

THE SHARING LINE

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ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

"Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!" –Genesis 1:31a

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

After the threat of Covid 19 ends will we ever return to the "old normal?" Have we learned something from this experience that we want to retain? I have selected several that are "keepers".

1. Last January the conference held our first executive meeting by Zoom eliminating pass travel during the winter for team members. Committees were able to gather previously by Zoom and give their reports. While we missed the "personal" connections, this has value for the future. This saves funding for travel and housing at Wesley Homes each winter.
2. For the Conference we started a Zoom Book Club that meets weekly for one hour discussing books from the reading program. Previously, during our executive meeting we spent about 15 minutes discussing the selected book. The new normal allows for

more time to talk while getting to know participants better.

3. Our Spiritual Growth Retreat in March had over 90 register. This involved women who would not normally travel from Idaho or western Washington to attend. Can we create in person events that allow people to participate remotely by zoom?

These options remind me of Robert Frost *"The Road Not Taken."*

*"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference."*

*Ja net' W. Crouse, President,
United Methodist Women
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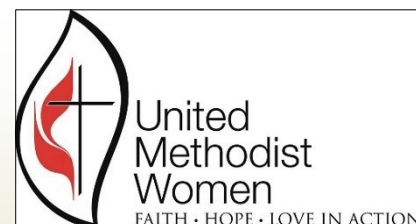
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For further information check out our United Methodist Women website:

pnwumc.org/umw

THE PURPOSE

The organized unit of 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 United Methodist Church.



VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

All Things Bright and Beautiful

OCTOBER 15-16-21 ANNUAL MEETING AT BOTHELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We are still praying that our annual meeting will be held in person with the Bothell United Methodist Church as our host.

Registration and book browsing will start the event on Friday at 2:00 PM. Following at 3:30 will be leadership development for district officers with an alternative class for those attending but not an officer with Jan Catrell, the Secretary of Program Resources. She will talk about "How to get the most out of the Reading Program." Dinner is at 5:45 pm then we will gather with singing and entertainment. Saturday's program will start at 8:30 am. There are five workshops scheduled, providing information about *Earth Keepers* by Elizabeth Williams; *Columbia River Tribal Fisheries Association* by Elaine Harvey; *Tacoma Community House* by Lorna Walker; *Interfaith Power Light* by Jessica Zimmerle; and *Child Care Aware Opportunity Council* by Michelle Nelson. Our keynote speaker will be Elizabeth Chun Hye Lee, Executive for Economic and Environmental Justice, United Methodist Women. Liz leads the [Just Energy 4 All](#) campaign. You should take away a lot of information and actions to take to help bring about Climate Justice.

One way to get other women interested in United Methodist Women is to bring them to the Annual Meeting in October so they can see how the organization is changing the lives of women,

children, and youth and how they can become a part of an organization that is a community of women, rooted in our Christian faith, who turn faith, hope, and love into action

on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

In Peace and Love,

Linda Key, Vice President



TURN IT UP! ASSEMBLY 2022
MAY 20 – 22, 2022
ORLANDO CONVENTION CENTER

WWW.ASSEMBLY2022.ORG

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

Assembly is a great value at the **early registration fee of \$330.**

WAYS TO SAVE:

Start now! Calculate the costs as broken out below for your location, then divide by 12 for a monthly savings amount. Now it doesn't seem so daunting. The unforgettable experience of Assembly will make it worth every dollar.

- **Early Registration fee:** \$330 (available September 1–November 30, 2021, which includes lunch on Friday and Saturday)
- **Hotel expenses:** \$158–\$203 per night for up to four people (double/double room)
- **Travel expenses:**
- **Meal expenses:**
Friday and Saturday—breakfast and dinner
Sunday—breakfast

EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who said,
"Let light shine out of darkness".

I believe we are coming out of the darkness and into the light and eager again to be God's love and love all of God's people. I want to thank those of you who have contributed, either with money or material items, to the Nome Community Center. The staff there is so grateful for our support. From what I heard at the last Conference Board of Global Ministries, it is likely that Alaska will become part of our district in the near future. This is a great time to get to know more about all that is provided for the community of Nome, by our National Mission Institution.

