



The Compass

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President's Report for Annual Celebration

The past eighteen months have been very difficult for all of us. It has been filled with loss of loved ones and loss of the life we knew so well. Our churches and circles were not allowed to meet in person, and we all learned new ways to worship and meet with each other, but we still missed the occasional hug or handshake from friends or family. Out of this loss also came strength for our UMW members. We found new ways to continue our programs and Mission Giving. We also found that there were now new needs to be filled and new walls to climb. I am so proud of our units and their continued concern for women, children and youth and the important social issues that UMW supports. We are a community of women. We still read from our reading lists, we still continued to pledge to mission giving and we still collected World Thank offerings. We met together for a wonderful picnic hosted by the Palmyra First UMW and loved being able to see each other again and celebrate our mission work for local organizations. In this Annual Celebration newsletter, we will recognize those women and units that did not let COVID 19 slow them down. I will share with you the work of our Bright Star Units.

Our prayers are that 2022 will bring us a return to meeting each other in person and a continuation of the many mission projects that are so important to us. Our Pledge to Mission for 2022 is \$36,000.00 and now the work begins to achieve that. If you have a reading group, Ruth Daugherty has many books from the UMW reading list that she would be glad to give to readers. Just contact her at 717-299-2203.

My continued thanks to each of you for all that you do for UMW and my wishes for you for a wonderful holiday filled with family, friends, and hugs.

Harriette Droke





Reading Program Celebrations

Otterbein UMC:

Plans one and two:
Ruth Shaffer

St Paul's UMC:

Plan One:
Mary Barth, Phyllis Colvin, Shirley Corbett, Dorothy Hay, Liz Helm, Patty Levosky, Jan Reed, Susan Smith

Palmyra First UMC:

Plan One:
Sally Smedley, Karen Douds

Grandview Church:

Plan One :
Connie Brown,
Carolene Brubaker,
Ruth Daugherty,
Dorothy Killebrew, Kathy Harvey
Nelson, Nancy Osgood,
Nancy Miller, Luci Steele,
Linda Van Til

5 Star Giving Celebrations

Like the 5 points that make up a 5 pointed star, there are 5 channels of mission giving through which individual United Methodist Women and groups can participate

Pledge to Mission- An individual member's pledge to mission is the amount she decides is her share of the local unit's budget.

Special Mission Recognition A gift to mission in honor of any person in amounts of \$40, \$60, \$100 and up. For each gift an oval gold pin with a cross and a certificate with the names of the honoree and the giver are provided by the National Office of UMW through the conference treasurer.

Gift to Mission (minimum \$5)- A gift of \$5 or more for mission may be made in honor of any individual, and a card will be provided for you to send to the honoree.

Gift in Memory (minimum \$5)- Gifts may be made in memory of any individual, in the amount of \$5 or more. Gift in Memory cards, available free, will be provided to send to the family of the deceased.

World Thank Offering- Spontaneous additional gifts can be given in gratitude for God's abundance and in celebration of the joys of life. This is an opportunity to respond to God's grace one time or collect coins throughout the year.





In 2022, West District UMW began a new unit recognition program which replaces the Mission Today awards that are no longer given by United Methodist Women. We know that all our units are Bright Stars in their churches and their communities, and we want to recognize that. This year, we are including the units that responded for our Bright Star request, but we hope in the future, all our units will respond and be recognized. Listed below are the units to be recognized and a summary of their 2020 projects and missions.

Elizabethtown St Pauls' UMW – The Needlework Circle made

and distributed 25 quilts, 54 pocket prayer quilts, and 85 masks. When possible, the group would meet as a small group and would socially distance, but most of the work was done in their homes. Also, St Pauls' UMW donated 92 maternity kits, boxes of fabric and hygiene kits to Mission Central. The American Foundation for Children with Aids, an organization who ministers to families and children in Kenya, was also supported by UMW. St Pauls' continued to participate in the UMW reading program by creating a book exchange and book check outs at church to allow the members to continue to read.

Faith Acts, Palmyra First UMW – A Month of Thankfulness, a Call to Prayer and Self-denial, and a 4-week plan for individual devotions helped to provide Spiritual Growth for their members. The unit met monthly through Zoom and frequent emails. Cards were sent to older members and friends living alone and Christmas mugs were delivered to the homebound members. Treats and notes of appreciation were sent to health care workers and first responders. The Knit Crochet and Pray subgroup made a “Women Knitted Together in God’s Good Work” wall hanging/lap robe. Luggage was donated to a domestic violence agency and the TEA reading group discussed The Same Sky to gain a perspective on teen migrants. The unit collected 500 baby/winter items for Lebanon Family health and continued to support UMW through Mission Giving.

Bird in Hand UMW – Because they were not able to meet in person, phone calls and cards and notes of encouragement were shared with each other. Food, soup and bags with kitchen supplies were collected for Conestoga Valley Christian Ministries, Paper products were given to Clare House during the year. The UMW contributed financial aid to help with medical expenses for a church member. And several UMW members set up a craft table in December for homemade gifts for “safe shopping”. Using “Jars of Gratitude, funds were collected for UMW’s World Thank offering and shoe boxes were filled for children and donated to Samaritan’s purse,

Grandview UMW – The Diaper Depot collected 2070 diapers and other items for three Lancaster organizations. The Undie Sunday collection received 511 undies and the Sock It to Me Sunday received 531 pairs of socks for donation to the Food Hub. The Steller Stitchers made and gave 13 prayer shawls and 3 baby blankets. Grandview’s sale of Fair-Trade goods continues to receive Top Performer awards and all new members were recipients of Fair Trade gifts. Dorothy’s Garden gave 631 pounds of fresh vegetables to the Food Hub. Because of environmental concerns, the UMW purchased a dishwasher so that the church could discontinue to use paper cups and plates. The Grandview readers met by Zoom and completed Level One of the UMW Reading program. To thank the many members and staff for all the work done to continue virtual worship, and continue our personal connection, 24 Mission Recognition pins were presented. Contributions were made to Luminaria, Impact Missions, Power Packs and Shalom partnership.

A Complete Restoration



Cornucopia—
cor-nu·co·pi·a

Def. An ornamental container shaped like a goat's horn overflowing with good things of a specified kind.



You will know that God's power is very great for us who believe. Ephesians 1:19

"God loves to decorate. God has to decorate. Let him live long enough in a heart, and that heart will begin to change. Portraits of hurt will be replaced by landscapes of Grace. Walls of anger will be demolished and shaky foundations restored. God can no more leave a life unchanged than a mother can leave her child's tear untouched---

This might explain some of the discomfort in your life. Remodeling of the heart is not always pleasant. We don't object when the Carpenter

adds a few shelves, but he has been known to gut the entire west wing. He has such high aspirations for you. God envisions a complete restoration. He won't stop until he is finished. He wants you to be just like Jesus." (Just like Jesus—p. 19 in GRACE FOR THE MOMENT)

In a world of such division, lies, false prophets, injustice, hate, we may be the answer. Maybe we need God to restore us to his love, justice, truth, and love for our neighbors? We need to open your hearts and minds to what Jesus would have us be.

Ruth Havercamp
Spiritual Growth

2022 West District Officers

President-Hatsy Droke
Treasurer-Karen Douds
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Nominations Chair-Sally Smedley
Nominations- Joyce Zimmerman
Nominations-open
Program/Ingathering-Ellen Messenger
Spiritual Growth-Ruth Havercamp
Compass Editor-Barbara Skarbowski
Education- Ruth Daugherty

West District UMW 2021 Giving as of 10/16/21

Pledge to Missions:	\$19196.15
Gift to Missions	755.00
Gift in Memory	1865.00
World Thanks	1347.55
SMR	160.00
Love	<u>300.00</u>
Total toward pledge	\$23,623.70
Call to Prayer	\$388.00
Ingathering	\$993.50
Legacy Fund	\$100.00

West District Pledge for 2021 is \$38,000.00
West District Pledge for 2022 is \$36,000.00

Mission Education Report Mission u

Mission u is an educational event each year to provide Spiritual Growth, Geographic, and Social Justice Issue studies. The three studies for 2021 were:

“Finding Peace in the Midst of Anxieties”; “Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom”; and “Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools.”

In 2021 the school was held virtually by ZOOM with various time options for persons to attend. There was a week-end schedule of 8 hours of study on Saturday and Sunday for “Pushout”; choices of times in the morning, afternoon and evening on Monday through Thursday for all three studies. The evaluations were very positive for this type of interactive learning. Other positives were: less expensive (each course was only \$25 and helping the air quality by not putting more carbon in the air with all of the travel by car to an onsite location.

