



# SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE

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Greetings UMW sisters in the name of the risen Christ!

I hope everyone had a blessed Easter, but remember--Resurrection Day is just the beginning. We need to live as Easter People in the company of the risen Christ!

We are starting into our busy season. Annual Conference is June 9-11, North-eastern Jurisdiction (NEJ) is June 16-18, and Mission u is July 7-9, 16, and 30.

Many of us are making scarves and pin holders to wear at NEJ. If you are attending NEJ and haven't heard about the scarves, the pattern is in this newsletter. Contact me if you have any questions. We decided not to order new shirts, but are asking everyone to wear a top in any of the colors of the scarf. We will wear our "colors" on the Friday of NEJ.

If you are attending Annual Conference, please wear your scarf on Thursday. It is important for the whole conference to see how many United Methodist Women are involved in their local church. Make sure you attend the Laity Session on Thursday morning. And be sure to visit our table in the auditorium.

Keep up your good works. The mission work of UMW starts with the local unit. I hope to see a lot of you this summer, proudly wearing your scarves!

F.R.O.G.  
Cathy Berkey, President



### WANTED: Communications Coordinator

**Do you like to share news with others? Then this may be the job for you.**

Are you a person that is busy? Do you enjoy playing word games? Do you like arranging puzzle pieces together to make a creation? The nominations committee of the Conference United Methodist Women may be looking for **YOU!** The executive team is missing an important piece of the puzzle (team member). A Communications coordinator is needed. Responsibilities would include designing a newsletter three times a year with information submitted by the other officers and appointees to the Conference. Sometimes it may be necessary to send information to the Church Conference office for posting on our web site. It would be beneficial to have a working knowledge of Microsoft Word and Publisher. Please give prayerful thought to using your creative and designing skills by submitting your name to Jean Rupp.

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### **Framework Scarf**

Materials: Premier Yarns Cotton Fair, one ball #32-04 Cloud Gazing.  
US Size G-6 (4mm) crochet hook

Pattern: Chain 47 Row 1: Double crochet in 8th chain from hook, [chain 2, skip 2 chains, double crochet in next chain] 13 times, turn.

Row 2: Chain 5 (counts as double crochet, chain 2), skip next chain 2 space, double crochet in next double crochet, [chain 2, skip chain-2 space, double crochet in next double crochet] 12 times, chain 2, skip 2 chains, double crochet in next chain, turn--14 chain 2 spaces.

Repeat row 2 until scarf measures 66 inches. Finish off. Weave in ends.

### **Mini Prayer Shawl Pin Holder---Knit**

Materials: Small amount of fine (#2) yarn (such as Cotton Fair), size 1 knitting needles, bar pin back.

Pattern: Cast on 9 stitches. Work Knit 3, Purl 3, Knit 3 every row until piece measures about 7 inches. Bind off in pattern. Weave in ends.

To strengthen pin holder, sew 7/8" wide ribbon to back. Sew bar pin back to back of piece, about 1/4 inch from top.

If you leave off the pin back, this makes a nice bookmark.

### **Mini Prayer Shawl Pin Holder---Crochet**

Materials: Small amount of fine (#2) yarn (such as Cotton Fair), size D-3 (3.25mm)crochet hook, bar pin back.

Pattern: Chain 8 stitches, single crochet in second chain from hook and each chain across. Chain 3, turn. [Double crochet in each single crochet across. Chain 3, turn.] Repeat for two more rows, ending last repeat, chain 1, turn. Single crochet in each double crochet across. Chain 3, turn. Repeat pattern of three rows double crochet, one row single crochet until piece measures about 7 inches. Finish off. Weave in ends

To strengthen pin holder, sew 7/8" wide ribbon to back. Sew bar pin back to back of piece, about 1/4 inch from top.

If you leave off the pin back, this makes a nice bookmark.

## **Invitation to Annual Day: "GROWING IN BLESSEDNESS"**

We're so excited for this wonderful opportunity to have Harriett Jane Olson join us on **October 15** for our Conference Annual Day at Mount Nittany UMC. She will be our guest speaker and will also install our 2017 officers.

We are expecting a large gathering, so we hope you will register early for either, the morning session or the entire day with lunch. Seating is limited- **register early by September 17**. Remember to send your registrations to **Conference Registrar Donna Ream**. (See attached registration forms.)

Looking forward to a memorable event for United Methodist Women from over the entire Susquehanna Conference.

**SAVE THE DATE (October 15) REGISTER EARLY!**

Gretchen Mackey, Vice President



## Supporting Our United Methodist Women's Legacy



We have heard wonderful stories of the good works done by United Methodist Women. Response magazine through the years have shared many stories of lives touched by the funds you contribute. Look for the inter-connecting circles at the end of an article and that is where some of your mission dollars have gone. The December 2015 issue of Response contained an article about our Neighborhood Center, Harrisburg, a mission institution of the National Organization of UMW. To be sure our work continues into and for future generations an endowment has been created in celebration of our 150 year anniversary to be celebrated in 2019. The endowment will ensure that women and their children who come after us will have an opportunity for a better life. In 2015 the Susquehanna Conference UMW gave \$3,212.32 to the Legacy fund. Another way you can support our Legacy is with prayer and by sharing your story as to what it means to be a member of UMW. Contact me at the e-mail address or phone number below for a special form to get you started on telling your story.

