

# MUMC UMW

1st Quarter Newsletter - March 2021



## 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.

## 2021 UMW Yearbooks

2021 UMW Yearbooks are still available. Unfortunately, they cannot be picked up at church because of limited access to the building. We hope to be able to arrange church pick-up in the near future. Please call, text, or email **Pam Thomeczek**, 660-631-2231 or [mrstee@socket.net](mailto:mrstee@socket.net), to arrange for pickup. We are asking for a \$3.00 donation per book to help offset printing cost.



## Letter from the President June DeWeese

2021 has arrived and the possibility of meeting and sharing with each other in person is something to look forward to in the upcoming weeks. The first opportunity is the Mid-State District UMW meeting which will be held in 101-103 CLC at MUMC from 10 a.m. to noon (gathering beginning at 9:30) on **Saturday, April 24**. It will be a hybrid meeting of both in-person and ZOOM participants. We are the hosts. There will be no food or drink, although there may be bottled water provided by the president. I hope we can have a great attendance.

I hope that circles and groups can start meeting in person soon as well. I am thankful that we have had the opportunity to meet by ZOOM throughout 2020 and that we still have that opportunity if circles and groups choose to meet that way.

The UMW Executive Committee has met regularly by ZOOM and business has been conducted throughout 2020. I had the opportunity to meet with Rev. Troy Bowers and Rev. Jewell McGhee in the recent Lead Team gathering. At their request, I sent a several page document outlining what both UMW and Caring Ministries do and what we have been doing over the past several months.

If you want to contact me for any reason, please call or send me an email. I always love to chat with my UMW sisters.

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### Financial Gift UPDATE:

**The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter newsletter from 2020 reported that the unit was able to give \$250.00 to each of the four agencies in Columbia. Because of generous donations near the close of the year, that donation was actually \$500.00 to each of the four agencies.**

## Searcy-Feely

The Searcy-Feely Program in **January** was presented by **Max Marble**:



### The Impact of Global Warming Locally and Globally

Columbia's Climate Action Plan passed unanimously, June 18, 2019

Set goal of:

- Reducing carbon emissions by 35% by 2035
- 80% by 2050 on the way to zero carbon emissions
- To reach the 2050 goal, the city needs to reduce carbon emissions by 2.3 million metric tons of carbon dioxide. If the city hits its target, it could save \$158 million in societal costs from climate change.

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**MOST POPULAR**

- 1 Stay Tuned column: "Methodists" in a magical seasonal adventure Dec 14 at 11:44 AM
- 2 Transition Talks column: By Christmas, 100% of Christmas Cards in the best Dec 7 at 10:56 AM
- 3 Movie review: HBO's Best Cakes documentary shows how the group's music has managed to stay alive Dec 7 at 12:30 PM

**NEW PHOTO** **HIDE CAPTION**  
 Cynthia Anderson, from the Streets Club, celebrates the passage of the Columbia Climate Action and Adaptation Plan during a Columbia City Council meeting on Monday, 6/18/19. (Photo: Columbia Daily Press)

The **February** Meeting of Searcy-Feely was presented by **Joy Block** on **UMW Missions**.



### United Methodist Women Missions Serve Around the World

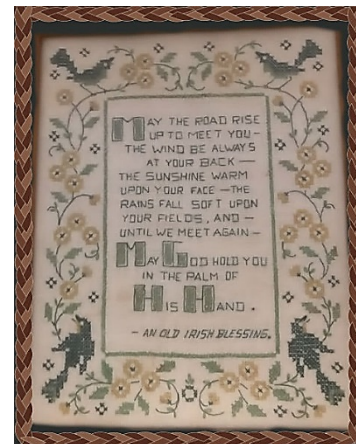
Map of International Mission Institutions



**March** Meeting of **Searcy-Feely** presented by **Marsha Sargent**.

**Searcy-Feely Circle** continues to thrive and make a difference to our members and the purpose of UMW even during the winter of the pandemic. Thanks to **Diana Revelle**, our Zoom phenom, we have continued to meet monthly and enjoy excellent programming and fellowship. **Max Marble** was our speaker in January, member **Joy Block** gave a wonderful program on United Methodist missionaries in February and **Marsha Sargent** gave a program on the Irish Blessing and St. Patrick when we met on St. Patrick's Day. Several members, along with others from UMW, worked at The Wardrobe in February. Our attendance is strong as is our pledging to UMW.

