



September 2020



Hello to all the resilient women of the South Central District UMW,

The definition of resilient is 1) able to recover quickly from setbacks, 2) able to spring back quickly into shape after being bent, stretched, or squashed. After checking the dictionary, I looked at the thesaurus for words that have similar meanings as resilient. Words such as: hardy, strong, tough, irrepressible, spirited and durable were given, as well as: elastic, flexible, resistant, and sturdy. When I thought of this adjective in describing my UMW sisters, I knew that it was the perfect description during this time in our lives. I doubt that any of us have ever been tested with the likes that 2020 has brought us, and it's not over yet. However, as United Methodist Women, I know that we will rise above the obstacles that we've faced this year and with God guiding us, we will overcome and come out stronger.

Before I get into the business of this newsletter, I must first apologize that it is coming to you so late. It is no one's fault but my own. Though I deal with technology every day in my personal life and in business, I have come to discover that I have finally reached a point in my life where I am at a technical disadvantage. Basically, I no longer learn new stuff very well. As many of you know I battle with Fibromyalgia every day. Besides dealing with constant pain, insomnia and fatigue, I also deal with episodes of brain fog. Then when you add in that we're in the middle of a pandemic that creates its own stress, and we are pretty much being forced to embrace technology in order to conduct business meetings and celebrations, well, it's all a bit overwhelming. I do ask for your forgiveness and understanding. Prayers are very much welcomed, as well.

On Saturday, September 26 beginning at 10:00 a.m. (yes, that's just one week from the day you should receive this newsletter), we will be having our Annual Mission Celebration. Our Celebration will look VERY different this year, and should be much shorter. Due to the Pandemic, we are unable to come together as we normally do because of the need to social distance. So, this year, we will be conducting the Celebration via Zoom. If you have a desktop, laptop, tablet, or mobile phone, and have internet connection, you should be able to connect with us. If you don't have it already, all you need to do is download or get the app for Zoom. It's free! Then sometime this week, I (or Kim) will be sending everyone that is receiving this newsletter an invitation by email to join us on Saturday, September 26. The email will contain a link that should take you straight to Zoom and our Celebration. If you have any questions about connecting to Zoom, you can contact me, but you might be better off asking a teenager, young adult or parent of a school-age child as many of the kids are using Zoom for their classes.

Local Presidents, (and other local officers) this paragraph is for you. If you know of members who aren't receiving this newsletter, but have email, please forward this and the invitation to them. All are welcome to attend the District's Mission Celebration. Also, if your unit has any members who passed away this year, please make sure you have contacted Missy Cunningham (Spiritual Growth Coordinator) with their name and a picture, if possible. There are still a few units who have not submitted their annual report. In order for your unit to be recognized for any accomplishments since August 1, 2019 to July 31, 2020, a completed report **MUST** be submitted to me immediately. Lastly, almost half of the South Central District UMW units did not turn in their pledge for 2021. Local Presidents, your unit's pledge amount for 2021 is needed as soon as possible. If your unit isn't having meetings yet, please make contact with your members and set your pledge in the next month. Please contact me (270-792-1859) if you need assistance or have questions/comments about the report or your unit's pledge.

I want to take a moment to thank our Nominations Committee this year. They have done an exceptional job this year, during a Pandemic, in obtaining a full slate of officers to be presented for election at our District Mission Celebration. In this newsletter, you will find an article from JoAnn Neighbors, Chair of the Nominations Committee. Please read it carefully, as it gives details on how you can nominate someone besides those on the slate, prior to the elections. Due to the lateness of this newsletter, instead of having a whole month to submit other nominations, you now only have a few days. Again, I apologize for this, but please pay heed to the date for submission.

All UMW members, please don't forget to get your pledge monies in for 2020. Even if your unit isn't meeting in person, your pledge is still needed so that our mission work around the world will continue to help all those in need. Just as your church relies on your tithes and offerings to meet its budget and continue ministries, so does United Methodist Women.

Please remember to watch for another email later this week with the invitation to our District Mission Celebration, and I hope to see you on Saturday, September 26. I will send it out as soon as all the details for using Zoom are worked out with the District Superintendent's Office.

May God continue to watch over and bless each of you.

Treva Craft, President
South Central District United Methodist Women

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Reminder from Membership, Nurture & Outreach

This is just a reminder to all Local Unit Presidents, if you have received your UMW 2019-2020 Annual reports from Treva Craft our South Central District President hope you have completed and sent back to her. This information is very important so we can get our total membership report accurate for our Annual Report. Also, if you are not the current local unit president please let Treva or myself know so we can contact the right person. It would be great if we get 100 percent response!!!

