit the road in May to go and see our kids in Texas and Colorado. It's been too long.

I hope all of you are well and hope to see you in June.

On the District Calendar for 2021, I have included some due dates for articles. If you don't have anything to report, that's ok, just let us know how you're doing and what you are doing to keep busy.

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Devotional

Be Sensitive - By Billy Graham

Jesus wept tears of compassion at the graveside of a friend. He mourned over Jerusalem because as a city it had lost its appreciation of the things of the Spirit. His great heart was sensitive to the needs of others. To emphasize the importance of man's love for men, He revised an old commandment to make it read, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart . . . and thy neighbor as thyself." This generation is rough and tough. I heard a little boy boasting one day about how tough he was. He said, "On the street I live on, the farther out you go the tougher they get, and I live in the last house." Until you have learned the value of compassionately sharing others' sorrow, distress, and misfortune, you cannot know real happiness.

Prayer for the day

Lord Jesus, sensitize my heart with Your compassion so that I may truly love.

Southeast District Calendar: 2021

May 31 **Articles for Southeaster due**

June 26 **Day Apart - New Salem UMC in Daisy**

July 16-17 **Mission u - Celebration Center, First Methodist Church
In Sedalia**

August 31 **Articles for Southeaster due**

Sept 24-25 **Annual UMW meeting - Byers Ave UMC in Joplin**

Nov 30 **Articles for Southeaster due**

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*If a person isn't loving and kind, it shows that
he doesn't know God for God is love.
1 John 4:8*