Submitted by **Marsha Sargent**, Circle Chair



**Embroidery of the Irish Blessing Made by Marsha Sargent**

## MU Health Care's Mary Beck Named 2021 Nursing Leadership Fellow

MU Health Care Chief Nursing Officer **Mary Beck** has been named a 2021 American Organization for Nursing Leadership fellow. The honor recognizes “sustained contributions to nursing leadership, commitment to service and influence in shaping health care,” according to a news release from MU Health Care.

A Missouri native, Beck earned a doctorate in nursing practice from Rush University in Chicago.

As chief nursing officer, Beck has played a critical role in the system’s handling of the pandemic and in planning for surges of COVID-19 cases in Columbia.



“Dr. Beck is the embodiment of how nurses play a leadership role in our health care culture,” said Richard Barohn, executive vice chancellor for health affairs at MU.

The nursing leadership organization, established in 1967, is a group of more than 10,000 nursing leaders. It conducts research for advancing health care practices, in addition to providing education, advocacy and resources.

“I am honored to join an esteemed group of fellows,” Beck said, “and I look forward to sharing the skills and best practices I’ve gained from my time at MU Health Care and throughout my career with others in the nursing field and health care.”

Beck and the nine other inductees will be honored at the group’s annual conference in July.

Submitted by **Jan Mees**, Circle Chair



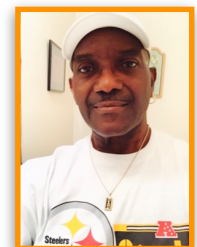
### New 2020 UMW Members!!

- Cynthia Beverley**
- Nicole Black**
- Vicky Hargens**
- Linda Hollingshead**
- Ann Johnstone**
- Linda Keown**
- Becky Moore**
- Gloria Taylor**
- Janet Tegerdine**
- Marge Vance**

## Wesley Circle

**January** - Our Zoom program was with **LOVE Inc.** Co-Founder, **Jane Williams**. She gave a very inspirational update on the new office and warehouse locations and how the not-for-profit has navigated the community needs during the pandemic. **Suzanne McDavid** was the meeting facilitator.

**February** - Our Zoom program was entitled “**Being a Black Man in America**” and was presented by **E. Al Terrill, Sr.** He shared his numerous experiences with law enforcement over the past thirty years to add context and understanding to our study of racial justice. **Vicky Elliott** was the meeting facilitator.



**March** - Our Zoom program, **When God Winks**, was facilitated by **Carole Adams**, whose guest speaker was **Karen Taylor**. The program was entitled: “**How God Speaks to You Through the Power of Coincidence.**”



**Esther Circle** made these quilts and delivered them to **Epworth Center** this past fall, as part of their ongoing Missions' Projects.

Submitted by **Barbara Sanders**, Circle Chair

## MUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you know of someone connected to our church who is grieving, seriously ill or facing surgery? Or who feels isolated and is finding it hard to believe that there are others who care for them? The **MUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry** creates shawls to comfort people, and we can use your help in identifying individuals who should receive a prayer shawl or lap blanket. Every shawl and blanket is created with love and prayers in each stitch. Please contact **Cecile Bentley** ([Cecile.Bentley@gmail.com](mailto:Cecile.Bentley@gmail.com)) if you know of someone you believe is in need of this gift of love.



