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For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. Galatians 5:13 (NLT)

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.

Throughout history, society has been sub-divided by culture, economics, race, gender and religion. When we have the luxury of possession – possession of rights, freedoms, things, activities, et al – we have the responsibility to share and to advocate for others. Both scripture and sage religious leaders of the past and present remind us of these responsibilities. Let us watch for opportunities to use our freedom for good.

Diana Revelle, Editor

DATES TO REMEMBER

- July 25, 2018-----All UMW Wardrobe
- July 26-29, 2018 -----UMW Conference Mission u in Fayette
- August 5, 2018 ----- UMW Executive Committee, 8:45 a.m.
- August 25, 2018 ---District Mini Mission-u, Wesley UMC, Jeff City
- September ----- Val's Circle Mum Sale, Dates to be Determined
- September 5, 2018-----Executive Meeting, 8:45 a.m.
- September 5, 2018----- Fall Unit Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Parlor
- September 21, 2018 ----- 3rd Quarter Newsletter Article Deadline
- September 22, 2018 -----Fall District UMW Meeting
- September 26, 2018 -----All UMW Wardrobe
- September 28-29, 2018----- UMW Annual Meeting, Poplar Bluff
- October 3, 2018 ----- Executive Meeting 8:45 a.m.

CIRCLE NEWS

Breakfast Circle

Breakfast Circle Celebrates Geranium Sale!



Phyllis Miller

profits from this sale that go to support the many UMW missions totaled \$1, 800.37. And we wish to thank all of our circle members who worked tirelessly to make this happen.

Phyllis Miller and Virginia Wiegand, Co-chairs



Esther Circle

Esther Circle completed beautiful stoles for the 2018 Confirmation Class.



Thanks to all who bought plants from us at this year's sale. The

Searcy Feely

In April, Beth Hunt – daughter of Diana Mooney – delivered a very informative program on hospice care. Beth is the Bereavement Coordinator for Crossroads Hospice Grief Support Services in Warrensburg, MO. She explained both the theory and the practice of hospice care and provided the group with helpful information.



Diana Revelle



In May, the group enjoyed a fellowship day by taking a trip to the Amish community. Led by Judy Heffernan, we shopped and enjoyed the beautiful scenery of the pristine Amish farms. Reverend Mike Will drove the church bus for the trip and we were blessed with side trips to see two of his churches: New Hope in Clark and Sturgeon. At Sturgeon, Reverend Will shared the history of the church’s food and clothing ministry which is run by church volunteers in conjunction with other churches in the community. Before heading home, we enjoyed lunch at Don’s Family Style Buffet in Huntsville.

Wesley Circle

Suzanne McDavid

Wesley Circle benefited from three good programs this quarter. In April, Sally Burnley led us in walking a Labyrinth, which is a symbolic journey with meditation and prayer. In May, Roger Ross spoke about “Creating New Places for New People.” Ross is the Director for the Center of Congregational Development for the Missouri Conference. In June, we enjoyed lunch at Coley’s. Joylean Sampson provided an update on the Annual Conference session that was held in Springfield the second weekend in June. We also discussed Christmas in July, UMW pledges, and a possible fundraiser for UMW missions.

UNIT NEWS

Christian Social Action

Caryl Bryan

Here are a few things for you to read about and decide how you would like to take action. Thoughts and prayers are great, but taking action is important.

First and foremost – Separation of families at the southern border. Although it has now been officially stopped, it leaves many wondering what to do about the immigration issue. Even if children are no longer being separated from their adults, many problems remain. Hundreds are still in facilities not designed for housing children and young people. Hundreds are

still many, many miles from the people most important to them. Hundreds may have suffered serious psychological harm. And no definite means of reuniting families seems to be working. All adults entering the country illegally are being taken into custody, even those seeking asylum

On Saturday, June 30 at 10:00 there was a rally at the Boone County Court House sponsored by Families Belong Together Columbia. Although you will not receive this in time to attend, I hope you will contact legislators and let them know your feelings on this issue.

Rep Vicky Hartzler: 2235 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515; 202-225-2876; 2415 Carter Lane, Ste 4, Columbia 65201; 442-9311 <https://hartzler.house.gov/contact/email>

Senator Claire McCaskill: 30 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC; 28 N 8th Ste 500, Columbia 65201 www.mccaskill.senate.gov/contact

Senator Roy Blunt – 206 Russell Senate Office Building; Washington DC 20515; 202-224-5721 1001 Cherry St, Ste 104, Columbia 65201; 442-8151 www.blunt.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact-roy

Jail Library – The Boone County Jail Ministry Team is working on upgrading the selection of reading materials at the jail. If you would like to donate good used or new books, or money to purchase them, please let me know and we can work out delivery details. Suggested topics are legitimate (not tacky!) self-help, biographies, inspirational, and sports.

