

# Heart of the Vine

## Harrisburg District United Methodist Women



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Officers present and installed at Annual Day, October, 2021  
(from left to right: Patty Kirk, Amy Whitworth, Marlyn Diehl, Margaret Brightbill, Susie Grubb, Linda Hart, and Donna Speelman)

### Meet Our New District President



January 1, 2022 Amy Whitworth began her new role as President of the Harrisburg District UMW. She is a long time member at Wesley UMC in Marysville, where she is also Outreach Director and interim President of Wesley's UMW unit.

Amy is a passionate volunteer, working primarily with She's Somebody's Daughter (SSD). SSD works to remove the lines of separation that isolate women who have been sexually exploited. Being in community with SSD has been such a blessing. She also volunteers through Join Hands of Perry County, Do Over Ministries, and the Mental Wellness Awareness Association. She also works full time for the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, currently focused on the Office of Elder Justice.

Amy lives in Marysville with her husband and best friend Mark. She is the mother of three fantastic kids, bonus mom to Mark's two, and nana to the joy of her life, Liam. Amy's favorite scripture is Romans 8:28. Her favorite quote is from Arthur Ashe, "Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." She looks forward to continuing our work in UMW to seek justice and improve the lives of women, children, and youth. God Bless!

## Meet Our New District Treasurer

Let me introduce myself to those who do not know me. My name is Donna Speelman and I am your new District Treasurer. I'm not sure NEW is the correct word. I served as District Treasurer from 2010-2013 and then as Conference UMW Treasurer from 2014-2019. Since the term limit has been extended to 6 years, I am now back for another two years.

I am retired, enjoying a simpler life. I enjoy reading, quilting, sewing, crafting, walking every day and golfing. I spend many hours each week at church serving on the Outreach, Mission, and Worship Committees and I am part of the Sew N Sews (our sewing group) as well as playing in the Bell Choir.

My focus for this year is to help us to meet our Pledge goal by encouraging all units to make a Pledge and to strive for a 5-star award. I included more information about that in the letters I sent to the unit treasurers, but will be happy to assist all of you in that endeavor.

My contact information is: Donna Speelman, 600 Yale St Unit #706, Harrisburg, PA 17111, 717-564-8391, [boatdacious@comcast.net](mailto:boatdacious@comcast.net)

### HARRISBURG DISTRICT UMW

2021

#### REPORT ON GIVING

As of 12/31/2021

<b>Pledge</b>	<b>16,855.34</b>
<b>Special Mission Recognition</b>	<b>760.00</b>
<b>Gift to Mission</b>	<b>160.00</b>
<b>Gift in Memory</b>	<b>555.00</b>
<b>World Thank Offering</b>	<b>5,546.53</b>
<b><u>Total Undesignated Giving</u></b>	<b><u>23,876.87</u></b>
<b>Pledge</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>
<b>Short of Pledge for 2021</b>	<b>(6,123.13)</b>
<b><u>Additional Designated Giving</u></b>	
<b>Call to Prayer &amp; Self Denial</b>	<b>1,035.00</b>
<b>Neighborhood Center</b>	<b>225.00</b>
<b>LOVE Offering</b>	<b>40.00</b>
<b><u>Total Designated Giving</u></b>	<b><u>1,300.00</u></b>
<b><u>Total Giving</u></b>	<b><u>25,176.87</u></b>

## Meet the new Upper West Shore/Perry Cluster Leader

Hi, my name is Belinda R Mullen. I started out as Treasurer for my church. I got a job at the Neighborhood Center, one day Ann Huff walked into my office and said be at this meeting on this date. I said what for? She said you are going to be our new Treasurer for the Harrisburg District UMW. Well that was 7 years ago and I served as your Treasurer for the last 6 years. It was my pleasure to do so. I met a lot of wonderful ladies. I am now moving on to be the Susquehanna Conference UMW Treasurer for the next 6 years and also will be the Business Manager/Treasurer for Mission U. They needed a Cluster Leader, so I said I would do that for

HDUMW. It will be wonderful to work with this bunch of wonderful ladies again. I will work with my units to try to make them all 5 star units. I have made so many friends over the past several years.

## Meet Our New District Secretary



My name is Ronda Peters and I will be serving as Secretary for the Harrisburg District UMW. I live in Enola and am a member of Summerdale UMC. I participated in the UMW group at my former church, Harris Street United Methodist and am pleased to now be part of Summerdale's group.

Currently, I am working full-time at Hobby Lobby and enjoy crafting. Through my previous employment at Neighborhood Center I had the opportunity to meet and work with many UMW groups throughout the Conference. As secretary, I look forward to UMW groups and the work they are doing in the Harrisburg District.

