



After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," Peter replied, "you know I love you."
"Then feed my lambs," Jesus told him.

Jesus repeated the question: "Simon son of John, do you love me?" "Yes, Lord," Peter said, "you know I love you."
"Then take care of my sheep,"

Jesus said. A third time he asked him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep." **John 21:15-17 (NLT)**

We often feel that the messages we read in scripture are complicated and difficult to understand let alone follow. However, this famous directive that Jesus gave to Peter as recorded in the Gospel of John is quite simple. The way to show love for Jesus is simply to show that love to others – to care for others and provide for their needs. We can study and ponder and question, but the bottom line is this: feed my lambs; take care of my sheep; feed my sheep. The simplicity of the Gospel is love. 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 3, 2019 _____ Executive Committee Meeting, 8:45 a.m.
 April 21, 2019 _____ Easter
 April 24, 2019 _____ All UMW Wardrobe
 April 27, 2019 _____ District UMW Meeting,
 New Horizons UMC, Columbia, MO: 9:30-2:00
 May 1, 2019 _____ Executive Committee Meeting, 8:45 a.m.
 May 2-5, 2019 _____ Geranium Sales
 May 6-10 _____ District Mission Trip
 June 5, 2019 _____ Executive Committee Meeting, 8:45 a.m.
 June 5, 2019 _____ Unit Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Parlor
 June 21, 2019 _____ Newsletter Deadline
 July 25-28 _____ Conference Mission u, Fayette

FROM THE PRESIDENT

At our latest Executive Committee meeting, it was wonderful to hear Circle Chairs reporting on the number of new members who have joined our circles in 2019. In 2018, we ended the year with 164 members. If each of our current members invites one friend or one new MUMC member (who will soon become a friend) to join their circle, we will be stronger with our mission purpose and goals.

I was looking through the yearbook this week and noted all of the outstanding programs that are planned for this year. Our meetings are educational opportunities as well as sharing news and caring fellowship.

I would like to thank everyone who came to our gathering with Rev. Leist following our March Executive Committee meeting. As our denomination struggles with difficult issues, it is important to talk about those issues and ask questions.
June DeWeese

CIRCLE and UNIT NEWS

BREAKFAST GROUP

Phillis Miller

Breakfast Circle will hold the annual Geraniums sale May 2-5:

Thursday, May 2nd – Noon to 5:00
 Friday, May 3rd – 9:00-5:00
 Saturday, May 4th – 9:00-3:00
 Sunday May 5th – 9:00 until they are gone

The Sunday sales will be dependent upon a surplus amount after the weekend sale is completed.



GIBSON CIRCLE

Liz Bailey

Gibson Circle has two main projects and in 2018 we also contributed to the Buddy Pack program at the Food Bank (\$55.00)

We had traditionally given money directly to Coyote Hill Christian Children’s Home in August to help to buy school supplies. The amount in 2018 was: \$378.

Last year Gibson Circle began supporting a school scholarship of a young lady in Nicaragua through the Rainbow Network, Springfield, Missouri. We have received two letters from her, and this has been a very interesting and rewarding project. The amount for Scholarship was \$360 for a year and we also sent her a \$20 gift for her 14th Birthday.



SEARCY-FEELY CIRCLE

Diana Revelle

Searcy-Feely has had two meetings so far this year; the January meeting was cancelled due to the weather. In February, Diana Revelle gave a program on the History and Finances of UMW. Also in February, we worked at the Wardrobe. In March, Nanette Ward presented a program on Human Trafficking. Our meeting on April 17th will be presented by Linda Leist on the Children’s Ministry at MUMC.

MUMC QUILTERS



UMW BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the UMW Book Club will be on Wednesday, May 8 at 10:00 in the Fireside Room at Lenoir. We will be sharing books from the UMW Reading Program. Books for the Reading Program can be chosen from lists for the past five years. The book cart that is housed in the curriculum closet in the parlor contains books that have been purchased from the UMW reading lists and can be checked out and read. All are welcome to attend.

