



The Flame

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference
United Methodist Women

Virtual Annual
Celebration

Saturday, October 17, 2020

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National President of United Methodist Women

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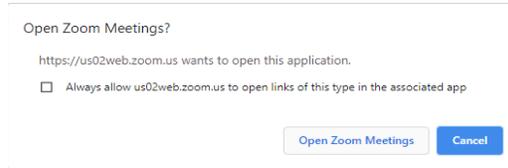
Annual Celebration 2020

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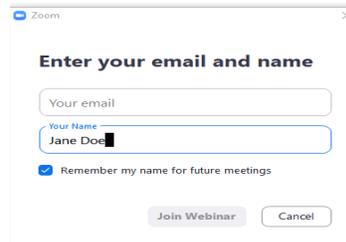
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Socially Distanced Kitchens

EAST District

"In all your ways
acknowledge Him
and He will make
straight your
paths."

-Proverbs 3:6



Newtown UMC

The Newtown United Methodist Church unit of UMW has always maintained a strong commitment to mission. Like many other units, the onset of the COVID pandemic left us with limited options for continuing our work. For example, we hold three major fund raising activities during the year: two rummage sales and a Christmas Bazaar which features a luncheon and craft sale. Since each of these requires large numbers of individuals who cannot practice social distancing they had to be cancelled for 2020. Our unit also

provides meals for ***Caring for Friends***, a group that provides food and friendship to seniors in the Philadelphia area. Our women would meet once a month and cook and prepare up to 450 meals for delivery. Since our Trustees had placed limits on the use of the building we had to temporarily cancel this activity. However, earlier this summer a group of five ladies obtained permission to open the kitchen to five or six individuals to package meals. They are cooking the meats at home and coming together to package each meal with

vegetables and other sides. Currently our little group meets weekly and they have prepared about 100 meals a week. In addition various other church members have been preparing meals in their homes and delivering them to the church for distribution. These meals are then packed up and delivered to a distribution center in North East Philadelphia.

For anyone wishing to obtain information please go to their web site at:

caringforfriends.org.

-Nancy Matthews

Jars Full of Gratitude in the West District

Realizing that the opportunities for units to meet have disappeared, the West District UMW board has initiated ways that members can make donations to UMW without leaving home. For the months of September and October we created a Jars Full of Gratitude prayer calendar and weekly prayer suggestions for members to use at

home and then send in their checks directly to our district treasurer.

We also have created a West District EPA Conference UMW Facebook page to keep everyone informed. Please feel free to join us in Facebook.

Hatsy Droke West
District President



Mask Makers, Bread Bakers and Pet Blessings in the North District

Emily Daly, Pocono Lake United Methodist Women reports that they have been meeting in person, wearing masks and remaining distant, since June. She says, "We have had to cancel several of our annual events, our flea market and ham dinner, but have managed to pull off several great mission accomplishments: we made 65 school kits for UMCOR, we filled 12 handbags and gave

them to two local agencies to distribute to women who might need them and we are having a preserve and bread sale to coincide with our Pet Blessing." Sharon Booher of Salem Orwigsburg UMW reports that soon after the COVID pandemic started in March their UMW immediately started making masks once it was recommended as a way to prevent the spread of the virus. These

masks were given to people at no charge. Our local police do an outstanding job. At the beginning of the shutdown they assisted in delivering food to our residents from the local supermarket!! Our UMW made snack baskets for the police. Food and masks were given to our local soup kitchen. Our church gave \$2000 to help buy food for the local food pantry. Masks were donated to the

nearby Salvation Army and we continue to do so. We held an Outdoor Bake Sale with the proceeds going to our missions. We have been communicating by email but in September we held our first in-person meeting since March. Our UMW group may be small but I feel our influence in our church and community is immeasurable.

The Power of Small Things in the South District

South District's UMW Day Apart was held on Sept. 16, 2020, 10 a.m., via ZOOM. We had 23 attendees. The theme was "We Are In This Together—The Power of Small Things. The program was led by our spiritual growth coordinator, Delois Nedd.

Our opening was a video of a gospel choir singing. That was followed by a silent prayer for the world. Our "ice breaker" was sharing what we were having for breakfast. Engagement by the attendees was facilitated by discussing the following: One thing each of us has learned

and/or observed during the pandemic; share a favorite scripture and why/how it inspires you.

As part of our closing, we were asked to share a joke, to remind us to keep smiling!

We sometimes underestimate the influence of little things.

Charles W. Chestnutt

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Visit the EPA website to find out more about United Methodist Women:

<https://www.epaumc.org/ministry/lay/umw/>

UMW PURPOSE

The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose **purpose** is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries



THE LEGACY FUND ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

150 Legacy Endowment Fund Campaign

Congratulations women of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference United Methodist Women, your generosity has made our giving fourth in the Northeastern Jurisdiction. December of 2019 our cumulative contributions amounted to \$78, 676. As of June 2020, our total giving was \$83,150.92.

The good news is that you may continue to contribute to the Legacy Endowment

Fund. You can help the United Methodist Women reach our goal of 60 million dollars. Each conference officer, district officer, and member of the United Methodist Women is encouraged to make a contribution to the Legacy Endowment Fund. Whether large or small, your support says that you would like our mission with women, children and youth to continue for another 150 years.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Legacy Liaison for 6 years. Thank you for the opportunity and for your support. I am delighted that as of January 2020, Anna Bickhart will be the Legacy Liaison for the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

Blessings,
Ethel L. Malone