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Greetings from Mary

A New Year has started with very cold weather and COVID is still with us. The UMW theme for 2022 is Healing and Joy on our Journey to God. We will have new opportunities this year.

I was registered to attend Legislative Event, but it will be held via zoom. This will be held on March 1st.

Mark your calendars with the following dates, April 2nd Spring District meeting in Poplar Bluff. Martha Berry will have an interesting program planned for us. Let's carpool and have a large number of UMW members to attend the meeting. Day Apart will be held June 4th at the Ellington Methodist Church. Mission u will be held July 21-23 to take place at Liberty United Methodist Church in Liberty, Missouri. The Fall District Meeting will be held on October 8th. We still need a place for the meeting.

I am looking forward to attend assembly in Orlando, Florida, on May 20th to May 22nd. This will be my 4th Assembly to attend. It is a very uplifting event which I am looking forward to attending. It is held every four years.

Remember March 21st is Legacy Day. This is a day of giving to the Legacy Fund. I hope you will consider a gift to the Legacy Fund so our mission work can continue in the future.

I plan to see you on April 2nd in Poplar Bluff.

Blessings,

Mary Klaproth
Southeast District President

Legislative Events Co-Chair - Adelaide Parsons

The Legislative training even is scheduled for March 1, from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. It will be via ZOOM so that we can keep everyone safe! The Registration form is attached as well as the revised program. There is no charge for this event. The focus is on Climate Justice. There are two breakout workshops. One Is Just Energy for All led by Cheryl Marcum and the other is Disrupting the School to Prison Pipeline led by La Trisha Grandy and Carolyn Redmore.

Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM link! Contact Faye Abram at abramfy@slu.edu for more information.

Blessings, Adelaide Parsons

Vice Presidents Report - Martha Berry

January is gone and the days are getting longer, and soon we will be saying 'spring is just around the corner'. So it's time to put the SPRING Meeting on the calendar. Please mark your calendar for April 2 as we travel to Poplar Bluff to First United Methodist Church. Sidney Everhart, the director of the Festival of Sharing, will be our guest speaker. She will give us an overview of the Festival of Sharing and UMCOR. I am new to the Mission Team and I am looking forward to meeting each and everyone on APRIL 2.

Martha Berry
Gordonville Zion United Methodist

Secretary - Gail Cox

On the morning that we left for our winter trip, I took a quick jaunt through our storage area and saw a book titled *The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady*. A novel I thought, grabbed it and stuffed it into our recreational vehicle (RV). When we settled into our no frills RV park that evening, I opened the book for the first time. Much to my surprise I found the hand written diary of a young English woman named Edith Holden. Born at Kings Norton, Worcester in 1871, she grew up in a small village with six siblings. It was there that she wrote and illustrated this book.

The year Edith wrote about was 1906. Her prolific words and illustrations takes the readers to a softer, kinder and quieter way of life. Walking extensively through the country side, sometimes taking a train to another village, Edith reported in detail her observations of nature on her regular journeys. In January she illustrated dead leaves and a water hen. Her leading February drawing is of a plant that is in my own garden, the snowdrop. Edith also called these the Fair Maids of February.

Plants in bloom, or not, birds, butterflies, bees and dragon-flies remind Edith's readers of the beautiful world with which we have been blessed.

She also included poetry of outstanding authors like R.L. Stevenson: "To make this earth a hermitage/A cheerful and a changeful place/God's bright and intricate device/Of days and seasons doth suffice."

While our world today can be trying and tough to swallow, observing Edith's love of nature through this book reminds us to take time to appreciate the splendor of God around us.

Edith attended art school and moved to London where she met and married a sculptor. At the age of 49, Edith drowned in the Thames at Kew while gathering buds from chestnut trees. *The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady* was first published in 1977.

Treasurer - Jean Goldsborough

The Southeast District's total mission giving for 2021 recorded with conference was \$7,031. I don't believe this includes all of our third or fourth quarter mission giving. I am still learning and didn't get the reports in a timely manner. I believe some of our third and all of our fourth quarters will reflect in our 2022 mission giving, so 2022 will look much better than 2021. I want to remind you that there are several more ways to gift. We have Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, World Thank Offering, Call to Prayer & Self Denial, A Brighter Future for Children & Youth, Assembly Offering, Scarrit-Bennett Center, Crusade Scholarships, Magazine Fund, Bequests, Corsages, Mission Walk, Candle Burning, and more. Thank you to all that help with our missions in any way!

