

# It's A New Day

March, 2023

The Newsletter of Tuscarawas District  
United Women in Faith



President  
Betsy Douce



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Hello United Women in Faith,

I am coming to you in this newsletter with a new position. I am now your president, and frankly this is scary for me. I am following Kathy Hopkins who was such a strong and spiritual leader. I do hope and pray that I will do as well. Thank you, Kathy, for your guidance.

I have been a member of United Methodist Women (UMW) for a long time, and now I'm transitioning to United Women in Faith. How about you? Are you finding the name change difficult? At first, I didn't understand why it was changed. I grew up in a Methodist family which then became United Methodist. I got to thinking about my mother. Yes, she was a member of UMW, but before that it was called Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild. This prompted me to do a little research. I found out through our Response Magazine that "In 150 years of mission, our organization has had more than 25 names, each reflecting the varying times, ways women lived their lives, and the states of union of our many predecessor denominations." So, as we are now dealing with a change in the life of the church and how we women are choosing to activate our faith into action, I am okay with a new name. As Sisters in Christ, we can unite and act for justice and transform the world!

As I'm getting to know each of you better, I would like to help you know me. I am a retired elementary school teacher. I enjoy reading, flower gardening, and volunteering. I have been married to Tom Douce (retired elder in the UMC) for 59 years. We have three sons. Our oldest son, John, is dealing with some life threatening health issues. Our middle son, David, is a special needs young man. He lives in a group home in Canton and works five days a week at the Pegasus Farm Country Store. Our youngest son, Ben, and his wife have our two grandsons. The grandsons were adopted from South Korea as babies. I love being a grandmother to these boys!

I also love being a woman in mission and hope to follow God's plan for my life.

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## Our Purpose

**United Women in Faith seeks to be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.**



Vice President  
Betsy Gorrell

Hello Ladies,

What have you been up to during this cold, but not too snowy, winter so far? I've been under a blanket in front of a fire reading. I'm in a couple of book clubs, so along with my Reading Program books, I have quite a stack to go through. I am your new Vice President since Betsy Douce has agreed to be President. I have big shoes to fill and I thank her for her guidance as I learn my new job.

Can we really be talking about our spring meeting when it's 19 degrees outside? I hope you will be able to join us in celebrating Spring at our Tuscarawas District United Women in Faith Spring Meeting on April 29, 2023. I love music. I love the radio, my discs, going to concerts, and especially choir music on a Sunday morning with the organ at full throttle and the choir and congregation singing at the top of their lungs. Thank God for music!

Erin Byrne will be presenting our program entitled "Life of Fanny Crosby and her Music." She will be accompanied by musicians. We will be hearing about Fanny Crosby's work as a poet, lyricist, and composer, writing more than 8,000 hymns and gospel songs, with more than 100 million copies printed. Come to Otterbein UMC in New Philadelphia on Saturday, April 29, 2023, for this program. Look for the registration form, with more information as part of this newsletter. I look forward to seeing you there.



Secretary  
Carol Russell

Happy New Year! As we move into March, I am very thankful for the mild winter weather we have had. If you are new to the office of secretary of your unit, welcome! Welcome back to those of you who served as secretary last year. As secretary of your unit, you are the record keeper for the minutes and membership roll. It is amazing to me to hear the minutes from the previous meeting read and then think WOW, we accomplished all of that. As you work with the other officers of your unit to promote UWF, you can share information through your bulletin, newsletter, bulletin boards, online resources, and just sharing UWF stories/experiences with other ladies. I look forward to seeing you at the District Spring Meeting on April 29.



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## Our Mission

**United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence, and impact local and global communities.**



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## Our Vision

**Turning Faith, Hope, and Love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world.**



Patti Deems  
Treasurer

2022 was certainly a better year for our UWF groups. We were able to get together in many different ways. We actually had in person Spring and Fall District meetings where we were able to gather for fellowship and programs. 2023 promises to allow even more opportunities for gathering and serving as UWF units.

Once again in 2022 the women of our district stepped up to support the mission and ministries that allow us to faithfully serve others. Following is a summary of the ways in which we helped to serve women, youth, and children:

We sent \$6,181 to the greater UMW/UWF from pledges.

We gave \$1,500 to the West Side Community House.

We sent \$740 to RAHAB.

