

The Missive



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Message from the President

One of my favorite hymns is "This is the day". I often sing it to myself at the beginning of the day as a way to remind myself to give the day and my time to the Lord. Let's revise that hymn a bit to: This is the year that the Lord has made, Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let's dedicate this year of uncertainty and of change to the Lord. Let's open our souls and minds to divine surprise. I am excited and delighted to see what the new districts will be like. I am excited to get acquainted with the women of Mark Twain District as we plan for a future together. I am anxious about what churches may leave our denominations. I am excited about new opportunities for spiritual growth, fellowship, and mission that the Lord will present to us. United Methodist Women have been serving the Lord for over 150 years now. Let's take our legacy forward for another 150 years.

Visiting units is one of my great pleasures. Please invite me for your program or just to visit.

Your sister in Christ,
Julia Goodell, President
Mid-State District

NEWS FROM CONFERENCE

Legislative Training Event is going virtual and is free. It will be on ZOOM on Tuesday, March 1 from 9:30 AM to noon. You must register to receive the link. Liz Rooks is the registrar rookselizabeth@gmail.com See page 2 for form.

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MISSOURI CONFERENCE ~ UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
2022 LEGISLATIVE TRAINING EVENT
“Caring for God’s Creation”

Via Zoom. Please complete this 1-page registration to receive link to Zoom session and registration material for **Tuesday, March 1, 2022 Legislative Training Event** that will begin **at 9:30 am and run until 12:30 past noon.**
Do NOT send any payment. Thanks! See you on Zoom.

NAME: _____

CHURCHHOME/DISTRICT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ZIP CODE: _____ **Home Phone:** _____

E-MAIL: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ **Phone:** _____

Are you a first time attendee of the Legislative Training Event? Yes _____ No _____

Send registration form to...

MO Conference United Methodist Women
C/o Liz Rooks at 1409 S. Garfield
Sedalia, MO 65301 or rookselizabeth@gmail.com

NOTE: If you have already registered and sent in a payment, you need not register again and your payment of a Registration fee will be refunded to you.

Can we plan on you being part of an Advocacy Team that will **phone** legislators? YES NO

If you know who they are, please list your local Senator and/or Representative below:

State Senator: _____ District # _____

State Representative: _____ District # _____

If not, don't worry. We will find out who they are and provide you this information when you register.

Message from Gwen
District Secretary



Sometimes the bravest and most important thing you can do is just show up. By Brene Brown

These last couple of years has definitely made this statement true for every one of us. While we have all struggled to stay hopeful and helpful, it has become more and more difficult. When I talked with units this past week, I was so impressed with everyone. Many units are discouraged because they have not met as often or done as much as usual. This may be true, but women are still communicating and holding each other up. Units are continuing to provide assistance in their communities and churches. Pledges paid have allowed the National and Conference UMW to continue to finance missions in Missouri, the nation, and the world.

Thank you to everyone who submitted Mission Today forms. Take time to tell your members what you did last year, it is AMAZING.

The District Spring Meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2022 at 10 am. The plan is to do a hybrid meeting, where people can meet in person and online. This is our business meeting, which means awards will be presented including the Woman in Mission award. **Please submit your applications to me, Gwen Blodgett - glhb92@gmail.com - by April 10th.** (Applications are available on page 4.)

There is one Districts officer to be elected for 2023, President and Treasurer. As Treasurer, Barbara Dearing can serve a total of six years, and has agreed to extend her term to assist with the transition. President, Julia Goodell, has allowed us to nominate her for another term, which would facilitate the transition during redistricting. Currently the elected officers are Carol Bell, Nominations Chair, and Gwen Blodgett, Secretary. Under the Standing Rules, coordinators are appointed positions; each was asked if they are willing to continue and all agreed: Judy Shannon, Spiritual Growth Coordinator; Peggy Page, Communications Coordinator; Jackie Bruner, Programming Coordinator; Diana Mooney, Awards Coordinator; Linda Mealy, Membership Coordinator & Ribbon Coordinator; Renee Rau, Librarian; and Nettie Cherrington, Nomination Committee. After the redistricting of the Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church from nine districts to five districts, there is a proposal that officers from the combined districts serve together to coordinate responsibilities. To date, no resolution has been made.

The Unit Survey (previously known as National Census) is due to be filled out online and submitted annually by the end of March. This survey, which the unit presidents submit, has been postponed until April 2022. Anyone needing assistance with this form can contact Gwen Blodgett.

I have completed the Mid-State District Directory and will send it as an email attachment. Anyone who does not have an email or who wishes a hardcopy, contact me, Gwen Blodgett at 573-239-4773 (call or text). Please provide your current mailing address.

Be safe and know that you are a blessing.

Submitted by *Gwen Blodgett* (District Secretary)

2022 Nomination Form for Mid-State District Woman in Mission Nominee Information:

Name _____
Mailing Address _____
Phone Number _____
Email Address _____
Local Unit/Church _____

Criteria for Nomination: Please note that you can nominate a Woman in Mission that meets one or more of the following criteria.

New member recruitment	Organizing new circles in subgroups
Leadership Development	Reading Program involvement
Social Justice Ministries involvement	Campaign to help Children/Youth
Creative Program development	Interpretation & Use of National Office Resources

United Methodist Woman membership involves all that we do as women in mission. Each of the areas above is where UMW concerns are organized. These encompass the whole PURPOSE of the UMW. These are some of the specific categories for Woman in Mission, but there are many ways to serve in the local unit and beyond. In 150 words or less, indicate why the nominee should be considered for the 2022 Mid-State District Woman in Mission. Please indicate if the nominee encourages, participates and/or is a leader/officer within the different categories.

