



## Because of You



Do you know how important you are as a member of United Methodist Women?

Do you know what a difference you make locally, nationally, and internationally in the lives of women, children and youth through your prayers, activities, and financial support?

**BECAUSE OF YOU** -- education is a possibility for an increasing number of children world-wide. In the United States, advocacy is made for equitable funding for schools in impoverished areas.

**BECAUSE OF YOU** -- unnamed, neglected children who are homeless as a consequence of AIDS, war, poverty, and abuse in every area of the world, are being given compassionate caring, medical assistance, housing, counseling and training

**BECAUSE OF YOU** -- children are being vaccinated for infectious diseases and medical care to help them live and be healthy.

**BECAUSE OF YOU** -- Women who have been raped or physically or mentally abused are given the physical and psychological assistance that is needed. .

**BECAUSE OF YOU** -- women, who are single mothers because of wars, political situations, or abuse, are given vocational training and loans to assist them to become self-sufficient and support their families.

**BECAUSE OF YOU** -- in times of natural disasters, personnel and facilities provided by United Methodist Women often give immediate aid before relief can be sent from governments or agencies

**BECAUSE OF YOU** -- women and children world-wide have hope and wholeness in their lives as trained Bible Women share the Good News of Jesus Christ, and six regional missionaries minister in various ways to meet various spiritual and social needs.

**BECAUSE OF YOU** -- will this supportive community of United Methodist Women continue and increase ministries for women, children and youth? Will other women know about these critical needs and join in helping to provide "abundant life" that Jesus came to give to all God's children?

Ruth A. Daugherty -- Education and Interpretation and Membership Development



# God is our Compass

1 Timothy 4:6-10

## "Correcting to the True Course"

NW and SW Districts Annual Celebration

September 23, 2017

**Lititz United Methodist Church**

**201 East Market Street, Lititz, Pa**

8:45 – Registration/Refreshments

9:15 – 10:15 Business Meeting

10:30 – 11:30 Program

11:45-1:00 Lunch and Unit Sharing



Name \_\_\_\_\_ phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information for your unit:

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Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Fee for the day \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ reservations by **September 9, 2017**

Make checks out to SW District United Methodist Women

Send to : Carole Haigh, 2579 Horseshoe Road, Lancaster, Pa. 17601

Special dietary issues \_\_\_\_\_

## Dear United Methodist Women . . .

Please post the flyer (page 3) for our Annual Celebration on your bulletin board. We would like to see a large number of ladies at the fall celebration for the business meeting and the program. We are remembering the UMW ladies who have passed this year. Please let me know the names of any woman from your church that have died, so we can put a list in the booklet. (Anyone who has died from Oct. 1, 2016 to Oct. 1, 2017).

We will be collecting the Love offering at the district **Annual Celebration**. You may give this offering in memory or in honor of a United Methodist Women who has mentored and guided you in the faith. Please submit this special offering before All Saints Day, November 1. Include information on the envelope.

Help the Southwest and Northwest districts meet their goals for mission. Help us to help women and children in all circumstances and need. We would like to meet our goal this year. If every woman gave a little we could exceed our goal. Prayerfully consider your part in contributing to the mission work of the United Methodist Women.

Unitedmethodistwomen.org is a very informative way to find out where the money goes, and who are our missionaries and deaconesses we support and the work they are doing.

If you have any questions, you may call or email :

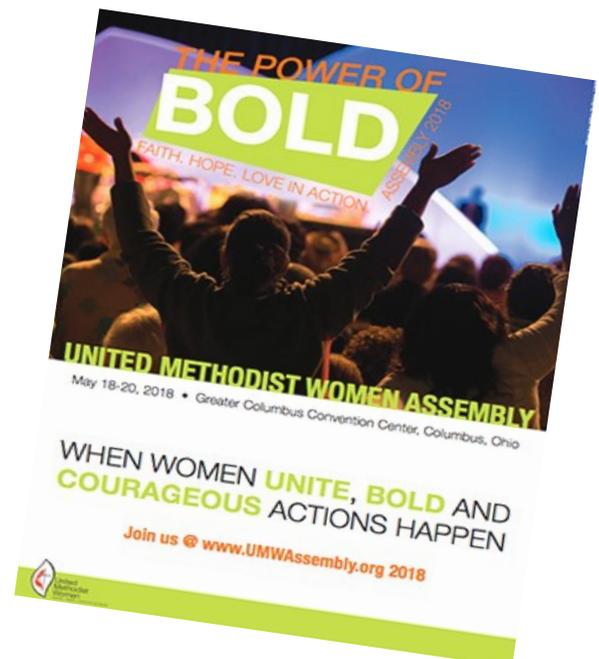
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### Assembly information

**The Power of Bold Columbus, Ohio  
May 18-20, 2018 Registration fee will be \$295, registration opens Sept. 1, 2017, With a Nov. 30 deadline. Then registration is \$330.**

**All information can be found on the web site: [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org)**



## A Note From Your District Treasurer

Hatsy Droke, District Treasurer

I have always felt blessed to have grown up in a Methodist family where the church was an important part of our lives. As a child, I remember sitting on the floor in our living room, listening to the women of the Women's Society of Christian Service talking about missions for women and children around the world. My mother's, grandmother's, and great-grandmother's support and love of this organization was instilled in me at a young age, and I am grateful for that.

