



FLAME

Newsletter for United Women of Faith Seven Rivers District
Pacific Northwest Conference

SPOTLIGHT ON WOMEN WHO STAY ON FIRE FOR GOD



Seven Rivers Legacy

BY: MARSHA AUFENKAMP

From 1882 – 1961 Seven Rivers District was known as Walla Walla District with 27 Units. The history book was found in a church file cabinet in a storage room! Let me give you a few short stories.

Moscow Idaho 1876 WHMS (Women's Home Missionary Society), 1940 WSCS (Women's Society of Christian Service) helped financially build their church and finally burned the Mortgage in 1942. They had bazaars, teas, Quilting Bees, dinners and rummage sales. From 1939 – 1945 they were very busy helping The Red Cross, Ladies Aide Society and U. S. O. during the war years and then there was the 1st United Nations Fair!

Newly opened Nez Perce Reservation 1897, the Methodist Episcopal congregation built the parsonage and the ladies served many dinners.

Grandview women from January 1940 – August 1941 made many quilts and red cross quilt squares for the 70,273 project, a world-wide collaborative art project to recognize the Nazi atrocities. Commemorating those with disabilities, and celebrate those with special needs who live among us today.

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Omak WSCS 1939 had five circles and one young mother's circle, who helped build the church by hauling wheelbarrows full of rocks. WSCS had pie socials when the men bid for their favorite pie. They had an outbreak of measles, shared by all! In the 70's and 80's the youth were on the "C.R.U.M.Y." team (Columbia River United Methodist Youth). In the 1950's Coral Harrison shared her enthusiasm for the Reading Program, donating and writing reviews for the church newsletter and chaired our Elsie Pfister Memorial Library dedicated to those who served in WW2. The highlight for the children was ringing the old church bell (a story in itself, It was moved from the Riverside church).

Benton City started about 1900 with Kiona. The first church was finished in 1906, but was too close to the river so they had to move it to higher ground. The Ladies Aid met twice a month in homes. They hired Mrs. Warren as their janitor for .50 cents in the Summer for sweeping, and \$2.50 in the Winter for building fires and sweeping. One of their money raisers was a chicken dinner at the Kiona Hotel, they charged .35 cents and raised enough to pay the Pastor. Quilts and sewn garments were given to the needy families with food baskets. They canned fruit for the Deaconess Hospital in Wenatchee

Note: Legacy stories from other churches will be featured in future editions of FLAME.



LINDA HAY: In Her Own Words

I became a United Methodist Woman in 1996 when my husband and I moved to Goldendale, WA. At that time, our unit was part of what was known as Vancouver District. Since then I have served as Seven Rivers District Treasurer, President, ME&I, Conference Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator, and Vice President.

Mike and I moved to College Place in May of 2019 and became members of Pioneer UMC some time later. There was no UMW unit at that church. In April of this year, I held an informational meeting and invited all the women in the congregation. We became "official" in May and have a membership of nearly 20 women. I am thankful for this group of like minded women and their supportive fellowship.

Linda is Seven Rivers District coordinator for Mission Education and Interpretation.

"United Women in Faith Reading 2023 list is now available to download! Enjoy and share the link below with others!"

https://www.umwmisionresources.org/downloads/RPCatalog2023_ENG.pdf

2023 DIRECTORY

Copies of the 2023 Seven Rivers Directory have already been sent. Haven't received anything through postal mail or email? Contact Marsha Aufenkamp at 509-322-6338 to get yours!

District Treasurer's Corner

It is that time of the year, where we complete our 2022 yearly pledges with year-end audits. Many of you have a new 2023 budget to complete and your unit treasurer must send in a projected pledge for the year 2024. Yes, that is quite a ways into the future but our own District, and Conference must project a yearly budget for NATIONAL by spring of 2023. We understand this is an estimate, it was really hard during the covid-19 but we seem to be getting back on track but have lost a few units to churches not being re-opened. I am very proud of the 7-Rivers District and how they have maintained their giving.

