



THE UMW APPALACHIAN DISTRICT NEWS

4th Quarter 2018

President:

Grace and Peace Dear fellow sisters,

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, emails, and patience while I have been under the weather this summer. I feel like I am back to my old self thanks to answered prayers.

We had a wonderful Annual Meeting August 25th with great attendance. It would be great to see everyone and more at our Leadership Day at First Elkin November 3rd. Please take note of all of our events for District and Conference and attend as many as possible. These meetings give you so much information on UMW and all the great things we are doing for Women, Children, and Youth around the world. If you have any questions about any event please let us know.

Lorraine

Vice-President:

Hi everyone,

This is Katie Burns, your VP. Many of you try to contact me and I am in classes or at church or volunteering. Feel free to **text** me at 828-446-5962; this is the best way to get in touch with me, or you can send me an **individual** email and I will get back to you as soon as possible! I don't always get the group messages. Thank you!

Much love,
Katie



Secretary:

I have to echo Lorraine's comment of what a wonderful District annual meeting and celebration we had on August 25th. Katie Burns gave an inspiring talk and we celebrated the 2017 successes of our Appalachian District UMW units. We celebrated 18 Mission Today units; 12 units that participated in at least one Mission study; 12 units with at least one new member; 17 Justice Today units (6 - Gold; 6 - Silver; and 5 - Bronze); 27 units giving in all 5 channels of mission giving; and 13 units who had at least one person participating in the reading program (total participants included 25 Plan I readers, 10 Plan II readers, 5 Plan III readers, 5 Plan IV readers, and 3 Child/Youth readers for a total of 47 participating readers). Additionally, our District Units honored 107 people with gifts in memory; our district team and units presented gifts to mission honoring 189 people/groups; and we honored 46 individuals with special mission recognition. We recognized three outgoing district officers (Kimberly Smith - Nominations Chair; Sara Reid - Nominations committee, 2018; and Belinda Johnson - Nominations committee, 2018), elected four nominations committee members for the class of 2020 - welcome and thank you for your willingness to serve to Kimberly Witherspoon, Judy Sipe, Penny Ledbetter, and Terri Williams; and confirmed the four new electees and remaining 2018 District Officers to make up our 2019 slate of Appalachian District Officers. Keep up the good work Appalachian District UMW!

Please note the Mission Today criteria on pages 7 and 8 of this newsletter. This was inadvertently left out of the District Annual Celebration Program Book.

Blessings,
Jan Taylor

Nominations:

Hello United Methodist Sisters,

I'm writing this with mixed emotions. While I'm saddened that I'm finishing my term as the chair of the committee on nominations, I'm also very excited that we have several new faces joining the district team next year. I have personally spoken to all these ladies and I feel certain they are going to contribute enormously to the team. I know you will make them feel welcome and I also ask that you keep them in your prayers as they embark on a new and exciting journey. Even though I'm leaving the district team, please feel free to reach out to me if there's ever anything I can help with.

Peace and Blessings Always,
Kim Smith

Communications/Newsletter:

As we edge toward the close of another year, each unit should start to reflect on their accomplishments for this past year and focus on what they would like to accomplish in the coming year. For those who attended our District Annual Celebration, the first page of our Program Book was titled *Units in Action*, and it showed a picture of a group from Cool Spring UMC, Statesville helping out at the local homeless shelter on Fifth Street, serving lunch. They also raised \$620 for *Nothing but Nets* and collected supplies for *My Sister's House*, local shelter for abused women and children. In addition to our mission giving for global and national UMW missions, our UMW units do so much for our local communities, supporting women, children, and youth - we need to share these stories with our UMW sisters. Please email or send me photos and brief descriptions of what your unit is doing and I will try to publish as many as I can make space for in our newsletters.

