Maumee River News & Views

United Women in Faith

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Message from the President

I could think of nothing more timely to write about than politics. Whether you think it's a dirty word, is annoying, is to be avoided at all costs, angers you, or is exciting and challenging, it's hard to avoid with election coming Nov. 3. (Hopefully everyone reading this has registered to vote.} I don't have a smart TV, cable, or dish so my exposure via television is limited to six stations, some with sub-channels, but there is no end to the ads airing now for state and federal offices. And if you don't watch TV or can avoid channels that carry news, yards and billboards and buildings are full of promotional signage that are hard to ignore. They often deal with local issues like funding schools, libraries, fire/police departments, emergency response teams plus county officials.

Politics is described as the activity of settling affairs in an organized society, usually concerned with resolving issues within a society via a government. To the best of my knowledge the word politics doesn't appear in the Bible. But we can pull from scripture some guidance on how we navigate politics.

Micah 6:8b, "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (NIV) Voting is an **act** which we are privileged to have enshrined in our country's founding paperwork. It is our right and even our responsibility. But it does require some effort including paying attention, discerning fact and fiction, learning as much as we can about the candidates and issues. I often fact check assertions made in ads, especially ones that tear down the opponent. Sometimes the language used is a tip-off that facts are inflated, distorted or false. Do your due diligence to discern truth as best you can. This is no time to hide our heads in the sand or shut down.

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And as in all things, if you haven't already started, **pray**: for wisdom, compassion, and the Holy Spirit to work in our lives to align with God's will. May it be so.

Janis Kleine

Websites and Social Media

National United Women in Faith Faith
www.uwfaith.org
www.facebook.com/uwomenfaith/

Conference United Methodist Church
www.westohioumc.org
www.facebook.com/westohioumc

Conference United Women in Faith
www.westohiouwf.org

Maumee River District United Women in
www.westohiouwf.org/maumee-river

Mission u
www.facebook.com/WOCMISSIONU

United Women in Faith Resource Center
www.uwfaithresources.org
888.409.8137

Dates to Remember

**September 15*	*The In-Between (youth book)*
October 10	WOC Annual Celebration; Hilliard UMC
**October 20*	*The Talk*
October 24	MRD Fall Annual Day; St. Andrew's UMC, Findlay [pg 11]
**November 17*	*What We Remember Will be Saved: A Story of Refugees and the Things they Carry*
**December 15*	*The Little House of Hope; These Olive Trees: A Palestinian Family's Story; Zion Learns to See; Something, Someday; (children's books)*

*Expanding Connections Book Club with Julie Carter

MAUMEE RIVER DISTRICT UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH		
2027 PROPOSED BUDGET		
Administrative & Membership Development (A&MD)		
	2026 Budget	**2027 Proposed Budget**
Travel	$ 600.00	$ 350.00
Zoom	175.00	180.00
Postage	125.00	100.00
Stationary & Supplies	100.00	100.00
Newsletter	200.00	-
***Spring Celebration**	350.00	350.00
***Fall Celebration**	350.00	350.00
Leadership Training	-	-
Financial Review (Audit)	100.00	100.00
District Officer Recognition	250.00	250.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	100.00
TOTAL	$ 2,350.00	$ 1,880.00
***Conference/National sets figure or amount**		
MAUMEE RIVER DISTRICT PLEDGE	$ 18,000.00	$ 18,000.00

