From the President........Thankful

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ."
—Philippians 1:3-6

It’s the first of November and we are already making the move from the season of pumpkin spice to peppermint everything. As I write this article, it is All Saints Day. I ran across a quote from author Linda Hogan, “Walking. I am listening to a deeper way. Suddenly all my ancestors are behind me. Be still, they say. Watch and listen. You are the result of the love of thousands.” There was a great deal of chaos in October in my community and in the world. The news headlines during the month were “suspicious package,” “active shooter,” “sharp decline in economic market,” “horrific scene,” and “deadly hurricane.” Couple that with the busyness of attending meetings and preparations for meetings, it is easy to be stifled in my daily agenda and lose sight of my God agenda. And so, I am watching and listening. I am meditating and reflecting on that quote to help center me amid the chaos.

On this All Saints Day I pause, watch and listen. I think about the gift of light breaking into dark and broken places. It is the month of thankfulness, so I remember the faithful and faith-filled women who have helped form and inspire me. I am grateful for a mother who brought me up in the training and instruction of the Lord. I am grateful for courageous Methodist women such as Anna Howard Shaw and Frances Willard who were leaders in the struggles for women’s suffrage and worker rights. I am grateful for my spiritual mothers, Mai Gray, Mary McLeod Bethune, and Dorothy Height who were bold and courageous in word and action. Because of them, I can.

May the light of Christ live in you and shine into the world. Thank you, United Methodist Women for being a light in dark places. Thank you for your giving to mission. You are all a blessing. Continue to put faith, hope and love into action.

“**When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed.**” — Maya Angelou

Be Blessed!

In Christ’s Name and for His Sake,

*Cathy Burris, President, 8923 Branch View Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46234
Home 317-991-5459; Cell 317-502-1067, cburris799@aol.com*
From Our National President…

Dear Sisters,
What a fall! I can’t believe it is time for giving thanks and spreading cheer. Those days shouldn’t be limited to the end of the year. I know I am thankful for United Methodist Women every day. I am a leader because of the faith and fellowship I have been encouraged by daily.

I spent September and October traveling to district celebrations in Indiana, conference celebrations in northern California for the California/Nevada conference, and Newport News, Virginia for the Virginia conference celebration of United Methodist Women. Faithful women are seeing change happen before their eyes as seasons change and opportunities for leadership need to be opened to new women. It is wonderful to see leaders stretched into new roles while mentoring new women into leadership.

One thing I experienced in every conversation, in our conference and across the country, was the concern over budgets. Just as the ways we communicate are changing, sometimes easier and definitely more intentionally, so are the fundraising and pledges we make to missions. We need to talk about money and membership. We need to be inviting more into conversation to solve the problems of decreasing pledges and increasing ages.

It is not enough to do it the way we have always done it, because that isn’t true. We have seen change, lived through change, and come out the other side doing better work than ever before. Now is the time to embrace a “new” way of doing things. It will take time, it will take intention, it will take faith. That is who we are, women who have fought for justice for 150 years putting faith, hope and love into action. We can’t fail working together!

Love,
Shannon

PS. I’ve got your back!

Shannon Priddy, National President
United Methodist Women
Priddysh@gmail.com, (317) 610-6899


Vice President’s Message

Happy Autumn, Sisters!

Before I rush to celebrate the winter holidays, I remind myself to be still...(and those of you who know me best, know that is a challenge for me)…but, we must take time to be still and be thankful during this season of hustle and bustle, fatigue, and distractions. We live in a society where being still is not well supported. However, I know when I take the time for it, I am so blessed!

One of my most treasured times at our events is when the women start gathering. The “noise” level steadily increases as new arrivals exchange greetings and dive into conversation. I take a few moments to stop what I’m doing, step to the side, and close my eyes and be still…just listening. I hear sounds of joy and laughter in the voices of sisters reunited. It reminds me what a welcoming group we are! It also motivates me to invite more to our events so they can feel this joy too.

Event planning seems to never stop—locations are secured, registrars identified, contracts signed, and publicity begins for the next year’s festivities far in advance. I’ll admit, sometimes the balancing act is simply overwhelming. But, I’m excited as we look at the 2019 calendar and plan retreats and celebrations that will lead to these lovely sister reunions. Following our annual gathering last month, I had a lady approach me and tell me that it was an event she was glad she brought a friend to. I found that to be the best compliment possible, and I have reflected on the statement many times as I consider our plans for next year. Will they be events that we will be happy to invite our closest friends to? Will we also want to invite those we want to get to know better? Who are we leaving out? Don’t all women get the opportunity to experience this special community of women?

As I organize this issue of the Mission Messenger and welcome in a new Conference Communications Coordinator, Laura Watson (see her self introduction later in the newsletter), I’m thankful for the people I’ve been blessed to serve with and meet since becoming Conference Communications Coordinator 4 years ago. I am thankful for the grace and support they’ve shown me, but most of all, I’m thankful for the friendships extended and the balance the special women of Indiana UMW have brought into my life. Thank you! Looking forward to more times together in the year to come!

