

Heart of the Vine

Harrisburg District United Women in Faith

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President's Message

Many blessings to each of you, sisters united in faith! This is my first official President's message to you and my heart is overflowing with gratitude and joy, but also great concern and heartbreak, as I think about all we have ahead of us in the mission field. Look around you and it is not hard to find the needs that surround us. But be of good courage also because beside you are your sisters in Christ, willing and able to answer the call in our united community.

May of course is the month of Mother's Day. I think so lovingly of my mom and grandma who have both been in heaven for what seems to me a long time. My selfish human condition misses them here on Earth, but I know they are healthy and whole and probably yard saling with Jesus about now. I am so grateful for the seeds of faith both these women planted in me as a child. I have my own children now and a precious grandson and one more on the way. When I think of this, I am overcome with how God just continues to bless me. I hope you take a moment this May and remember the women who poured faith into you.

This May I will travel for the first time to National Assembly. I admit I am a bit of an anxious traveler, so I'll be glad when the aspect of "getting there" is over. I am very much looking forward to the information from the workshops and I hope to come home with fresh vision and new ideas to serve the women, children and youth of our area. I am looking forward to that moment when the energy of all those women in faith together in one place washes over me. Please pray for all those traveling to Assembly, not just that we arrive and return safely, but that our eyes, ears and hearts will be open to everything we receive.

Lastly, this May we also remember our Veterans with Memorial Day. Let's take a moment from all the activity to humble our hearts and remember all who have served, but especially the fallen, and the families who carry them even still in their hearts.

We have so much for which to be joyful and hopeful! God bless you in all that you do this May as God once again unveils a beautiful spring for us to enjoy! With love and gratitude, Amy



The United Women in Faith at Calvary United Methodist Church in Harrisburg held a baby shower for Morning Star Pregnancy Services and Healthy Steps Diaper Bank at Mission Central. Representatives from both organizations shared their programs and volunteer opportunities.



Wesley's United Women in Faith, Marysville, hosted a class in cake decorating for their Mom2Mom circle. Lori Hoffnagle, President of the UWF unit at First UMC in Mechanicsburg, led the group in decorating techniques.

More on the Mom2Mom Circle

Greetings from Wesley's United Women in Faith in Marysville. Prior to the pandemic, Wesley launched a new ministry aimed at creating a circle of encouragement and support around mothers in our extended community. Slowly but surely the group has grown and we are finally back to regular monthly gatherings.

The format is simple. On the first Wednesday of each month, our local unit prepares a family style meal for our Mom2Mom circle. Mothers and their children of any age are welcome to come and share a meal and a program. It has become a fantastic multi-generational event each month. Some UWF volunteers stay with the mom's program while others exit to another area of the church with the kids to do a children's program.

Wesley's UWF acting President, Amy Whitworth says, "What a blessing this ministry has been. We started with just a few young mothers, looking for some social time and support. Attendees began inviting their friends and now we have a fairly large group each month. The integration with UWF has been great because something very special happens when women from multiple generations come together around a good, home-cooked meal. We have had cooking classes, inspirational speakers, service projects, arts and crafts projects, and more. Many of the kids who come to the children's program have also attended other children's programs with our church. This is helping our church to grow and injecting new energy into our UWF unit."

One of the moms who regularly attends the gatherings offered these words, "I'm so glad I stumbled on to this group, well actually a friend invited me. My son has such a good time playing with the other kids and it's nice to do these fun activities I would never plan for myself. I never think of stuff like that for myself. There are so many nice ladies that volunteer and come there. They are so kind and I enjoy going every month!"