Maumee River District United Women In Faith			
2026 Treasurer's Report			
AUGUST			
		TOTAL	Pledge/ Budget
Beginning Cash Balance:		**$ 1,200.00**	
Receipts:			**Pledge:**
	Mission Giving:		**$ 13,865.00**
	Pledges to Mission	**$ 11,020.00**	
	Special Mission Recognition	**$ 180.00**	
	Gift to Mission	**$ 200.00**	
	Gifts in Memory	**$ 355.00**	
	World Thank Offering	**$ 143.90**	
	Call to Prayer and Self-Denial	**$ 436.50**	
	Supplementary	**602.55**	
	TOTAL Unit Receipts:	**$ 12,937.95**	**$ 13,865.00**
	Conference A&MD Installments	**1,175.00**	
	Registrations	**765.00**	
	Offerings	**258.00**	
	TOTAL Cash Receipts:	**15,135.95**	
Disbursements:			**Pledge:**
	Mission Giving Cash Transfers:		**$ 18,000.00**
	Pledges to Mission	$ 11,020.00	
	Special Mission Recognition	180.00	
	Gift to Mission	200.00	
	Gifts in Memory	355.00	
	World Thank Offering	143.90	
	TOTAL Mission Giving	**$ 11,898.90**	**$ 18,000.00**
	Call to Prayer and Self-Denial	436.50	
	Supplementary	602.55	
	TOTAL Cash Transfers to WOC UWF:	**12,937.95**	**$ 18,000.00**
	Check Number		
	Administrative & Membership Development:		**Budget:**
	Travel	$ -	$ 600.00
	Zoom	$ -	$ 175.00
	Postage	$ 83.01	$ 125.00
	Stationary & Supplies	$ 73.02	$ 100.00
	Newsletter	$ -	$ 200.00
	Spring Celebration	$ 314.22	$ 350.00
	Fall Celebration	$ -	$ 350.00
	Leadership Training	$ -	$ -
	Financial Review (Audit)	$ 100.00	$ 100.00
	District Officer Recognition (SMR)	$ 40.00	$ 250.00
	Miscellaneous (GTM,GIM,etc.)	$ 30.00	$ 100.00
	TOTAL A&MD Expenses	**$ 640.25**	**$ 2,350.00**
	TOTAL Cash Disbursements:	**$ 13,578.20**	**$ 20,350.00**
Current Cash Balance:		**$ 2,757.75**	

Nominations Committee recommends the following slate of officers for 2027.

Administrative Officers	
President	Janis Kleine
Secretary	Sheryl Parish
Treasurer	Miriam Kuhn
Program Resources Coordinator	Melinda Hipsher
Communications Coordinator	Jeanne McCaffrey
Committee on Nominations	
Chair	Anita Heintzelman
Committee Member	Patty Carpenter
Committee Member	Marianne Higley
Committee Member	Kathy Pawlowski
Committee Member	Terry Robideau
Mission Coordinators	
Membership, Nurture and Outreach	Melinda Hipsher
Education and Interpretation	Cheryl Bolton
Social Action	*Terry Robideau
Spiritual Growth	Kathy Pawlowski
West Ohio Conference Officers in Residence	
Treasurer	Marsha Klingbeil
Nominations Committee Chairperson	Vicki Barnes

*Terry Robideau - Terry Robideau grew up in Colton, Ohio. She still stays in touch with the church and helps with their Easter Egg Fund Raiser.

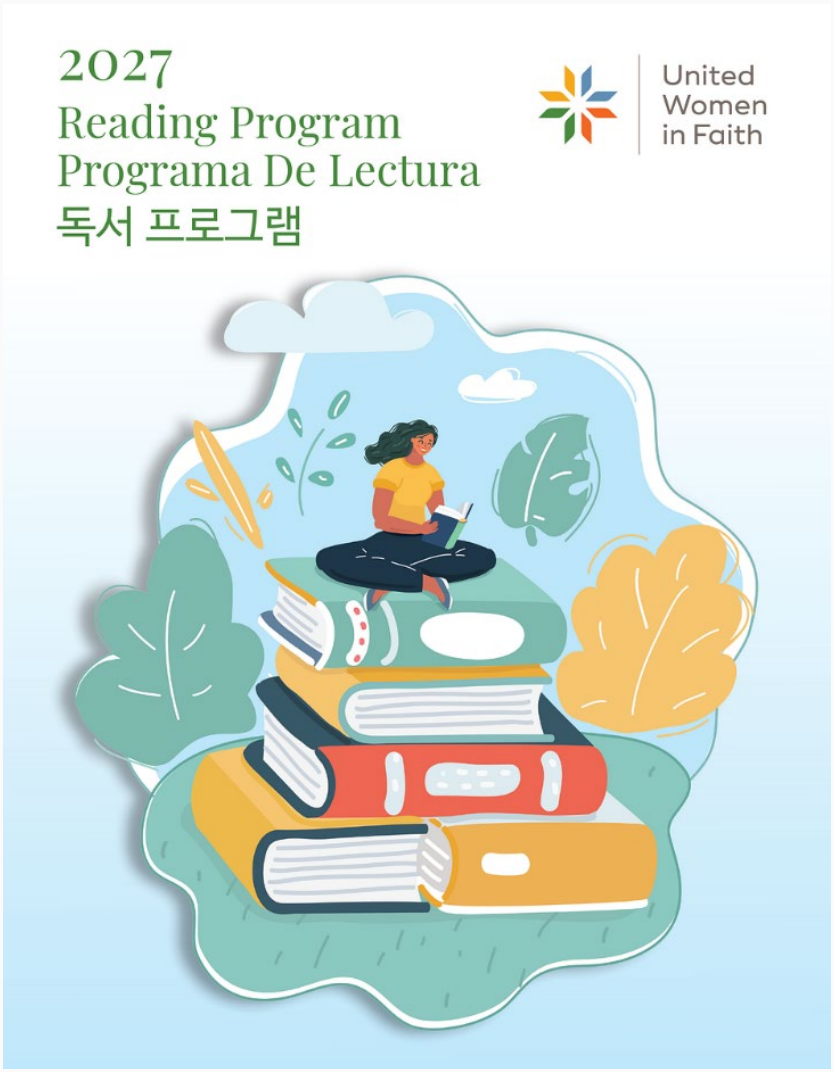
Terry is a widow with two children, Chad and Melissa; two granddaughters, Samantha (who is getting married 9.12.26), and Ashlyn; and two dogs, Ruby (her late husband, Ron's baby), and Wrigley.