In the fall each year, our district UMW collects a

LOVE OFFERING to acknowledge and appreciate those UMW saints (some still living) in our lives. These funds go to our total Pledge to Missions. A LOVE OFFERING envelop has been sent to each treasurer so that your unit can acknowledge those women who are their saints. These funds can be mailed to me or can be placed in the offering plate at our Annual Meeting in September. If you still need a LOVE OFFERING envelope please contact me at [hdroke552@verizon.net](mailto:hdroke552@verizon.net) or 717-824-3717. The envelopes will also be available at our Annual Meeting.

## Spiritual Growth

Sandra Carrigan, Spiritual Growth and Development

This year's spiritual growth study at Mission U was "Living as a Covenant Community" by author Rev. Evy McDonald.

This study examines major covenants throughout the Bible and what they reveal about God's character and eternal love for us.

From Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Miriam, to the Judges, Kings and Prophets, from the Gospels to the Epistles, and the early church, we see in the scriptures a God who pursues relationships and refuses to give up. We are in covenant with a gracious and loving God, who refuses to give up on us and teaches us not to give up on each other.

As United Methodist Women, a strong and thankful community, we are committed to put our faith, hope and love into action on behalf of others in need in our country and around the world.

Our prophet Jeremiah shows us the pathway of grace in Jeremiah 31:31-34. There Jeremiah says, "The days are surely coming says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the cov-

enant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of

Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD; I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sins no more." (NRVS)

Jeremiah helps us see that our covenant with God moves from law to grace when we make a commitment to Jesus Christ. It is in the heart where love begins, faith serves and our covenant with God is affirmed.



Eastern Pennsylvania Conference  
United Methodist Women

*44th Annual Celebration*

*Saturday, October 21, 2017 8am - 3pm*  
*Union United Methodist Church of Havertown*  
*200 Brookline Boulevard*  
*Havertown, Pa. 19083*  
*Rev Mary Jane Kirby, Pastor*



*Theme: United Methodist Women*  
*Still Relevant in 21st Century*

*Speakers: Deaconesses: (DHMR)*

*Deaconesses and Home Missioners serve across the U.S*  
*and around the world.*



Registration: \$15.00 - Lunch will be provided

REGISTRATION FORM

Make all checks payable to: EPA-UMW Deadline: September 30, 2017

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

List names of attendees (use back of form if needed):

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Mail Registration Form and Checks to:  
**Mary Ann Repsher** 164 South Ninth St. Bangor, PA 18013  
**Phone:** 610-588-1084  
**E-mail:** [rep164@frontiernet.net](mailto:rep164@frontiernet.net)

## Legacy Moment

In April 1903, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Louisville Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church South, founded the Louisville Settlement Home. Five months later, the agency began activities in a ten-room brick

building on East Jefferson Street under the direction of a Methodist deaconess, Miss Ogilvie.

Early activities included a kindergarten, a Sunday school, and the Barclay Chorus Club, "made up of thirty-five boys, who, although at first very unruly and defiant of workers and ministers, later became known for their good behavior and sweet singing." The Louisville Settlement Home also sponsored a club for factory girls and young women, a young men's club, prayer services, mothers' meetings, lectures, and industrial classes.

In 1908, the agency found new quarters on Main Street, adjacent to Marcus Lindsey Memorial Church and became known as Wesley House.



Seventeen years later, in 1925, Wesley House moved to its current location at 803 East Washington St., a block north of the old location. The physical plant grew to include a third building and a gymnasium, both of which were connected to the older structures. A recent physical addition was the Wesley United Community

Park, dedicated in July 2002.

The environment around Wesley House changed over the past century and so did the array of programs it offered. Sewing clubs, Scout activities, summer camps, and more have largely evolved into programs that provide essential services to low-income families in the distressed neighborhoods east of downtown Louisville.

What hasn't changed is Wesley House's commitment to serving its community in a spirit of Christian love.



## WHY SHOULD I GO TO ASSEMBLY?

United Methodist  
Women EPAUMC  
West District  
\*Final Edition  
(Beacon)

Assembly 2018 will be a forum for United Methodist Women members, new friends and partners to gather, worship and learn about the needs of women, children and youth in the 21st century. We will be claiming our 150-year history as women who know how to organize and serve and are willing to be challenged to grow in our faith as we build deeper connections with one another, church leaders and partners in the work of justice for all God's children.

Assembly will offer an incredible personal faith journey through community building, training for action, and visioning a movement for the future. Bold and courageous ventures await us! The 2018 Assembly is particularly momentous in that it marks both the official celebration of the organization's 150th anniversary and a return to the location of the first Assembly in 1942. St. Louis was the original site for that first Assembly, but the women moved their meeting to Columbus because St. Louis would not allow white women and black women to congregate in the same space. They boldly united and switched to a location where ALL women could meet, worship, and stay together. That location was Columbus!

Columbus also meets the strict green standards that United Methodist Women require. The convention center is a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) registered facility. Additionally, the Hilton Hotel connected to the center is a LEED Gold Certified Hotel. By using these facilities, the carbon footprint of 8,000 women will be greatly reduced.



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