2021 Reading Certificates

Calvary UMC, Wiconisco		
Shirley Alvord	Plan 1	29 years
Judy Snyder	Plan 1	25
Catherine Lower	Plan 1	15
Donna Klinger	Plan 1	17
Calvary UMC, Harrisburg		
Denise Deaven	Plan 1	10
Mary Alice Dumbauld	Plan 1	10
Linda Hoffman	Plan 1	
Susie Grubb	Plan 1	10
Dianne Cintron	Plan II	
Camp Hill UMC, Camp Hill		
Marlyn Diehl	Plan 1	
Ann Huff	Plan 1	
Carlisle UMC, Carlisle		
Jane Jamison	Plan 1	Many
Lois Kielkopf	Plan 1	Many
Vicki Morley	Plan 1	4
Sandi Price	Plan II	5+
Chambers Hill UMC, Harrisburg		
Joyce Getsay	Plan 1	17
Donna Speelman	Plan 1	17
Summerdale UMC, Summerdale		
Bev Benner	Plan 1	3
Paige Miller	Plan 1	31
Paula Ruelius	Plan 1	29
Linda Troutman	Plan 1	32
Dora Wevodau	Plan 1	10
Wesley UMC, Marysville		
Amy Whitworth	Plan 1	1

Congratulations to all the women awarded Reading Certificates at our Spiritual Enrichment Days. The Plan they completed and the number of years they have read are at above. 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.

This was from the information that was submitted in the 2021 President's report from your unit president. If you have not received your certificate they have been mailed to your unit president.

Reading Program Information



Here's a link every reader will enjoy:

<https://tinyurl.com/ycpjbwp6>

Just click on this link and you will find a list of all books alphabetically by title. Also listed are: author, year, **CATEGORY** and Youth/Child.

The movies and documentaries are in the same category as the book.

If you are not reading yet, please consider looking over the selection of books on the above link and join. The Reading Program encourages members to think critically about current issues and offers an excellent opportunity to deepen your spirituality and broaden your understanding of our mission work.

Book Recommendations

I thought it would be nice to recommend books that members have read and enjoyed. Please share a little information about the book. Send your suggestion to umwvine@yahoo.com or call 717-834-6520 Susie Grubb, Program Resource Coordinator.

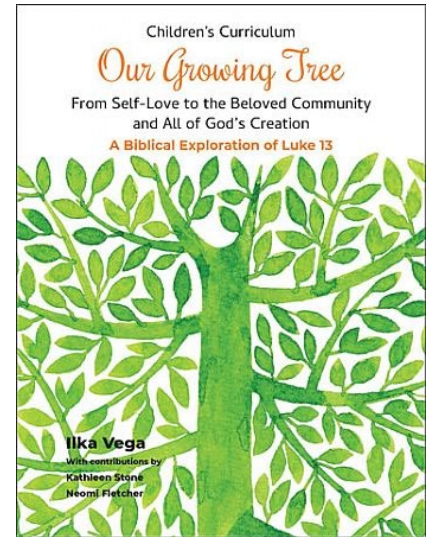
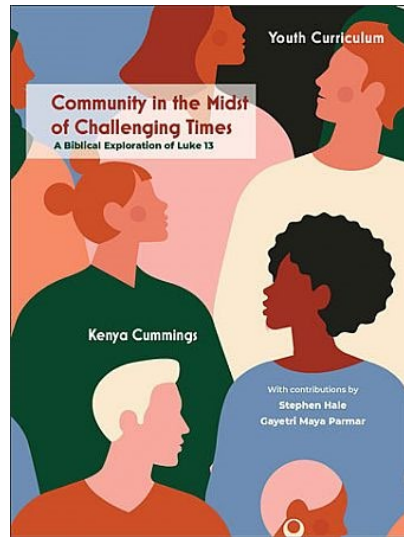
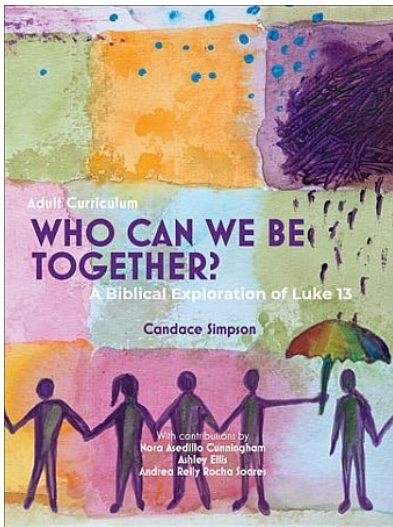
Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate (Nurturing for Community 2022)

Based on one of America's most notorious real-life scandals—in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country—Lisa Wingate's riveting, wrenching, and ultimately uplifting tale reminds us how, even though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong.