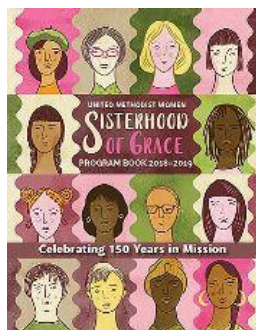
I hope to see everyone at our District Leadership and Membership Development Training on November 3rd at First Elkin UMC. Please note the event flyer on page 9 of this newsletter. Also, please note that due to rescheduling the WNCC UMW Annual Celebration, Ubuntu Day for 2018 has been canceled.

Blessings,
Jan Taylor

Spiritual Growth:

Welcome Fall!!!

Join us as we celebrate the past year and as we anticipate the coming year of service as United Methodist Women. Our 2019 theme is exciting.



Sisterhood of Grace, now that's something to motivate and celebrate. So, Sisters, let's get moving with plans to grow in the Spirit. Start making plans for your 2019 events, think about a retreat, plan a time apart...all of this keeps us focused on our relationship with Christ and our own journey along side of each other. In James 1:2-4, we read, "My ... sisters, think of the various tests you encounter as occasions for joy. After all, you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. Let this endurance complete its work so that you may be fully mature, complete, and lacking in nothing" (CEB). So let us gain strength, do no harm, and love deeply as Sisters of Grace and Peace.

Sherry Summerlin



From your Appalachian District Legacy Fund Energizer

Good news from the National Office regarding the Legacy Fund balance as of June 30, 2018. The giving total is over \$21 million. The planned giving amount is \$3 million. Added together, the amount is now over \$24 million. For our WNCC, the total is almost \$214,000. Hooray!!

Here I am again to write to you about the Legacy Fund. You could say that I am like a weed in your flower garden. Maybe a small one that looks deceptively easy to pluck, but, with 149 years of legacy behind me, I have very long roots that hold fast in the dirt.

God blesses the weeds and the flowers equally with sunshine and rain. God blesses us equally with the breath of life. But sometimes, as we all know, the equality often stops there. Women and children are forced into human trafficking, separated by war, separated by an imaginary boundary, incarcerated unfairly because of the color of their skin, economic status or religious belief. Women die in childbirth for no reason other than lack of basic medical care.

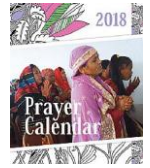
So – who cares? We care – the United Methodist Women. The legacy started almost 150 years ago is now ours to continue. We can be and are that **bold** weed that will not be uprooted from our designated mission to improve the lives of women and children here and around the world. We are the sunshine and rain to the needy. Please give generously and often to the Legacy Fund. Let us put our Faith-Hope-Love into **BOLD** Action.

Beverlee Scott

Treasurer:

As I sit down to write this last Appalachian District Newsletter for 2018, I look out my window and see the hint of turning leaves marking the beginning of the fall season. This is also the beginning of the last quarter of Mission Giving for 2018. Local Unit Treasurers, I urge you to encourage your unit to meet their pledge to Missions for 2018 so the UMW can continue to work on behalf of women, children and youth all around the world.

Mission Giving is just not about money; it is also the giving of your prayers and your time. Use your Prayer Calendar as a guide to pray for the daily listed Mission Focus and pray for the mission personnel on their birthday giving thanks for all that they do for God's Kingdom.



The Love Offering received at the Appalachian District Annual Meeting and mailed in was a Gift to Mission in honor of Deaconess and Home Missioners: Past, Present and Future was \$423.73. Let's celebrate and give thanks for their service.

Mark your calendars to attend the Leadership and Membership Development Training on Nov. 3rd at First Elkin United Methodist Church. A breakout session just for Treasurers will be offered. The information during this breakout session will be for new and returning local unit treasurers. All will receive a folder with forms, brochures, and helpful tips. Everything you need to know about the record keeping for your local unit will be reviewed and we will talk about the Treasurer's role in promoting the UMW missions in our communities and around the world. Returning treasurers, continue "The Power of BOLD" by sharing your insights and helpful tips with new treasurers. So, new treasurers and returning treasurers please come to this training, bring your questions, suggestions, and concerns.

