

MUMC UMW

2nd Quarter 2021 Newsletter



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.

Hebrews 10:24

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.



Letter from the President June DeWeese

As we are saying goodbye to **Rev. Fred Leist**, who has supported and been active in United Methodist Women for the past four years, we will remember his faithful attendance and reports at all of our Executive Committee meetings. We will welcome Rev. Troy Bowers to our meetings beginning in August.

I am happy to hear reports from UMW circles and individual members about all of the things that UMW has continued to do throughout this pandemic season. Some circles are starting to meet in person again and rejoice in being together.

We have said goodbye to several of our sisters who have passed away this year. Memories of time spent with them make us smile through our tears.

As we move forward, may we all reach out to women who are not yet UMW members and invite them to join us in the work of United Methodist women both locally and across the world.

Please keep in touch with me and with each other!

June DeWeese, President of UMW

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Dates to Remember:

July 16-17	Mission U	Sedalia-CelebrationCenter
August 4	Executive Committee, 8:45 am	CLC 107/109
September 1	Executive Committee, 8:45 am	CLC 107/109
	Fall Unit Meeting , 10:30 am	TBA
September 24-25	Missouri Conference UMW Annual Meeting	Byers Ave. UMC - Joplin
September 24	Newsletter Article Deadline	

Searcy-Feely

Searcy-Feely Circle enjoyed an excellent and informative second quarter of 2021. We met via Zoom and our attendance was excellent. Our April meeting had **Tim Coday** as a guest speaker and he gave a most interesting program on the music of Charles Wesley.



Tim Coday



Charles Wesley

Our **May meeting** again had a guest speaker, **Sandy Matsuda**. She gave a demonstration of Tai Chi. Circle members learned the history and benefits of Tai Chi and were also able to follow the guest instructor as she led us through some exercises.



We have found that **Zoom** has afforded us the flexibility to have many excellent guest speakers, including our own members, give interesting and motivational programs. We will not meet again until September for Circle, when we hope to meet in person at church. We plan to keep the flexibility of **Zoom** for the future, having learned that it affords us the luxury of fabulous programs as well as never having to cancel a Circle meeting due to weather or other unforeseen issues.



Marsha Sergent
Chair, Searcy-Feely Circle

Esther Circle

Esther Circle welcomes the following donations for their projects:

- Fabric yardage**
- Upholstery yardage**
- Terry towels**
- Used sheets**
- Universal sewing machine needles**
- White and light color thread**
- Rotary cutter blades (45mm)**
- Sharp scissors-preferably spring loaded**
- Serger machine**
- Embroidery machine**



"We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give."

-Sir Winston Churchill

Quoted by Chris M. Hopkins,
Conference Secretary

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Wesley Circle

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

The **MUMC choir** would like to thank several ladies of **Wesley Circle** and **Diana Revelle** for laundering our choir robes. It had been a while since they were last done and they were greatly in need of this. We appreciate having all our robes clean and ready to go.

Members of Wesley Circle who assisted with laundering the robes are:

Debbie Schulte, Pam Thomeczek, Vicky Elliott, Cecile Bentley, Debbie Connett, Pat Martin, Jacky Gingrich, and Kathy Lawson.



Debbie Connett and **Diana Revelle** are pictured with the newly laundered robes.

April Meeting (in person, masked)

Diana Revelle lead the Wesley Circle members in an illuminating activity utilizing **The Wheel Questionnaire** and **The Wheel Graphic** for the program:

Finding Your Spiritual Type:

How understanding your connection to God can help you understand and connect with others.

Facilitator: **Kathy Lawson**



Diana Revelle



Tamara Maddox

May Meeting at Stephens Lake Park



Facilitator: **Pat Martin**
Program: **Mindful Eating**

Pat shared useful heart-healthy tips and information from the Pritikin Longevity Center.



June Meeting at MU Healthcare Pavilion

Facilitator: **Jan Harrison**
Program: **Walking Tour of Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture**
Tour Guide: **Tamara Maddox**

If 10% of the 80,000 **UMW** members used a reusable water bottle for 365 days rather than buying a bottle each day, enough energy would be saved to power an average household for 552 years. (information from **National UMW**).

Climate Justice for All is one of UMW's areas of emphasis this quadrennium. It's a bit overwhelming to think that we can make any difference in dealing with this problem. However, UMW has created "**13 Steps to Sustainability**" which includes some very simple, practical suggestions that we might consider in our unit and in our homes.



1. Reduce Carbon Footprint - Minimize travel to meetings by carpooling, using public transport or church buses.

2. Just Economic Opportunities - Deal with vendors, businesses, etc. whom you know to be using no child or slave labor and no human trafficking and who treat their employees fairly.

3. Paper Usage - When preparing printed handouts, print on both sides of paper made with post-consumer recycled content.

4. Toxin Reduction - Reuse name tags; Encourage people to bring their own; Avoid using plastic holders or pouches.

5. Waste Reduction - Recycle plastic, paper, glass, metal

6. Water Usage - No bottled water; Use pitchers and glasses; BYO water.



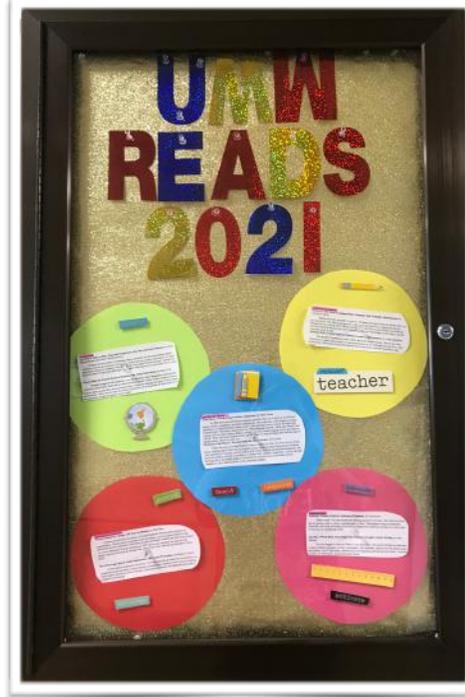
Not all of their ideas are this simple.

