Mary’s Musing

I am sorry I wasn’t at the meeting at Pathways. All reports are glowing and I am looking forward to an exciting year. My gallbladder decided it was finished working correctly and needed to be removed. I am recovering from surgery at my daughter’s and expect to be home in a few days. Our spring meeting plans look very interesting and I hope you can be an excited part of our program. While preparing a report for Conference, I discovered one bit of fantastic news. Our pledge to Conference was $42 thousand. When Connie tallied all our giving, our gift to Mission was $43,200, over our Goal. PRAISE GOD!!!! And Thank You for your faithfulness.

I recently finished reading FEATHERED BONE a novel on our list for 2019. It is in the Springfield Greene Co library system. Easy reading big print. Related to social action issues. Author, Cantrell, wove the threads of the story together well to highlight issues of teen suicide, trafficking of children and women, marital relationships, family dynamics and a little romance tucked in. If you can plan the time to read I suggest it as a good one to read.

Thank you and have a wonderful year,

Mary Hodge, President

Greetings from your new Vice President.

I am Sue Groves and a member of Hood UMW in Republic.

I met some of the Unit Presidents at the training and was so glad to meet you.

As Vice Presidents you are responsible to fill in the blanks for the President whenever she is not available. You are also responsible to lead in the planning of the programs for your unit. Keep in mind you need to use two programs from the 2018-2019 program book. You can find the program book online at https://www.cokesbury.com/product/545743/sisterhood-of-grace-UMW-program-book-20182019 or you can order from www.umwmissionresources.org/shopping_product_detail.asp?pid=53403 for $10.00 plus shipping.

If any of you have any questions you can contact me at SueGroves@msn.com.

Sue Groves, VP
Membership Nurture and Outreach News

A Word from Ruth Spargo  (Social Action Coordinator)

Please feel free to contact me, Ruth Spargo at my email r_spargo@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the census – or anything else that helps meet the goals of Membership, Nurture and Outreach. Mission Today criteria numbers 25 through 33 provides a good guide.

District Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinators are asked to encourage the completion of the form for 2018 United Methodist Women census. This form may be filled out by unit presidents or MNO Coordinators. This year is focused on gathering information that will inform the National Office, Conference, and District leadership on local efforts in order to plan for growth, outreach impact. Find the link for the census at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org.


If your Unit has already completed this, Thank you! Your Members might enjoy receiving a personalized Membership Card. That link is www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/myumw.

As you begin your year, have you scheduled a United Methodist Women’s Sunday? This year you might plan a Birthday Party for your UMW Sunday, a party which includes the whole church. That’s what Asbury (my church) plans for March 24th, and we are excited that Max Marble, who has worked in many areas of United Methodist missionaries to India, will be our speaker. You’re all invited.

Until Next Time,
Ruth Spargo,

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS ---

As Chair of the Ozarks Nominating Committee I want to say a special THANKS to Our UMW Officers, the older ones on the Mission Team and the New ones. We still need one more person on the Nominating Committee, so if you would be willing to work with Linda Presley and Me please give me a call. Let’s work together with God’s Leadership to help United Methodist Women continue on forever.

Shirley Rundel  ShirleyBB@windstream.net

SUSYE’S SPIRITUAL STUF

Oh My!! As I write this today, I’m looking out at a countryside full of beautiful snow. I know, I Know, most of
You don’t want it, but I’ve been wishing for just one time this year to see the beauty of everything covered in white. I reminds me that God has washed away all our sins and we have been made “whiter than snow”.

This is a very busy time for a lot of us. Some are pretty close to home-bound and some of us are winter travelers. But, hopefully, we are all busy with God’s business. You can do some home handiwork for someone in need or you can witness at the doctor’s office. Just keep our Lord and Savior in the top of your mind. Our next District Meeting will be coming up on March 30th at Cassidy UMC. One of the items we will have is the annual Memorial Service to honor all of the Ladies that have gone to be with Jesus in 2018. Please send the names of anyone in your unit to me as soon as possible at this email address: susye4@live.com, or call me at 417-239-4038.