Your work as a local unit treasurer ensures the well being of women, children and youth around the world.

If I can be of help - let me know. If you would like for me to come and talk with your group - I am an invitation away.

Nancy Johnson

Membership – Nurture – Outreach:

Celebrations are in order! 12 of our district units added at least 1 new member in 2017. Our fingers are crossed for 2018! Can we make this number 24??

The sustainability of our units should be one of the most important goals we strive to continue. As we approach our 150th year of mission, we need to fellowship together and celebrate our founders. We should be nurturing our young women, youth and older women. UMW members are busy, involved women! As such, we need to nurture each other by providing time; time to reflect, time to pray, time to enjoy God's wonderful natural spaces. In the upcoming months, reach out to a woman, invite her to join our group, become a listener, hostess, and community builder! I look forward to celebrating with each unit next August!

As always, we want to be an inclusive group organized to be a community of Women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ. If you need help as a unit or would like a visit from your district partner, please call us! We would love to visit!

Denise Harris

Social Action:

Greetings, My Follow UMW!

Midterm elections are on November 6, 2018. It is very important that everyone exercise their right to vote. We, as UMW, must take a stand on what is right and just! We can do this through voting. Please take time to review each candidate and see where they stand on the social justice issues that we work so tirelessly to bring attention to.



Across the country and around the world, climate justice, economic inequality, maternal and child health and mass incarceration challenge the social power and self-determination of women and girls. The need for change is obvious. Through our vote we can change the policies that negatively affect the well-being and status of women and girls across the country and around the globe. (<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/election2018>)

The UMW website has provided a document "2018 Candidate Checklist: A Questionnaire for Candidates Seeking Election" for you to use while following this year's election. Use these sample questions or ask others unique to your community and personal concerns. (<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/election2018>)

"My vote is my voice ... and the voice of all who have struggled, so that I may have my voice." A righteous man knows the rights of the poor; a wicked man does not understand such knowledge. Proverbs 29:7 ESV

Justice, and only justice, you shall follow, that you may live and inherit the land that the Lord your God is giving you. Deuteronomy 16:20 ESV

Upcoming National Awareness Campaigns

October:

- National Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
- National Fair Trade Month
- National Domestic Violence Awareness
- LGBT History Month is an annual designation observed in October

November:

- National Native American Heritage Month

I can provide a great speaker for National Native American Heritage Month. Let me know if you are interested. Here is a little about her:

Fawn Roark has been active in missions to Native American Indian Reservations since around 2002 since traveling to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, located in one of the poorest counties in America. After Fawn read an article about poverty and challenges facing those living on the reservation, she decided she had to go see for herself if it was true. That first trip she took along with her older sister, Beth, was the first of over 20 to different reservations for a variety of outreaches. From feeding the homeless to unloading tractor trailers for Christmas distribution to helping with outreaches on the basketball courts, she says she has fallen in love with the people she has been able to serve and work alongside of. She is passionate about sharing the stories of hope from the trips along with the challenges that many face the Native Americans right here in America that often rival life in a third world country. Her favorite place to travel is Pine Ridge Indian Reservation where the average annual income is less than \$6,000 and life expectancy is 48 for men and 52 for women. She speaks at churches, ladies and youth groups, community organizations, schools and anywhere she can to help others hopefully find their passion in helping others near and far.

December:

- Spiritual Literacy Month
- Universal Human Rights Month

Please feel free to reach out to me if you need a speaker for any of the National Awareness Campaigns, or anything Social Justice related.

Peace and Blessings,
Donna Parks Hill

Mission Education and Interpretation:

Greetings to all my sisters!

There’s a song we sing in our churches, “This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.” As this year is coming to close, my question to us all: Have we all been shining for MISSIONS? I feel maybe I could have done more? All that I accomplished for missions, I felt really blessed!

Going to Mission U: what a great time I had! Meeting new friends and seeing those who I already knew made it such a blessed time. From the meals to going to the sessions and help loading the Mission Response truck! If you have never gone to Mission U please make plans to attend next year you will have a wonderful time....

