

“Dear woman, why are you crying?” Jesus asked her. “Who are you looking for?” She thought he was the gardener. “Sir,” she said, “if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him.” “Mary!” Jesus said. She turned to him and cried out, “Rabboni!” (which is Hebrew for “Teacher”).
John 20:15-16 (NLT)

In this world of billions of people, being known by name is an amazing honor. We aspire to be known, to be remembered, to be set apart. In this beautiful telling of the story of Mary’s discovery of the empty tomb, Mary does not recognize Jesus until he calls her by name. Mary had to recognize the voice of Jesus before she could accept the appearance of Jesus. As people of Christ, we too are called my name. As people of Christ, we are known and should strive to know others as Jesus knows them.
 Diana Revelle, Editor

THE PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall 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.

CIRCLE NEWS

BREAKFAST GROUP **Phillis Miller**
Breakfast Circle Celebrates New Year 2018!
 Not that we like to “toot our own horn” but we did at our January meeting. Members enjoyed a breakfast brunch together as we welcomed in the New Year – 2018. And as you can see in the picture, we each had “our own horn to blow.” Rather a “noisy” meeting but full of fun and congeniality.



- DATES TO REMEMBER**
- April 4, 2018 ----- Executive Committee Meeting, 8:45 a.m.
 - April 13-14, 2018 ----- Conference Weekend Mission u,
-----Farmington UMC
 - April 21, 2018 -----District UMW Meeting,
-----Gravois Mills UMC, 9:00-2:00
 - April 27-29, 2018 -----Geranium Sales
 - May 2, 2018 ----- Executive Committee Meeting, 8:45 a.m.
 - May 17-20, 2018 -----UMW Assembly, Columbus, OH
 - June 6, 2018 ----- Executive Committee Meeting, 8:45 a.m.
 - June 6, 2018 -----Unit Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Parlor
 - June 8-10, 2018 ----- UMC Annual Conference, Springfield, MO
 - June 22, 2018 ----- Newsletter Deadline
 - July 26-29 ----- Conference Mission u, Fayette

Geraniums for UMW Missions – Mark Your Calendars!
 Geraniums will be available April 27-29. On Friday the 27th and Saturday the 28th, they will be available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the **Connector**. Any flowers remaining can be obtained on Sunday, April 29th in the **Church Parlor** from 9 a.m. until all are gone.

GIBSON CIRCLE

Evette Nissen

Gibson circle met for breakfast and then addressed Easter cards for church members that are no longer able to attend church.



SEARCY-FEELY CIRCLE

Diana Revelle

Searcy-Feely has had two excellent programs so far this year. In January, Pastor Fred Leist gave a program centering on spiritual practices. He shared his personal understanding and reading suggestions. In March, Sidney Owens, Coordinator for the Festival of sharing, helped us understand the new structure of the Festival and how we can continue to be involved. Our February meeting was cancelled due to weather, but we were able to work at the Wardrobe on February 28.

Reverend Fred Leist shares his understanding of spiritual practices.



Searcy-Feely at the Wardrobe
2/28/18

Back: Sue McKee, Betty Dillard,
Diana Revelle, Judy Heffernan,
Front: Janice Gaston, Diana
Mooney, Carole Babel

UMW BOOK CLUB

In 2017, the UMW Book Club voted to hold meetings at the Lenoir Community Center. Participants appreciated the comfortable meeting space, ease of parking, and greater accessibility for Lenoir residents. The UMW Book Club began 2018 in conjunction with the Lenoir Book Club with a wonderful meeting on Wednesday January 10. Meeting in the theater in the Lenoir Community Center with standing room only, participants received a presentation from author, Alex

George who spoke about his book, *Setting Free the Kites*. Following the presentation, Mr. George stayed for conversation and autographs.

The next meeting of the UMW Book Club will be on May 9. The May meeting is reserved for discussion of books found on the UMW Reading Program lists. Each participant will give a very brief synopsis of a book chosen from the list. This is a wonderful way for participants to be introduced to a number of books in the UMW Reading Program.



UNIT NEWS

THE UMW READING PROGRAM

The UMW Reading Program is an international program which encourages UMW members to stay connected with important issues and inspirational people. Each year, a committee chooses books for recommendation in five areas: Education for Mission; Leadership Development; Nurturing for Community; Social Action; Spiritual Growth. Reading program certificates are presented for those completing reading in each area, but everyone is encouraged to read. For those interested in participating in the program, books can be read from lists from the past six years, so this year you can read from 2013-2018. A selection of these books can be found and checked out from the UMW book cart in the resource closet in the parlor.

