



# Heart of the Vine

## Harrisburg District United Methodist Women

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### President's Message:

When I lived in Alaska the winters seemed long... and dark! February seemed to bring welcome relief. Despite seemingly endless snow, the days became noticeably longer in February. In mid February came the Fur Rondevous, a week of festivities marking the days when trappers would return to town to sell their furs.

This February feels that way to me this year. There have been some dark days in January. Maybe you, too, felt discouraged, overwhelmed, or felt helpless or inadequate in everything. Maybe it was covid fatigue, or distressing news fatigue. But I have noticed the daylight lasting longer. I've been warmed by our UMW fellowship, an encouraging e-mail from a team member just the day I needed an uplifting word, inspiration from the Response magazine, awed by all that UMW has done in spite of the challenges, Sue's positive perspective in the Conference newsletter. Through it all, God is with us. The beautiful sunest the other night reminded me of that!

Yes, life seems more hopeful. Vaccines are rolling out. We hope covid will be conquered soon. But reality in the meantime means we have no Spiritual Enrichment Day events planned. How I will miss, once again, meeting with you in various corners of the district. So what can we do?

May I encourage you to seek your personal spiritual enrichment as part of UMW. As Lent approaches commit to spiritual discipline and growth. What could that be?

I would like to be an "interrupter". I would like to interrupt the school to prison pipeline, the systemic racism in our country and the harm to the planet. One way is to read and educate myself on the issues. The Reading Program offers opportunities for exactly that. I invite you to join me in learning and brainstorming ways in which we as local units and Harrisburg District can be "interrupters".

Spiritual Enrichment Days is traditionally our means of support for Neighborhood Center. That support helps this mission be one of those interrupters- currently offering a place for virtual learning for the closed Harrisburg District Students, child care, and extending a helping hand to neighbors in many ways. I am proposing that you ask your church to hold a drop off collection of items needed, which we

President's message continued:

usually collect at Spiritual Enrichment Day events. Then, on a date in April to be determined, UMW will take to the road! The district team will take my van to your church or anywhere in our district, to pick up the donations! For those who want to avoid community contact, we will put a wish list on Amazon so you can order online and the items will be shipped directly to Neighborhood Center. Please continue to send monetary donations to our District Treasurer, Belinda Mullen.

See the list of Reading Program Books I can recommend to help us on the path to understanding racial injustice. The UMW website offers a wealth of information on the focus topics.

Blessings as you await your vaccinations! Meanwhile be safe and stay healthy! I look forward to a joyous reunion and rebirth of Spiritual Enrichment Days in 2022!

Warmest sunny wishes, *Marlyn*



## NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER WISH LIST ...

**Paper Plates**  
**Napkins**  
**Aluminum Foil**  
**Spiral Notebooks**  
**Crayons**  
**Diapers**

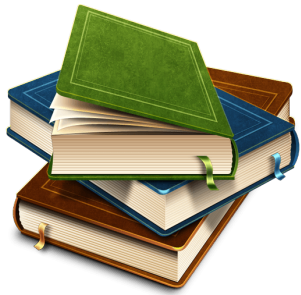
**Paper Cups**  
**Plastic forks & spoons**  
**Zip Lock Bags, all sizes**  
**Notebook paper**  
**Masks ( child & adult)**  
**Sanitizing Wipes**

**Paper Bowls**  
**Saran Wrap**  
**Paper Towels**  
**Pencils**  
**Markers**  
**Sanitizing Spray**

## ACCESSING AMAZON

**To order on line through Amazon and having items sent directly to Neighborhood Center we will be using the Camp Hill UMC portal. This is how you do it!**

- **Go to Facebook**
- **In Search field put in Camp Hill United Methodist Church**
- **Go to CHUM's Facebook page**
- **In Search field on the church's page put in Neighborhood Center**
- **When that comes up click on the Amazon Link**
- **The wish list will come up and you can do your shopping**



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## ON A PATH TOWARD RACIAL JUSTICE

*Marlyn's Suggested Reading List...*

The New Jim Crow by Michele Alexander  
Who Lynched Willie Earle? By Will Willimon  
So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo  
The Trouble I've Seen by Drew Hart

Anxious To Talk About It: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully about Racism  
By Carolyn B. Helsey

