Greetings friends in the Spirit 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 throughout the year.
So, how does it feel to be 150 years old? I personally don’t feel any older than 135! If you haven’t celebrated the UMW birthday yet you have several opportunities coming up.

Most of the districts are celebrating at their Annual Day meetings. Conference Annual Day will be a great celebration with games, skits, and cake! It is October 26th at First Muncy UMC. Mission u will also be celebrating with the study “Women United for Change: 150 Years In Mission”. I hear there may also be cake at Mission u!

A word of caution if you are attending Mission u. Because of changes at the National level, there will not be a book room at Mission u. There will be some study books available for purchase. It would be to your advantage to purchase the study books before you get to Mission u. Get together with friends that are attending and order the books together to save on shipping costs. The books can be ordered from umwmissionresources.org. Kindle editions of the two study books are also available from Amazon.

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

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

Vice President’s Report
Gretchen Mackey

WOMEN WE SHOULD KNOW!
Susanna Wesley, Barbara Heck, Harriet Tubman, Lucy Stanton, Sojourner Truth, Helenor M. Davison, Lydia Sexton, Isabella Thoburn, Clara Swain, Ella Holbrook, Anna Oliver, Anna Howard Shaw, Frances Willard, Belle Harris Bennett, Julia A.J. Foote, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Mary Bethune McLeod, Georgia Harkness, Rose Valdez, Dorothy Height, Marjorie Matthews, Judith Craig, Leontine Kelly, Theresa Hoover, Jane Allen Middleton, Harriett Jane Olson.
(This is only a fractional listing of our United Methodist Women’s 150 year history.)

Do you know any of these women? What did they do? When did they live? Are they important? You’re invited to find out! Search them on the United Methodist Women and UMC Archives & History websites and come to Conference Annual Day at First UMC, Muncy OCTOBER 26 to share our history, our present, our future. (AND CAKE!) Registration forms are attached.

Gretchen Mackey, VP

United Methodist Advocacy in Pennsylvania is sponsoring a faith and politics conference on May 18, being hosted by Paxton UMC in Harrisburg. This conference is for United Methodists (and all interested persons), state-wide. Here is a link to more detailed information and registration: https://www.susumc.org/change-the-world/
Contact Dai with further questions.
Dai Morgan, Coordinator, UM Advocacy in PA daimorgan@comcast.net
Treasurer’s Report for 2018

Donna Speelman

I hope you are all enjoying the changing weather. Spring is here! I love when the trees begin to bud and bloom. I call it the “new leaf” color of green. It reminds me of an orchestra tuning up. When each tree opens it’s leaves, I hear it as another musician arriving and beginning to tune before the concert. Right now, there are just a few musicians and the music is soft but over the next few weeks every musician will arrive and the sound will grow louder and louder until God stands before them and the music is so sweet.

We celebrated the 150th birthday of United Methodist Women at my church on March 24th. Immediately following church our UMW served homemade cupcakes of several flavors and other snacks. We provided information about the organization’s history and what we are doing locally and nationally. I had planned to take a picture to share with all of you but was so busy I forgot. You can pretend there is a birthday party picture here.

Since I am treasurer, I guess I’d better give a report instead of rambling on.

As of April 13 we have sent in the following:

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*National Missions include Neighborhood Center, Red Bird Mission, and McCurdy.

Our Pledge for this year is $145,000. So far, we have sent in $23,941.59 which is $700 more than this time last year. We are still searching for a treasurer for the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre District. Keep praying for all the officers they need. This is my last year as your Conference Treasurer. If you know someone who may be interested please give their name to Sue Reisinger, Nominations Chair. I would be happy to begin training someone as early as possible.

Have a Blessed Easter!

Donna

Nominations Report

Sue Reisinger

The Nominations Committee is actively working on compiling nominations for the conference officer openings. We need your help! We have been able to find a few nominees, but we need more. The positions we are voting on at the 2019 meeting are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Spiritual Growth, Communications, Chair of Nominations, Nominations Committee Class of 2022, Retreat Planner and we also need 2-3 nominations and an alternate to be submitted to the Northeast Jurisdiction for consideration at the 2020 meeting to serve on the Board of Directors or the Program Advisory Group. There are also Social Action opportunities if you are interested in any of the four emphasis topics for this quadrennium. Currently we have Phyllis Terwilliger serving on Climate Justice, but we could have others. At this time we are not pursuing nominees for Book Room Coordinator due to the changes in the reading program, but hope someone already on the team will help with it. If you have a particular interest in this, please still contact us. The job does not require as much as it had in the past.

Thank you to Ruth Cox who has agreed to fill in as secretary for the rest of this year, 2019.