We gave \$1,000 to the Akron Canton Regional Food bank (with a request that the money be used in Stark County).

All of this we were able to do because of the faithful women known as United Women in Faith. **THANK YOU!!!**

I have received pledges for 2023 from four units so far. If you haven't sent a notice of your intended pledge for 2023, please send that to me as soon as possible.

**Reminder** – Please be sure to use the newer forms when you submit your checks. The newer forms say United Women in Faith at the top. If you don't have the new forms, they can be found at [UMWMissionResources.org](http://UMWMissionResources.org) under Downloads & Resources, or you can contact me at [pdeems@neo.rr.com](mailto:pdeems@neo.rr.com) or 330-494-7168. I will have forms with me at the Spring District Meeting.



Member, Nurture, &  
Outreach  
Debbie Porter

## MNO

As we start a new year as United Women in Faith, may you reach out to invite other ladies to your meetings. Our new name gives us freedom to invite other denominations to come to our meetings.

Please do not forget to come to the Spring meeting, Saturday April 29, at New Philly Otterbein. The program will be "*Life of Fanny Crosby and her Music*". Just a thought for a new type of group of UWF, Munches & Movies. Since COVID, my husband and I have been watching DVDs from the library. We had started with A and are at W now. We have seen a lot of different movies that would be good to watch and review. We just finished "The Way", about the adventures of Tom (Martin Sheen) traveling through Spain. He follows the "Way of Saint James", a trail that started in Medieval times to journey to St. James burial site.

Hope you will enjoy the spring that will bring us renewal as we celebrate Easter.

## LIBRARY

The weather is so changeable you don't know what to do or what to wear each day. One thing that you can do is read a book. Our Reading Program and Our UWF Library has many different titles to interest you. The book *Ruth* was interesting until I got about half way through it. I decided to keep going reading a chapter a night. I am so glad I did. Did you know Ruth is portrayed in many paintings in art museums. Ruth's story is celebrated during the Jewish Festival of Shavual (Feast of Weeks) 50 days after Passover. Ruth was an important woman in the Bible and still celebrated today. Tim Keller's book *The Prodigal Prophet* (Jonah), I have not read yet, but others say it is good. Tim compares Jonah to Jesus. A must read to find the answer. Till April-keep reading and let me know what books you liked.



## Spiritual Growth Kathy Hopkins

How's everything with your **SOUL**? It's a new year. What are you doing in your spiritual life that we should know about? Well, I am back again as Spiritual Growth Coordinator for the District, and I love this position. It was the first position I've held on the district.

This year I am trying, and I emphasize trying, to read my Bible and attend Bible study. I have started reading *God Sightings: The One Year Bible*. Each day there is a reading from the Old Testament, Psalms, Proverbs, and the New Testament. Sounds like a lot of reading? It's become a habit that is very comforting to me. By the end of the year, I will have read through the Bible. Now that I have put it in writing, I do not have any excuses. I find it more meaningful than sitting down and trying to read beginning with Genesis and concluding with Revelation.

Another thing that I am trying to do a better job of is attending Bible study. Don't have one in your church? Let me know, and I will give you the schedule of what's happening at Mt. Tabor in East Canton. This month we are studying Handel's Messiah and the words which come from scripture. It is led by laity so no one should feel uncomfortable or that they need to be a Bible nerd.

I guess what I am suggesting is to try something new in you spiritual life. It will fill your **SOUL**!

Something else that will fill your **SOUL** is the Spring District meeting on April 29, 2023 at New Philadelphia Otterbein. It will be so good to see everyone and hear the music of Fanny Crosby. It will lift up your **SOUL**.



## POSITION OPEN

Over the last few years, our lives have changed in many different ways. It was once said, the only thing that we can be sure of is change. For one thing, we have changed this position. We have combined these positions into one. This person will keep the records of members who are participating in the Reading Program and make certificate presentations during the spring meeting. This information will come to you through the year-end reports each unit submits at the end of each year. Along with the rest of board, she will also choose the yearly Love Offering recipient. There are Board meetings held a few weeks before each of our meetings and usually a Christmas get-together. She will also write newsletter articles informing the ladies what is going on in the Reading Program and also news about the Love Offering and Mission U. She will receive emails from our conference people which will help keep the membership informed through the newsletter. Betsy Gorrell has been able to do both of these jobs together for the last several years, and she says it is a very doable job. Please consider joining us on the board.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