Name of Person Submitting Nomination _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Please note nominations should be submitted to Gwen Blodgett by April 10th, 2022.

Mailing Address: 4106 Black Tail Dr; Columbia, MO 65202

Phone Number (text): 573-239-4773 Email Address: glhb92@gmail.com

Message from René
UMW District Librarian



UMW District Library Update

Request for Donations

Greetings to all. I am the new librarian for the UMW District Library. The District Library has moved to Missouri United Methodist Church in Columbia. We have a limited number of books. There was a period of several years when books weren't purchased for the library. A generous donor provided funds last year and I purchased ten books from the 2021 Reading Program list. Last year Fairview UMW agreed to serve as a pilot program to address our distribution issues. I loaned them a tote of five 2021 books to read as part of the reading program. Please let me know if your unit would want to participate in this lending program.

This year I received donations to purchase nine books from the 2022 Reading Program list. We need more books to build our library. If you wish to donate funds to purchase books for the 2023 Reading Program, please send your donations to our district treasurer, Barbara Dearing. Barb's address is 717 Broadway Street, Brunswick, MO 65236-1132. Please designate "District Library" on the memo line.

Best wishes. René Rau UMW District Librarian rau1004@yahoo.com

Message from Jackie
Programming Coordinator



Celebrate Spring!!

Greetings to each of you. Hopefully your spring cleaning will include adding more UMW events than we have been able to enjoy the past 2 years. We are excited about offering you some lovely chances to be together with old friends and to make new ones.

We are planning a District Spring Meeting, so mark April 23rd on your calendars for that. We will let you know where it will be and the time frames when they have been decided. This will be the meeting for election of officers, awards and an ingathering for Missions.

As we begin to look ahead to the Conference reconfiguration, we will be working with the Mission Team of the Mark Twain District. We hope to schedule a joint fun time with them this summer. By 2023, when the new district is formed, we should know many of their members and be happy to discover their talents and interests.

God loves each of you, and we ask his blessings, including good health, for you, your unit and your church.

Jackie Bruner, Programming Coordinator

Message from Judy Spiritual Growth



Can God persuade? If you look at all the news, secular and church, it seems like that is the name of the game. We in America can't order or by law make anyone do anything. We in our system debate on every possible thought and idea on how to move forward for our country, our churches and our own lives. We must persuade others to see how we see things. When we do, it doesn't last very long and then someone changes it all again. HA! This can be good and it can be not so good. Did someone say nothing is as consistent as change? I ask myself, what can I do to make the changes easier to deal with. Of course, I do not like change. Well, I turned to Ecclesiastes 2:24-26a which says: "A man (or woman) can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their work." This too I see is from the hand of God. For without him who can eat or find employment. To the person who pleases God, he gives wisdom, knowledge, and happiness.

My job then is to help people grow in Spirit, Soul and Body. Next comes for us to really understand the meaning of Christian faith in contemporary life, spiritual growth study, prayer and worship. Now we know how really important our fellowship meals are. At the district meetings they are great, people are all talking, and it is a wonderful sound.

For myself I do believe God guides us if we let him. There is nothing new under the sun, it is just how we deal with what comes along that makes the difference. How does God persuade us to do what he has called to do? Well, a Bible next to your easy chair might be one way. He gives us wisdom to make choices to read our Bible when troubled, to read a book on the reading program list. Giving him some time alone to listen for the right choice to make. I do realize I am talking to the lonely, the ones who don't seem to have a minute for themselves and everyone in between. Sometimes when I am having a hard time getting everything done I just stop, sit down read something in the Bible and things start to run a little smoother. Our work is UMW, and there is a lot going on to learn and get used to, so I am asking when God is trying to persuade you to do something, listen and you will grow stronger in the Lord.

Spiritual Growth--Judy Shannon

United Methodist Women Mission Candle Minute

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Isaiah 60:1
Candle Burning is an avenue of Mission Giving that honors or memorializes a loved one or someone special in the church, your family or the community.

The Mission Giving gift for Candle Burning in 2022 is

Year \$98,734,548

Day \$26,699.99

Hour \$1,111.25

5 Minutes \$92.60

1 Minute \$18.52

1 Second \$0.31

**See page 7 for the Mission Minute Certificate Order Form from Barbara Dearing, Treasurer.*



**MISSOURI CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Mid State District

Please use this form when ordering a 2022 Mission Minute Certificate.

Date:

Recipient's Name:

Certificate is given by:

Date to be used on the certificate:

Amount to be shown:

Certificate is to be mailed to:

A Mission Minute Certificate costs \$18.52 for the year 2022, plus 1.50 to cover postage and handling. Please remit \$20.02 each certificate to **Barbara Dearing**, Mid State Treasurer, 717 West Broadway, Brunswick, MO 65236. Please type or print above information so it can be correctly entered on the certificate.

*Mission Minute Certificate Order Form
Effective January 1, 2022*

Peggy Page, District Communications
25768 Steamboat Ave.
Brunswick, MO 65236

Important Dates

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| March 1, 2022 | Legislative Training Event (ZOOM) 9:30-12:30 |
| April 11, 2022 | Assembly Final Registration Deadline |
| April 23, 2022 | District Spring Meeting, Trinity UMC, Moberly, MO
Program: The Mai Gray Charter for Racial Justice |
| May 20-22, 2022 | UMW Quadrennial Assembly in Orlando, Florida |
| July 21-23, 2022 | Mission u at Liberty UMC in Liberty |
| Sept. 23-24, 2022 | UMW Annual Meeting
New McKendree UMC
Jackson, MO |

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