**Pastor Fred Leist** blesses the completed prayer shawls and blankets. (Photo taken during a pre-Covid blessing.)



Or, if you knit or crochet, we hope you will consider joining this ministry. Patterns, yarn and needles/crochet hooks are available to use. You are also encouraged to join us every Tuesday at 1:30 pm in the Parlor for knitting, crocheting, instruction for beginners, and socializing with other needle-crafters. **Contact Cecile Bentley for more information.**

MUMC Book Club

MUMC Book Club was formerly known as the UMW Book Club. Participants adopted the name change to be more inviting to prospective participants who were not yet involved in United Methodist Women. We meet every other month on the second Wednesday: January, March, May, July, September, and November at 10:00 a.m. We are currently meeting via Zoom.

In January, we had a wonderful discussion of *The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz* by Erik Larson and led by Ann Korschgen. Our second meeting of 2021 was on March 10. Carolyn Steinhaus led discussion of the book *Becoming Mrs. Lewis* by Patti Callahan. The next meeting will be Wednesday May 12. For this meeting, participants will each choose a book from the

UMW Reading Program list. A short summary will be offered of each book chosen as a way of familiarizing others with the rich assortment of books available in the reading program. If you have any questions or would like to join the discussions, contact Diana Revelle: 573-489-2228; [revellediana@gmail.com](mailto:revellediana@gmail.com)



Information Links to UMW Facts:

Often, an individual or circle will need information about specific subjects beyond the local church. The two links below to specific websites can be very helpful:

To research what institutions, missions, and ministries are funded:

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/what-we-fund>

From this page, you can search for National Institutions, Regional Missions, or International Work.

To find out whom to contact at UMW National office with specific questions:

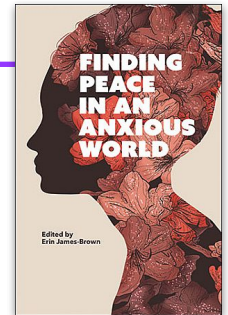
<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/contact>

From this website, you can choose Contacts by Name or Contacts by Topic.

Finding Peace in an Anxious World

MUMC UMW sponsored a book study in early 2021 using the book that had been chosen as the UMW National Spiritual Growth Mission Study for 2020/21, *Finding Peace in an Anxious World*. The book was written by staff members of the Urban Village Church in Chicago, IL and was edited by Erin James-Brown. Using *The Serenity Prayer* as a foundation, the study explored ways to discover peace through scripture and spiritual disciplines. The four-week study emphasized the four elements of the Serenity Prayer - Serenity, Acceptance, Courage, and Wisdom - in tandem with the book of Proverbs and other scriptures.

Two sessions were offered, a morning session led by Diana Revelle and an evening session led by Cynthia Beverley. Between the two sessions, 36 people participated in the Zoom meetings and several others who could not do the group sessions did personal studies of the material. An additional group was formed at Lenoir to do the study.



GOD,  
grant me the  
Serenity  
to accept the things  
I cannot CHANGE;  
Courage  
to CHANGE  
the things I can;  
and  
Wisdom  
to know the DIFFERENCE.

### UMW Reading Program 2021

Listed below are the books purchased from the **2021 UMW Reading Program** list, available on the **UMW Book Cart**:

#### Education for Mission:

*Gum Moon: A Novel of San Francisco Chinatown*, by Jeffrey Staley

*My Savior is the Masses: Dancing Along the Path to Justice*, by Joy Prim

#### Leadership Development:

*Anxious to Talk About It: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully About Racism*, by Carolyn B. Helsel

*Speaking Well: Essential Skills for Speakers, Leaders, and Preachers*, by Adam Hamilton

#### Nurturing for Community:

*Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission*, by Ellen Blue

*The Lifesaving Church: Faith Communities and Suicide Prevention*, by Rachael A. Keefe



#### Social Action :

*For Such a Time as This: Hope and Forgiveness After the Charleston Massacre*, by Rev. Sharon Risher with Sherri Wood

*Women Rise Up: Sacred Stories of Resistance for Today's Revolution*, by Katey Zeh

#### Spiritual Growth:

*Adamant: Finding Truth in a Universe of Opinions*, by Lisa Bevere

*One Day I Wrote Back: Interacting with Scripture Through Creative Writing*, by Jane Herring