*Ask And It Will Be Given To You' Seek And You Will Find; Knock And The Door Will Be Opened To You. For Everyone Who Asks Receives; He Who Seeks Finds; And To Him Who Knocks' The Door Will Be Opened.*

Matthew 7:7



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## Spring District UWF Meeting

April 29, 2023

Otterbein UMC New Philadelphia  
156 Beaver Ave. NE  
New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

9:30-10:00 AM Registration, Hospitality  
 10:00-10:30AM Business Meeting  
 10:30-12:15PM Program  
   "Life of Fanny Crosby & her Music"  
   Speaker, Erin Byrne  
 12:15-1:00PM Lunch

### Tuscarawas District UWF - Meeting Registration Form

*Please have one person register for your Unit. **Registration DEADLINE: Monday, April 24 2022***

**SEND TO:** Patti Deems 2962 Vermont St. NW, North Canton, OH 44720 or via email: [pdeems@neo.rr.com](mailto:pdeems@neo.rr.com)

**Registration Fee:** \$12.00 with lunch; \$2.00 without lunch **Make checks payable to:** Tuscarawas District UWF

CHURCH NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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# Love Offering

## 2023



The Love Offering for 2023 will go to the Heart of Ohio Diaper Bank. The name has changed from the Stark County Diaper Bank because they are now serving five other counties as well as Stark. We will be collecting diapers, size Premie through size 7, girls pull-ups, boys pull-ups, adult incontinence sizes x small to xx Large, period pads, and tampons, and of course, money for this project at our April 29<sup>th</sup> and our October 7<sup>th</sup> meetings. Grab a jar and start filling it with your money or grab your coupons and watch for sales to buy diapers or supplies for this very worthwhile project.

The diaper bank's mission is to offer support to families in time of need by providing access to diapers through a network of community partners. All donated diapers are repackaged into packs of 15 or 25 diapers to distribute to the partners who give them to clients. If any of your units would like to attend a wrap and pack session at the diaper bank warehouse for a service project, contact Betty Kennedy(330477-0305 or [bkennedy47@att.net](mailto:bkennedy47@att.net)) or [heartofohiodiaperbank.com](http://heartofohiodiaperbank.com) for more information. Let's keep our Ohio babies clean, dry, happy, and healthy!



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**DIAPER  
& HUMAN ESSENTIALS  
DRIVE**

TO SUPPORT

 **HEART OF OHIO  
DiaperBANK**  
*Formerly Stark County Diaper Bank*



**April 29th**

**Otterbein UMC**

156 Beaver Ave. NE,  
New Philadelphia

**October 7th**

**Crossroads UMC  
on Harmont**

3412 Harmont Ave. NE, Canton

**COLLECTING:** Diapers: Premie to Size 7 • Pull-Ups • Wipes  
Adult Incontinence X-Small to XX-Large • Period Pads & Tampons

HELPING  
FAMILIES  
with  
DIAPER NEED



SIZES:  
**NEWBORN TO 7,  
PULL-UPS &  
ADULT BRIEFS**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- Diapers cannot be purchased with food stamps or obtained through WIC
- 1 out of every 3 families struggle to afford diapers
- 1 out of 4 children in the areas we serve, under the age of five lives in poverty
- Diapers cost \$75 to \$100 a month to keep a baby clean, dry, and healthy
- Parents need diapers required by child care centers to go to work

 [heartofohiodiaperbank.org](http://heartofohiodiaperbank.org)

heart of ohio diaper bank

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Heart of Ohio Diaper Bank is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

### United Women In Faith District Upcoming Events



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**April 29, 2023**

**District Spring Meeting  
Otterbein United Methodist  
New Philadelphia, Ohio  
Life of Fanny Crosby by Erin Byrne**

**October 7, 2023**

**District Fall Meeting  
Harmont Location, Crossroads UMC  
Heart of Ohio Diaper Bank  
Shannon Hexamer, Speaker**



### EOC UWF Events

**April 9 Easter Sunday**

**April 16 First Sunday after Easter  
Recommended Women's Sunday**

**July 21-22 Mission U  
Friday start at 5:00PM - Saturday end at 5:00PM  
Mount Union University**

For further information or questions, contact:  
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**October 28 Annual Celebration**