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A Newsletter of the ROANOKE DISTRICT United Methodist Women—September 2020

## District UMW Day October 10 at 9:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting by electronic device (computer, tablet, smart phone) using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86770564288>

Join Zoom Meeting by phone (cell or landline) dial 1 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 867 7056 4288

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Questions regarding Zoom contact Cindy Martin, [RoanokeUMW@gmail.com](mailto:RoanokeUMW@gmail.com) or 540-353-3412

## Message from our UMW District President, Phyllis Geoghegan

**She Leads: Empowering Women to Make a Difference** by Grace Musuka is our Call to Prayer and Self-Denial 2021 program. The scripture, Numbers 27:1-8 is the basis for this emphasis. This same scripture was strongly suggested by Rev. Traci Blackman during our Faith Talk on Voting and Voter Suppression. Rev. Blackman said our vote is our voice to make changes just as the daughters of Zelophehad did in this scripture.

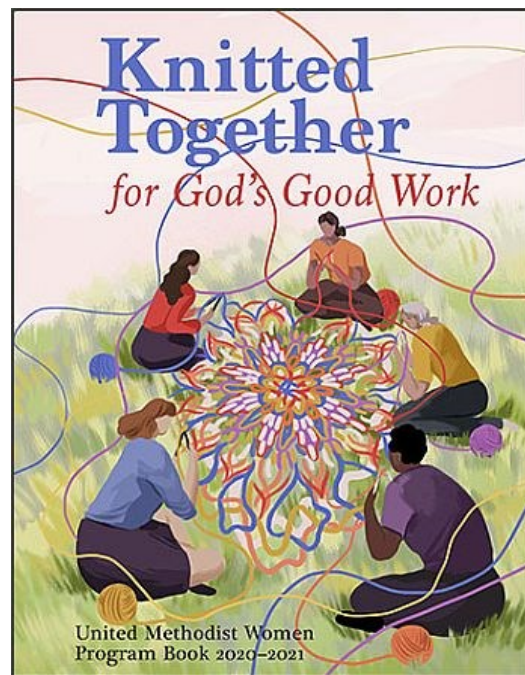
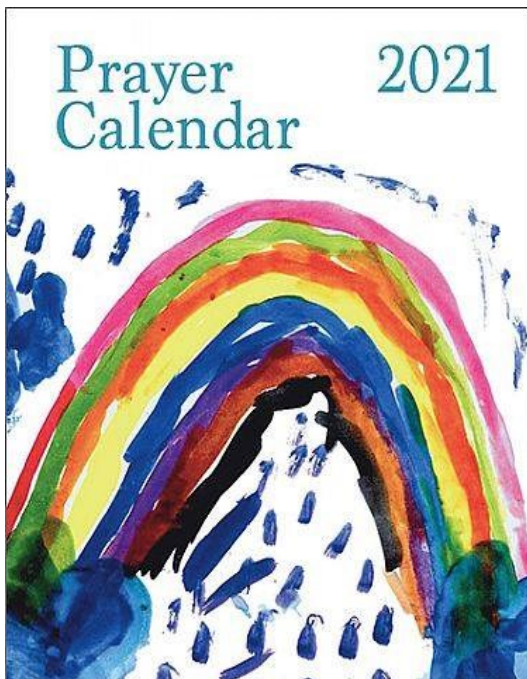
Grace Musuka recounts that the five daughters stood before Moses, Eleazar the priest, the leaders and all the congregation, at the entrance of the tent meeting, and they said, "Our father died in the wilderness; he was not among the company of those who gathered themselves together against the Lord in the company of Korah, but died for his own sin; and he had no sons. Why should the name of our father be taken away from his clan because he had no sons? Give to us a possession among our father's brothers." Moses brought their case before the Lord. Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: The daughters of Zelophehad are right in what they are saying; you shall indeed let them possess an inheritance among their father's brothers and pass the inheritance of their father on to them.

What a great achievement! Women began to own an inheritance because these five daughters spoke up! This text shows us that God values us as women. We were created in God's image. We are equal heirs to God's kin-dom even here on earth. We need to speak up and make our case known. (page 111 of our program book, **Knitted Together for God's Good Work**)

An opportunity to create a difference is coming soon for us. Please use your vote to let your voice be heard. How can we empower other women to speak up and let their voices be heard, to express their circumstances and feelings about critical issues? How can we make sure our vulnerable seniors vote safely? Jesus said, "Follow me", feed the hungry, provide for the widows, help the poor, set free the oppressed...

It's time for self-denial and prayer for the Holy Spirit to lead us in the right path to make a difference in the world. Grace Musuka prays, "Be glorified, O God. And continue to empower us with eyes, ears, mouths, hands, feet and bodies that represent Christ in this world. Hear our prayer. Amen." (page 114, **Knitted Together for God's Good Works**) Love to all of you, Phyllis

Prayer Calendar and Program Book are available to purchase online



The 2021 Prayer Calendar invites you to pray as one people responsive to God's call to relationships of caring, connecting and healing in a world of uncertainty in all but the love of God.

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*Knitted Together for God's Good Work explores* how we as children of God are joined and linked together into the whole body of Christ. Even at times when social distancing or other obstacles may keep us physically apart, we are knit together in community to transform the world. **New This Year:** To ensure that everyone can join together virtually for monthly study and bonding, instructions on how to use videoconferencing platforms are provided, along with suggestions on how to adjust program activities for these forums.