## Newsletter and Directory Editor

As I take on this newsletter task, the first thing I want to say is "How did you do it Ann Huff?" For those of you who know her and for those of you who don't – she is an amazing woman. You will be receiving the newsletter from the email – [umwvine@yahoo.com](mailto:umwvine@yahoo.com). This will make it easier to transfer to another editor. I would like to receive information from Local Units to place in the newsletters. The DEADLINES are Feb 1, May 1 and Aug 1. Please send pictures and articles to [umwvine@yahoo.com](mailto:umwvine@yahoo.com). Now to totally confuse you, if you have questions or concerns please email me at my regular email [grubbycdhs@yahoo.com](mailto:grubbycdhs@yahoo.com) because that is the email account I look at most often. The newsletter email I will look at prior to the Vine publication. Next option, mail to: 321 Newport Road, Duncannon, PA 17020. Blessings, Susie Grubb

## ***SAVE THE DATES SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT DAYS***



We are excited to welcome back our spiritual enrichment day events! Please join us on one or all of these dates! Our speaker will be from "She's Somebody's Daughter," addressing the issue of human trafficking. In addition, come find out about some remodeling of the Reading Program. Come for spiritual refreshment and fellowship.

Hope to see you there!

Saturday, April 23    10 am            Lykens UMC, 527 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Lykens, PA 17048

Sunday, April 24    2 pm                    To be determined  
We are looking for a host unit from a third cluster!  
If your unit is interested, call Marlyn 717-525-4430.

Tuesday, April 26    7 pm                    Hershey First UMC, 64 W. Chocolate Ave., Hershey, PA 17033  
Use entrance off parking lot

We will continue the tradition of a collection of paper goods for Neighborhood Center at each event. The most needed items are: Paper towels, small (6" ) paper plates, 7 oz. paper cups, napkins, tissues, aluminum foil, zip lock baggies, waxed paper, parchment paper. We will also dedicate the offering, as always, to Neighborhood Center.

***Looking forward to spring, Easter and seeing you at Spiritual  
Enrichment Days!***

## *Marlyn Diehl, Spiritual Growth Coordinator*

### Program Resources

#### **Video: Together We Can Do More**

For more than 150 years, United Methodist Women has put faith, hope and love into action. It's meant listening to God's call and answering to the changing needs of women, children and youth. This year, United Methodist Women will be debuting new branding and new programs to welcome even more women into our supportive sisterhood. Check out the video by searching for: UMW Video Together, We Can Do More. Or if you are reading this online follow the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=637649477473045>

General Conference is yet to be held. The New Handbook and many resources will be dependent on what outcomes and resolutions are confirmed there. • New membership brochures will be one of the first newly produced items. But here is what we know now.

#### **New for 2022**

1. The Program Book has been replaced by Program Resource 2021-2022 with a new digital component with monthly Community Gatherings and on-boarding sessions.
2. The Prayer Calendar has been replaced by the Daily Prayer Guide
3. "Bookstore in a Box" has been cancelled
4. The Annual Sampler has been suspended at this time
5. Integrated curricula for Mission u: Beginning in 2022, Mission u will be introducing 3 new curricula each year - one for children, one for youth and one for adults – all focusing on a shared biblical theme. Through these vibrant, relevant, justice-oriented and biblically-centered curricula, Mission u will continue its commitment to "learning together for the transformation of the world."

Response magazine • Subscribe by mail: response: Magazines With a Mission PO Box 395 Congers, NY 10920-0395 • Subscribe by phone: 877-881-2385 (toll-free) 845-267-3478 845-267-3471 (Outside U.S.) • Contact: [response@cambeywest.com](mailto:response@cambeywest.com)

URL resources

[facebook.com/umwprayercalendar](https://facebook.com/umwprayercalendar)

[unitedmethodistwomen.org/action](https://unitedmethodistwomen.org/action)

[unitedmethodistwomen.org/downloads](https://unitedmethodistwomen.org/downloads)

[unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks](https://unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks)

[unitedmethodistwomen.org/member-resources](https://unitedmethodistwomen.org/member-resources)

[unitedmethodistwomen.org/prayer-guide](https://unitedmethodistwomen.org/prayer-guide)

[unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram](https://unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram)

[unitedmethodistwomen.org/response](https://unitedmethodistwomen.org/response)

[unitedmethodistwomen.org/what-we-fund](https://unitedmethodistwomen.org/what-we-fund)

## Reading Program News

New dual-period term for 2021-2022 – Enlarging 2021 list and combining with 2022.

For 2021–2022, participants can read books from the **2015 through 2022** reading lists

NEW digital form at: [unitedmethodistwomen.org/download-resources/reading-program-reporting-form-2021-2022.pdf](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/download-resources/reading-program-reporting-form-2021-2022.pdf) •

Plans (**including reading response magazine**): Plan I - 5 books, one from each category; Plan II 10 books, two from each category; Plan III - 15 books, 2 from each category plus 5 more; Plan IV - 20 books plus 10 more.