With Joy,

Felicia

Felicia Stewart, 1910 N 9th St, Terre Haute, IN 47804
umwin@inumc.org  317-341-2053

2019 IN Conference UMW officers (photo taken at 2018 UMW Annual Meeting following officer installation)
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Treasurer’s Message

Hello and Goodbye

Please give a warm welcome to our new Conference Treasurer, Jacki Moore. Jacki is a member of University United Methodist Church, a CPA, and is married to Ezekiel. In her spare time, Jacki likes to travel, read, and cuddle with new kitten Simba. She is excited to be joining the wonderful group of women who lead INUMW. Thank you, Jacki, for agreeing to serve.

It has been my great pleasure and privilege to serve as your treasurer for the past four years. Thanks to all of you for your prayers and support. I look forward to seeing you at upcoming District and Conference events.

Update through October

As we close in on the end of 2018, please keep our giving in your prayers. As of the end of October we had fulfilled 59%, $182,900, of our Mission Giving to National. That leaves us with $127,100 to collect in the last two months of the year. As you wrap up your fall fundraisers, please forward your money to your district treasurers and make sure you’re aware of their cutoff dates for receiving 2018 monies. Let’s make mission happen for women, children, and youth around the world.

Deanne Heidrich, Conference Treasurer
317-525-0915, ddheidrich@att.net
Looking to 2019!

2019 Pledge to Mission, Conference $310,000

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From the Secretary.....

Secretaries:
Thank you to those who were able to attend the training! I enjoyed our time together! Sharing thoughts, ideas and suggestions are wonderful parts of our sisterhood of grace.

Please continue to do whatever you can to get as many units to report their slate of officers as possible. (The form included in this newsletter for your convenience!) If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

May you enjoy the holidays with lots of love and laughter!

Blessings and thank you for all you do!

Blessings,

Bonnie Elam, Conference Secretary
6919 Forest Glen Court, Fort Wayne, IN 46815
bielam21@comcast.net (260) 341-1687

Committee on Nominations

A huge “THANK-YOU” to all committee members for your work in securing officers for this coming year...and another huge “THANK-YOU” to all the women who said “YES” and we truly appreciate your willingness to serve. God has given each of us gifts and talents – so much of the time we tend to either not recognize these in ourselves or are surprised when others see these gifts in us and encourage us to use them.

As the Committee on Nominations, we are always searching for women willing to share their gifts and talents as they follow Gods call to serve. The Conference Leadership Team continues to search for 3 positions to complete our Team. We need representatives to serve on our Conference Committee on Nominations from the North District and the Southeast District. We also need a Young Women’s Coordinator.

If you have a desire to serve in one of these positions or know someone who would like to serve --- Please contact me or anyone on the nominations committee. Women – in order for our organization to continue – we must have strong leadership – we are called to be bold & courageous as we continue to serve women, children and youth.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Chair of this awesome committee the past two years. I will continue to serve on the committee for one more year. Our new chairperson is Heather Lewis -- we welcome her and are blessed to have her in this position. Please continue to pray for Heather and our committee as we continue to search for you women who will be willing to carry out Gods’ work.

Kathy S. White
Chairperson CON, kwhite@joink.com, 812-236-8965
Please type or print clearly, the information and return to your District Secretary and the Conference Directory Coordinator by **December 1, 2018**. Due to post office mailing regulations, we do need your 9-digit zip code! (You can find the +4 digits on your utility bill.)

**District:**

Mailing Address: __________________________ City: __________________________ zip+4

**President:**

Mailing Address: __________________________ City: __________________________ zip+4

Phone: __________________________ e-mail: __________________________

**Vice-President:**

Mailing Address: __________________________ zip+4

Phone: __________________________ e-mail: __________________________

**Secretary:**

Mailing Address: __________________________ zip+4

Phone: __________________________ e-mail: __________________________

**Treasurer:**

Mailing Address: __________________________ zip+4

Phone: __________________________ e-mail: __________________________

**MISSION COORDINATOR FOR:**

**Spiritual Growth:**

Mailing Address: __________________________ zip+4

Phone: __________________________ e-mail: __________________________

**Education & Interpretation:**

Mailing Address: __________________________ zip+4

Phone: __________________________ e-mail: __________________________
Upon completion of this form, PLEASE send a copy to your District Secretary and the Conference Directory Coordinator:

Please send via e-mail if possible, but USPS is greatly appreciated and accepted as well.

And to:

Barb McCoy
Conference Directory Coordinator
1025 Brandon Way
Fort Wayne, IN 46845-2390
barb.mccoy@frontier.com

Without these names and addresses, your conference team doesn’t know who should receive newsletters, fliers, and special e-alerts. Thanks to all of you for your help in making our conference directory as complete as possible.
SPIRITUAL GROWTH

It will soon be Christmas as the TV and newspaper advertisements are reminding us. I’m not really ready to think about it before Thanksgiving! However, Whiz Bang (Mace & New Ross UMC singers) started singing Christmas carols this week so we can sing at all 7 nursing/health care facilities in Crawfordsville before Christmas.

One or our favorites is “The 12 Days of Christmas.” We have fun by pairing up with residents to sing each gift. The residents laugh and smile with us.

I started thinking about the meaning of “The 12 Days of Christmas.” I remember singing and hearing it when I was young but didn’t know the significance of it in our Christian faith.

Do you know or remember the story behind the gifts that we sing about in this song? I have to admit that I remembered some, but Google came to the rescue!

“The 12 Days of Christmas” was used to teach young people the meaning and content of our Christian faith with a hidden meaning behind each gift. Find the meaning of each gift below.

“True love” – God
“Me” – all of us
“Partridge in a pear tree” – Jesus Christ
“Two turtle doves” – Old and New Testament
“Three French hens” – faith, hope and love (3 gifts from the Spirit)
“Four calling birds” – four Gospels that tell the story of salvation through Jesus Christ
“Five golden rings” – first 5 books of the Bible
“Six geese a-laying” – six days of creation
“Seven swan’s a-swimming” – seven gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:8-11)
“Eight maids a milking” – eight beatitudes
“Nine ladies dancing” – nine fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)
“Ten lords a-leaping” – Ten Commandments
“Eleven pipers piping” – eleven faithful disciples
“Twelve drummers drumming” – twelve points of the Apostles’ Creed

We sing this song before Christmas, but it refers to the 12 days between the celebration of Jesus’ birth on the 25th of December and the celebration of Epiphany on January 6. As you sing or hear “The 12 Days of Christmas,” remember the hidden meaning of each gift.

Blessings to you and yours this Christmas!

Blessings!

Lexa McCampbell, Spiritual Growth Coordinator
jilmlgm@tds.net
10545 E New Ross Rd, New Ross, IN 47968, Cell 765-366-1131
United Methodist Women of Indiana

UMW of IN has three (3) retreats planned for 2019. Choose the one that best fits your schedule. It is important that you use the registration form for the specific retreat that you want to attend in order to assure you are registered for the retreat of your choice:

Spiritual Growth Retreats (not silent) 2019*
- Jan 25-26 Friday/Saturday Canyon Inn at McCormick’s Creek State Park — Use registration form below
- April 5-6, 2019 Friday/Saturday Don Hall’s Guest House, Fort Wayne — Leader: Rev. Shannon Stringer
*Note: Each Spiritual Growth Retreat will start at 7pm Eastern Time on the opening day and end by 3pm the following day.

Guided Silent Retreat 2019
- Oct 25-27, 2019 Saint Joseph Retreat Center, Tipton, IN. (7pm on Friday until after lunch on Sunday)
Watch for registration coming soon!!

United Methodist Women of Indiana

January 25-26, 2019
Begins Friday 7:00 p.m. Eastern— Saturday 3:00 p.m.

Rev. Shannon Stringer
“Called: Esther’s Story in Today’s World”
Primary Scripture: Book of Esther—Please read entire book

Canyon Inn
at McCormick’s Creek State Park
451 McCormick Creek Park Road, Spencer, IN 47460
1-877-922-6966

Friday night dinner NOT included

Registration Deadline: January 8

Canyon Inn
451 McCormick Creek Park Road, Spencer, IN 47460
Phone: 1-877-922-6966

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Need Handicap Accessible Room; Special Diet ______, please specify ______
Amount Enclosed $ _____________ (Make check payable to UMW of IN)
Roommate (s): (1) ____________________ (2) ____________________ (3) ____________________

Note: Pictures & videos captured during the event by conference representatives will be used for news and promotions, including social media. Registering for the event gives permission for one’s image to be used. Names of youth and children will not be used with pictures.
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Primary Scripture: Book of Esther
Please read entire book

Don Hall’s Guest House
1313 W. Washington Center Road,
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

| Cancellation Notice: | Please be mindful that the conference incurs certain fixed costs due to contractual obligations. Because of our desire to be good stewards of mission funds, participants are asked to give at least 14 days’ notice of cancellation. |

Spiritual Retreat Registration Deadline March 2, 2019. Please be mindful of above 14 day cancellation policy.

Name_____________________________________________________
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Remember, registration is not complete without payment. Please send completed registration with your check made payable to UMW IN to: Brenda Crawford, P.O. Box 21, Windfall, IN 46076-0021, nbcrw@yahoo.com, home 765-945-7033, cell 765-437-4576 by March 2, 2019.

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Education and Interpretation

What a beautiful autumn we have had! The trip to and from Avon and the Leadership Training was just breath taking. That is truly God showing the beauty of the earth!

