

MUMC UMW

3rd Quarter 2021 Newsletter



open hearts.
open minds.
open doors.

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.

UMW Funding Fact: What We Don't Fund

United Methodist Women does not fund projects and programs that:

- don't benefit women, children or youth
- don't comply with our UMC Social Principles
- are administered by discriminatory organizations

We are committed to transparency in our funding sources, especially with our membership.



Letter from the President June DeWeese

Greetings UMW members,

It is wonderful that Circles are meeting in person or by ZOOM. Seeing the faces of our UMW sisters and having conversations together in meetings or while working in mission projects, such as at **Loaves and Fishes** or at the **Wardrobe** and other places, is a joy. Planning for meetings and other gatherings in 2022 is hopeful. I am hopeful that COVID will be behind us and that we can be together safely again.

I am so happy that our circles are growing in numbers and that we are adding new friends to our rolls. Looking ahead to our **Unit meeting on December 1**. I am looking forward to meeting all of our new members and seeing long time friends!

It is a blessing to serve as your President and to walk beside each of you in building a creative, supportive fellowship and working together to accomplish our mission goals.

Please keep in touch with me and with each other!

June DeWeese, President of UMW
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Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.



1 Peter 4:10

Searcy-Feely

Searcy-Feely Circle met for the first time IN PERSON since February, 2020, on **September 15th**, and what a joy to be with one another. We pivoted from total ZOOM meetings to a hybrid and this suited all. We had an excellent guest speaker, **Paige Klein**, speak on **Women's Heart Health**. Paige is also the daughter of our wonderful Carole Babel.



Paige Klein
presenting the program on
Women's Heart Health



Zoom Meeting
attendees

Searcy-Feely Circle doesn't have regular meetings during the summer months, but did serve 125 meals at **Loaves and Fishes** on a hot July evening.

Submitted by **Marsha Sergent**



Gibson Circle

One of the projects that **Gibson Circle** supports is **Coyote Hill**. This summer **\$500.00** was collected from the members and donated for school supplies.

Submitted by **Evette Nissen**



Bratton-Cunningham Circle

Bratton-Cunningham Circle is having a new birth--Post Covid!
There were **10 United Methodist Women** who currently are residents at the Lenoir Woods Retirement Community who gathered September 15 in The Fireside Room at the Lenoir Woods Community Center to talk about getting **Bratton-Cunningham Circle** re-established and to look ahead to how we proceed from here. **Pam Thomeczek** met with us representing the UMW Executive Board. We have a list of **14** interested women so far and are excited about our future as a **UMW Circle**!

Submitted by **Carolyn Steinhaus**

Coyote Hill has helped more than 700 since its start 30 years ago

Since 1991, **Coyote Hill Foster Care Neighborhood** has helped more than 700 children in Missouri's foster care system. **Larry and Cathy McDaniel** started the organization as Coyote Hill Christian ...

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Submitted by **Barbara McClure**

VAC Christmas in July

Fifty-five pre-school lunch bags were distributed to area preschool children. The other 35 gift bags were given during Lunch in the Park and later to students at the Armory program. After a downpour of rain, a total of 104 meals were distributed at Loaves and Fishes. The remaining 45 meals were taken to Harbor House and St. Francis. Due to the generosity of MUMC members and area businesses, a donation of \$740.00 of remaining funds were given to VAC.



Facilitator: Suzanne McDavid



Columbia Missourian Photo



September Meeting

Wesley Circle met in September at the church to hear a program about Tiger Pantry, a volunteer, student-run food assistance program. Sarah Rielley and Brylee Duncan told the members about the service for food-insecure Mizzou students and staff. Tiger Pantry strives to provide help for those in need within the Mizzou community. Their goal is to change the perception of hunger on campus and to offer resources where needed.



Sarah Rielley and Brylee Duncan presenting a program about the Tiger Pantry

Please note that Wesley Circle has moved their meeting time to 1:30 pm.

Val's Circle

The Mums Sale is an annual fund raising event for Val's Circle. The money raised is deposited for general mission support from the Unit.

Several people commented how beautiful this year's plants were and that made us feel good. Val's Circle was eager to return to some sort of "normal" this year!

Submitted by: René Rau





Packing Party!

Loading the truck!

Women's Prison Packs	179
Student Dental Packs	350
Personal Hygiene Packs	261
Baby Bundles	50
Family Food Boxes	378
Reading /Writing Packs	150

Total Packs: 1,368

\$13,709 from MUMC
\$24,571 value of packs donated
\$2250 from Sophia Circle

Festival of Sharing Updates

An important part of the **Festival of Sharing** is the distribution of rice and beans to hunger challenged families and recipe folders that go with them. The festival planners and volunteers bag and distribute approximately 24,000 lbs. of rice and fold recipes to go with the bagged rice. At our **UMW unit meeting** on September 1, members carried from the meeting stacks of recipes that needed to be folded into recipe booklets. On September 15th the folded recipes were collected and delivered to the **Festival of Sharing** office at the **United Methodist Conference Center** here is Columbia. Thanks to all who helped in folding and stacking the **4,000** rice recipe booklets!!!

Submitted by **Diana Revelle**

Total Value of Contributions:
\$26,706.59

In 2021 **Sophia Circle** collected donations for **Festival of Sharing** during the months of January to August. **Festival of Sharing** is a cooperative response to hunger, poverty, and injustice in Missouri and beyond. When people of faith come together and share, we can make a positive and powerful difference in lives of our neighbors. **Missouri United Methodist Church** responded with great generosity for this mission during the Covid Pandemic this year, helping more people in need than ever before.