Jobs4Life – This new program will begin in the fall and be sponsored by LOVE,INC. It involves a series of 16 classes, 2/week for 8 weeks. Each student in the classes will be assigned a buddy who will be with them throughout the class time and until they find a job. Volunteers will be needed to serve as buddies and to teach the classes. There will be a day of training Saturday, Oct 15, for those teaching the classes. This sounds like a wonderful opportunity for many folks, especially retired or current educators, business people, and anyone who has held a job or hired others. It is a highly successful program that has worked well in other locations to get people permanently employed. Melissa Clarke, a member of MUMC and UMW, will be working with LOVE, INC to make Jobs4Life a reality this fall.

UMW Book Club

The next meeting of the UMW book club will be Wednesday July 11 at 10:00 a.m. at Lenoir Community Center. The book to be discussed is *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann.

Fall UMW Unit Meeting

Caryl Bryan

The program for the unit meeting on September 5th will be presented by women from the Islamic Center. The subject will be “Women and Islam”. This should be a very informative and interesting program and it is in keeping with the spirit of the Mai Gray Charter for Racial Justice goals. Let’s give a special welcome to our guests by serving light refreshments. There are a few dietary restrictions to be aware of as you decide what snack you would like to bring. No pork is allowed in any form, and other meats in general must be kosher or halal, so just in case, we will not serve meat at all.

I won’t be able to attend the meeting so am asking for one volunteer to meet our guests in the Connector and host them throughout the morning. I would also like someone to be responsible for soliciting the refreshments and organizing them that morning. Please let me know if you can serve in one of these capacities:

Mobile: 573-999-5675, text preferred but a call is ok;
 Email: carylndjim@hotmail.com
 Thank you very much.

DISTRICT NEWS

Mid-State District Mini Mission u

The District Mini Mission u will be held on August 25 at Wesley UMC in Jefferson City. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

CONFERENCE NEWS

Mission u

Mission u is being held July 26-29 on the campus of Central Methodist University in Fayette, MO. Information regarding online registration is printed below and a hard copy of the registration form can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Online registration is found at www.tinyurl.com/Missionu2018

Printed award and registration forms can be found at <https://www.moumethodist.org/missionu>

Missouri Conference UMW

We are proud to have two members serving on the UMW Leadership Team for the South Central Jurisdiction:

**South Central Jurisdiction Treasurer
 Carolyn Celestine
 Missouri Conference**



Carolyn has been an active member of United Methodist Women for over thirty years, serving as local president, treasurer and secretary; district treasurer; conference

treasurer and regional school business manager. She is a retired legal secretary, a certified Yoga teacher, and co-owner of an airport limousine service.

Member, Committee on Nominations

Alexis Robinson

Missouri Conference



Alexis is an active member of North Park UMC in St. Louis Missouri. She first

became involved with United Methodist Women in her home town of Fulton, Missouri. She has held various local offices, including vice president, and has served as district and conference Membership Nurture & Outreach coordinator and conference Education & Interpretation coordinator.

UMW ACROSS THE NATION AND AROUND THE GLOBE

Where Does Your Money Go?

United Methodist Women is an international organization that supports mission directed toward the needs of women, children, and youth. As we share our individual pledges, donate to special giving, and support fund raising in our local unit, we may feel that our contributions are not important. However, when we add our contributions together, we realize that we do amazing work as a collective body. Below is some information that illustrates the power of **WE**:

The Money Path

Individuals pledge to the Local Unit:

- **Local Unit** to District UMW
 MUMC = \$8,000.00 in 2017
- **District UMW** to Conference UMW
 Mid-State District = \$25,682.00 in 2017
- **Conference UMW** to Jurisdiction UMW
 UMW MO Conference = \$118,010.00
 (as of 2017 3rd quarter report)
- **Jurisdictional UMW** to National/International
 South Central Jurisdiction = \$1,096, 065.00
 (as of 2017 3rd quarter report)

Total Mission Receipts = \$ 5,239,414.00

(as of 2017 3rd quarter report)

The national organization of UMW recognizes and supports hundreds of missions and agencies in the United States and around the globe. Listed below are the missions and agencies supported in Missouri:

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

In addition to these nationally recognized Missions, Mid-State District supports Kingdom House in St. Louis, MO.

UMW Supported International Projects by Country:

Africa: 28; Asia/Pacific: 38; Europe: 14
 Latin America and Caribbean: 29; Middle East: 8
 North America: 1; World Wide: 2

GENERAL NEWS

Festival of Sharing Report Festival of Sharing Office

Over the weekend of June 8-10, 2018, hundreds of United Methodists gathered in Springfield, MO for Annual Conference. It has been tradition for Festival to choose a pack or kit to gather during the Conference and distribute to the agencies we support. This year we challenged representatives from each district to bring items that make up hygiene kits. Before noon on the 8th, the four large crates we took to organize donations were already full. We were blown away with the response!