Thanks to all those units who received Mission Study and Mission Today certificates at our district Annual Meeting-----Great Job!! Next year let’s have more units participating.

Let us not forget all the kits that were collected for missions and the supplies for the Bethlehem Center in Winston-Salem. Thank You so much for your generous giving to Missions!

My dear sisters let us be mission- minded - there is so much (we) all can do...

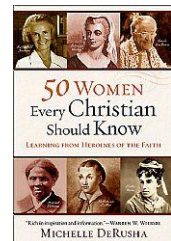
Please, at any time call on me; I’m just a call away.

Peace and love,
Roberta Walker

Program Resources:

It was so good to see everyone at Annual Meeting. I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for the many prayers and cards. This is what gets me through each and every day. As Christian women, we all need inspiration to keep us humble and inspired.

I want to recommend a 2018 Leadership Development book "50 Women Every Christian Should Know" by Michelle DeRusha. Not only will you read about women of faith like Suzanna Wesley, but also historical figures like Harriet Tubman. These women used faith and courage to teach, inspire and lead others to God. Just reading about them can help us to do the same.



The Reading Program on the national level is changing, so be on the outlook for new information. I hope everyone is busy reading. Like I said at the meeting, it is so easy, rewarding and so much fun to complete the yearly reading program. I hope to see the numbers grow for 2019. I can feel fall in the air, so grab a book and enjoy the nice weather. I look forward to seeing you again at the next meeting.

Micki Earp



Mission Today 2018

United Methodist Women

Western North Carolina Conference

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Become a Mission Today Unit!!

The purpose of promoting a Mission Today Unit is to:

Energize United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action. Increase contacts between units and mission personnel and mission projects so the United Methodist Women understand where their money goes. Encourage the use of mission resources through United Methodist Women. Expand concepts of mission, including social justice as mission.

What is a Unit?

A unit is any organized group of United Methodist Women within a church or district. Some units are composed of several circles, which periodically get together for a unit meeting.

How Do We Become a Mission Today Unit?

In order to be recognized as a Mission Today Unit, UMW groups must complete a minimum of twelve of the following criteria, including seven of those marked with an asterisk (*). **#1 of the Criteria is not optional. You must complete this one to become a Mission Today Unit!** Activities conducted between January 1-December 31, 2018, will be recognized at annual meetings in 2019.

This is an ongoing program, so strive to become a Mission Today Unit!

CRITERIA:

- *1. The Unit will make and meet its Pledge to Mission. (Must be completed.)**
- *2. The unit will use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting or circle meeting of the unit to pray for persons in mission and our mission work with women, children and youth. A new Prayer Calendar is printed each year and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center.
- *3. The unit will use at least two programs from the Program Book during the year. A new Program Book is printed every year and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center.
- *4. The unit or circle will conduct or participate in at least one mission study each year. Contact your district or conference Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation to learn what the studies are for each year. (If members of your unit attend the conference Mission u or your District Mission Study and your unit takes an action growing out of the study, Gift to Mission, ministry related to the study, etc., your unit will meet this criteria.)
- *5. The unit will have at least two members subscribing to *response* (1 member subscribing with units less than 15 members; Local unit subscription may count as one.) Order information is printed at bottom of page 2. \$24.00 for a one-year print subscription (includes digital subscription); \$20 for a one-year digital only subscription.
- *6. The unit will implement the Charter for Racial Justice in at least two ways during the year. Possibilities are:
 - a. Have members read and discuss books and articles about other races and cultures;
 - b. Sponsor or attend an interethnic event between two or more units;
 - c. Intentionally recruit women of other ethnic groups to be members and officers of the unit;
 - d. Use the "Resources for Racial Justice: Tools for UMW Leaders" handbook. (Available on our conference website on the "Downloads Available" page, and on the "Mission Today" page.)
 - e. Write to elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, low-income programs, civil rights, etc.
- *7. The unit will become a member of the Western North Carolina UMW Justice Today. See link to info on Justice Today at our conference website, www.wnccumw.org/social-action. Scroll down to "Justice Today 2017."
- *8. The unit will add at least two new members (one member for units with less than 15 members) to its roll.