Following is the list of closing dates for this come 2023 year:

First Quarter: Dec. Jan. Feb. due no later than March 20th, 2023

Second Quarter: Mar. Apr. May due no later than June 10th , 2023

Third Quarter: June, July, Aug. due no later than Sept. 10th , 2023 (This is so awards may be issued for the Fall District Conference, Sept.16th, 2023 and the PNW Women in Faith Annual Conference in October.

This year's closing is November 30, 2022 and I must receive your 2022 offerings by November 29th, 2022 to deposit and write the final district check to conference. Remember we have Christmas Cards you may purchase for \$1.00 to send out for Christmas as a Special Mission Donation.

"Each One should give, then, as he has decided, not with regret or out of sense of duty; for loves the one who gives gladly. And God is able to give more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves."

2nd Corinthians 9:7-8 (the New Testament in Today's English Version)

-NADINE GRIFFIN



**"For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also."
(Matthew 6:21)**

The Treasure That is Nadine Griffin

Nadine Griffin is our 7-Rivers District Treasurer, serving on her second year. She lives in Yakima, WA and belongs to Wesley United Methodist Church where she's currently the UWF unit treasurer. She has been a member of Wesley for the last twelve years and has always been active in UMW (now UWF). Nadine was raised in the First Christian Church most of her life but she and her husband joined the Methodist Church when they moved back to Yakima after spending twenty-five years in Alaska. Nadine enjoys the fellowship of UWF. She attended the UWF assembly in Florida this past spring and felt it's a unique challenge to incorporate all women of faith in an organization that speaks loudly. Women get the job done whether it's your church, community, county, state, nationally or internationally. Ladies we can move mountains!

MEET THE SEVEN RIVERS DISTRICT 2022=2023 SLATE OF OFFICERS!

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Marsha Aufenkamp's Legacy Story

Amazing things happen when United Women in Faith come together. Our sisters care not only for the needs of each other within our Local Unit, District and Conference, but our love is far reaching. UWF is very special to me.

On August 10, 1939, I was born in Portland, OR to loving adoptive parents. My dad was a flight dispatcher for United Air Lines, and his job took us to West Seattle, where my baby sister was adopted (9 years later). At the age of 12, we moved to the San Francisco Bay area. A neighbor girl invited me to go to church with her, the United Methodist Church, where I became active in the Youth Group. One of activities was attending the Billy Graham Crusade, where I came to trust Jesus Christ as my personal savior.

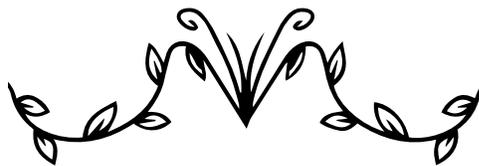
In 1976 we moved to Omak from Kennewick, Seattle (The Coast), Portland, and the Bay Area in California. My son & daughter were young teens and involved in the C.R.U.M.Y. team (Columbia River United Methodist Youth), went to Lazy F camp and other activities. I did not get involved with UMW until 1985 after they were married.

Our local unit invited me to come join them with the Christmas Craft Fair and help with the outgoing Pastor's quilt. By then I was "hooked" and participated in their evening meetings. This special group of ladies is a Godsend in their care and love, not judging but comforting one another in trials as we shared our concerns.

God Bless them!

My first unit office was Mission Education and Interpretation and helping with unit programs. Then in 2007 they put me up for a District office at the Annual Meeting (which I had missed!). E & I of course and the rest is history. Since then I have gone all over Washington with UMW ladies, traveled to Portland and Salt Lake City for Western Jurisdiction, UMCOR in Salt Lake City, Assembly in Louisville KY and of course Mission u and Annual Meetings. This is my eighth year as Legacy Liaison for our PNW Conference. I have met so many wonderful ladies with a love of God and Mission to help each other and beyond.

Marsha Aufenkamp, President Omak Unit,
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We hope you enjoyed this issue of FLAME!

Comments? Suggestions? Questions?

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