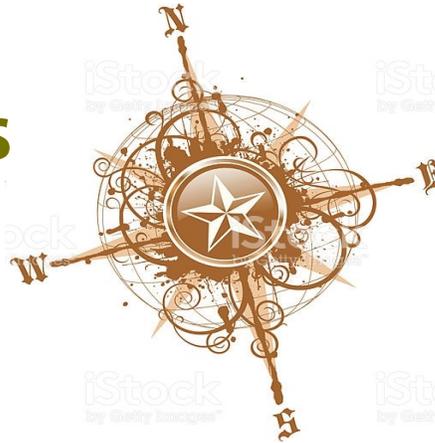


The Compass



President's Message

As I prepare to share my thoughts with you, I can hardly believe that a half a year has past. With summer and warmer weather upon us, we sense that we can take a breather from late winter and spring events and gear up for the fall and the activities ahead. However, there are still concerns for mission that must be looked after. We need to pray and give. We need to involve ourselves in mission to those in need around us.

It's also a good time to pick up a book from our diverse reading program and to relax and enjoy learning about a subject that interests you (getting ready to share with your unit in the fall). The Response Magazine also offers shorter articles of mission going on around the world.

Our district team is ever conscious of you, our many UMW units, and how we can best connect with you and encourage you to expand and become a "bold" influence in your church and community. You have good ideas and we encourage you to continue what you are doing. We are proud of the any hours of time and talent that you give to the work of the kingdom of heaven. A thought to encourage you is: though you may think that your contribution is small, remember that we have hundreds of UM women praying and giving to the same projects and when many hands are involved we multiply our impact in communities, big cities and farm areas around our globe. **YOU BELONG AND WE COUNT ON YOU!!**

President's Message

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President's Message

Program Coordinator

President's Message continued . . .

The Bible tells us that the fields are ready for harvest. God is working among His people! The world is looking for answers!! Don't get weary in well doing. Join all the UM women who are working for change and help us win hearts and souls for the Kingdom of God. In Mission with you, Janet Taylor

Happenings Around the District

It was my honor to be invited by Denise Rosario, UMW co-president, of Long Memorial UMC in Neffsville to an event sponsored by her unit to highlight the faithful ministry of their church. This event took place on Saturday, April 9th at the church. Pastor Sharon Barley was a vital part of the gathering.

They displayed Bible, hymnals, attendance records, class minutes and pictures telling the proud and humble beginnings of their church. Their organizational meeting was held in a barn on the farm of one of their members. They were also

crafts for sale.

It didn't take me long to meet Sally White, who shared the story of one of the quilts displayed. This quilt was the oldest one that the quilting circle had made. It dated back to 1925 or 1930. The quilting circle is still in existence. To date they have made hundreds and they donate them to the orphans at Christ's Home. Every bed has a homemade quilt! Today, they also crochet small coverlets and they are all donate to their mission projects.

After a delicious brunch, we were entertained by a chalk artist from the Barnyard & Art Studio in Brickerville. The artist was a woman who had grown up Amish and found Christ. She shared her story and her heart for her family and Amish friends to find Christ. We left inspired and glad that we had shared such a great time together.

Janet Taylor, President, West District EPAC United Methodist

Who Are We?

With all of our differences, we are women united to:

- ◆ Educate those women who cannot afford it
- ◆ Liberate those who are oppressed
- ◆ Feed those who are hungry
- ◆ Clothe those who have little
- ◆ Aid victims of natural disasters
- ◆ Shelter victims of abuse
- ◆ Support missionaries
- ◆ Train women to be economically self sufficient
- ◆ Assist with medical needs
- ◆ Boost our own spiritual development

SHARE WITH ALL YOU KNOW!!

Carole D. Haigh, Program Coordinator

The 70,273 Project

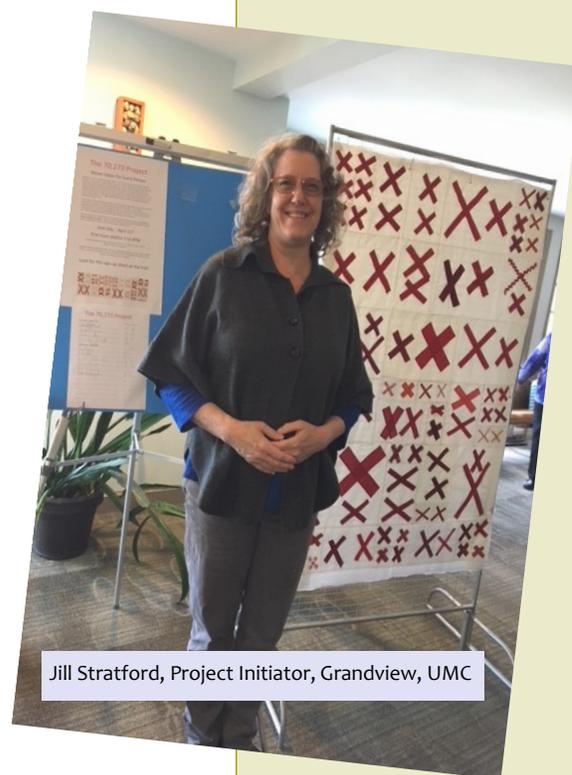


Education
Interpretation/
Membership
Development

Grandview Church took part of this worldwide collaborative art project:

The 70,273 Project

We made quilts to be counted among the 70,273 blocks of fabric, marked with two red crosses to commemorate the number of physically and mentally disabled men, women and children who were murdered between January 1940 and August 1941 in the Aktion T4 Program - a largely unrecognized atrocity. The two red crosses represent the marks made by the assessing Doctors as to whether the person was deemed 'unfit' or an economic burden on Nazi society. It is such a simple symbol, and in this project, the simplicity with which someone could sign someone's life away is turned into a symbol of love and strength. The white fabric represents the medical records - the only information assessing physicians used in making their life-and-death determinations. Seeing the crosses stitched together sends a powerful message of tolerance, community and love. Its impact comes from the huge variety of these two red marks - each beautiful in their own perfectly imperfect way. You can read more about the project and its progress at www.The70273Project.org



Jill Stratford, Project Initiator, Grandview, UMC

The Sew Day took place with several ladies from varying united Methodist women's groups joining a new member moved by this project honoring life. Together we made quilts showing care for one another as well as for people with challenges needing help of others for survival. These quilts will be shown with other quilts creating an impact to viewers. They commemorate those with disabilities, and celebrate those with special needs who live among us today.

Ruth Daugherty, E & I/Membership

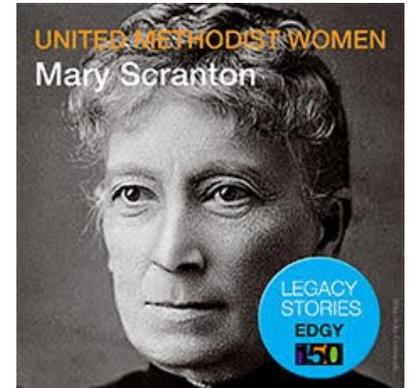
Treasurer's Notes

Submitted by:
Hatsy Droke,
Treasurer

“Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also.” Hebrews 13:3

LEGACY STORIES: Mary Scranton's Mission to Edu-

Edgy: In 1885, Mary F. Scranton became the first woman missionary sent to Korea by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church (North). Ms. Scranton established Korea's first girls school, Ewha School for Girls, shared the Gospel message with Korean women and helped them organize for Christian service. More than a century later, Korean and other Asian Christian women are still benefiting from and building on her foundational work.



Today, Ms. Scranton's early efforts have multiplied a thousand-fold in South Korea. Ewha University, the world's largest women's university, and Ewha High School in South Korea are both legacies of Ms. Scranton's work. The fruit of Ms. Scranton's mission is affecting women from across Asia through the work of the Scranton Women's Center for Leadership Development, a United Methodist Women partner in Seoul.

Prisoner Reentry

In Lancaster County the program to help the reentry of our prisoners has been run very effectively by private non-profit organizations with ecumenical support. The county commissioners are now structuring the new contract process to keep these programs out and to contract with a for-profit corporation, GEO, to run this. GEO has no ties to Lancaster County. Please consider sending a letter, like the one below, to each of our county commissioners

Dear Commissioner _____,

I am writing to ask that you reconsider moving forward with the current RFP process for the entry of individuals being released from prison. Vital locally organized and managed programs such as the YWCA, Ambassadors of Hope, and the intensive RMO are not included. These programs have proven track records of success with returning citizens and have wide ranging support from the local community. For the sake of the people in our community, please.

Sincerely,

The commissioners are:

Joshua G. Parsons, Chairman Dennis P. Stuckey, Vice-Chairman & Craig Lehman

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Overworked and Undervalued

In preparation for Mission University Spiritual Growth study, author Susan K. Taylor writes “Wisdom, Solidarity and Love.” What can we change? We can, over time, change our own heart, which is the call of every Christian’s spiritual life: to learn and to pray, to grow in wisdom, solidarity, and love. In a deepening relationship with God, we become more attuned to God’s sufficiency and more accepting that we are sufficient to God. We have enough. We are enough. We do enough.”

“No matter our level of financial resources, each of us has to do our own spiritual work around money, but we do not have to do it alone. The women of United Methodist Women are in the remarkable position of having each other to talk with, to trust, and to support as we connect our faith and our money. Far too few Christians have anyone to talk to about this aspect of our spiritual journey. Theologian, Beverly Harrison, noted that talking about money is taboo in the church because very few believe that... Christians love includes attention to people’s suffering in these areas. Together it is much easier to live into.”

Signs of the economic times

“If you offer your food to the hungry, and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noon day.” Isaiah 58:10

Who benefits?

“Those who exploit the powerless anger their Maker, while those who are kind to the poor honor God.”

Proverbs 14:21

Submitted by: Sandy Carrigan, Spiritual Growth

Spiritual Growth

Calendar Dates:

June 14-16	EPAC Annual Conference	Oaks, Pa
July 20-21	Mission u	Inn at Reading, Reading, Pa
Sept 29	West District UMW Annual Celebration	Church the Good Shepherd, Lebanon, Pa.
October 20	EPAC-UMW Annual Celebration	TBD

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