Terry's activities include On Core Team at Swanton Trinity, SPRC, Silver Sneakers, Community Meals, liturgist, attends Farmhouse Metamora UWF, Toledo Flower Hospital Guild for six years, worked with Toledo Friendly Center for 17 years (now closed 12.31.25), helped with Friendly Center garage sale for six years (co-chair), member of Maumee Watershed District UMW for 15 years (V.P. For three years, President for five years, Treasurer, and other positions as needed. Social Justice Coordinator for Conference for two years, and Committee on Nominations for MRD for one year.

Terry is a self-proclaimed "Jack of all Trades." She can't begin to say all the things she's done in the last 25 years but most recently she helped Ron with all his doctor appointments, ran him to and from the hospital, and is grateful to God that He accepted Ron into heaven on October 3, 2025. Terry now feels she needs to keep busy and make God and Ron know she is a survivor. She also wants to serve God.

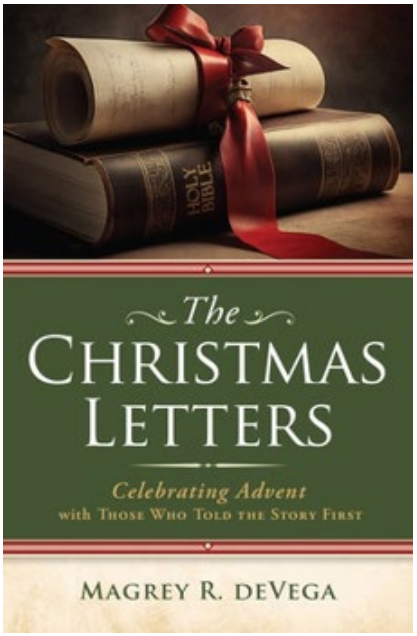
Reading Program
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2027 Reading Program



Dear United Women in Faith Members and Friends,

We are delighted to announce the release of the 2027 Reading Program! It is available at **uwfaith.org/read** for free download.



West Ohio Conference
United Women in Faith

Invites you to our
Advent Study
November 29,
December 6, 13, 20
4:00 to 5:15 pm
On zoom.

We have chosen "*The* Christmas Letters" Celebrating Advent with Those Who Told the Story First. by Magrey R. deVega

Magrey deVega invites you to explore some of the letters in the New Testament, the Epistles, to hear about the miracle of Christ's birth from those who first told the story.

The zoom invite will be on our website, westohiouwf.org. You do not need to register. Just click the zoom link and join us.

Facilitators are Pam Fugett, Melinda Hipsher & Patty Carpenter, Kathy Moore, and Rev. Suzanne Allen.

Books are available at Thriftbooks; Amazon; World of Books.

Questions: Ask Paula Nourse, kinder6595@hotmail.com or 614-326-9062

Social Action

The Right Thing

"Anyone, then, who knows the right thing to do
and fails to do it commits sin."
James 4:17

James does have a way with words, doesn't he! No "beating around the bush," no diplomacy needed, just straight talk that we can understand, no matter the scripture version we read.