I have been thinking about an announcement made by Marsha Aaufenkamp at the last Conference Executive meeting and that was that we made 600+ baby quilts in 2020. I am guessing that in this year of social distancing our knitters and

seamstresses have made even more. My thoughts go to the hundreds, if not thousands, of small children being caged at the border with nothing more than what they have on their backs. I contacted a deaconess, at the Brownsville Community Center (which was highlighted in "Oh Mercy, Searching for Hope In The Promised Land" and another, Deaconess Tara Carnesi, who works in the Rio Grande Valley. Cindy Johnson, at BCC will take the blankets/quilts to [La Posada Providencia](#), an emergency shelter for men women and families who flee to the US due to political oppression, natural disaster, and other life-threatening actions in their native countries. She is very excited about this, as am I. I think of my son, when he was very young, carrying his blankie around with him and of how much comfort it provided. If you are inclined to "be the light", you can send your blankets/quilts to:

Cindy Andrade Johnson, 5593 Birders Cove, Brownsville, TX 78526

Tara says she works with youth in the foster care system. They have no materials needs at the moment, however, she would appreciate prayers for our youth as they navigate through their situations as well as for their emotional healing.

Finally, I am in the process of updating our Mission Today brochure and will be distributing it soon. There were many criteria listed that just were not possible over the past year. If you have questions about the flyer when you receive it, please contact me at the email listed on the front.

I am looking forward to seeing you at Mission u, but for now, enjoy the sunshine!

*Linda Hay — Education and Interpretation Coordinator
 United Methodist Women Pacific Northwest Conference*



SOCIAL ACTION



There is much going on in our society related to Social Action but, in this article, I will focus on the

following: Legislative Day, Advocating, [Just Energy 4 All](#), and Free and Fair Elections. It was good to see familiar names and faces taking part in this year's Faith Action Legislative Day, Olympia, via zoom. The classes I chose were "Addressing Climate Change" and "Restoring Justice in our Criminal justice System". The discussions with legislators focused on Environmental bills because of our Conferences chosen Social Action Priority. It is good to report that two of these bills, Clean Fuels Now and Healthy Environment for All (HEAL) Act have both passed in the house and the senate since the Legislative Day in February. Clean Cars 2030 and Washington STRONG Green Recovery Bonds are working their way through committees. If you wish to know more about these and other bills as well as where they are in the legislative process, you can go to the Faith in Action Network website. There is a "Bill Tracker" found under Legislative Agenda.

In United Methodist Women we are encouraged to both educate and advocate. There have been classes offered recently on how best to advocate for causes. Under our number one priority for the year, Climate Justice, we have been learning about the Just Energy 4 All

campaign. This follows the United Methodist Church Energy Policy Statement, Resolution #1001 from the 2016 Book of Resolutions, which talks about our being created in God's image and being entrusted to take charge of creation. Included in this are the principles of Justice and Sustainability. Under the United Methodist Women studies we are encouraged to learn what this entails and to examine our own use of energy. There are two worksheets available on the website, <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org>, (1) "Our Energy Landscape: How Just is Your Energy?" and (2) an "Action Plan Worksheet". These are a good source for research and for discussion. If you would like more information on Just Energy 4 All, I have "Materials and Resources" I can forward to you.

Another relevant topic is Church and Society's call to Take Action: Support Free and Fair Elections. They quote 2016 Book of Discipline, 164A, we "hold governments responsible for the protection of the rights of the people to free and fair elections" believing that "the form and the leaders of all governments should be determined by exercise of the right to vote guaranteed to all adult citizens." Let your beliefs be known by contacting your legislators at all levels.

In closing, I would like to encourage you to continue to take part in the following:

- Just Energy For All webinars at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/just-energy-for-all-webinars>.

- [Faith Talks](#) on the 3rd Thursday of the month or recorded on the United Methodist Women website.
- Find strength for Advocacy by partnering with other agencies as suggested by our United Methodist Women National Staff members.

Blessings,

Sharon McDaniel — Social Action Coordinator United Methodist Women Pacific Northwest Conference

SEND US YOUR NOMINATIONS!

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE RACIAL JUSTICE AWARD FOR 2021



Each year the United Methodist Women Pacific Northwest Conference honors someone with the Racial Justice Award.

Who will you nominate from your district? **See our Website for instructions.**

THE DEADLINE IS JUNE 1, 2021.

To the Quilt and Prayer Shawl makers: Thank you for all you've done to bring comfort to others!

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN QUILTS & PRAYERS SHAWLS 2020 MINISTRIES

Missional District	Church	Quilts and Prayer Shawls	Delivered to	Missional District	Church	Quilts and Prayer Shawls	Delivered to
Crest to Coast	Vancouver Heights	40 Quilts	Marth's Pantry	Puget Sound	Summit	50 Quilts plus 30 for 2021	Family Renewal Center
	Stevenson	31 Quilts	Trillium Services, Binky Patrol Chapter	Seattle Tacoma		25 Quilts	Tacoma Detention Center
	Puyallup (Summit)	25 Quilts	Family Renewal Shelter	Seven Rivers	Goldendale	63 Quilts	Navajo Mission, New Mexico; New Beginnings in New Mexico
Inland	Bonnors Ferry	6 Quilts	A Physician's clinic		Kennewick 1st	136 Quilts 100 Prayer Shawls	
	Clarkston	10 Quilts	Life Choices, Willow Center for Bereaved Children		Omak	9 Quilts	Support Center
	Colfax	62 Quilts	Volunteers of America, Hope House, Crosswalks, Malden fire		Wesley Yakima	20 Quilts 60 Prayer Shawls	Foster Care, Okanogan Clinic, Foreign Countries. (Prayer shawls to church members)
	Fowler	9 Quilts	Shalom Ministries Caritas Center St. Francis				
	Rockford	50 Quilts	Martin Luther King, Wishing Star, Ronald McDonald House, Sally's House				
	Sandpoint	36 Quilts	Family Services				

Baby Quilts from Goldendale, Seven Rivers. How about you?

Blessings,

Marsha, Seven Rivers President



Mission u 2021

There's Far More Here

THAN MEETS THE EYE

So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without [God's] unfolding grace. [...] There's far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can't see now will last forever. — 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, The Message (MSG)

We have known and felt what it is like when “things are falling apart on us.” We have experienced a great unraveling that has shifted, quite literally, everything.

Could there be, as 2 Corinthians put it, “far more here than meets the eye”?

Mission u, like many activities in our lives, has moved online. While virtual, we are still creating spaces for spiritual community, lifelong friendships, lessons that change us and our communities, and spiritual practices that arrive when we need them most. In a time when it looks like things are falling apart on us, God's grace is still unfolding and life is being made new.

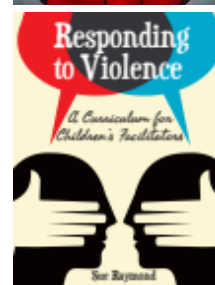
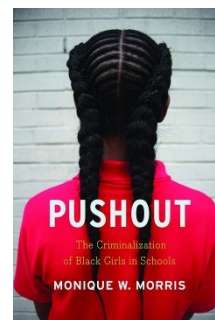
Indeed: There's far more here than meets the eye.

WILL YOU JOIN US?

At our upcoming **Mission u**, we will examine anxiety, the culture of violence that impacts children in and out of schools, and how we as God's people can deepen our moral witness and respond faithfully.

Our 2021 Mission u in the Pacific Northwest Conference will offer the following studies Thursday through Saturday, **July 29-31**, online via Zoom:

- **Spirituality Study:** [Finding Peace in an Anxious World](#), edited by Erin James-Brown,
—Taught by Rev. Joanne Coleman Campbell
- **Issues Study:** [Pushout: Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools](#) by Monique Morris
—Taught by Donna Farrell, Nica Sy and Angela Reed
- **Youth Study:** [Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence A Curriculum for Youth Leaders](#) by Jay Godfrey
—Taught by Abby Niehaus
- **Children's Study:** [Responding to Violence: A Curriculum for Children's Facilitators](#)
by Sue Raymond
—Taught by Rudilyn Rush



MISSION U 2021

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

(APRIL 17, 2021)

THURSDAY JULY 29 (4 HOURS)

9:30-10:00 am Welcome,
Singing and Opening Worship
10:00 -11:00 am Plenary plus
Announcements & Introductions
11:00-12:00 Anxiety Study
(All-School Spirituality Study)
12:00-1:00 pm Lunch and Break
1:00-1:15 pm Regathering,
Singing and Video
1:15-2:30 pm Pushout Study
Classes, Youth Study, Children's
Study

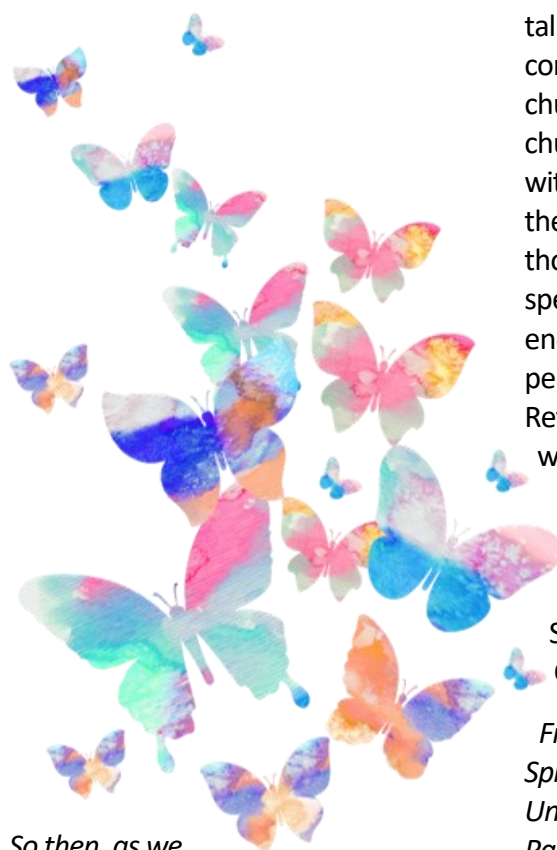
FRIDAY JULY 30 (4 HOURS)

9:30-10:00 am Singing &
Announcements
10:00-11:30 am Anxiety Study
(All-School Spirituality Study)
11:30- 1:00 pm Lunch and Break
1:00-1:15 pm Gathering,
Singing and Video
1:15-2:30 pm Pushout Study
Classes, Youth Study, Children's
Study
2:30-3:00 pm Healing Service

SATURDAY JULY 31 (4 HOURS)

9:30-10:00 am Singing,
Announcements, Video
10:00-11:00 am Pushout Classes
11:00-11:15 am Break
11:15-12:15 pm Anxiety Study
(All-School Spirituality Study)
12:15-1:30 pm Lunch and Break
1:30-2:00 pm Pushout Classes,
Youth Study, Children's Study
2:00-2:30 pm Anxiety Study
(All-School Spirituality Study)
2:30-3:00 pm Closing Service

SPIRITUAL GROWTH



*So then, as we
have opportunity, let us do good to
everyone, and especially to those
who are of the household of faith.*
— Galatians 6:10 (ESV)

Praise God!! Our 2021 Zoom
Spiritual Growth Retreat was a
success.

We had about 75 ladies join us, out
of 93 registrations, for the first Zoom
retreat in our Conference. So, I
thank you all who attended and a
special thanks to Harriet Jane Olson
for taking time out of her busy
schedule to join and speak to us on
Saturday.

Rev. Brenda Tudor was our Spiritual
leader, using the book *What We
Need Is Here*, by L Roger Owens,
which gave us an insight in to Psalms
and the Gospel of Matthew. Also

talked about forgiveness and
communication with others in
church, since we have been in our
churches because of the pandemic,
with a video called *You -- Sitting in
the Pew Next to Me*. That was very
thought provoking video about
speaking to our church members and
encouraged us to be a little more
personal in our speaking to them.
Rev. Brenda was a blessing to us and
we thank her for her willingness to
be a part of our retreat.

I hope that we can meet again
in person in 2023 for our next
Spiritual Retreat at Lazy F Retreat
Center in Ellensburg.

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ENDOWMENT FUND



Since reevaluating our portfolio of how we invest the Endowment funds, it is obvious that the change was a wise decision as we have been

able to substantially help others with more funds. Thank you to all the local units and individuals who do continue to support this worthwhile endeavor.

Disbursements from the unrestricted earnings of 2020 total \$3,655.27.

As per our Guidelines, 25% goes to United Methodist Women Mission Giving and 75% to support the purpose of the Endowment Fund. This will be allotted as follows:

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|---------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Pledge to Mission | \$1,755.00 |
| 2. Assembly 2022 Attendees | \$1,600.00 |
| 3. United Methodist Women Legacy Fund | \$300.00 |

The Endowment Fund was created to support the purpose of the United Methodist Women of the Pacific Northwest Conference. Members are President, Janet Crouse; Treasurer, Kendra Smith; District President, Marsha Aufenkamp; Social Media, Sara Culp; Past President and Chair, Suellen Crettol.

*Suellen Crettol, Chair
Endowment Fund*

TREASURER'S REPORT

The first quarter Remittance forms and checks received from you have been completed and sent onto National Office. And the first quarter response has been good. Our spending on all levels is low and your giving has been good. Zoom meetings and virtual events save money, travel costs and time. It is to our credit how well we have adapted to the technology to continue on with our Mission Statement and stated goals for our Conference. This is on all levels. Shortly after completing all of my reports for the first quarter, I received a certificate from the National Office for our having sent in 167% percent of our pledge for last year. Isn't that amazing, the prior year we only reached 85% of our goal. Pat yourselves on the back!!

Just a reminder that audits need to be done on a district and local unit levels.

*Kendra Smith —
Treasurer for
United Methodist Women
Pacific Northwest Conference*

SUPPORT OUR CAMPS DURING COVID



All our camping facilities are struggling to pay their bills during COVID. Many camps are still paying for facility upgrades and improvements. Any donations you can make to help support these important ministries would be greatly appreciated. Jesus would smile! Find out

<https://opretreat.org/donate/>

<https://lazyfcamp.org/donate/>

<https://campindianola.org/donate/>

<https://twinlow.org/donate/>



150 YEAR UNITED METHODIST WOMEN LEGACY FUND

OUR GOAL: EVERY MEMBER EVERY UNIT PARTICIPATION



Inspire every member of United Methodist Women to make a gift to the Legacy

Fund. At least \$18.69 over and above her Pledge to Mission.

Let us inspire every member. Most of our foremothers did not hold the purse strings of their household, but they put aside two pennies a week or \$1.00 a year to be in mission with God! Can today's women set aside 36¢ a week or \$18.69 a year?

Our Conference has over 2,000 members. ☺ If each one gave \$18.69, the total for the Pacific Northwest would be \$37,380!! And if each of the 94 units of Pacific Northwest gave \$18.69 above the Pledge to Mission, the total would increase by \$1,757.

The lofty National goal is \$60 million. The Pacific Northwest Conference of United Methodist Women is tenth in the Nation in giving! We Can Do It! ☺ We Are Awesome! Since this campaign started in late 2014 we have met the GOAL!!! Let's keep it up!

STORYTELLING WITH A PURPOSE!

Share your stories! Does your UNIT have a Legacy storybook to share and leave for future generations? You might be surprised what is in your church history files!

LEGACY: Who in your UNIT is keeping track of the Legacy stories? Our Conference has a storybook and so does Seven Rivers (we have stories back to the late 1800s!) Even Susanna Wesley has a story on the National Web Site:

unitedmethodistwomen.org

The mission work we do nationally and globally must continue.

Blessings,

*Marsha Aufenkamp
Seven Rivers President and
Pacific Northwest Conference
Legacy Liaison*

WE WANT YOUR FUNDRAISING IDEAS!

COVID-19 has made it difficult for many of our United Methodist Women units to meet their fundraising goals. If your unit has hosted a successful fundraiser and would like to share the fundraising strategy that was used with your sisters, please contact Jenny Bygland at jbygland@kentmethodist.com. We may share it in our next *Sharing Line*.

FUND-RAISING IDEAS

FROM TRINITY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN EAST WENATCHEE

Trinity United Methodist Women East Wenatchee could not have our annual bazaar in November 2020. Instead we created two fund raisers.

1. Trimming the Tree for Missions in December. We asked our congregation to calculate their gifts using the following guide. Total your blessings and donate a \$1 or selected amount for each.

- Number of steps from front door to water. Some women walk hours for water.
- Number of lightbulbs/lamps in your house. Some lack electricity.
- Number of newspaper or magazine subscriptions. Some lack freedom to read uncensored.
- Pairs of shoes. Some people do not have shoes.
- Number of times you eat out or go out for coffee. Some people only eat one meal per day.

(Our list included 15 more options.)

2. In February we always read the story Stone Soup, serve different soups for lunch, and pass a basket for contributions. This year we created a Stone Soup Cookbook that we mailed to members of the congregation suggesting a donation of \$5 with additional copies available by request. At our Zoom fellowship we read Stone Soup and shared our favorite soup stories. We have a small congregation but raised \$720.

Ja net' W. Crouse

2021 PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CONFERENCE CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
January 16, 2021	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Conference United Methodist Women Executive Meeting	Zoom
January 28-30, 2021		Conference Leadership Dev. Days	Zoom
January 30, 2021	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Spokane Legislative Conference	Zoom
February 11, 2021		Washington Interfaith Advocacy Day	Zoom (?)
February 23-24, 2021		Idaho Legislative Day	Boise First UMC, Boise, ID
March 18-19, 2021		Spring Conference United Methodist Women Executive Meeting	Zoom
March 19-21, 2021		Spring Spiritual Day Apart	Lazy F Retreat Center, Ellensburg, WA
June 10-13, 2021		United Methodist Church Annual Conference	TBD
July 28-29, 2021		Conference United Methodist Women Executive Meeting	Zoom
July 29-31, 2021		Mission u	Zoom
September 2021		Puget Sound Missional District Annual Meeting	TBD
September 2021		Crest to Coast Missional District Annual Meeting	TBD
September 18, 2021		Inland Missional District	TBD
September 18, 2021		Seven Rivers Missional District Annual Meeting	Chelan, WA
September 25, 2021		SeaTac Missional District Annual Meeting	TBD
October 14-15, 2021		Fall Conference United Methodist Women Executive Meeting	TBD
October 15-16, 2021		Conference United Methodist Women Annual Meeting	Bothell UMC (Tent.) Bothell, UMC
May 20-22, 2022		Assembly	Orlando, FL
2024		Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting.	TBD

COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR

PROTECT YOURSELF: BEWARE OF UNSOLICITED EMAILS, AND ATTACHMENTS

You can help protect yourself by not letting spyware, worms, viruses, Trojan horses, and other forms of malware infect your computers. Recognizing and handling unsolicited emails and texts that contain links and attachments will help defend you against potential threats.

Follow these suggestions to protect against infection and loss of data:

- Do not open any message that does not come from a known, trusted or reliable source.
- Do not open any link in an email from a reliable source if it doesn't contain a subject and personal note to you. Someone may have harvested this email address.
- If you do open a message and think it may be infected, do not forward or reply to it.
- Be suspicious of emails that request a favor. If you think it might be legitimate, contact them directly rather than responding by email.
- Do not reply to spam.
- Never reply to emails in which the sender is requesting personal data such as your birth date, credit card data, or login information.
- Never provide sensitive or personal information to anyone.
- If it is too good to be true, it probably is not true. Remember TANSTAAFL – There ain't no such things as a free lunch.

Also, beware of the following:

- Electronic greeting cards sent to your computer from unknown sources; these may contain malicious links or files.
- Any message that contains only Web links; these can take the user to "spoofed" websites containing viruses and malware.
- Facebook or other social media notifications from unknown sources.

Always, if you are suspicious of an email, text, or phone call, look up their contact information from another source, and contact them directly.

*Jenny Bygland,
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JOIN THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR'S FACEBOOK GROUP

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/umwomencommunicators>

PROGRAM RESOURCES



I was delighted to be a part of the virtual Spiritual Growth Retreat in March. Originally planned for the camp at Lazy F, instead it was held virtually. This allowed many more people to participate with a study that was inspiring and a book with practical resources.

Beginning in September 2020, members of the Executive Committee have gathered for a book group where we read and discuss selections from the United Methodist Women Reading Program. So far we have chosen 5 books and discussed the topics and impacts on our outlook.