If you would like to know more about the "**13 Steps**" or "**Climate Justice for All**", Google "**United Methodist Women/Climate Justice**". Let's all strive to "choose life" so that we and our descendants may live.

Deuteronomy 30:19 - "*I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live.*"

Submitted by:

Caryl Bryan, Social Action Coordinator



The **Reading Program** is a UMW tradition. Its purpose is to help us better understand and participate in God's mission today, to increase our sensitivity to all human beings, to explore contemporary issues, and to gain new knowledge. Five categories of books: **Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth**, are provided to give readers a choice of interest areas. For additional information, contact **René Rau**, rau1004@yahoo.com.

2021 yearbooks are now available in the Secretary in the small parlor. We are asking \$3.00 per yearbook to help offset printing costs. You may place payment in the UMW folder located in the mailboxes in the church office.



Work has begun on the 2022 yearbook. Circle chairs, please send member contact information and meeting information to **Pam Thomeczek** (mrstee@socket.net) no later than October 1.

Many of you have volunteered at The Wardrobe on the fourth Wednesday of the month, which is MUMC's designated day to volunteer. This article is to give you a little history about The Wardrobe and to tell you what our purpose is.

The Wardrobe was started by a group of women who saw there was a need in the community. Their goal was to furnish good used clothing free of charge for indigent families from Boone County and to provide 3 outfits of new clothing for school children (jeans, underwear, socks) and new shoes. They wanted to be self-supporting with no funding from any outside agency. They began taking donations of clothing on December 14, 1969. The Wardrobe opened its doors January 6, 1970 at 223 N. Ninth St.

Mondays were set aside for sorting, pricing, hanging and cleaning. Tuesdays were for Referral Days when clients would be afforded some privacy and served with dignity. Wednesday through Saturday were sales days to be manned by volunteers from church groups.

The Wardrobe soon outgrew its space at 223 N. Ninth St. and in August of 1970 they moved to 222 N. Ninth St. They stayed in this building until September 1983 when the building was torn down and the shop was closed for one year. The Wardrobe reopened in October 1984 at our current location, 715 Park Ave. The city leases the land to us for \$1.00/month. Thanks to many donations of money and services, The Wardrobe opened as a debt free building.

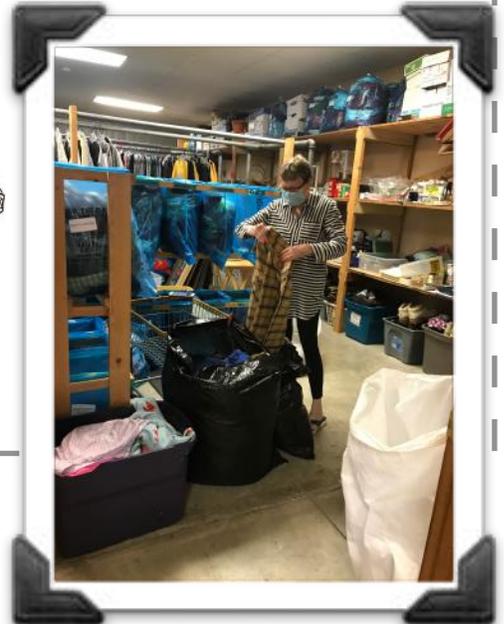
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Not much has changed in the last 50 years. We still provide free clothing to clients on Tuesdays. We don't give 3 new outfits to school children (Upscale Resale does this), but we do still have our shoe coupon program. Guardians can buy a shoe coupon for a child for \$5.00 and take the coupon to Shoe Carnival to buy a pair of shoes valued up to \$40.00. This is for Boone County school age children only. One shoe coupon per child can be purchased every six months. The proceeds from our sales of donated items is what is used to pay Shoe Carnival the \$35.00 per shoe coupon.

We are still an all volunteer organization. Volunteers from 17 different churches help staff The Wardrobe. With Covid, we have had to cut down on the number of days we are open for sales, but our customers are still coming in and our sales figures have remained almost the same as when we were open more days. Two years ago we became involved with CoMoGives and that, along with applying for Grants has helped to supplement our income.

Thanks to all of you who volunteer at The Wardrobe!

Evette Nissen, Wardrobe Coordinator



Evette sorting donated clothing.



Diana Mooney and **Linda Leist** volunteering at the check-out counter.



Enticing display of Mizzen+Main apparel greets customers.

MUMC UMW Unit Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 2nd at 10:30 a.m. in room 103. The meeting was a hybrid meeting with participants given the option of meeting in person or via Zoom. We had several in attendance with both options. **Max Marble** gave the program on global warming and climate change.

The next unit meeting will be on **Wednesday September 1st at 10:30 a.m.** The program will be given by **Don Day** on the Civil Rights Pilgrimage and the location will be announced closer to time.



Unit Meeting with speaker Max Marble.



MUMC honors Rev. Fred Leist, above with his wife **Linda**, his children and grandchildren, to celebrate his retirement from ministry. Highlights included the presentation of a framed collage of pictures taken at a farewell dinner, special music written and performed by **Landon Leist** and the choir and a compilation of video tributes of fellow clergy and parishioners from congregations he has served during his storied career. UMW wishes Fred and Linda the best!