OUR PURPOSE AS UNITED METHODIST MEMBERS

1. To be a community of women.
2. To know God.
3. To develop a creative & supportive fellowship.
4. To expand concept of mission.

Blessing:

Beulah Carter
Membership, Nurture & Outreach

2020 UMW Calendar (District & Conference Events)

Sept. 26 @ 10am **Virtual District Mission Celebration**

Sept. 27 @ 2pm **Virtual Conference Team Meeting**
(Note: I think the time is 1pm for those of us in the Central Time Zone. TC)

October 24 **Virtual Conference Mission Celebration**

November 7 **District Mission Team Meeting** *(Details of meeting will be sent out later in October.)*

The Legacy Fund Update

In 1869, women saw the needs of people around them and heard the call of the great commission willing to do what their hearts were telling them to do. Thank God for the foundation set forth by our foremothers over 150 years ago. In 2014, the Board of Directors started the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign. The monetary goal of United Methodist Women is \$60 million dollars. As of 2020, UMW has received around 50% of our goal. We must continue to honor our foremothers as we become Legacy builders by donating \$18.69 to make the future secure for UMW as we strive to serve women, children, and youth around the world for another 150 years.

Together we can build our legacy and transform lives. **Here are the ways you can give:**

Online: at unitedmethodistwomen.org/150

Text: 41444 and enter legacy 150 in the message area

By Phone: 800-278-7771 (8am-5pm EST, Monday thru Friday)

**By Check: United Methodist Women
 Attn: Development Legacy Fund
 475 Riverside Drive 15th Floor
 New York, New York 10115**

I am so excited and proud to be a part of the South Central District. Even in the midst of Covid-19, our faith, hope, and love in Action is still alive in United Methodist Women. By introducing Christianity, children have been saved, food has been provided for families, and bills have been paid for young mothers.

To our healthcare personnel, we really appreciate your compassion and love you have shown our local units throughout the district. The Articles in our Response Magazine and other resources bring us a hopeful message. We must continue to be in God's mission and make certain our children and youth are a part of our legacy. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Love and Prayers
Ruby York
Legacy Fund Liaison

News from Your District Treasurer



What a Year!

**NO in-person church services!
NO in-person UMW meetings!
No in-person fundraisers!
No in-person District Meetings!
NO Mission U!
NO Officer Training!**

Hope you are all surviving in good spirits!

Now for our Yeses

YES, God is with us!

YES, We have been able to meet our first and second quarter pledges to Conference!

YES, You can mail in your pledge to your local treasurer if you can't attend meetings!

YES, You can make up your pledge for any meetings you have missed!

Yes, Because of the circumstances, I am afraid we will be behind in our pledges to Conference, so if you can help by giving extra please do!

Yes, We can have ZOOM meetings!

Yes, With God's guidance we will get through this!

Yes, It is time for me to remind the local treasurers their third quarter remittance is due to me by

September 1, 2020! *(Note from Treva: If you haven't submitted your third quarter remittance yet, please do so immediately. If you have questions or concerns regarding this, please contact Jo Grippe.)*

If you have questions, you can contact me, Jo Grippe, 192 Remington Drive, Russell Springs, KY 42642 or by email grippejo@gmail.com or by phone 270-866-6997 or 479-530-3289.

A Message from State Street UMW

Whew! I think we are all feeling the strain of living in a world that has turned upside down! With God's help, we are coping with the loss of jobs, our schools and universities in a holding pattern, the chaos that is running rampant in our major cities, and most important the loss of life of our loved ones due to COVID-19. It has and continues to weigh on all of our hearts.

But all of this cannot diminish the spirit of UMW! We are planning our 2020 Bazaar that will have a decidedly different look. We will be taking orders for pecans, pans of frozen lasagna, and baked goods. Our goods will be handed out "curb service style" on November 10th. The missions we support with our annual fundraiser are too important to our unit to just cancel the Bazaar completely.

Blessings to all,

Kim Williams
State Street UMW

Other Bazaar News from ST. James UMW

We will be having our annual Bazaar on October 24th from 9-2. Masks are required. We are also selling our crafts on-line right now. Go to St. James Web Page and select Bazaar to see what is available and we are also taking pre-orders for our baked goods. All proceeds go to several charities in our community.

Thank You and God Bless

Dianna Cannon
St. James UMW

Just a note from Bear Wallow

Since we have not met for many months, we have not been able to work on any projects. We were glad to get a new member just before we were hit by the pandemic. We are so happy to have her. We have also been able to send funds for our Pledge. I miss seeing everybody in my Unit and the District and look forward to when we can all be together again.

Anna Burton
President, Bear Wallow UMW

JUMC Women In Action

First Photo

Donations made to Fair Oaks Health and Rehabilitation. “Special thanks to the Jamestown United Methodist Women’s Group for the donation of shampoo, body wash, hand sanitizers, Kleenex tissues and hand soaps. We appreciate this so much!”

Second Photo

JUMC women, including Janet Wilkerson, masked and preparing for 127 yard sale. (Unfortunately it had to be postponed.)



South Central District – Nominations

HELLO UMW MEMBERS! It seems like forever since we have been together, but the one thing that we have all been experiencing together is the unforgettable year of 2020. For the last six months, we have all tried to stay safe from the Covid-19 virus and my hope is that each of you and your family has stayed safe.

UMW members, separated by the threat of this virus, have been challenged to stay connected and follow our purpose. The nomination committee has tried to stay true to our purpose, so we have been connecting our community by virtual meetings. The South Central District Nomination Committee has met virtually the last several weeks so we would have a full slate of returning or new officers for the year 2021.

Today, I want to present the names of the 2021 officers that will be serving a 2-year term, except the nomination committee member who will serve a 4-year term. We will be voting on this slate of officers during the Fall Annual Celebration that has been tentatively set for September 26. The 2021 Officers that will be up for vote are as follows:

- ❖ President – Treva Craft
- ❖ Secretary – Joyce Ford
- ❖ Communications – Kim Williams
- ❖ Social Action Coordinator – Kim Johnson
- ❖ Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator – Sandy Wallace
- ❖ Chairperson of Nominations – Harriet Gold
- ❖ Nomination Committee, Class of 2024 – Cathy Jessie
- ❖ Nomination Committee, Class of 2024 – Diane Cannon.

Last year, we had a couple of open offices for the 2020 year, so members will also be voting for a 1-year term for these offices:

- ❖ Vice-President – Ruby York
- ❖ Secretary of Program Resources – Traci Shultz.

We also had openings on the nomination committee in a couple of years and those offices up for vote will be:

- ❖ Karen Rorher – Class of 2022
- ❖ Teresa Sneed – Class of 2023.

We are so thankful that these women have agreed either to another term or to be a new officer. We know that they are listening to their heart about continuing the legacy of such an amazing organization as the United Methodist Women.

Before ending, I need to inform you that a special form is included in the newsletter that gives everyone the opportunity to send to me possible Nominations from the Floor. Our Constitution and By-Laws require that there be an opportunity for nominations from the floor. I will submit your candidate for open offices during the Fall Celebration. Please submit this form to me by the deadline.

South Central District United Methodist Women
Form for Nominations from the Floor
2020 Fall Celebration
~~**Submission Deadline: September 16, 2020**~~
Edited by Treva: Submit by midnight September 22, 2020

The United Methodist Women’s bylaws allow for nominations from the floor. Please use this form for nominations from the floor for this year’s South Central District Officers’ election. If you want to nominate for more than one office you must complete a form for each person. Please print these two pages to complete.

Send all Nominations from the Floor to JoAnn Neighbors by email to: neighbors2400@twc.com **by midnight September 22, 2020**. You must scan or take a picture of your completed form.

If you have questions, contact JoAnn Neighbors, Committee on Nominations Chair, at 270-438-8785.

1. For which office is your nomination?

- a. President _____
- b. Vice-President _____
- c. Secretary of Program (Mission) Resources _____
- d. Communication Coordinator _____
- e. Membership Nurture _____
- f. Membership Outreach _____
- g. Member, Committee on Nomination _____

2. Nominee’s Contact Information

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/Town: _____
State/Province: _____
Zip/Postal Code: _____
Email Address: _____

3. Please enter the nominee’s home, cell and work numbers. If she does not have one, or it is unknown, please enter “NONE” in the space.

Home Phone Number: _____
Cell Phone Number: _____
Work Phone Number: _____

4. Which title/prefix does the nominee prefer to use when being addressed?

- Ms.
- Mrs.
- Rev.
- Dr.
- Other (please specify)

5. Please identify the age range of the nominee.

- 18-30 years
- 31-40 years
- 41-50 years
- 51-65 years
- 66-70 years
- 71 and over

6. Please identify the ethnicity/race of the nominee. Choose all that apply.

- African
- African-American or Black
- Asian-American or Asian
- Caribbean
- Caucasian or White
- Hispanic or Latina
- Hmong
- Native American
- Pacific Islander
- Please write in your own preferred description

7. Please identify the District and local church to which the nominee belongs.

District: _____

Local Church: _____

Nominator Information

Please let us know who you are.

8. Nominator Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____

State/Province: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Reading Program News from the Conference Secretary of Program Resources

Greetings everyone, I pray that each of you are holding tightly onto God's hand as we all try to cope with Covid-19 and all the uncertainty and unrest we are facing right now.