Movies: These movies and documentaries will also count toward the Reading Program: 1. Just Mercy, 2. The Hate U Give, 3. Pushout.

There is no cap on the number of Children and Youth books that can be read and they can be found within each category.

### BONUS BOOKS

As always, Bonus Books count as two books. For 2021–2022, a few of the Bonus Books are also current mission studies, providing even more of an incentive to select these books as part of your Reading Program plan.

Rise! From Caged Bird to Poet of the People, Maya Angelou by Bethany Hegedus – counts as two books in Leadership Development

Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools by Monique W. Morris (as well as the Leaders' Guide by Vanessa M. Wilson) counts as two books in Social Action

Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission by Ellen Blue counts as two books in Nurturing for Community.

Finding Peace in an Anxious World edited by Erin James Brown counts as two books in Spiritual Growth

### FAITH TALKS: Podcasts Just for You

Listen to three Faith Talks podcasts and they count as two books in Spiritual Growth. Faith Talks are monthly conversations with UMW that explore themes and resources that empower us to put faith, hope and love into action. Check out interviews with UMW mission studies' authors and more at:

[unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks)

EMILY JONES is now the Reading Program Specialist, email address: [EJones@unitedmethodistwomen.org](mailto:EJones@unitedmethodistwomen.org)

Send additional book recommendations her way including people you know who love reading and would want to be reviewers.

I realize this is a lot of information to process and understand. Please send questions to me at [grubbycdhs@yahoo.com](mailto:grubbycdhs@yahoo.com)

Susie Grubb, Program Resources Coordinator

## Help Wanted

We are still in need of Cluster Leaders for Capital Area West and Western Cumberland. In addition we need members for the Nominating Committee. Please help us keep Harrisburg District UMW running strong. For more information on any of these positions please contact our President Amy Whitworth, see contact information on first page of newsletter.



## ASSEMBLY 2022 – TURN IT UP

MAY 20 – 22, 2022 ORLANDO CONVENTION CENTE

At ASSEMBLY 2022

We will TURN IT UP! For spiritual healing and renewal.

We will TURN IT UP! For rebirth in a new time.

We will TURN IT UP! For women leaders.

We will TURN IT UP! For justice for women, children and youth.

This is our chance to continue building on our more than 150-year heritage as women leaders who know how to organize and serve. We are women who are willing to be challenged to grow in our faith as we build deeper connections with one another, community leaders and partners in the work of justice for all of God's children. Bold action, like faith, takes courage. Our bravery is inspired by God's love and driven by our powerful commitment to improve the lives of women, children and youth. We're sisterhood acting in faith to tackle the hard work of the world without hesitation. We show up, we take action, we get it done. Our passion is boundless. And it all begins with you. Come to Orlando to care for your spirit, worship with your sisters and celebrate the positive impact women create in the world. It's time to TURN IT UP!

### **Registration fee:**

The registration fee for in-person is \$365.00; virtual is \$235.00. Registration closes April 11. (Proof of vaccination required at time of registration)

**Additional Costs: Travel expenses, Hotel expenses:** \$158–\$203 per night for up to four people, **Meal expenses,** Friday and Saturday—breakfast and dinner, Sunday—breakfast

To get all the details go to: <https://assembly2022.org/>

The United Methodist Women of Calvary  
Present a Symposium  
Featuring Julie Henning

“From an orphaned outcast who didn’t own a toothbrush to being adopted by a famous author, Julie Henning credits God’s grace at every turn in her life.”

Calvary United Methodist Church  
4700 Locust Lane, Harrisburg, PA 17109  
May 21, 2022 8:30 -2:30 pm



From an orphaned outcast who didn’t own a toothbrush to being adopted by a famous author, Julie Henning credits God’s grace at every turn in her life.

Julie Henning, adopted daughter of Pearl S Buck. Julie will share her Amerasian story of Divine Care through poverty to life in America. Her story begins in South Korea as Goo Sooni, a mixed-race girl who survived poverty, starvation, and discrimination in her homeland. In her memoirs, [A Rose in a Ditch](#), Julie tells the interesting story of her life in South Korea, her adoption by Pearl S Buck, and becoming a Christian and how her life was impacted by this.

Come to Calvary United Methodist Church and spend the day with Julie and get acquainted with her story of rags to riches. The day will begin with registration at 8:30 AM, with a 3 part program beginning at 9:15 AM and ending at 2:30 PM.

Check the Calvary website [CALVARYUNITEDMETHODIST.org](http://CALVARYUNITEDMETHODIST.org) for details and registration forms. Registration questions may be sent to Teri Mathias, [tmath@comcast.net](mailto:tmath@comcast.net), 717 919-4040. The fee of \$30 includes lunch and light refreshments.