Book clubs are a popular way to be in touch with other United Methodist Women members, especially those who like to read. I would encourage getting together over a good book, reading it over several weeks. There are social contacts that are welcome in these days, and moving forward

our United Methodist Women reading program with the various categories.

Along with the reading program, I wonder how many units have compiled a history of their local unit for the archives. Our local churches are treasure houses of historical documents, recounting the decades of mission work by United Methodist Women.

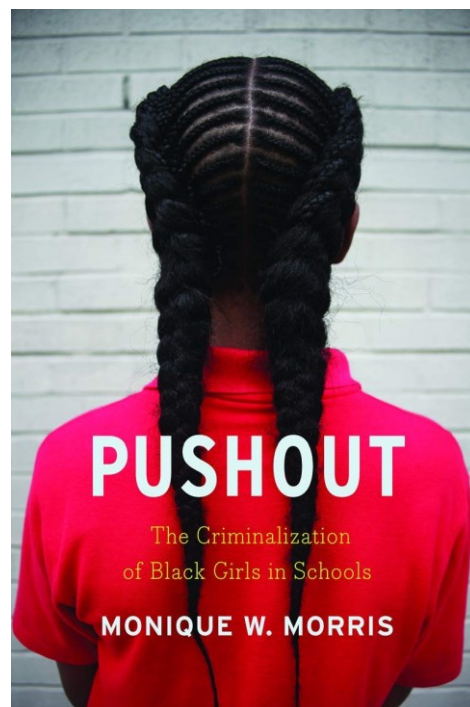
The picture embedded above shows the Methodist Women's Aid Society, probably in the Seattle area, circa 1912. It shows a picture of my grandmother, Mrs. Requa, who is the 3rd person from the left in the front row. I would be happy to learn which church my grandmother associated with.

I hope your units are making good use of our prayer calendar. The calendars guide our prayers and help us to extend greetings to those in the mission field.

We are looking forward to Mission u, which will likely be held virtually this year. Our book group has just finished reading the all-school study book, [Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools](#), by Monique W. Morris. The book is an account of discrimination in the public schools and juvenile detention facilities. A powerful

education about how mentoring can have lasting impact on young lives.

*Jan Catrell,
Secretary of Program Resources
United Methodist Women
Pacific Northwest Conference*



LET OUR CHILDREN LEARN: A UNITED METHODIST WOMEN VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY ON INTERRUPTING THE SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE

THURSDAYS, MAY 20, MAY 27, JUNE 3, JUNE 10, 3-4:30 PM

REGISTER HERE



You are invited to join United Methodist Women members and friends for a four-part Bible study on the sacred place of children and youth in God's eyes, antiracism and interrupting the school-to-prison pipeline.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

This study includes four 90-minute sessions:

- Embracing New Life (Colossians 3:1-17; Romans 12:1-2)
- Embracing the Gifts and Leadership of Children (Acts 16:16-19, Matthew 19:13-15, Luke 2:39-52, Jeremiah 31:15-17 and Matthew 2:16-18)
- Reimagining the Role of Women in Society (Numbers 27:1-8, Matthew 15:21-28 and Luke 18:1-8)
- Unfamiliar Identities: Embodying New Possibilities for Interaction with All Women (Luke 15 + Ephesians 6:10-17)

Each session will build on the previous session. We encourage you to register for and attend the full series.

We believe that God is presently active in the world. The Bible is not just a story we read about the past; rather, the Bible points to a Gospel story that is alive and at work in the present, as well. God seeks justice and liberation for all people. God's love flows freely towards children and youth. The school-to-prison pipeline is contrary to God's vision for creation.

A variety of gifts are needed in the work of interrupting the school-to-prison pipeline. Just as there are many parts to the body and many varieties of spiritual gifts, so there are many ways of being an "interrupter."

WE INVITE YOU TO:

- consider and explore additional lenses for engaging with Scripture;
- dive deep into Biblical wisdom that supports the liberation, wellbeing and wholeness of all people, especially children and youth;
- reflect and discern in community, seeking clarity about your own call to interrupt the school-to-prison pipeline.