Now with only part of two months left in this calendar year, time will really fly by. We must not forget about our Mission Today forms and objectives to complete. The form needs to be turned in to the District Education and Interpretation officers by January 15th. We all want to strive to be Gold Units, but sometimes that becomes impossible. Even if your unit falls short of a Bronze Unit, send in your form for a Honorable Mention. We want everyone to know you are working toward learning more about MISSIONS. Mission work is what sets United Methodist Women apart from other women's organizations. There is so much to learn about the struggles of women, youth and children. As we learn more, we can do more! We are a large enough organization that, when each person gives (even if it is just a little), it adds up to make a difference.

As the new year begins, encourage your youth and young adults to think about a mission trip. The Indiana UMW Conference has a fund (part of our giving) to give scholarships to help fund these trips. What a great way to give young people an opportunity to learn and give of themselves to help the less fortunate.

Another thought as the new year begins is planning for Mission u. The conference has scholarships for first-time attendees. The Loren Maxwell scholarship is for clergy, so encourage your pastor to join you at Mission u in July. And...we must not forget the children. There are scholarships for them also! Many of the children are repeat attendees, which means they must enjoy the experience.

UMW has so much to offer, we just need to be involved! The UMW PURPOSE gives us a guide to follow as we plan our agenda for the year. As we work together, we form bonds with fellow ladies working for the same causes. Friendships formed within the UMW are like no other!

I have enjoyed being the Conference E&I this past year completing Barb Bugher’s term. Lisa Morris will be the new Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation beginning in January; please welcome her.

Blessings to All!
Martha Lewis, Conference Education and Interpretation Coordinator
Candymaker65@gmail.com (812)620-3492

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(When properly enrolled, LUCILLE RAINES RESIDENCE, INC. appears at the bottom of your cash register receipt.)

From July 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018
Lucille Raines Residence received $288.80, made possible by 86 participating households in the Kroger’s Rewards program.
WHY? The purpose of Mission Today is to fulfill the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women by:
- **Energizing** United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action;
- **Increasing** contacts between local organizations and mission personnel and projects enabling a better understanding of where Mission Giving dollars go;
- **Encouraging** the use of a variety of mission resources;
- **Expanding** concepts of mission, including social justice as mission.

WHO? Every local organization is encouraged to strive for Mission Today status by completing 8 or more suggested criteria as noted to the right. Find suggestions and ideas for activities below.

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**Read response, the magazine for Women in Mission, through a subscription or online:**

**Find the Charter for Racial Justice online:**
http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/racialjusticecharter

**Current Justice Issues may be found online:**
http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/racialjustice

**Go to**
www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/environment for 13 Steps to Sustainability; ideas for Be Just. Be Green.; and other ways to get involved in UMW’s environmental work.

WHEN? Receive recognition for 2018, by returning your competed checklist by January 15, 2019 to:

Your District’s Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation

Return completed form (front & back) to:

Deadline for reporting: January 15, 2019

Local Organization:  
District:

Reporting Officer Name & Position:

Email or postal address:  
Phone:
United Methodist Women demonstrate their commitment to the PURPOSE through their Prayers, Presence, Participation, Gifts and Service.

### PRAYERS
- Used the Prayer Calendar at each meeting to pray for mission personnel and projects.*
- Communicated with at least 5 persons listed in the Prayer Calendar during the year.
- Held a mini-Spiritual Growth Retreat.

### PRESENCE
- At least two members were added to the membership roll.
- At least one member (not a conference or district officer) attended Mission U or Sampler Day.
- At least two members (not a conference or district officer) attended a district or conference annual meeting.

### PARTICIPATION
- At least two members subscribed to and/or read response magazine (including online articles).*
- Used at least two programs from a UMW Program Book during the year.*
- Conducted at least one Mission U study during the year.*
- At least one member is a member of the UMW’s Action Network to receive Action Alerts and share with members.
- Told a mission story at meetings through sharing “member support” articles (identified by the Mission Giving logo—see other side) from response.
- Included a book review/report on a Reading Program book during a meeting.
- At least two members completed one of the Reading Program Plans.
- Initiated a new or expanded an already-existing Local Ministry Program which benefits women, children &/or youth.*
- Attended a “Tour-Talk-Lunch” ("TTL") at Lucille Raines Residence or sponsored a "TTL" for a group from your local church (for example youth group or Mission/Outreach Ministry Team) or community.*

### GIFTS
- Made and met its Pledge to Mission.*
- Received Five Star recognition by contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving.
- Remitted the Conference Asking of $13 per member.*

### SERVICE
- Implemented the Charter for Racial Justice in at least one way during the year.*
- Participated in at least two events/activities during the year which focused on Current Justice Issues.
- Invited a district or conference officer (not a member) to one meeting during the year.
- Pledged to care for God’s creation by becoming a “Green” local organization.
PROGRAM RESOURCES

It has been a pleasure to serve as conference SPR for the past four years. I know that I have read books that I might not have considered reading before that have broadened my own world in many ways. I hope that you have as well.