For more information regarding the program contact our unit officers who work with the program: Betty Dillard, Secretary of Program Resources and Rene' Rau, Reading Program Coordinator. Book lists for this year and from previous years can be downloaded from the UMW website at the following web address:
<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram>

UMW HOSTS CWU

MUMC UMW hosted Church Women United on Sunday January 14 at 2:00 in the afternoon. Twenty women were in attendance, including 11 from our unit. Following a greeting

by Unit Vice President, June DeWeese and Reverend Fred Leist, the program was given which was highlighted by the installation of officers for 2018. The CWU motto is, "Agreed to differ, resolved to love, united to serve."



MUMC UMW HOSTS CWU Officers L-R

Treasurer, Carole Babel; Vice President, June DeWeese; President, Georgia Nolph



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THE WARDROBE

The Wardrobe had a successful changeover on March 20 and 21. Circle Wardrobe assignments for 2nd quarter are as follows: April 25 - Searcy-Feely; May 23 – Gibson; June 27 – Breakfast Group



CONFERENCE NEWS

UMW WALK FOR MISSION

Diana Revelle

The 12th annual UMW Walk for Mission will be held at Annual Conference in Springfield on June 10th. This is one of the events that is greatly enjoyed each year to raise money for UMW mission projects. The Bishop, clergy, and laity join in to walk to a nearby church where a continental breakfast is served to the walkers. Walkers donate \$20.00 and receive a walk shirt. Units can send their donations or pay the donation at the UMW table at Annual Conference. This will be the first year in "forever" that I will not be attending Annual Conference and will not be participating in the mission walk. If anyone is planning to attend Annual Conference, I encourage you to participate and keep the tradition of a MUMC UMW walker going.

UNITED METHODISTS IN SERVICE

Container Project

Cleo Kottwitz

The Container Project is a ministry of United Methodist volunteers in Columbia. They receive, process and ship mission resources to Nicaragua for Rainbow Network ministries of healthcare/nutrition, education, economic development and housing in 164 remote villages. Resources needed include: clothing and shoes (especially for children), school and medical supplies, tools, toys, sewing machines and fabric. There is a current request for 100 wheelchairs, 50 regular canes, and 12 walkers. Winter clothing and sizes larger than "large" are unacceptable; also, no shoes with high heels or sizes larger than 11; and no electronic or large stuffed toys. Please deliver to Mobility Worldwide (PET) warehouse, 1908 Heriford Rd., Columbia; call ahead to 573-886-7877. For more information: Cleo Kottwitz, 573-446-0799; cdk13@socket.net.

Service Opportunity

PATCH — **Parents and their Children** — is looking for volunteer drivers to take children enrolled in the PATCH program to visit their mothers at Chillicothe Correctional Center. PATCH welcomes drivers from all across Missouri, with a critical need for drivers in St. Louis and St. Joseph. PATCH has a longtime connection with United Methodist Women in Missouri. To

learn more about PATCH, hear from current volunteers about what the program means to them and to read their success stories, visit their website at

<http://www.chillicothepatch.org/volunteer/>

UMW LEGACY STORIES

150 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

In 2019, the organization of Methodist Women that is now called UMW will be 150 years old. The first organization was formed in 1869. The National Organization continues to honor a woman each month from our history.

JANUARY LEGACY STORY

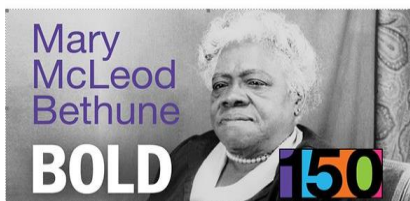
Our legacy includes 19th-century racial justice and women's rights advocate, Belle Harris Bennett. She opened a school for mission and was the first woman to address General Conference. (from United Methodist e-News, January 2018)



FEBRUARY LEGACY STORY

Calling herself "a Methodist woman in mission," this accomplished public servant started schools, fought segregation, founded the National Council of Negro Women and more to advance education and equality.

(from United Methodist e-News, February 2018)



UMW WEBSITES

SOCIAL ACTION

Mai Gray Charter for Racial Justice

www.moumethodist.org/unitedmethodistwomen

UMW Action Alert websites

<http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/act/network/>

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<https://www.moumethodist.org/unitedmethodistwomen>

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www.umw.scj.org

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www.unitedmethodistwomen.org

UMW Reading Program

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram