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A Newsletter of the ROANOKE DISTRICT United Methodist Women—February 2021

Roanoke District
United Methodist Women's
Spiritual Life Retreat
Saturday, April 10, 2021 at 9:30 AM



Spirituality in Troubled Times

Featuring guest speaker
Mary Jane Rawley, past President UMW Virginia Conference
and music by
N.L. and Sylvia Bishop of Asbury UMC, Christiansburg.

Register to receive the Zoom link, event program,
and at home communion instructions

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

UMCOR Kit Collection



We are finally ready to collect all those UMCOR kits lovingly assembled and patiently stored since Annual Conference 2020.

Drop-off location: Ebenezer UMC, 85 Nace Road, Troutville, VA 24175

Drop-off times: Saturday, February 27 from 9 AM - noon and Thursday, March 4 from 10 AM – 1 PM

Drop-off Healthy Church Team Plan:

- If you are sick, please choose an alternative time to drop off kits.
- Have each box labeled with an inventory of the contents- how many of each kit are in each box. Do not include money in any boxes or kits. Shipping and toothpaste money should be sent directly to the [VAUMC Treasurer](#) .
- Drive into the church parking lot, and park near the fellowship hall.
- **Remain in your vehicle at all times.**
- Wear a mask.
- A volunteer will unload the boxes of kits and ask you for your name, contact information, and church.
- Leave the parking lot, and enjoy a safe trip home.

If the weather is questionable, check the [District website](#) or [Facebook page](#) for updates. Can't make one of these drop-off times, need directions, or have questions, call 540-989-3335 or email RoanokeDistrict@vaumc.org. To save resources, consider partnering with a neighboring church to consolidate your kits into one delivery.

LOOKING AHEAD. At this time, we have been advised **not** to assemble additional UMCOR kits. The reasons are many:

- Annual Conference will again be virtual, making the kit collection challenging
- UMCOR depots are currently near their capacity because the pandemic has restricted volunteers from inspecting and preparing kits for shipment. They have capacity to receive the kits that have already been prepared, but beyond that, space is limited.
- The Virginia Conference Serving Ministries Office is revisioning how to best use the resources (financial, material and human) to more effectively serve those in need through this ministry.

Treasurer, Helen Watson

Greetings,

It is time to send in the 1st quarter remittance. The Administrative & Membership Development Fund amount remains \$3.00 per person. Please send this first remittance to me at: 3207 Maplelawn Ave., NW Roanoke, VA 24012 by March 5, 2021.



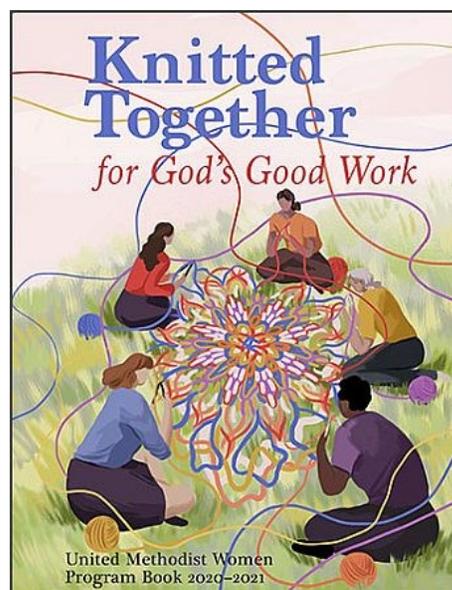
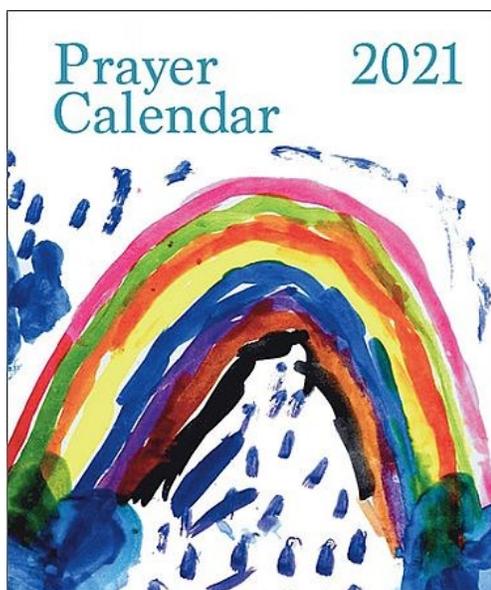
Program Resources/Reading Program, Mona Tolley

Here is the latest from the UMW Reading Program. 2015 reading books have been dropped off the Reading Program list. Starting in 2021, books will run an additional year to 2022. New books will be on the Reading Program for 7 years instead of 6. There is also a lending library available for readers with almost all of the books available through this program; a book can be borrowed for 6 weeks. Contact me for additional information. The 2020-2021 program book, *Knitted Together*, is an excellent resource for programs. I still have several copies of the 2019-2020 program books which I will gladly gift to any unit. The programs in these books are not restricted to their designated year, so they are an excellent resource for the UMW unit programs.