As you complete your reading for the Reading Program for the year, please compile the results of your church according to names and plans completed and send the results to your district SPR by the end of January. The district SPRs then will need to send the results of the district’s participation to the Conference SPR and the Conference secretary, Bonnie Elam, by the end of February. Since this is a report for 2018, books from 2013-2018 will count this year. Also, because it is a 2018 report, please send the results to me and to the new Conference SPR, Denise Geller, along with Bonnie Elam.

If you look at the books which a part of the UMW Reading Program for 2019 online, you will notice some very appealing choices. There are two that I would like to share with you. Escape from the Green Mansion by Christine Taylor is, in part, the true story of the evolution of the Gum Moon Residence, one of our UMW missions. The book tells the story of the history of California in general, especially the bay area around San Francisco. It describes the gold rush, Chinese immigration, and the trafficking of young Chinese women, and the rescue of these women by those who cared. This book is eye opening to those of us who have never considered the issues of immigration and human trafficking in relationship to this time, place and people. It is a 2019 Education for Mission choice.

Fresh Expressions, A New Kind of Methodist Church for People Not in Church by Kenneth Carter and Audrey Warren was a handout at one of our workshops at Annual Conference this past year. The structure of the book lends itself well to a small group study. Prayer, Bible study, discussion questions and readings are focused on helping us understand how to reach the unchurched community in novel ways. We are reminded that our mission as United Methodist is to “make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” We believe in God’s grace and core values found in the scriptures, and these are principles that guide us. This book will be a meaningful 2019 Spiritual Growth choice.

It seems there are challenges and changes to our UMW Reading Program, but by being creative and resourceful we can help each other to keep this meaningful, educational, and unifying program working well.

Blessings,

Cozette McCollin,
Secretary of Program Resources, Indiana Conference
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Social Action....

Another year of SOCIAL ACTION

We’ve had a busy year advocating on behalf and women, children and youth. Legislative Day is always a highlight, followed by action taken at Mission u (those postcards to the Wendy’s CEO – over 300 of them sent from Indiana!), and then follow up at our Annual Celebration in the fall...not to mention all the things we do at the district and local level!

Now on to 2019. You’ll find the flyer for 2019 Legislative Day here in the Mission Messenger. The theme is economic justice. If you have expertise in any of the areas listed, please let me know – I’d love to have you lead a workshop.

Keep track of the news and legislation and keep in touch with your state and federal legislators. Write letters!! Send emails!! Sign petitions!! March!! And just generally act like an involved citizen and a United Methodist woman!

Many local UMW organizations don’t have a specific person/officer for social action, but that doesn’t mean the local group can’t be involved. Make sure there is a contact person who can received and then disseminate Social Action news. Your district Mission Coordinator for Social Action would LOVE to keep you connected. The district coordinators for 2019 are:

- West – Carol Sweet
- East – Carla Cook
- North – Sally Mijarus
- Central – Cecelia Whitfield
- South – waiting for a volunteer!
- Northwest – Stacey Wallace
- Southwest – Jacque Hardin
- Northeast – Carol Barrick
- Southeast – Peggy Dean
- Northcentral – Ruth Leverett

Check the directory or your fall district newsletter for contact information.

We all need to stay informed about advocacy needs in our state, nation, and world. The United Methodist Women National Office website (www.unitedmethodistwomen.org) is a great place to start. Just get on there and start clicking to find amazing resources. Don’t be afraid – you won’t launch anything or unintentionally buy anything, but you may learn a thing or two!! See you in March at Castleton UMC for the 2019 UMW/CWU Legislative Day!

All God’s Blessings, please --

La Donna Weber,
Mission Coordinator for Social Action
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MARCH 7, 2019

ECONOMIC INEQUALITY

UMW/CWU Legislative and Advocacy Day

Lunch available with registration ($10 payable at the door)

If you can’t register by March 4 please come anyway and bring your own lunch

Registration begins January 15 – call 260-444-8036 (leave a message 8 a.m.-5 p.m.) or email (use subject line “Leg day reg”) ladonnarw@aol.com with number of meals needed and if bus trip is wanted.

10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. EDT

Castleton United Methodist Church

7101 Shadeland Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46256
Young Women’s Coordinator....

Well folks, it’s time to say goodbye. The community of United Methodist Women has been so supportive, gracious and inspiring over these last two years, and I look forward to seeing all of you at upcoming conference events! I would like to call on every single person who reads this newsletter to connect with young women in some way. Invite daughters, granddaughters, nieces and next door neighbors to fun UMW events. I personally am partial to setting up for my UMW unit’s Rummage Sale because I love organizing for others. Be open to new ideas and ways of connecting UMW to the larger church and non-church community.