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## District UMW responds to urgent need -shared by Bobbie Rust

Yes, we are homebound ! Yes, we have to wear mask everywhere! Yes, we have to attend church on-line! BUT we are still **women of mission** of the UMW.

In response to a recent need of 30-40 human trafficking victims in the area. A call came for a number of needs. Your District United Methodist Women responded immediately.

The Roanoke District UMW, under the leadership of our President, Phyllis Geoghegan, procured pajamas, undergarments, and toiletries to be delivered to agencies assisting these women. Cave Spring collected and donated sets of white washcloths and towels. UMW members from St. Marks and Raleigh Court have also worked to fill the needs of these victims. Other units are responding as well.

The needs are great both here and elsewhere-continue to stay connected via phone, internet, mail and greatest of all PRAYER. Psalm 69:11 The Lord gives the command . The women who proclaim the good tidings are a great host.

# District UMW Proposed 2021 Budget

## Roanoke District United Methodist Women Proposed 2021 Budget

	2021 Budget
<b>CONFERENCE AND NATIONAL PROGRAM EVENTS</b>	
Conference Annual Meeting	\$175.00
Conference Spiritual Life Retreat	200.00
Mission Encounter	50.00
Conference Training for District Officers	-0-
Conference Prayer Breakfast	50.00
Scholarships for Conference Events	200.00
* National Assembly Meeting 2022, 2026, etc.	100.00
* Southeastern Jurisdictional Meeting 2020, 2024, etc.	50.00
<b>TOTAL CONFERENCE &amp; NATIONAL PROGRAMS &amp; EVENTS</b>	<b>\$825.00</b>
<b>DISTRICT PROGRAMS AND EVENTS</b>	
Childcare for District Programs	\$50.00
District Spiritual Life Retreat	100.00
District Annual Meeting	100.00
District Prayer Breakfast	50.00
District Training for Local Officers	75.00
Church Women United	5.00
<b>TOTAL DISTRICT PROGRAMS AND EVENTS</b>	<b>\$380.00</b>
<b>DISTRICT OFFICERS EXPENSE</b>	
Mileage	\$100.00
Postage	100.00
Printing	50.00
Bank Service Charges	50.00
Supplies	50.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
<b>TOTAL DISTRICT OFFICERS EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	
District Directory (Printing)	\$150.00
Gifts to Mission (Cards and Postage)	50.00
Special Mission Recognition (Retiring Officers)	150.00
Newsette (Printing and Postage)	200.00
Reading Program (Promotion and Recognition)	75.00
Literature	-0-
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$625.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION &amp; MEM. BUDGET</b>	<b>\$2230.00</b>
<b>Pledge to Mission Goal for 2021</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>

\*Scholarships are available upon request for Conference and National Events, from our reserve account

## Slate of District UMW Officers for 2021

- President - OPEN
- Vice President- Carolyn Barnes (Greene Memorial)
- Secretary - Janice Phillips (Raleigh Court)
- Treasurer - Helen Watson (Northview)
- Spiritual Growth - Shirley Brown (Asbury)
- Education & Interpretation - Karen Dinkins (Cave Spring)
- Social Action - Suzanne Bell (Thrasher Memorial)
- Membership, Nurture & Outreach - OPEN
- Program Resources/Reading Program - Ramona Tolley (St. Mark's)
- Communications - Cindy Martin (Cave Spring)
- Nominations Chair - Lou Talbutt
- Nominations Committee -
  - Connie Young
  - Phyllis Geoghegan
  - Louise Miller

**Contact Connie Young if you are called to serve in any of the open positions.**

**United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose Purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.**

## Your Roanoke District UMW Team 2020

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### Nominations Chair

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### Nominations Committee

Sylvia Bishop (Asbury)  
Janice Phillips (Raleigh Court)  
Lou Talbott (Blacksburg)  
Helen Watson (Northview)



## Some important UMW dates for 2020-2021

### Roanoke District

#### 2020

**October 10:** District UMW Day by Zoom

**November 15:** Deadline to submit articles for quarterly District *Newsette*

**December 5:** Deadline for Unit Treasurers to send report/funds to District Treasurer

#### 2021

January 9: District Executive Team planning meeting 9:00 AM Greene Memorial UMC

February 15: Deadline to submit articles for quarterly District *Newsette*

March 5: Deadline for Unit Treasurer to send report/fund to **NEW** District Treasurer

April 10: District UMW Spiritual Life Retreat Crockett Springs UMC and Alta Mons, Shawsville

May 15: Deadline to submit articles for quarterly District *Newsette*

June 5: Deadline for Unit Treasurer to send report/funds to District Treasurer

July 17: District Team Finance and Planning Meeting 9:30 AM Northview UMC

August 15: Deadline to submit articles for quarterly District *Newsette*

August 22: District Open Executive Team Meeting 3:00 PM New Castle UMC

September 1: Deadline for Unit Treasurer to send report/ funds to District Treasurer

September 15: Deadline for reporting to Reading Program, Living into Our Purpose and Deceased Members to District Team

October 9: District UMW Day-Northview UMC 8:30 AM

November 15: Deadline to submit articles for quarterly District *Newsette*

December 6: Deadline for Unit Treasurer to send report/ funds to District Treasurer

Questions regarding the calendar can be directed to: **Carolyn Barnes**, Roanoke District UMW, VP