- *9. The unit will have one program from the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church 2017-2020.
- *10. The unit will contribute to all Five Channels of Mission Giving.
- *11. The UMW Purpose will be recited at each general and/or circle meeting.
- *12. The unit will contribute \$186.90 or more to the Legacy Fund.
- 13. At least one member of the unit will attend Mission u and report back to the unit on classes and events they experienced.
- 14. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will attend the district or conference annual meeting and report back to the unit about the event and what they experienced.
- 15. The unit will have at least one person joining the United Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information at least three (3) times a year. (To join, contact the United Methodist Women Washington Office, 100 Maryland Avenue NE, Room 100, Washington, DC 20002. Phone #: 202-488-5660. Email: csad@unitedmethodistwomen.com (Attach to Mission Today report the action that was taken and to which issue.)
- 16. Members will correspond with five persons listed in the Prayer Calendar at least once a year.
- 17. The unit will co-sponsor, with the local church, a Children's Sabbath. (This is a worship service highlighting the needs of children.) The United Methodist Women National Office and the Council of Bishops support this effort. Children's Sabbath materials are on our website.
- 18. Each unit or circle meeting will include a "*response* Moment" where an item from *response* magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
- 19. The unit will sponsor one teen member (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young woman member (ages 18 to 39) to at least one conference event during the year.
- 20. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will attend a district Prayer Breakfast, district Day Apart, conference Spiritual Growth Retreat, or any other special district or conference event other than Ubuntu Day.
- 21. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will participate in an Ubuntu Day Event.
- 22. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will complete Plan 1 of the Reading Program and give a report to the unit on one of the books read.
- 23. The unit will invite a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings during the year and/or for their United Methodist Women's Sunday. This Qualifies as a Local Unit Visit (LUV).
- 24. The unit will add one new teen (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young woman (ages 18 to 39) circle during the year, or one new teen member (ages 12 to 17) or one new young woman member (ages 18 to 39) during the year.
- 25. 100% of the unit's active members will make a gift of at least \$18.69 to the Legacy Fund
- 26. The unit will accomplish the Conference Financial Goal for 2018: To Increase Membership by 5%.
- 27. Each unit will be responsible for supporting at least one local mission project and participate in one Conference Hands-on Mission Project during the year. The local project should be listed on your Mission Today report.

Be a Mission Today Unit!

Mission Resource Center

Website: www.missionresourcecenter.org

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Appalachian District Leadership and Membership Development



Location: First Elkin United Methodist Church
340 Hawthorne Road
Elkin, NC 28621

When: Saturday, November 3, 2018
Registration: 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Training: 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Theme: *Developing Sacred Spaces*

Hands on Mission: UMCOR School Kits (see new material and kit instructions below)

- **Kit Materials:** One pair blunt scissors (round-tip only; no plastic scissors); one box of 24 crayons (only 24-count boxes are accepted); three one-subject notebooks (no marble composition books; no 3 or 5-subject notebooks); one pack of loose-leaf paper (100-200 page packers are acceptable; wide or college rule accepted); one hand-held pencil sharpener (1-inch or longer; remove from packaging); one ruler (12 inches or 30 centimeters long; sturdy or flexible material accepted); six unsharpened pencils; one eraser (two inches or larger); one two-gallon re-sealable plastic bag
- **Assembly Directions:** stack all paper items on top of each other: Place all loose items on top of paper. (Small loose items may be placed in a smaller re-sealable bag.); Place kit inside of re-sealable bag and seal.

NOTE: Cloth tote bags are no longer being accepted; all items must be new; please do not include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits; Contents or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols; please include a check or cash for \$1 per kit to cover shipping costs in a separate envelope. Go to www.umcor.org for additional information.