Recently, a young woman said she would love to host a lock-in at her church so that the high-school age young adults could come together and meet UMW ladies during a fun late night event. At the recent Conference Leadership Training, the results of the 2017 census were examined and only 17% of our membership is 55 years of age or younger. We need to show our communities that we are an organization dedicated to women, youth and love in action! I was amazed by all of the activism in UMW and the younger generations want to be socially aware and be part of organizations that make a difference. We are a perfect fit! Let us all work to share the message of UMW through focused events such as a UMW 101 workshop, a Be Just Be Green activity or a Mission Crawl where you can visit several nonprofit sites in one day. Show the world your love in action!

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Young Women’s Coordinator  
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Mission u 2019!!

So here we are, mid-November, and Mission u 2019 is in full swing! You need to grab your calendar for next year. Yes, right now, go get your calendar and reserve the dates of July 16-19, 2019 for Mission u. It is not too early to start planning to attend this event. Start letting others know about this exciting week, full of fellowship, learning, and more fun than anyone should be allowed to have. Ask everyone about coming, and don’t forget your pastor! Have him/her/them get the date in the calendar as well. We have scholarships available for pastors attending for the first time. They need your encouragement to come! They can also get Continuing Education credit for attending the 4-day event.

We have secured all of our class facilitators, and I am excited about the variety of backgrounds our leaders possess and the knowledge they will bring to the table. Plan now to come and encourage everyone you know to join you! Programming is sure to make children, youth, and adults, male and female all feel welcome, and we will provide child care for those too young to participate. More details coming...

See you in July if not before!

Kathy Byerly- Dean of Mission u 2019
MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE AND OUTREACH

Greetings to all District MNO Mission Coordinators, local presidents, and secretaries too!!

I wish to thank those who attended our Leadership Development and Officer Training earlier this month and to share some of the material we discussed.

The 2018 Census has been launched at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2018 and is open October 9, 2018 until March 30, 2019. The site includes a video and printable instructions, as well. Please share this link with all local unit presidents and ask them to use it to enter their unit’s data, which will go directly to the national office. If the president, secretary, or local MNO do not have computers, or internet, this would be the perfect opportunity to involve younger women in teaching and/or assisting units in completing the census. This year’s census includes many drop-down boxes on the form which makes it more user-friendly, but there are also many more questions – 10 pages in all! By omitting a response, we limit our ability to grow and tell our mission story. I suggest that you go online and read through the questions or actually print the survey and discuss the questions and answers at your local meeting before actually entering your unit’s information. The national office uses the responses in their final Census Analysis (that shows our strengths and weaknesses) to create helpful, interactive sessions that assist our leaders in moving forward.

Your local unit’s 2019 officer report should now be near completion by either the president or the secretary. They should have received the paper form in October and the deadline for completion is 11/30/18. We discovered at our officer training that this paper form has been mistaken for the actual census…. please note that it is requested that you complete and mail this form to your district secretary … in addition to completing the census online (at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2018).

Did you know that being a member of the United Methodist Church is not a requirement to be a member of the United Methodist Women? Reach out, invite, nurture… and share our legacy so we can continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus as we spread his love around the world!

Please contact me if you have any questions, we are Better Together!

May we all be a Blessing to someone today,

Patty McGuire
Conference Membership, Nurture, and Outreach Mission Coordinator
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Introducing….the New Conference UMW Communication Coordinator!!

Hello, my name is Laura Watson and with the new year, I will be starting my term as the Conference UMW Communications Coordinator. I had the privilege to meet with some of the district communication coordinators earlier this month at leadership development and officer training and hope that I will have the opportunity to soon meet and talk with those unable to attend.

At the start of 2018, when everyone was making resolutions, I felt as though I was being called by God to take on more spiritually. Although I was attending church faithfully at Salem United Methodist Church and a member of the local UMW group there, my life was busy to the point that I didn’t see how “more” would be possible. But, like they say, if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.

This past year at Limitless, Kathy White asked attendees if anyone would like to help out more with UMW. My calling at the beginning of the year was already on my heart, and when I said yes, this position was the one mentioned.

Rewind back eight years to my sophomore year at Huntington University and you’ll find a young woman who was trying to decide on a career path. Although I graduated with a degree in sociology, I was studying journalism and communications at the time. Standing there at Limitless, I couldn’t believe that a position lined up with what I had originally thought was a detour in my college career! It’s exciting to consider this could be something that I could put to use with UMW!!

I am excited for the year to come and hope that you are as well. Sometimes it’s the unexpected “yes” that opens us up to things that we never saw coming. As you look over the slates of 2019 officers for conference, districts, and local units and notice a few vacancies, is there one where you may consider putting your gifts and talents to use?

Laura Watson
2019-2020 Conference Communications Coordinator
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Language Coordinator

This summer I was fortunate to re-visit a dear Turkish friend and her four-year-old son in Turkey. Due to a cancelled flight, the trip had me arriving on the evening of President Erdogan’s re-election. The moment I arrived to their home, hours before ballots were tabulated, President Erdogan was declaring his victory. My friends were appalled at this. Then, later in the evening, seeing the percentage point win against the public favored vote, they said it was fraudulent.