Social Action continues to focus our efforts on economic, environmental, and racial justice issues – we have not solved these problems yet. In fact, the issues continue to expand in importance and number these days.

A recent news item caught my attention: the use of Electric Stun or Shock Gloves. Perhaps you've seen articles stating that ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) is considering the use of this new technology as they take suspected undocumented immigrants into custody. The gloves deliver different levels of electric shocks as the agent grabs the person, being sure not to use them on children, pregnant women, the elderly, or disabled. These are supposedly safer than using taser guns. I thought to myself: just another form of torture!

And then...and then...I read where Omaha Nebraska Public Schools were asking School Safety Officers to stop using a version of these gloves on students!!! Talk about School-to-Prison Pipeline! It's difficult to believe this is happening now. But sadly, maybe not.

So there's still much work to be done. Find a cause. Take a stand whenever, wherever, and with whomever you can. There's always a **right thing** to do!

Becky Ruple
Social Action Coordinator

Membership, Nurture and Outreach

I received MNO reports for all our Maumee River District units except 1. Many attempts were made to obtain the report without success. However we did have 512 UWF members in our district.
These numbers will be reported to national UWF. At assembly we were told that National had set a goal for membership.

Blessings, Melinda Hipsher

We believe love in action can change the world.

Leadership Team 2026

Administrative Officers

President Janis Kleine *Cloverdale*	8113 Linwood Dr. Bowling Green, OH 43402	Jkleine1976@hotmail.com	419-308-3935
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Marianne Higley *Howard*	1021Sunset Dr. Findlay, OH 5840	hcheesy1021@aol.com	419-581-0678
Patty Carpenter *Whitehouse Hope*	10639 Babcock Dr. Whitehouse, OH 43571	patcarpenter52@yahoo.com	419-324-6001
Terry Robideau *Swanton Trinity*	1200 Wildflower Dr. Metamora, OH 43540	Tlr909@yahoo.com	419-343-2120

Mission Coordinators

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Spiritual Growth Kathy Pawlowski *RiverPoint*	3673 School Rd. Temperance, MI 48182	pawlowski.kathy@gmail.com	419-514-5589

Resident WOC Officers

Treasurer Marsha Klingbeil *Toledo Salem*	935 Cloverdale Rd. Toledo, OH 43612	UWFMarsha419@gmail.com	419-367-4867

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Shepherdess List 2026

Cheryl Bolton
Millbury St. Paul

Patty Carpenter/Melinda Hipsher
Whitehouse Hope
Bowling Green Trinity
Defiance St. Paul
Edgerton

Anita Heintzelman
Findlay St. Andrew's
Findlay St. Marks

Marianne Higley
Findlay Zion
Findlay Howard

Janis Kleine
Aldersgate
Cloverdale
Elliston Zion

Becky Ruple
Bryan Wesley
Metamora – The Farmhouse

Marsha Klingbeil
Clark Street
Toledo Salem

Jeanne McCaffrey
Arcadia

Sheryl Parish
Forest
Houcktown

Kathy Pawlowski
Church of St. Andrew
Toledo Riverpoint

Miriam Kuhn
Upper Sandusky Salem

Terry Robideau
Colton
Maumee
Unity-Northwood

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Fall Annual Day

Clothed in Forgiveness

October 24, 2026

St. Andrew's UMC
120 W. Sandusky St.
Findlay, OH

10 am-2 pm

Speaker

Rev. Rae Lynn Schleif and friends

Retired Elder, WOC; All in Community

Registration/Continental breakfast begins at 9:30

Donations accepted for Olive Branch Laundry outreach

Tide pods	8oz. Disp. coffee cups	Sanitizing wipes
Dryer sheets	Sugar packets	Monetary donations:
Regular coffee	Creamer packets	to St. Andrew's "laundry"

Name _____**Church** _____

Address _____

Phone(s)_____**Email**_____

Dietary Restrictions _____

Emergency Contact/Number _____

Cost $15 per person
Make checks payable to: MRD UWF
Send registration & check to:
Miriam Kuhn,15363 Township Road 207, Findlay, OH 45840;
mmkuhn81@gmail.com; 419.957.3627
Deadline October 17, 2026