Directions:

From Boone and West

Take US 421 South to exit 265A (approx. 52mi) and take ramp right for I-77N toward Elkin; take exit 83 (left ramp) to US-21 bypass toward Roaring Gap/Sparta; take exit ramp for NC-268 bypass toward Elkin and take a left onto 268. In .9 miles, turn left on US-21BR (Bridge Street); in 1 mile, turn left onto Hawthorne Rd; in approx .5 miles, arrive at First UMC Elkin.

From Sparta and North

Take US-21 toward NC-18 (approx. 25 miles); keep straight onto US-21S bypass/US 21 and keep right onto Bridge Street; in approx 2.5 miles, turn left onto Hawthorn Rd; in .5 miles, arrive at First UMC Elkin.

From Statesville and South

Take I-77N toward Elkin; take exit 83 (left ramp) to US-21 bypass toward Roaring Gap/Sparta; take exit ramp for NC-268 bypass toward Elkin and take a left onto 268. In .9 miles, turn left on US-21BR (Bridge Street); in 1 mile, turn left onto Hawthorne Rd; in approx .5 miles, arrive at First UMC Elkin.

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2018 WNCC UMW Annual Celebration

NEW DATES - October 12-14, 2018

Lake Junaluska

Theme: The Power of Bold

Special Guest Speaker: Estella Wallace,
United Methodist Women Board of Directors

Mission Speaker: Rev. Beth Crissman, Blue Ridge District Superintendent

Music Leaders: Ginger Haselden (song leader) Glenda Fuhrmann (pianist)

Other highlights:

- Workshops
- Hosting Missionaries for Lunch
- Late Night Entertainment
- Fellowship with UMW Sisters
- Walks along the Lake and Gardens!

Hostess District: Appalachian

Online Registration is OPEN AGAIN, now through October 7th

- On-site registration at the retreat - \$25.00 per person
- **Get a DISCOUNT! Register early and ONLINE!** Online advance registration, through October 7th is only \$15.00 per person! Go to the online registration link at www.wnccumw.org
- **Advance registration fees are transferable, but non-refundable.** So, if someone registers for Annual Celebration, and is unable to attend, their registration fee is not refundable, but it is ok for someone else to attend in their place.
- **Register yourself AND others!** Our online registration offers the opportunity for you to register up to 35 guests at the same time that you do your own registration. Help other members of your local unit to register online — especially those who may not use a computer!

Hands On Mission - Annual Celebration 2018:

- **Christmas Boxes for Project AGAPE**
- **Gift to Mission Cards** - A Gift to Mission card honors someone in her or his name with an undesignated Gift to Mission of at least \$5.00. Gift to Mission is one of the five channels of Mission Giving. Mission Giving supports the total program of mission carried out by United Methodist Women. With your gift, you honor someone, and you make a difference in the lives of women, children, and youth...around the world. Gift to Mission cards will be available in the Program Resources room during Annual Meeting. Celebrate someone special, brighten someone's day, say thank you...send a Gift to Mission card!

Other Information

- **Registration will open at 2:00pm**, downstairs in the auditorium of Harrell Center.
- **Check in time at the Lake hotels is 4:00pm.** You are encouraged to register before going to your accommodations, especially if you are arriving before 4:00PM.
- Watch for information about Program Resources hours.
- **Singing will begin 15 minutes before each session**, led by our music team.
- **Again in 2018:** Lunch on Sunday will NOT be included in the meal plan (based on evaluation suggestions)
- Dress comfortably, wear good walking shoes. Bring a warm sweater and rain gear, just in case the weather is cool or rainy.
- Emergency Telephone Number: The Assembly's switchboard number is 828-452-2881. Please leave this number with your family in case of an emergency.

Lake Junaluska is a beautiful place where you can spend some quiet time in reflection, study, and prayer with your United Methodist Women sisters.





Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women 2018 Programs

2018 Annual Celebration

NEW DATES - October 12-14,
2018

Lake Junaluska

Theme: The Power of Bold

Special Guest Speaker: Stell
Wallace

Register early and ONLINE!