Books selected for this year were chosen by **Bev Huckaba**. Submitted by **René Rau**, UMW Reading Program Coordinator

### WHY SOCIAL ACTION?

(paraphrased from UMW Social Action web site)

As United Methodist Women of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we are called to be bold in working to dismantle systems of oppression and build together a better world. There doesn't seem to be any need to justify this calling but just in case you are wondering why social action is an important component of UMW programming and projects, please read on ---

#### Biblical Foundations:

**Genesis 1:31** – teaches that all creation is God's and “very good”

**Genesis 1:27** – God created humankind in God's image – all humankind

**Matthew 22:37-39** – The greatest commandment is to love God; and second to that is to love your neighbor as yourself.

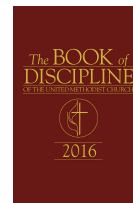
**Luke 4:18-19** – Jesus declares that his ministry is “to bring good news to the poor, release the captives, give recovery of sight to the blind, and to let the oppressed go free.”

#### John Wesley:

“Love of God is always linked with love of neighbor, a passion for justice, and renewal in the life of the world.” (*The Book of Discipline of the UMC*, 2016, #102)

That's enough justification for me, How about you?

#### Caryl Bryan, Social Action Coordinator



### Festival of Sharing 2020 Giving Highlights

Cash Gifts Received:

\$80,321.32

Non-Cash International Gifts

\$51,452.00

Non-Cash Gifts Distributed in Missouri

\$192,957.54

**UMW District Unit Officer Training**

Eleven members from **MUMC UMW** attended the District Unit Meeting on Saturday, January 9, 2021 via Zoom.

**Julia Goodell, Diana Mooney, René Rau,** and **Diana Revelle** all hold District UMW positions.

**District UMW Meeting**

The **Mid-State District** meeting of United Methodist Women will be held on **Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00-noon. The meeting offers the opportunity to meet in person or via Zoom. Gathering will begin at **9:30** in the **CLC** for in-person attendees and the Zoom room will open at **9:30**.

If you plan to attend via Zoom, there is no need for a reservation. A Zoom invitation and link will be sent to all circle chairs to share with members. If you plan to attend the meeting in person, a reservation is needed. Call, text, or email **Diana Revelle** to make a reservation:

573-489-2228; [revellediana@gmail.com](mailto:revellediana@gmail.com).

**This will be the only business meeting for the year. Officers for 2022 will be voted upon and installed.**

**September Unit Meeting**

The Program at the **September 1, 2021** Unit meeting will be a presentation by women of the Islamic Center on the topic “Women and Islam”. This is sure to be an informative and interesting program and it is in keeping with the spirit of the Mai Gray Charter for Racial Justice. Let’s welcome our guests with some light refreshments. They have a few dietary restrictions – no pork or alcohol so forget the mimosa punch! Also no meat or poultry unless it is kosher or halal. I looked up “halal” and it means “prepared in the manner set down by Talmudic Law”. I did not look up “Talmudic Law” so please do not bring chicken or pork 😊.

I cannot be there for the meeting so I am asking for someone to meet our guests and be their hostess for the morning. I would also appreciate someone being responsible for arranging for the refreshments.

Please contact me if you would like to help with one of these responsibilities.

573-999-5675, text preferred but phone ok, [carylndjim@hotmail.com](mailto:carylndjim@hotmail.com).

**Caryl Bryan**

*Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*

**1 Thessalonians 5:11**



**Dates to Remember:**

April 24	UMW District Meeting	MUMC
June 11-13	UMC Annual Conference	Springfield
June 25	Newsletter Article Deadline	
July 16-17	Mission U	Sedalia - Celebration Center
August 6-7	Mission Team & Program Committee	To be determined
September 24-25	Missouri Conference UMW Annual Meeting	Byers Ave. UMC - Joplin

**Date to be announced:** Plans are currently being made to celebrate Fred and Linda’s retirement. Lead Team will announce the date and details as soon as they are finalized.