Faith Talks podcasts can now also be counted for the reading program. Listening to two Faith Talks podcasts equals one book, listening to three Faith Talks podcast equals a bonus book. Learn more about Faith Talks at: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks>

Visit the UMW Resources website to purchase 2020-2021 Program Books and 2021 Prayer Calendars as well as Mission Encounter study books. <http://www.umwmissionresources.org/>

Find all the information about the 2021 UMW Reading Program at: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogramcatalog2021.pdf>



Membership and Outreach, Phyllis Geoghegan

It's already time to start the annual UMW census which is now called a "Unit Survey."

This year, we are asking the unit presidents to self-select what area(s) their members/units are thriving. This will help influence what it means to "thrive" at the district and unit level as well as inform the national office and conference leadership on strengths and areas for improvement.

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey.

2020 UMW Unit Survey



- The 2020 Unit Survey is on the United Methodist Women's website at: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2020
- The unit uses the link to enter the data, which will go directly to the national office.
- Units are encouraged to submit their own survey but if you need assistance please let me know.
- **The deadline for reporting online is February 28, 2021.**

Education and Interpretation, Karen Dinkins

LIVING INTO OUR PURPOSE FORMS

This form is a tool to keep UMW units focused on the mission of UMW. The core of UMW is the calling of mission, and each step should lead us down this path. Seize this opportunity to make a difference in lives both near and far by participating in a clothes closet or backpack program, supporting a missionary, or wherever you are called. Updated Living Into Our Purpose forms can be found at: <https://www.vaumw.com/conference/education-interpretation>.

Social Action, Suzanne Bell

Criminalization
of
Communities
of
Color & Mass
Incarceration

Climate
Justice

Information about the UMW social action campaigns for the 2021-2024 quadrennium can be found at:

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/action>.

Resources are available there to direct and inspire you.

For more than 150 years, Methodist women organized for mission have worked to take positions on social justice issues. Read more about why and how at:

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/whyunitedmethodistwomenengageinsocialaction.pdf>

Communications, Cindy Martin

An abundance of information is available :

National UMW news: <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/>

Virginia UMW news: <https://www.vaumw.com/>

District UMW news: <http://roanokeumc.org/page.php?pg=missions>

Some important UMW dates for 2021

Roanoke District

- March 5:** Deadline for Unit Treasurer to send report/funds to **NEW** District Treasurer
April 10: District UMW Spiritual Life Retreat via Zoom
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 (tentatively at Northview UMC)
August 15: Deadline to submit articles for quarterly District Newsette
August 22: District Open Executive Team Meeting - 3:00 PM (tentatively at New Castle UMC)
September 1: Deadline for Unit Treasurer to send report/funds to District Treasurer
September 15: Deadline for Reporting Reading Program, Living Into Our Purpose and deceased members to District team
October 9: District UMW Day– 8:30 AM at Northview UMC
November 15: Deadline to submit articles for quarterly District Newsette
December 5: Deadline for Unit Treasurer to send report/funds to District Treasurer

Virginia Conference

- May 15:** Conference UMW Spiritual Life Retreat via Zoom
July: Mission Encounter via Zoom
September 10-11: Conference UMW Young Women's Retreat via Zoom
October 23: Conference UMW Annual Meeting via Zoom

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

Mission Encounter coming in July 2021

I am honored to serve as Assistant Dean for Mission Encounter 2021 representing United Methodist Women along with several of our elected officers on the committee. As far as I know, we are the only conference who has a mission study event supported by two conference entities. Our event is supported financially and personally by the Board of Missional Ministries (Serving) and our United Methodist Women. By doing this, our Mission Encounter is open to all VA Conference members. So please extend the invitation to participate to all your friends and fellow members of UMC and even beyond.

This year all classes will be presented to adults virtually by our experienced and certified facilitators. Then those church members/leaders will take the studies to their districts and local churches. The content for the youth and children's studies are so sensitive and serious that only the leaders, teachers and parents will participate in our virtual presentations. Then they, knowing their youth/children, will adapt the material best suited to meet their needs.

Please pray for our committee's work and for our facilitators. Promote the event in your churches and on your districts. Be conduits for the Gospel of Christ as we seek to serve and reach as many as we can this year in His name.

Blessings and Peace, Phyllis Geoghegan



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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.