On another subject, a false rumor has come to my attention and I hope we can lay it to rest. United Methodist Women does not give financial support to Planned Parenthood nor do we support abortions.

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### TRAVEL DIRECTIONS TO MOUNT NITTANY UMC

1500 East Branch Road; State College PA 16801; (814) 237-3549

**From Lewistown:** To State College - take **Business Rt. 322** (South Atherton Street) through Boalsburg. After passing HILL'S Plaza, turn **right** at the light onto Branch Road (at Perkins Restaurant) Drive approx. 1 ½ - 2 mi. After crossing the overpass, Mount Nittany United Methodist Church is located on the right.

**From the North:** Take Rt. 80 to Bellefonte exit and follow I-99 (Rt 220S) to Exit 73 (322 East State College-Lewistown exit). Stay **right**, to St. Clg. Exit - Rt 26 South. Immediately get into the center lane (at the light) Turn **left** onto **Elmwood Str...**travel approx 1/2 mile to the traffic light. Turn **right** onto East Branch Rd. drive about ½ mi – Mount Nittany UMC is on the left.

**From the South - Huntingdon/Pine Grove Mills:** Follow Rt. 26 toward State College to the traffic light on Whitehall Rd. Turn **Right** @ Leitzingers/Uni-Mart – travel to 2nd traffic light – you'll be @ Rt 322 Business (S. Atherton) stay to the **right** – immediately get into the center lane – turn **left** (at Perkins Restaurant) onto E. Branch Rd. for about 1 ½ - 2 mi. After crossing the overpass, the Mount Nittany United Methodist Church is located on the right.

**From the West and/or North on Rt. 220:** After passing through Port Matilda, turn **right on Rt. 322** (Mt. Nittany Expressway/State College Bypass) to **Bellefonte/State College Exit** (that's one exit beyond stadium exit) (bear right onto South 26) Turn **right**, immediately get into the center lane (at the light) Turn **left** onto **Elmwood Str...**(yield to oncoming traffic...Walizer Agency house will be in front of you) travel approx 1/2 mile to the traffic light. Turn **right** onto East Branch Rd. proceed about ½ mi – Mount Nittany UMC is on the left.

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## Mission u

Three opportunities are available for you to attend a Mission u experience. July 7-9 a three day school for adults, youth and children will be held at Bucknell University, Lewisburg. Sampler Saturday July 16 for adults at Chambers Hill UMC, Harrisburg or Sampler Saturday July 30 at Faith UMC, Montoursville will be held for those who are unable to attend the 3 day school. Brochures and registration forms are available at our web-site [www.susumc.org](http://www.susumc.org) under the ministries tab highlight "SUSUMC ministries". Brochures will also be available at Annual Conference June 9-11 at Messiah College.

The studies being offered are "The Bible and Human Sexuality" is the Spiritual Growth study and "Climate Justice" for the Mission Study. Our study leaders are: for adults, Judy Kennedy, Angela Gay Kinkead, David Norris and Phyllis Terwilliger; for youth Carmen Francesco and for children Sue Raymond.

For scholarships contact your local church or unit of United Methodist Women for assistance. Partial scholarships are available from Mission u for children, youth, and young adults to age 30. Contact Gretchen Mackey at (717) 264-0366 or [gemackey@pa.net](mailto:gemackey@pa.net) for Mission u scholarship information.

If you would like to support our scholarship fund, please make check payable to: SUS UMW Mission u and send to Judith Grove, 613 Green Valley Rd, York, PA 17403. Please mark your check's memo line with "Scholarship Fund". Thank you.



## I've A Story to Tell

My mother, Dolores Mae De-laney McKee encouraged me to be a member of United Methodist Women (UMW). I have continued because of the many beautiful women I have met and what I have learned about missions and giving throughout the world.

The best thing about being a member of UMW is we all have a common thread which we share. This thread sews us together so we are bonded forever.

I began when I was twelve years old, one of four children. My mother's health was good and she was active in our church. Since there were four of us, mother would give my father a break and take me along to the Women's Society (UMW) activities. I grew up being surrounded by energetic

women, who had fund raisers like frying donuts, to serving meals. One event I totally will never forget was a wedding for a lady named Joyce Lupold (Klusman). We mixed the punch up according to the recipe she gave us. But after all the ingredients were stirred together it looked like dirty dish water. The lady in charge, Evelyn, fretted as to what to do. It tasted awesome, just looked horrible. So we summoned the bride, had her taste and see. She laughed and said, it tastes wonderful, please serve it All that worry for nothing, "Taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8)

As years passed, I grew up as UMW being a part of my life, learning from monthly programs about the hungry,

those less fortunate, and so many social issues. I cannot express enough the many friends that I have made in many different states. I sadly have even done an eulogy for a UMW's friend who I met years ago at Mission u.

I thank my mother for dragging me along all those years ago as it has surely blessed my life. "I am a United Methodist Women from the top of head to the tips of my toes!"

Submitted by  
Kathy Burkhart  
Williamsport District



### **SAVE THE DATE**

March 24-25, 2017  
Women's Retreat

Friends of the Heart  
Presents  
"If Our Closets  
Could Talk"

Friends of the Heart is comprised of three Millersburg women who share God's love through teaching, testimony, drama and song.