For a full list of books for this year and previous years, visit: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram>

PRAYER MINISTRY

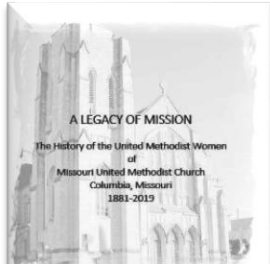
The program emphasizing the importance of prayer program that was begun by Julia Goodell known as, A Tapestry of Blessing, continues among UMW members and within the congregation. Esther Circle has completed a banner that gives a visual image of the thoughts behind the prayer emphasis. On Sunday May 12, the banner will be unveiled and presented to the church. UMW members are encouraged to attend and stand to be recognized.



A prayer experience has been planned for Saturday, April 20 from 11:00-3:00 in the MPR. This experiential prayer vigil will offer a labyrinth, devotional materials, candle lighting, and an art station. All are welcome to participate.

THE HISTORY OF MUMC UMW

2019 marks several important anniversaries in the Church known as Methodist. The Church celebrates 200 years of organized mission outreach. The women in the denomination celebrate 150 years of organized mission. The women of MUMC have completed 137 years of organization and have begun year 138. A history of the UMW unit at MUMC has been completed and is in the process of being printed. Copies are scheduled for delivery next week and will be sold for \$10.00.



THE WARDROBE

Wednesday, April 24 is an open work day at the Wardrobe. If you can assist, please contact Evette Nissen. Schedule times are 11:00-1:30 and 1:30-4:00.

FESTIVAL OF SHARING KITS

The collection of items for the Festival of Sharing is being done differently this year. Sophia Circle is overseeing collection for two of the kits and encouraging circles to adopt a kit to support. Some kits contain items that are easily collected, and some are better served through a monetary collection. One great need currently is for Flood Buckets to assist in the cleanup effort following the flooding across the country.

UMW SUNDAY

UMW Executive Committee has affirmed the date of October 13 for UMW Sunday. The unit will be providing altar flowers on that Sunday.

DISTRICT NEWS

DISTRICT MEETING

The Mid-State District UMW will meet on Saturday April 27 at New Horizons UMC in Columbia. Caryl Bryan will be presenting the program on Turning Point. Ingathering of items for Turning Point will be collected.

Suggested items:

New socks – low-cut socks, footies, tube socks
Underwear-all sizes, practical, easy care, nothing fancy
Rain ponchos
Feminine hygiene products
Women's underwear – easy care, nothing fancy
Plastic hairbrushes; Head bands, "Scrunchies," and barrettes.

DISTRICT TREASURER NEEDED

Mid-State District has an immediate opening for the position of treasurer. Our current treasurer has had to step down due to the illness of her husband. If you would be willing to accept this position, please contact Diana Revelle, member of the Mid-State District nominating committee. 573-489-2228; drevelle@centurytel.net

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

Members often wonder where the money goes that is given as a pledge to mission and collected from other sources of revenue. All monies follow a connected path:

- Individuals pledge to mission within the unit and contribute to additional mission giving
- Local Units pledge to District UMW and support additional mission giving
- Districts pledge to Conference mission and support additional mission giving
- Conferences pledge to Jurisdictional mission and support additional giving
- Jurisdictions send collected monies to the National Office
- National/International Treasury disperses pledges and contributions

UMW has five channels of giving that are the main sources of revenue:

1. Pledge to Mission
2. World Thank Offering
3. Special Mission Recognition Pins and Certificates
4. Gift to Mission
5. Gift in Memory

Additional sources of revenue include the Candle Burning, Cards, and Ribbon Corsages. The Least Coin offering is related to Church Women United, not UMW.

The money is disbursed through the national office to approved agencies and ministries across the country and around the globe:

- About 70% of Mission Giving funds go to programs and projects supporting women, children and youth.
- Around 20-30% stay in the local, district, and conference organizations of United Methodist Women for local mission.
- Only 9 percent covers administrative costs.

The recognized and supported missions/agencies in Missouri:

- Della Lamb Community Services, Kansas City, MO
- Epworth Children and Family Services, St. Louis, MO
- InterServ, St. Joseph, MO
- Spofford, Kansas City, MO
- Susanna Wesley Learning Center, East Prairie, MO

In addition to these National Missions, Mid-State District gives to Kingdom House in St. Louis, Missouri.

In the newsletters to follow, articles will be written about each of these supported missions.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

January was a challenging month in Columbia weather-wise; and unfortunately, the CWU meeting that was scheduled to be held at MUMC was cancelled. If you are interested in joining, please contact Rene' Rau. Church Women United publishes an informative newsletter six times each year that can be received by email or postal mail.

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