Spiritual Growth - Krista Hampton

Scripture Matthew 22 verse 39 Love your neighbor as yourself.

It has been a week of getting ready for the winter storm that was getting ready to blanket our area with freezing rain, sleet and snow. My husband and I have been watching the local weather this week trying to see what the predictions were for us and this winter storm. Each time the weather would show where the lines fell for snow, sleet and ice, we would discuss how sad it was for the people of Arkansas, the Bootheel, Tennessee, & Kentucky, who looked like they would get mostly freezing rain. This usually means power outages in below freezing temperatures. This is bad at any time but for this area they have suffered at the hand of weather in December, 2021 when tornadoes swept through this same area. It seems we were not the only one thinking of this. Today on the Weather Channel app there was an article that also pointed out that the ice storm would be going through the area hit by tornadoes on December 10, 2021. Kentucky will get most of the ice as it did when the 166 mile long tornado went across the state. As I read there are places in Kentucky that are without power now. Prayers for this area.

As you read this I hope that the Sun is shining and the snow and ice are melted. Remember to continue prayers for your neighbors, close by or in another state. Remember those that are struggling to rebuild no matter what storm in life they are dealing with. Love your neighbor as yourself.

Social Action - Brenda Neumeyer

Two Social Action issues, Climate Justice and Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration, will be addressed in workshops at the Legislative Training Event on March 1, a Zoom session only. Registration information and the Worship Service and Program Guide are included in this newsletter.

The following is an update on a former Social Action issue—Human Trafficking, also known as “trafficking,” “trafficking of persons,” and “modern slavery.” According to the International Labour Organization, there are “more slaves today than any other time in history.” The global estimation is “over 27 million slaves world wide”, approximately 2,500,000 people become victims of human trafficking every year.

During the pandemic, the number of individuals at risk of trafficking grew, and the traffickers are taking advantage of the reduced capacity and shifting priorities of law enforcement resulting in greater anonymity and impunity to pursue their crimes. Online recruitment increased as children spent more time online for virtual learning. In many countries, law enforcement agencies reassigned personnel responsible for investigating human trafficking to enforcing lockdowns and public health measures.

Estimates suggest that 71% of enslaved people are women and girls, 29% men and boys.

Some of the warning signs of a victim of human trafficking:

- Appearing malnourished
- Showing signs of physical injuries and abuse
- Avoiding eye contact, social interaction, and authority figures/law enforcement
- Seeming to adhere to scripted or rehearsed responses in social interaction
- Working excessively long hours

National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888 (TTY: 711), *Text 233733

Membership, Nurture and Outreach - Regina Rainey

During the past year all of us have had to face issues that weren't quite the normal. During this time there is probably been a woman in your unit has gone above and beyond to keep your unit as together as has been possible during this time of separation. Don't wait, please nominate that person as your unit's Woman in Mission. You're nomination does not have to come from the unit but someone you feel is deserving of this award.

Look for the 2022 District Woman of the year Nominee form. Notice the deadlines have been pushed back a little later this year. Hope to be hearing from all of you soon.

Secretary Program Resource - Julie Combs

Dear Ladies,

As I write this there is snow on the ground and the thermostat says 12'!! We have survived a tough year but we have survived.

I heard on the news that the Covid/omicron cases are now declining!! This is good news!! I'm sure we are all looking forward to the spring time!

However United Methodist Women members have stayed connected to God and one another throughout anxious times and the physical distancing necessary to keep one another safe. We continue to put faith, hope, and love into action for women, children, and youth.

The Reading Program is a cherished UMW tradition that brings together members in mission as explore, share and discuss the written word. The Reading Committee has selected and added new books to keep us reading and learning.

There are 4 plans available. See the complete listing at [unitedmethodistwomen.org/reading program](https://unitedmethodistwomen.org/reading-program). I encourage us all to begin reading today!!