Bible Trivia:
1. Did Hezekiah author the book of Hezekiah?
2. Quote 1 of Thessalonians 5:16
3. In the book of Romans, God is quoted as hating what Bible character?
4. What bible character called her husband master (lord)?


A Word from our Historian
Next month March 2019, marks the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the beginnings of the United Methodist Women in Boston, in March 1869. It has been suggested that the UMW Units have a birthday party to celebrate the anniversary. If your unit has a birthday celebration for this occasion, I would appreciate hearing about it. You may send pictures or a short description of the event to me to add to the Historian’s notebook. My e-mail is cemarc57@fidnet.com

Thank you,
Eleanor Marcott, District Historian.

Our New Ribbon Coordinator / Green Team Coordinator
For those who were not in attendance at the Unit Training event at Pathways, Pat Freeman has volunteered to serve as our Mission Ribbon Coordinator and Connie Gabbert from Kimberling City will be our Green Team Leader. Pat does not have an email address.

Mission Ribbon Coordinator
Pat Freeman
Green Team Leader
Connie Gabbert, ogabbert@centurytel.net

Thank you, Connie Gabbert
Tidbits from your Ozarks District Treasurer, Connie Daughtrey

As you know we now alternate Legislative Event and Spiritual Growth Retreat. This year the Spiritual Growth Retreat is April 4/5 in Columbia. Attached to this newsletter is the Registration Forms as found in the recent Conference Newsletter. Registration deadline is March 15 (FIRM).

I’m suggesting that we start planning now! This time you will register individually with Joann Peck. The rooms accommodate up to 4 persons, so let’s keep that in mind. We need to pick a hotel and make some reservations! (Drury Inn would get my vote- who’s with me?) For planning purposes please let me know if you are considering attendance.

Thank You
Connie

The main website for National UMW is:  http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org

The Mission Voice is a bi-monthly publication of the Conference UMW. Find it at www.moumethodist.org/unitedmethodistwomen
If your unit would like a printed copy of this publication, please contact Barb Trump.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

We issue certificates for those who have completed the Reading Program. Please send me the name and plan of each person in your Unit who did this. I would also like the number of books read in your Unit – if you checked the box on the Mission Today report you have at least two people and ten books. Send them to dmc417@suddenlinl.net
Thanks
The Resource Center will no longer stock books on the Reading Program list as of the 2020 List. A letter outlining this was published in the last issue of the Mission Voice – the Missouri Conference Newsletter.
See you on March 30 at the Spring District Meeting.

Dee Carr  Secretary Program Resources
**E & I News from Chris**

Hope we are almost over this unpredictable weather (I think spring sooner than later). We had 11 units report their 2018 Mission Today activities. 5 Love Certificates, 3 Joy Certificates will be available at our spring meeting.

The 2019 Mission Today were made available at our Officer Training and each unit should have gotten a copy to review. The ladies that attended the officer training shared ideas that have worked in their units and we all went away with a couple “that’s what we can or should do.” Several skit ideas and UMW Sunday ideas were shared. As this will be our 150th Birthday, everyone was talking about planning a Birthday Celebration. Why not one like your favorite party memory. Just an idea.

Please contact me if you need help or have any questions.
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**Dates to Remember!**

- March 6-7 Legislative event in Jefferson City.
- March 30 Spring Ozarks District meeting at Cassidy UMC, Nixa
- April 5-6 Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat at Community UMC in Columbia
- May 1, Newsletter (Ozarks Weavings Newsletter) submission due for May 15th newsletter to Marie Taylor,

NOTE: Ladies, this is my first Newsletter and I would appreciate your patience and advice for improvement.
Also if you can, would you try to put your submissions into a word document? Some which were sent to me this time were very difficult to open. It would be greatly appreciated. My email is below.

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