In 2022 mission u will again be offered virtually with options for attending at various times. The study will focus on Luke 13. Look for future information about mission u to be held in late July.

Response magazine

Want to know the latest news about what is happening in the mission outreach to women, children, and youth in the United States and around the world? Want to read articles that are not interrupted with commercials? You can get all of this in the magazine for United Methodist Women and can subscribe to it in print or digitally online.

The stories about individuals or the work with women, children and youth also can be used for mission minutes at meetings or for discussion groups. There is always a prayer included at the end of the magazine that addresses the theme(s) of the articles. Urge women to subscribe to this resource and get a subscription for the church library and/or to pass around for persons to read.

I take copies that I have read to a friend who is not a member of our church and she reads them and passes them on because she finds the articles so informative and interesting.

JUSTICE ISSUES FOR 2020-2024

United Methodist Women are urged to work on two major justice issues for the present quadrennium of 2020-2024:

- (1) Climate Justice
- (2) The Pipeline from Schools to Prison especially for Black girls.

Climate Justice:

Present weather conditions world-wide resulting in floods, fires, record heat waves, air pollution, and contaminated water demands our immediate attention. These conditions and then decided to take some action. They studied about not only the causes, but possible ways that might bring about change and provide a more healthful and productive world. God created a “good” world and gave the stewardship of that world to humankind.

The group of women sponsored a Climate Fair with numerous booths providing information such as safe drinking water and unpolluted oceans and rivers; composting; planting trees to reduce carbon; electric vehicles with focus on school buses; bees and making of honey; recycling; and use of LED bulbs. (see back page)

Ingathering 2021

United Methodist Women's West District Ingathering was Aug. 7,2021. We met at Palmyra UMC Palmyra Pa. The program was from Lebanon County Christian Ministries.

We met at the Pavilion where all the tables were full .The day was hot, but we had a very nice time. Ingathering is where donations were brought or perhaps you gave in your own communities or churches. Just like 150 years ago when one of the predecessor organizations of the United Methodist Women decided that children should have new clothes, the items that were donated were very needed. Something they could call their own. They saw a need and gave clothing in the Rural areas. There was much poverty then and there is poverty now; we still see children and women & men are in need of clothing. And

this is where the UMW units come in. You buy or make clothing and see to it this tradition is carried on. What a Blessing each of you are .

I would like to acknowledge the churches that sent or gave me the Ingathering information sheet:

Christiana
Otterbein
Palmyra
Elizabethtown- St Paul
My Zion Myerstown
Bird in Hand
Grandview
Mt Nebo

Pledge moneys given to the Treasurer during Ingathering was also greatly appreciated. A collection of school supplies —of which there were many given — went to Lebanon.

Also we would like to thank the UMW of Palmyra for providing us a lovely luncheon. The lunch was packed in an all biodegradable packaging, even the fork! And a great big thank you goes out to Lee Smedley, Dave Yascavage and also Rev. Jim Anderman for serving us that luncheon. You all were greatly appreciated.

I would Like to Thank each Member of the West District Conference for all the work you have done planning ingathering this year. If I let



anyone out I'm sorry .

Finally, Ingathering put me in mind of the following scripture which I will share here:

" When the Son of Man comes in all His glory, and all the angels with Him, Then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the Nations will be gathered before Him, and he will separate them from one another, just as a Shepherd separates sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on His right and the goats on His left. Then the King will say to those on his right, " Come you who are blessed by My Father inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of Me. Then the righteous will answer Him, Lord when did we see You Hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see You a stranger and take you in, or without clothes and clothe You? When did we see You sick, or in prison, and visit You? And the King will answer them, ' I assure you: Whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to ME'.

Matthew 25: 31-40

Blessings to all,
Ellen Messenger, Program/Ingathering
In Gathering chairperson



Bryan Smith, Exec. Dir. and
our guest speaker



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And they also urged car pooling and walking when possible.

Pipeline from Schools to Prison:

Racism is prevalent in schools as much as any place in society. This is especially true for Black girls. Statistics indicate that personal feelings of worth and opportunities for good education are key components for persons to develop their potential and be contributing members of their communities. United Methodist Women provide resources for understanding the present adverse conditions that exist, especially for Black girls. There is also an emphasis on advocating to bring about change.

We can make a difference by reading and studying about present situations; supporting candidates who are committed to bring about justice in our school systems and communities; and sharing the information learned with others and inviting them to join in the pursuit of change.

Ruth Daugherty

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