The next morning, the feeling of mourning, the silence that enveloped Ankara (the capital of Turkey) was astounding. No one can protest; no one can speak out. There was just silence: at the bread store, at the milk store, at the newspaper stand, at the school bus stop.

We must be grateful that we can, and must, speak out when we see injustice in our United States of America. "Instead of fighting about what's left and what's right, what we really ought to be talking about is the difference between what's right and what's wrong."

Leanore Regensburger
Conference Language Coordinator
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Breaking Barriers HIV & AIDS Ministry Conference

I had the privilege of serving on Bishop Trimble’s team organizing the Breaking Barriers HIV & AIDS Ministry Conference. October 25-27 was a learning time for me, opening my eyes to a health issue about which I knew very little. I learned a lot about advocacy, research, treatment, and outbreak trends. The biggest thing I learned, though, was the deep sense of hurt and alienation that many with HIV/AIDS feel towards the faith community. But there was also hope. Hope that treatment strategies continue to improve; hope that we have more ways than ever to reach out; hope that even within the faith community many are working to change our attitudes toward those who are different than us.

Bishop Minerva Carcano, San Francisco Area, asked if we as Christians (and humans), build barriers to keep out those who don’t live, talk, or look like us. Who gives us the power or the right to build barriers? Who gets to live on my side of the barrier and who gets shut out? Didn’t Christ break down those barriers? Bishop Tracy Smith Malone, East Ohio Area, asked what it means to imitate Christ’s humility. Humility is not thinking less of myself – it’s thinking about myself less. Humility requires putting others first. Without humility, we erect barriers to our souls.

Rev. Kristine Marshall, Bethel UMC, Anderson, IN, was our Artist in Residence. Her depiction of living with barriers and finding our way out is a beautiful depiction of the joy we can miss when we build barriers. The three panels will go to Hope Center Indy, a residence for women who have been sex trafficked.

You can see that I came away with a lot to think about. I pray that you will give thought to the barriers you may have erected and seek God’s strength in dismantling those barriers.

Deanne Heidrich, Conference Treasurer
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What Gift Can We Bring?

The Hymn “What Gift Can We Bring” in our United Methodist Hymnal was a nudge for me at this time of thanksgiving to be aware of my own gifts and those of our foremothers of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations. So, as a member of the Conference IN Legacy Team, I began reflecting on the words to a familiar hymn of gratitude.

In verse two “Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision, who planted and watered so dreams could come true” I am reminded of the eight women who gathered on that stormy night in Boston at the Tremont Episcopal Methodist Church, March 23, 1869. The meeting was organized by Clementina Butler, a hardworking, energetic missionary wife. Also in attendance were Mrs. Lois Parker, another missionary wife home on furlough, and Mrs. Lewis Flanders, a sympathetic and influential Boston churchwoman who had heard the stories of how women were treated in India and felt inspired to do something. With their two cents a week and wearing calico on the streets of Boston, eight women were able to start a movement to raise enough funds in six months to send an educator and a physician to India.

Verse two continues with “Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship, for mission bids us turn prayer into deed” bringing to mind two living legends, Barbara Campbell and Vera Moore. Barbara Campbell, a resident of Brooks Howell Home for retired deaconesses and a member of United Methodist Women all of her adult life, continues to enjoy research and writing about our predecessor organizations and the unheralded women pioneer leaders. She sadly laments that conditions for women, children and youth have not changed much in many parts of the world since our organization began.

Vera Moore, another living legend, contacted polio at age 14, but her determination paid off. Although she never made it to college and married at age 17 (which lasted 57 years!), her spirit of service is celebrated. First a member of the WSCS (Women’s Society of Christian Service) in 1960, her passion for our organization continues. Although now homebound, her computer skills including social media, keep her in touch with the world. Debbie Bell, who was mentored by Vera, shared what she has learned by saying “you are only bound by the limitations of the human spirit.”

In verse three of the hymn, we are reminded to “Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring.” We are grateful we have reached 40% of our $60 million goal to the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign, a permanent endowment, securing United Methodist Women for service for the next 150 years and beyond.

In order to assist us in reaching our goal, every United Methodist Woman is encouraged to contribute to the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign in the form of cash, check, securities, stock, life insurance, planned gifts and bequests. Any amount is welcome with birthdays and Gifts in Memory as special ways to remember friends and loved ones.

The final verse of “What Gifts Can We Bring” concludes “When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, this song we now offer in honor and praise.” During this month of thanksgiving, consider adding a “gratitude list” to your “prayer list” and rejoice! We will remember and rejoice with you as we thank God for each of you.

Your Indiana Conference Legacy Fund Endowment Team,

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How to give to the Legacy Fund?

Online at [www.uniedmetodistwomen.org/legacy](http://www.uniedmetodistwomen.org/legacy) fund

By phone: 800-278-7771 (8am to 6pm EST, M-F)

By check to: United Methodist Women
Attn: Development, Legacy Fund
475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor, New York New York 10115
Text 41444 on your mobile device and enter Legacy 150 in the message area.