Online advance registration, through
October 7th is only \$15.00 per
person! Use the online registration



The Power of Bold Leadership:

Leadership Development Training
for District Officers

NEW DATE – October 20, 2018

First United Methodist Church,
Morganton

Program Resources: 8:00 to 9:00
a.m.

Training: 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Appalachian District

United Methodist Women

2018 Programs

Leadership and Membership Development Training:

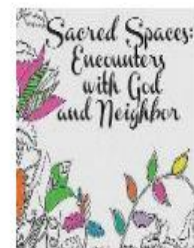
First Elkin United Methodist Church

Saturday, November 3, 2018

Theme: *Developing Sacred Spaces*

Registration: 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Training: 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon





Happy 150th Anniversary! Let's Celebrate!

by Sandy Wilder

In just a matter of months, we will celebrate together our 150th year as women organized for mission. In the midst of this busy fall season of conference, district, and unit events and leadership meetings, we don't want to lose sight of the biggest celebration of all!

We're fast approaching our anniversary year of 2019. How will you celebrate? With whom will you share the story of United Methodist Women in these upcoming months? If you don't already have your celebrations planned, let us offer a few 150th suggestions for you:

- March 23, 2019, our actual 150th anniversary date, is a Saturday, so consider organizing a celebration of United Methodist Women that lasts for that entire weekend (March 22-24). Activities might include, on Friday: a service day, a unit program. On Saturday: a 150th birthday party or special event, a women's slumber party, a retreat, a service day, participation in the Day of Giving (March 23). On Sunday: a worship service planned and conducted by United Methodist Women, a festive luncheon, a prayer service.
- Plan a Fun-Raiser and announce the amount raised at a 150th birthday party over the March 23 weekend. What is a "Fun-Raiser"? It is an activity your unit, circle, or conference creates to raise money for the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign. Details about how to Fun-Raise for the Legacy Fund can be found at the Legacy Fund website: unitedmethodistwomen.org/150.
- Remind your members that because every woman needs to have a valid will, everyone can easily plan for a gift of any size to United Methodist Women in her will. Could we get 150 bequest commitments from each conference in our anniversary year?

- Promote the legacy of your United Methodist Women community and global work by sending a story to your local newspaper or pitching a news story to your local news station.
- Challenge all your members to “stretch” during the anniversary year by giving an amount every month during 2019 to the Legacy Fund. For instance, if only 179,000 of us gave only \$18.69 twelve times—once per month—in 2019, we would exceed our entire campaign goal! Could you suggest that each member give \$20 per month, or more?
- Honor your leaders by presenting them with the special 150th Mission Recognition pin or the 150th necklace.
- Continue your 150th celebrations in 2019 at Mission u, Annual Conference, conference and district Annual Meetings, and all conference, district, and local events next year.

Where do you find the resources you need for your regular Legacy Fund displays and for your anniversary celebrations? First, contact your conference Legacy Fund Liaison. She can help provide commitment (pledge) envelopes, blank “150” note cards, a one-pager describing the Legacy Fund, a promotional flyer for the special 150th anniversary pin and necklace, and copies of the new “fun-raiser,” planned giving, and Legacy Fund brochures. If you don’t know who your conference Legacy Fund Liaison is, ask the Legacy Fund team by e-mailing: legacy150@unitedmethodistwomen.org. And finally, you’ll find further information and resources such as the Legacy Fund toolkit on the Legacy Fund website: unitedmethodistwomen.org/150.

You may already have your 150th birthday celebrations planned and, if so, please share your ideas and photos with Anissa New-Walker, awalker@unitedmethodistwomen.org, at the National Office so we can in turn share your creativity with other members.

“God will make our love fruitful, whether we see that fruitfulness or not.” (*Bread for the Journey* by Henri Nouwen). What a privilege we have: to be faith, hope and love in action at this time in the history—and the future—of United Methodist Women.

Together, we are building our legacy!