Mission Ribbon Coordinator - Elwanda Corbin

Mission Ribbons have become a part of United Methodist Women. Many have purchased ribbons to recognize and honor others and also for their personal use. Ribbons have been made available on the national, conference, district and even the local church levels.

In Missouri we've had a good variety at various costs and are available at the district meetings. When ribbons are available at our district meetings think about buying some to enrich your local UMW, family and friends and anyone who deserves a special something extra for the upcoming Lenten and Easter time.

Nominations - Fay Biggs

"It's been a long time since I have seen you and I don't know just what to do" so I guess that I will have to admit that I have not been to a Southeast District United Methodist Women meeting in at least two years and I want you to know that I miss all of you Dear UMW Sisters.

At first it was because of a knee replacement that was postponed because of Covid 19 and everybody knows about the variant and the rules to wear a mask, stay six feet apart, etc. Needless to say, I try to follow all the rules since I know of two good friends that died as a result of the Virus.

This brought to my mind back when I was about ten years old and my brother was only about four years old and he was diagnosed with Polio and was sent to St. Louis to the hospital where he stayed for some time. My mother was with him and my grandparents were with us kids. I remember when Mother got to bring my brother (C.W.) home, she would take a quilt and fold it four ways and put it on the dining table and she would exercise his little feet and legs. I thank God for saving his life. In fact, he is still alive today.

It seems that we have all of our District officers except "Education and Interpretation." I am confident that there is someone out there who will accept this position, but I just don't know who or where they are. If you have someone in mind, I would appreciate it if you would send me their name, address and telephone number. I will check them out. I would like to say that I had that position several years ago and I really enjoyed do it.

Stay in, stay warm and stay off of the ice. Most sincerely,

Fay Biggs

Communications Coordinator - Donna Howarton

Thank you for the wonderful articles. I have enjoyed putting this issue together. I think this is the most articles I've received. I hope you enjoy reading them as much as I did. Please check the calendar and let me know if I missed anything. Hope to see you all in April for Day Apart.

Southeast District Calendar: 2022

March 1-2	Legislative Training event in Jefferson City
March 18-19	Conference Mission Team Meeting in Columbia
March 21	Legacy Day of giving
April 2	District Spring Meeting First United Methodist Church of Poplar Bluff
April 11	Assembly Final Registration Deadline
May 1	Newsletter articles due
May 20-22	UMW Quadrennial Assembly in Orlando, Florida
June 4	Day Apart Ellington Methodist Church
July 21-23	Mission u Liberty United Methodist Church
Aug 1	Newsletter articles due
Aug 5-6	Conference Mission Team Meeting In Columbia
Sept 23-24	Conference UMW Annual Meeting New McKendree UMC in Jackson
Oct 8	Fall District Meeting Location to be determined
Nov 1	Newsletter articles due
Nov 12	District Mission Team Meeting New McKendree United Methodist Church in Jackson

2022 UMW District Women In Mission of the Year Nomination Form

Date: _____ District: _____
District MN&O Coordinator: _____

NOMINEE INFORMATION:

Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone Number (including area code): _____
Local Unit/Church: _____

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION:

- Recruiting new members
- The Campaign for Children
- Organizing new circles/subgroup
- Creative Programing
- Leadership Development
- Reading Program
- Social Justice Ministries
- Interpretation and use of Women's Division Resources

Membership includes all that we do as women Organized for Mission. Each of the areas above are membership concerns, which encompass the whole PURPOSE of United Methodist Women, while there are many other ways to serve in your local unit and beyond.

On the back of this sheet, in 150 words or less, indicate why your unit's nominee should be considered for the District Woman in Mission of the Year.

NOMINATOR INFORMATION:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone number (including area code): _____

**Nomination forms must be submitted to the District MN&O Coordinator no later than:
July 31st, 2022
Regina Rainey, 7506 Kingsnake Lane, Glen Allen, MO or rraineytyn@gmail.com
District MN&O Coordinators must send your 1 nominee selection to Conference MN&O
Coordinator no later than : August 15th, 2022
Conference MN&O Coordinator:
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Email: emmack81@yahoo.com**