You can expect opportunities to participate and interact with other study members in small groups. Participation in small groups is voluntary but highly encouraged. Your experience of this study will be enriched if you are able to participate via video on a computer or cell phone using the free Zoom application. However, there will also be a Zoom call-in option for phone-only participation if you do not have access to participate by video. There is no cost to participate. Sessions will be live/interactive and will not be recorded. No prior knowledge is required. All are welcome.

ABOUT YOUR LEAD FACILITATOR:



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Pre-registration is required and capacity is limited. Registrations are approved on a first-come, first-served basis.

- If the registration link does not work for you, please copy and paste this text into your browser window:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vcOispzwtGdfoRKaSO_pwfAUJtgDZuIP

SEVEN RIVERS DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SPRING MEETING

"Fruit of the Spirit"

**SATURDAY, MAY 15TH, 2021
ON ZOOM**

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 NOON

**COST: Donation to Pledge to Mission
or Legacy Fund**

Skit, Singing, Crafts ,Bring your own "Prayer Rock" to share
(decorated or not) and Leadership Training together with
explanations and questions.

**GUEST SPEAKER –
Deaconess Cindy Andrade Johnson**

Sharing quilts at the U.S./Mexican Border at Brownsville, TX Cindy is a humanitarian who has worked
with migrants all her life. She and her husband Mike currently work as consultants in: Education, Cultural
Competence, Migration and Missiology.

REGISTRATION FORM – DEADLINE MAY 10TH

Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

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Send Registrations to: Nadine Griffin email : nadinegriffin@yahoo.com

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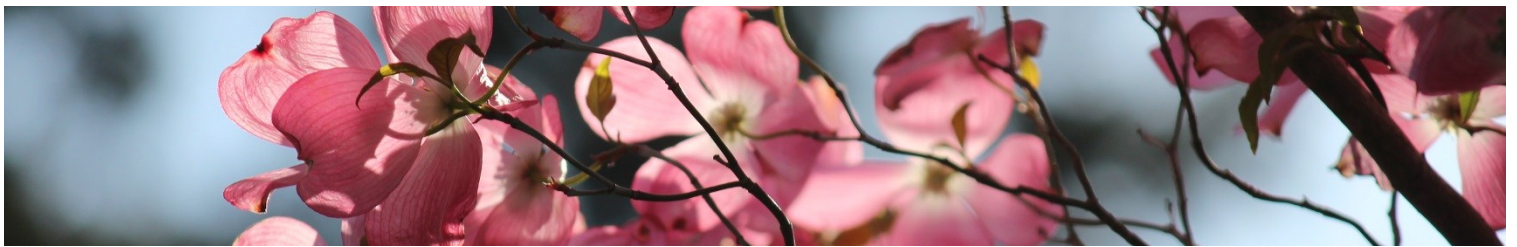
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Anything for the **Summer Sharing Line** should be emailed to Jenny Bygland (jbygland@kentmethodist.com) by **Monday, July 19**. *Late articles will be included as space permits. No submissions will be accepted after noon on Wednesday, July 28.*

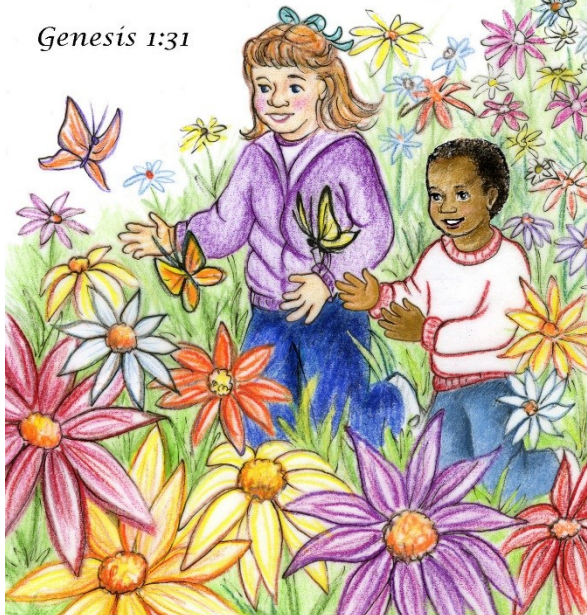
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*God saw all that
he had made,
and it was very good.*

Genesis 1:31



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