Mission u Registration Information

Use only this information to register. (This is the updated information that was sent to me by Conference on 5/12/22.) You may register by mail, send in only the last page of the attached registration with your check, or you may register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/353463sd> or scan the QR code on the attachment and then mail in your check.

The books may be purchased for \$10 each online at: <https://www.umwmissionresources.org/>



Directory Update

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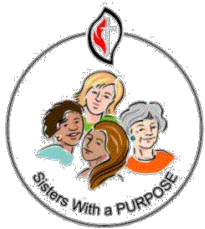
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SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT DAYS

Many thanks to all who attended our 3 Spiritual Enrichment Day events! It was wonderful to see so many of you in person! A special thank you to the host units for your gracious hospitality. We were pleased to deliver two carloads of paper goods to **Neighborhood Center** and the total of the offerings was over \$700. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. If your unit would want to help with **summer lunches** please reach out to the interim director

Quetrina Sims-Shelton, at qsims-shelton@neighborhoodcenterumc.org

Tanya Pearrell of "She's Somebody's Daughter" was our speaker. Our spirits were lifted and challenged by her message, "God redeems." She brought to light the situations of some of our vulnerable neighbors. I trust that all who attended were indeed enriched by the message, music, skits, prayers and fellowship of each event!

I will be recruiting host churches for our spiritual enrichment days in April 2023. Please call or email me if your unit would be willing to host! Suggestions for speakers and topics are also welcome.

Marlyn Diehl, (717-525-4430, hooverdiehl@gmail.com), Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Unit Presidents

Below is the link to the survey that you need to complete by August 30, 2022. I know many have already completed the survey. This is just a reminder to those who have not.

2021 Unit Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TZSYN2B>

On the Survey two videos workshops were mentioned that you could share with your units: “Let’s Talk About Change” and “Time to Grow.” Please follow the below link to find the two workshops.

LINK: <https://www.umwmissionresources.org/content.asp?tid=1387>

ASSEMBLY 2022 – TURN IT UP

MAY 20 – 22, 2022 ORLANDO CONVENTION CENTER



We have three members of our District Board going to the Assembly, Amy Whitworth, President, Margaret Brightbill, Vice President, and Marlyn Diehl, Spiritual Growth Coordinator. Keep them in your prayers as they travel to Florida and back representing us as they --- TURN IT UP! For spiritual healing and renewal.

TURN IT UP! For rebirth in a new time.

TURN IT UP! For women leaders.

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

Watch for their report in the August newsletter.

Share

Please consider sharing your unit events either before or after. If your unit is having an event that others could attend we can publicize it in the newsletter similar to the article about the Symposium featuring Julie Henning at Calvary UMC in Harrisburg. This could be especially rewarding to your unit if you have a fund raiser coming up. After an event, send information and we can put it in “Be the Light.” It would be wonderful to have more Mom2Mom circles. If you had a really interesting speaker or event, share. Units are always looking for ideas for programs. **Let’s share! Newsletters deadlines are February 1, May 1, and August 1.** Send article information to umwvine@yahoo.com or mail to: Susan Grubb, 321 Newport Road, Duncannon, PA 17020.



Saturday, October 1, 2022

Saturday, November 5, 2022

Save the Dates

Harrisburg District Annual Day
complete information to follow in August newsletter

Conference Annual Day
see information in attachment Sus Conf UWF