The real fun began when we returned from Conference and got to work counting and sorting the donations. A great group of youth from Missouri United Methodist Church in Columbia, as well as Conference staff and other volunteers, spent a combined two days counting shampoo, soap, lotion, razors, toothbrushes, and more. Some items will be distributed to agencies in the coming weeks, and some will go to Sharefests to be a packing project for volunteers.

The results are as follows:

- Northwest District: 539 lotion
- Youth Delegates: 20 toothpaste
- Southwest District: 1,510 bars of soap
- Southeast District: 5,405 razors
- Ozark District: 4,014 toothbrushes
- Mark Twain District: 1,163 shampoo
- Gateway Central: 1,887 combs/hairbrushes
- Gateway Regional: 1,756 hand towels
- Mid-State District: 642 deodorant

If you are interested in donating more hygiene items to increase the number of complete kits we can pack, please contact Sidney at 573-474-3332 or festival@socket.net.

Church Women United

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 New York, NY 10115

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

DISTRICT AND CONFERENCE

Mid-State District United Methodist Women
www.midstateumw.blogspot.com

Missouri Conference United Methodist Women
www.moumethodist.org/unitedmethodistwomen

South Central Jurisdiction United Methodist Women
www.umw.scj.org

United Methodist Women – National Site
www.unitedmethodistwomen.org

Mission u

Mission u Registration Form

Central Methodist University, Fayette, Missouri

July 26—29, 2018

Adult Registration Form

Online registration as of May 1, 2018 at: www.tinyurl.com/Missionu2018

PERSONAL INFORMATION—EACH REGISTRANT MUST COMPLETE

Print Name _____

Gender Identity: Female Male _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

Email: _____

Church: _____

District: Gateway Central Heartland Mid-State Ozarks Southwest

Gateway Regional Mark Twain Northwest Southeast

Check all that apply: Clergy Attending for 1st time Award Recipient

Study Leader District President Mission u Team Member

Arriving Wednesday Night (approval required)

Roommate(s): _____

Special Needs: Wheelchair Walker No Stairs Dietary (describe below)

Emergency Contact #1: Name _____ Phone # _____
#2 (opt): Name _____ Phone # _____

Are there any allergies, physical, health, medication, emotional or behavioral concerns we should be aware of to better prepare for your time at Mission u? Yes No

If yes, what is it and what can we do to help address the situation if it occurs _____

Allergies/typical reactions: _____

This information will be kept in confidence and shared only with those who have a need to know; e.g. your study leaders, dean and assistant dean.

Would you volunteer for any of these positions? Check as many as you'd like.

- Class Secretary (take attendance, distribute handouts, etc)
- Assist Study Leader with technology
- Sing in the choir (you will be contacted by our music leader)
- Mentor or buddy to a first-time Mission u attendee

Studies: All adults will be in the Bible Study. Select one of the other two studies.

- Bible Study: "Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living"
- Issue Study: "What About Our Money? A Faith Response"
- Geographic Study: "Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church"

Mission u

Fees due per person:

EARLY REGISTRATION (On or before 6/15/18)

3 Nights with 9 meals and registration \$200

Commuter: 9 meals and registration \$125

4 Nights (including Wednesday) with 9 meals and registration (must be approved) \$230 REGISTERING

AFTER 6/15/18

3 Nights with 9 meals and registration \$225

Commuter: 9 meals and registration \$150

4 Nights (including Wednesday) with 9 meals and registration (must be approved) \$255 Make

checks payable to CSOCM. Fees included with registration form: _____

If payment in full does not accompany registration form, please explain and provide name, address, and phone # of person who will be paying balance due:

Study book availability: Purchase your books in the Program Resources Room upon arrival, order through your local or district Program Resources Secretary, or order at <http://www.umwmissionresources.org/products>.

For those sponsoring youth and/or children:

- Each sponsor must be Conference Safe Sanctuary Certified. Male must have male sponsor, female must have female sponsor. Exceptions are made for those youth and or children whose sponsor is an immediate family member.
- Parents/Grandparents with 3 or more children/grandchildren (18 years and under) are eligible for a 20% discount on the cost for the children/grandchildren.

Do you want Computer or Internet Access?:

Yes, Wireless (personal computer, cell phone, tablet)

Yes, Wired (University computer access)

No

NO registrations will be accepted unless postmarked on or before July 1. No refunds after July 8. Substitutions allowed if same gender (adult for adult or youth for youth).

Mail to: Joann Peck, Registrar: 306 N Lee St, Buckner, MO 64016;

Or email to: mjpeck_umw@aol.com Phone:

(417) 342-0724