Pushout, the Criminalization of Black Girls In Schools by Monique Morris  
(Mission U 2021 Study)

Holding Up Your Corner, Talking About Race In Your Community by F. Willis Johnson

*Also...but not on reading program:*  
White Fragility by Robin Diangelo



## 2020 READERS

**CALVARY UMW HARRISBURG:** Suzie Grubb, Denise Divan, Mary Alice Dumbauld, Linda Hoffman, Dianne Cintron, Trish Bowra

**CALVARY UMW WICONISCO:** Shirley Alvord, Catherine Lower, Judy Snyder

**CAMP HILL UMW:** Ann Huff, Marlyn Diehl

**CARLISLE UMW:** Lois Kielkopf

**CHAMBERS HILL UMW:** Donna Speelman, Joyce Getsay

**CROSSPOINT RUTHERFORD UMW:** Phyllis Schell, Marie Mills

**NEW BLOOMFIELD UMW:** Paula Saltzburg, Suzanne Twilley

**OTTERBEIN UMW:** Georgia Taylor

## 2021 Reading List Books in the Library

### EDUCATION FOR MISSION:

The Unstoppable Garret Morgan (Y) D

### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Cinderella Liberator (Y) C & D

Follow the Map! (Y) D

#Not Your Princess:Voices of Native American Women (Y) C & D

\*\*Rise! From Caged Bird to Poet of the People C&D

### NURTURING FOR COMMUNITY

The Bird Boys: A Delpha Wade & Tom Phelan Mystery C & D

The Hate U Give (Y) C & D & P

Indian No More (Y) C & D

Let's Work! Mexican Folk Art:Trabajos (C) D

### SOCIAL ACTION

For Just Such a Time as This: Hope & Forgiveness After the Charleston Massacre C & D

Girl Gone Missing: A Cash Blackbear Mystery D

No Justice: One White Police Officer, One Black Family & How One Bullet Ripped Us Apart C

Rest in Power: The Enduring Life of Trayvon Martin C & D

### SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Adamant: Finding Truth in a Universe of Opinions C&D

They Call Me Guero: A Border Kid's Poem (Y) C & D

(Y) suitable for youth

(C ) suitable for Children

**C** Cumberland County Library System

**D** Dauphin County Library System

**P** Perry County Library System

\*\* BONUS BOOK



**TREASURER.....  
2020 YEAR END REPORT**

**REPORT ON GIVING:**

Pledge	17,901.99
Special Mission Recognition	340.00
Gift to Mission	140.00
Gift in Memory	235.00
World Thank Offering	<u>6,489.52</u>
<b>TOTAL UNDESIGNATED GIVING</b>	<b>25,106.51</b>
Call to Prayer & Self Denial	1,551.00
Neighborhood Center	800.00
UM Children's Home	350.00
Legacy Fund	100.00
UMCOR	<u>500.00</u>
<b>TOTAL DESIGNATED GIVING</b>	<b>3,301.00</b>
<b>TOTAL GIVING</b>	<b>28,407.51</b>
<u>Pledge</u>	30,000.00
Over/Under Pledge	<b>(4,893.49)</b>

**REPORT ON EXPENSES**

Travel	32.50
Office Supplies	228.34
Postage	131.50
Newsletter	<u>51.18</u>
<b>TOTAL OFFICER EXPENSES</b>	<b>443.52</b>
Officer Recognition	15.26
Audit	<u>115.00</u>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>130.26</b>
<b>TOTAL A &amp; D EXPENSES</b>	<b>573.78</b>
<b>TOTAL 2020 A &amp; D BUDGET</b>	<b>\$3615.00</b>

**EXPENSES UNDER BUDGET:  
\$3,041.22**

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**5 STAR UNITS:**

- BAUGHMAN MEMORIAL**
- CARLISLE**
- CHAMBERS HILL**
- NEIDIG MEMORIAL**
- SUMMERDALE**
- YOUNGS MECHANICSBURG**

**2021 Report of Giving  
January 31, 2021**

Pledge	481.67
World Thank Offering	<u>792.00</u>
<b>Total Undesignated Giving</b>	<b>1,273.67</b>

**NO 2021 Expenses as of Jan. 31,2021**

**Our pledge for 2021 is again:  
\$30,000**