Lucille Raines Residence: A Blessed Recovery Community

Each year it seems the October Raines Fest grows in popularity with the residents and the board members. A huge thank you goes to all who contributed items for the Country Store as this is a means of providing useful items for sale to be purchased with funny money. Included in the fun was the Crazy Auction again this year and nothing brings people together like good comfort food and fellowship! All were received with hearts overflowing with gratitude and love! Gratitude overflowed during the entire 48-hour event—gratitude especially for United Methodist Women who support Lucille Raines Residence in so many ways! Please know YOU ARE APPRECIATED!

In case you missed the following experience shared in the recent LRR newsletter, I offer it again because it spoke to my heart during the Raines Fest and I believe it is worthy of repeating. Sometimes we are in the right place at the right time to catch glimpses of the holy. Such an occasion occurred during the recent Raines Fest.

I took a seat with a young woman during the Crazy Auction and nearly elbow-to-elbow to her was a young man at a nearby table. Everyone was excitedly bidding on packages, some marked “man” and others “woman.” Funny money was quickly slipping through the residents’ fingers—some could bid only as much money as they had left. Only a few packages remained to be auctioned when this young man won the bid. As he counted his money to pay for the parcel marked “woman,” I introduced myself to this lovely lady. Denise moved into Raines nearly one year ago and is working hard on her recovery.

The young man finished counting his money and instantly turned to this young lady and affectionately gave her a hug and a kiss on the cheek as he handed her a small box, still wrapped in white tissue paper with red hearts imprinted on it. His face beaming, he said, “I was saving my money as I wanted you to have this.” It was then that I realized this beautiful pair was mother and son.

Anthony, age 18, was bursting with love and pride as his mother unwrapped a lovely wrist watch, a gift he purposely had chosen for her (yet not knowing the contents). She told me how very proud she is of her son; he’s a senior and is looking at colleges. I told Denise that Anthony is very proud of her too. To that she responded, “I hope so.”

I witnessed God in a healing, loving relationship of a young woman seriously working her recovery program and a young son so very proud of how far she has come. May God continue to bless these beautiful people and grant them many more wonderful glimpses of the holy!

Denise and Anthony gave permission to use their picture and story in the newsletter. Both have responded out of gratitude for the wonderful work that is being done at Raines, in this “blessed recovery community” where hope is born anew through redeemed lives and relationships.

Carolyn Maxey, Publicity

Lucille Raines Residence
Raines Gets Necessary Facelift

Lucille Raines Residence is now a safer, and outwardly brighter, more inviting home! Deteriorating mortar has been repaired and/or replaced and the outside façade power-washed and sealed. New life has been given to the exterior beacon of hope in downtown Indianapolis as the completion draws near of the necessary tuck-pointing project.

United Methodist Women of Indiana took another huge leap of faith, once again trusting that God always provides a way. Similarly, as in a huge leap of faith, more than 42 years ago, this ministry began as United Methodist Women of Indiana recognized the need for a safe-haven where lives committed to addiction recovery would learn to live independently and responsibly while rebuilding their lives from substance abuse. What a testament to God’s continued faithfulness this journey is!

Unfortunately, that need has not become outdated like the mortar, but is ever-more prevalent and necessary today. The ministry is largely supported by United Methodist Women, churches and individuals and the budget does not allow for major upkeep such as mortar repair and replacement. As with previous major repairs, like boiler, roof and window replacements, we again must turn to those most faithful in helping to meet the need of funding the project.

Potential liability concerns and the coming of winter necessitated the work be done before inclement weather. “Money for Mortar—The Sequel: Lucille Raines Residence” goal was $75,000. To date, approximately $20,000 has been received towards the need. May we please count once again on your faithful, generous response? Lives are truly being transformed through the love received at Raines because you care.

Please make check payable to LRR and note: “Mortar or as needed” on the memo line and mail it to Lucille Raines Residence, 947 N. Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis 46204.

We give thanks to God for you!
Scholarship recipients’ contact information may be obtained by contacting the Youth & Young Adult Scholarship Committee.

The Youth and Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund is funded by the giving of each local organization of United Methodist Women of Indiana.

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ through Mission Opportunities for Youth and Young Adults
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2019 Youth & Young Adults in Group: 
- 1. Youth & Young adults ages 13-25
- [ ] Gay/Lesbian
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Criteria for Applicants:
1. Must attend a United Methodist Church
2. Must attend a United Methodist
3. Applicants must participate in Church/Community Service
4. Preferences will be given to projects supported by UM Mission of the United Methodists of the Indiana Conference
5. Scholarships will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis, as funds are available

Mail completed form to the Youth & Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund Committee at the address on the reverse side of this form.

www.inumc.org/umw

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* denotes new officer  **2nd 2 year term
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Jesus Christ; to develop a cre-
ative, supportive fellowship;
and to expand concepts of mis-
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global ministries of the church.