Sue Reisinger, Chair of Nominations, suereis@ptd.net (570) 743-1809
The story begins; a dark and stormy day 150 years ago; I can tell you for a fact it was a foggy, stormy, rainy, cold morning when we gathered March 23, 2019 to celebrate the first meeting of those brave eight women. The day began with viewing the stained glass windows taken from the Tremont Street Methodist Church and now installed in the library of Boston University, meeting our fellow sisters from across the states, many from The New England Conference but some as far away as California. Judy and I represented our Conference and were the only ones from Pennsylvania. Next came speeches, history lessons, the recreation of that long ago day, a speech from Harriett Jane Olson reminding us that our future is what we make it, and ending with an amazing cake. We learned the names of all eight women who attended that first meeting and made a difference to all of us. The picture above shows six as two had died before it was taken. The names Maria, Lois, Frances, Clementina, Eliza, Mary, Rebecca and a second Mary have become more than names to me but real women who learned of a need and went about changing the world. It reminds me of the names of women who changed my life at various stages. I’m sure all of you can relate. The day was amazing, I knew I’d be sorry if I’d missed it, and so glad I didn’t. I hope to be there at the 175th with even more of you.

**LEGACY FUND UPDATE**

Judy Kennedy

United Methodist Women officially turned 150 on Saturday, March 23rd. Fawn McCallister and I were privileged to be part of that celebration. Hosted by the New England Conference, nearly 140 women were there and $10,724.21 was added to the Legacy Fund, bringing us closer to the $60 million goal. The year-end total was $24,155,315. The total for the 1st quarter and the total from the Day of Giving are not in yet, but we are getting there!

*Now, what are you doing to add to these numbers?* What are you doing in your local units? What fund-raising ideas have you come up with? Not only is this reportable to the National Office, but also something we can share as we motivate other local units. Have you had a bake sale, or a yard sale? Have you collected pennies or taken a special love offering?

We need your ideas, both upcoming and already tried, sent to me at jbto-wanda@aol.com. We need to ensure that the good that has already been done for women, children, and youth will continue for the next 150 years. The upcoming generations are counting on us!

Judy Kennedy

for the Legacy Committee
Mission Today
Glenda Shepherd, Coordinator

I would remind all District Education and Interpretation Coordinators and all District Presidents that the reports for 2018 are due by May 31. Please make sure you are using the updated forms.

Honors for sending in the first report of the year goes to Pauline Walker of the Williamsport District. Good work, Pauline, and all units of the Williamsport District!

The districts should send the reports to me at the following address:
Glenda Shepherd
8 E. Belmont Ave.
Dallas, Pa. 18612

It would be helpful to include the address of the church on the form in case there is more than one church with the same name in the district.

If you have questions, my email is gcshepherd@hotmail.com, and my phone number is 205-299-6313.
Glenda Shepherd, Mission Today Coordinator

News from the UMW National Office

As of January 2019, The United Methodist Women Resources will no longer stock books on the Reading Program list. Books can be ordered from Cokesbury, Amazon or any other source of your choice. The Reading Program continues, but you must find your books from some source other than the UMW resource Center.

In addition, books and resources, including Mission u study books will no longer be available on consignment. This means that you may not be able to purchase your study book at Mission u. You will need to order them ahead of time and take them with you to Mission u. A great way to be sure to have the study books, the Program book and the Prayer calendar is to subscribe to the Annual Sampler. For $40 (no shipping fee) those 4 books will be mailed to you. It is convenient and also saves you money if you regularly purchase those items.

Study books and other UMW resources may still be purchased from www.umwmissionresources.org. It is only the Reading Program books that will no longer be available from the UMW Resource Center.

Additional News—Position available for Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer at UMW, national office. Contact Toni Oplinger at toplinger5009@comcast.net for additional information.

Faith to Ford Campaign
Phyllis Terwilliger

Consider supporting UMW’s "Faith to Ford" campaign to protect Clean Cars and fuel efficiency standards, which are under attack by the current administration, the automakers, and Big Oil. The current Clean Car Standards are set to nearly double fuel efficiency by 2025, and are the single most significant global warming policy we have on the books. But the auto industry wants to slow the drive to cleaner, more efficient, hybrid and electric vehicles, just when they are most needed.

About 4,000 people of faith signed a petition to Ford a couple of months ago, calling on them to reverse course and stand by the Clean Car Standards. The petition was delivered in the form of an 11-foot long scroll to Ford Headquarters in Dearborn, MI. Now, we want to take this message to the Ford dealers. If you have not done so please sign the petition to Ford at http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/ford. Contact Phyllis for an electronic copy of the “Ford Dealership Delivery” Campaign guide to help you join with others in your local community in this effort. The guide contains all the information needed to have a successful meeting with your local Ford dealership. Consider gathering UMW from your local unit or district to complete a Ford Dealership Delivery.

If you have any questions considering this action please contact me: 570-388-6303 or phylterwil@hotmail.com.

Phyllis Terwilliger, Climate Justice Coordinator