We couldn't do this project without the cooperation of individuals in addition to **Sophia Circle** members. **David Lawson** assisted with promotion, bulk ordering of items for the kits, and keeping track of orders and statistics for us. The students of **College Age Ministries** under the leadership of **Rebes Bennett** did a terrific job of packing and taping all **378 food boxes**. As seen in the photos, Sophia Sisters helped pack dental kits, personal hygiene kits, and baby bundles with helpful spouses **Bill Mees** and **Gary Beahan**, and Nancy's cousin **Linda Skouby**. The **Youth Ministries (MUMY)** students and director **Becca Griffins** assembled the **150 Reading and Writing Kits**. **Don Gruenwald** also assisted numerous times with details and assistance at the church.

After the kits were packed, **Robert Floyd** helped by loading and moving 100 of the completed food boxes to the **Missouri United Methodist Conference Office**. On Saturday, September 25, the boxes were loaded into a U-Haul trailer and three additional vehicles to deliver to the **FOS Ingathering** at Tipton, MO. Another helpful Sophia spouse, **Steve Cheavens**, saved the day by pulling the trailer with his truck to Tipton and back. We couldn't have completed this **FOS** mission without the cooperation of these generous and caring people. When the boxes were unloaded in Tipton, it was an impressive expression of giving and will help fulfill the growing needs of Missourians in poverty and distress.

Submitted by **Kathy Lawson**

Thank you to all who donated cupcakes or cookies for **The Wardrobe's 50th/51st Anniversary** celebration. Everyone enjoyed the refreshments!



Evette Nissen



Volunteers and customers celebrate 51 years of service!

MUMC UMW Unit News

September UMW Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on September 1, before the Unit Meeting. Preliminary plans were discussed regarding **UMW Sunday** on **October 10**. Information was shared about the upcoming **CROP Walk** and **Mums' sale**. **Pastor Bowers** reported details on the success of **Welcome Back Sunday** and the goals of **Excite/Educate/Inspire**. **Kathy Lawson** reported current membership stands at 168.



Masked & socially distanced but united in fellowship!



President June DeWeese presents the remaining funds from **Stallings Circle** to **Treasurer Carole Babel**.

The **September Unit Meeting** was held on Wednesday, September 1, 2021.

The program was given by **Don Day** on the **2021 Civil Rights Pilgrimage** he led in July. Tulsa, OK was one of the stops on the bus trip where participants visited the historic site of the **Black Wall Street Massacre**, which occurred 100 years ago.



Caryl Bryan introduces the speaker **Don Day**.



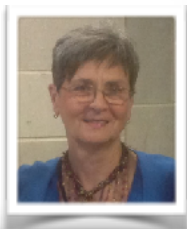
Pastor Troy Bowers addressed the group.

Dates to Remember:		
October 10	UMW Sunday	MUMC
November 3	Executive Committee, 8:45 am	CLC 107/109 1
December 1	Executive Committee, 8:45 am	CLC 107/109
December 1	Unit Meeting, 10:30 am	MPR
December 27	4th Quarter Newsletter Article Deadline	
December 31	Unit Reading Report Due	
	Mission Today Report Due	

Christian Social Action

In keeping with **UMW's** emphasis on **Climate Justice**, I want to remind you that the next **Just Energy for All Strategy and Capacity** building session from **UMW** is **Wednesday, October 20**. This session is entitled **Ensuring Justice and Equity in Electric Vehicles (Advancing Just Energy for All through Transportation – Part 2)**. The on-line session will be held from **2:00-3:30 Central Time**. To find out more and register, go to **United Methodist Women/Environmental Justice**. Then click on **Just Energy 4 All** and scroll down to the last paragraph. There you will see where you can click to "learn more" and "register here".

GreenFaith International Network is holding a global, multi-religious action event **October 17-18**, 2 weeks before the UN climate negotiations. The event is called **Faiths 4 Climate Justice**. **UMW** is a sponsor for this event that urges for green jobs, a rapid transition to 100% renewable energy, climate reparations from wealthy countries, and an immediate halt to new fossil fuel projects and deforestation. During this event, various groups across the world will be holding demonstrations and other public events that support environmental justice. I for one am proud that **UMW** is working on such a scale to bring about **Environmental Justice for All**. Sometimes we need reminding that the work we do, the financial resources we share through **UMW** help pay for events such as these. No one of us individually can make such important public awareness and education events possible. But when **UMW** nationwide pulls together, we can get stuff done! *Let's remember that the next time we donate through our local unit!*



Submitted by: **Caryl Bryan**



United Methodist Women:

Turning Financial Gifts into Miracles for Women, Children and Youth

UMW SUNDAY

United Methodist Women's Sunday will be observed at all three services –

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 –

on **Sunday October 10, 2021**.

During the services, the observance of **Candle Burning** will be held.



The practice of candle burning is a long-standing tradition among United Methodist Women. Each year a Sunday is named to honor the work of United Methodist Women locally, nationally, and internationally. Especially noted is the mission work that is done by the organization. The national office of **UMW** calculates the amount of money that is needed to provide mission each year down to the second. In 2021, the amount is \$20.23 per minute. The tradition of the Candle Burning ceremony is to offer donations to mission in honor or in memory of someone close to your heart, or to the work of mission in general. When those donations are received, the total amount is divided by the mission minute amount named for the year and the candle is burned for that number of minutes. The observation of candle burning is a beautiful way to contribute to the mission work of United Methodist Women while remembering the people who are dear to us.

Donations to candle burning must be received in the office by **Monday October 4** to ensure that the names honored and remembered can be listed.

Checks should be written to **UMW** with "**Candle Burning**" noted on the memo line.

(The **Candle Burning Donation Form** can be accessed from a link on the **Messenger**.)

Submitted by: **Diana Revelle**