As you know, because of Covid-19, the Spiritual Growth Retreat and Mission u were cancelled and now our Annual Mission Celebration in October will be held virtually via ZOOM. In preparation for these events, I had ordered Mission u study books and a few 2020 Reading Program books from Mission Resources and AmazonSmile, respectively. Since nothing can be returned anymore, these items are now the property of the KY Conference United Methodist Women and I feel the responsibility of recouping those funds. Since March I have managed to sell and deliver a large portion of my inventory but I still have several items left. So, I'm asking everyone to please consider checking with me first before ordering anything from Mission Resources or AmazonSmile. You will find an updated list of everything I have available elsewhere in the NEWSLINK. Contact me either by phone (502-939-5630) or by email (kmfentress36@gmail.com). My goal is to eliminate everything on that list before the end of the year and I thank you for your help in accomplishing that.

The Reading Program is still undergoing some changes but first I want to encourage everyone to visit the UMW website (unitedmethodistwomen.org) often—there is so much good information to be found there, especially in regards to the Reading Program.

The Reading Program book list for 2021-2022 is now available on the website. Yes, you read that correctly. For the first time the Reading Program **will span two years** instead of one. This is due to the pandemic and logistical difficulties entailed getting the books evaluated and selected. At this time I don't know if this is a one-time thing because Covid-19 or if it will be the norm moving forward. We'll see how things work out. The electronic Catalog should be available on the website by the end of August--beginning of September with, I'm hoping, both print-friendly and digital versions.

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

Webinars and Faith Talks are not the same thing. Webinars are geared more toward learning and leadership opportunities and officer training. **FAITH TALKS** was started in 2019 as podcast discussions by faith-leaders and laypeople with insights. It's been suggested that joining and listening live gives you the opportunity to question the panelists, but listening to archived episodes is also acceptable. The podcast episodes can now be listened to and then counted for the Reading Program in the SPIRITUAL GROWTH category, mainly because the topics and panelists are approached from that perspective. **1 episode will be equal to 1 book.**

The 2021 Annual Sampler order form is now available online. You will notice that the Date Book is no longer included and the 2021-2024 Quadrennial Calendar has taken its place. The Date Book has been incorporated into the 2021 Program Book, which is also now available on the website.

The 2021-2024 Handbook is available on the website in an electronic-only downloadable version. The print version will not be available until after General Conference.

The book **JUST MERCY** by Bryan Stevenson was a 2016/SA/BB Reading Program selection. Now the movie **JUST MERCY** can be viewed and counted the same as if the book had been read. Several Mission u Study books have been designated as Bonus Books – go to the website and search the print-friendly 2020 Reading Program Catalog and the 2021-2022 Reading Program list for titles and categories. Mission u Study books (Bonus or otherwise) are not limited to the Mission u Study term (year of Study) but are eligible for reading credit, same as all other books.

The 2020 Mission u Study books **PUSHOUT (SA/BB)** and **FINDING PEACE IN AN ANXIOUS WORLD (SG)** will be offered again at next year's Mission u. **FINDING PEACE** will be a Bonus book starting in 2021.

Also on the website are supplements and leader's guides for **Pushout, Finding Peace, Women United for Change, Practicing Resurrection** and **What About Our Money?**, as well as other, older studies.

Remember that regular reading of Response magazine is a requirement of the Reading Program and that the NOV/DEC issues contain the Reading Program books with descriptions. Please encourage the members of your units to subscribe to Response. Consider giving a gift subscription to someone who you know doesn't subscribe to Response, maybe new members.

I have a scripture card magnet on my refrigerator that, with all the turmoil we are going through this year, I just wanted to share with everybody. This is what it says:

HELLO, THIS IS GOD.

I will be handling all of your problems and concerns today. That's my job.

Your job is to give them to me, and then to trust me.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6

Blessings to all,

Karen Fentress, Secretary of Program Resources
Kentucky Conference UMW

Note from Treva: Below is the link for the order form for the 2021 Annual Sampler. Every unit in the South Central District is encouraged to order the sampler, as it was decided at the last District Team meeting that Prayer Calendars will not be provided to any units. Order the print subscription today for \$40 and save \$4.00. The Annual Sampler[†] includes:

- 2021 Spiritual Growth study (\$10)
- 2021 Prayer Calendar (\$14)
- 2021-22 Program Book (\$10)
- 2021-24 Quadrennial Calendar (\$10.00 with a choice of orange or purple sleeve).

[†] 2021 Issue study: Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools by Monique Morris, New York: New Press, 2016. Available in stores, online and libraries. Free downloadable Leader's Guide (PDF) available online at unitedmethodistwomen.org.

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/members-leaders/mission-resources/annual-sampler/annualsampler2021>