

# United Methodist Women - Oregon-Idaho Conference

## Crater Lake District Messenger

January 2020

**Every Member Enrichment Event**  
**Medford United Methodist Church**  
**607 W. Main St, Medford Oregon**  
**March 7, 2020 9:00-2:30**

**Speaker Wenonoa Spival, Jackson County CASA**  
**Physical, Social, Mental, and Emotional affects of**  
**homelessness on our children and youth.**



Wenonoa Spivak joined CASA of Jackson County in July of 2013 and is the Deputy Director.

Wenonoa has over 25 years of experience in social services, public health, and education. She holds a B.S. in Public Health, a Master's in Education, and is a doctoral candidate in Applied Linguistics.

Wenonoa was a Peace Corps volunteer in Honduras, Central America, working in public health. This experience instilled in her a belief in and dedication to social service and helping those most marginalized and at-risk. After leaving the Peace Corps, Wenonoa worked in Texas as a domestic and sexual violence advocate and a social worker for families living in poverty and afflicted by alcohol and drug abuse. Wenonoa has worked as a CPS case worker in Arizona and Oregon and as a hospice educator and medical

interpreter in Salem. She also taught Spanish at a community college while living in Salem. Wenonoa then moved overseas again to the Federated States of Micronesia where she taught ESL at their college. Just prior to her CASA work, Wenonoa was a university-level ESL and English instructor at a University in Ohio while working on her doctorate in Linguistics.

Wenonoa has presented at the local, state, and national level on topics of culture, anti-bias, violence against women and marginalized groups, and technical writing.

In her free time, Wenonoa enjoys biking and traveling to non-English speaking countries.

*The registration form for EMEE is included with this newsletter*





Happy New Year, New Decade, and New Beginnings!

It has been my philosophy for some time now that New Year's resolutions are not of much use, and rarely kept. My view is that every day we are blessed to be on God's green earth is a new beginning and we should be ready to move ahead. This is often hard with the way the world is going these days, but as two favorite scholars of mine so wisely put it in the Peanuts comic strip:

Charlie Brown: "Some day we will die, Snoopy"

Snoopy: "True, but on all the other days we will not."

We can choose to be pessimistic or be optimistic...I choose glass half full.

This next year in the Methodist Church will be New Beginnings for the church itself and for many of us as members of the church and as members of United Methodist Women. We do not know the trickle down effect the vote of the General Conference will have this coming May for the future of the United Methodist Church – and there will be controversy. However, if 150 years of women in mission has taught us anything it is that we, as United Methodist Women, can persevere!

All units in the Crater Lake District of United Methodist Women should be alerting its members of the possible scenarios that may occur after the vote. A comparison chart of possible proposals is available on the United Methodist Church website (see link below). This news is not to alarm people but to allow us as concerned and informed women of the church to be aware of possible "new beginnings." And change is not always bad.

Can we not as women of the church go forward as always with courage and optimism that when faced with challenges, we find the right path? Didn't our foremothers forge ahead through tremendous odds to bring us to where we are today? We are a global organization of over 800,000 women whose purpose is to know God...and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. This mission has seen changes over 150 years but one thing stays constant...from its beginning, United Methodist Women has focused on ministries with women, children, and youth. And as we work for justice through service & advocacy in an unjust world, we can, and will, make a difference.

Blessings,  
*Sharon Smith*

Ctrl. click below for the United Methodist Church comparison chart:

<https://cdnsc.umc.org/-/media/umc-media/2019/12/13/17/36/General-Conference-UMC-Plans-Chart-V5>

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# United Methodist Women's 2019 Census

The United Methodist Women's Census 2019 and Individual Census 2019 are due by March 30, 2020. The forms can be found on the United Methodist Women website:

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

Tap into the green box – 2019 Census and add your unit's information.

Tap into the blue box - My UMW: add your info, and get your membership card.

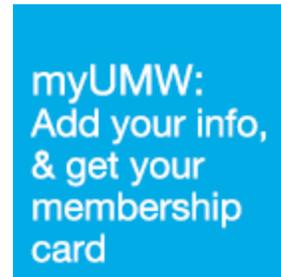
If an individual in your unit needs assistance or doesn't know how to use the computer, ask someone with computer skills to assist.

**Once an individual has registered, they need not do it year after year.**

*Cheryl Rae Drumheller  
Crater Lake District  
Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture  
and Outreach*



**Unit Census** - Ctrl click on the green box above to go directly to the census page



**Individual Census** - Ctrl click on the blue box above to go directly to the census page

Having difficulty with the unit or individual census? At our Every Member Enrichment Event at Medford United Methodist Church on March 7, we will have at least one person with a computer available to assist you.



## Responsively Yours: Our Calling Continues

We are into yet another new year. When I was young, the year 2000 seemed like a time that would never arrive, but here we are starting the year 2020. This is really hard to fathom. When I was young and looking to the future, I would never have dreamed that we would be faced with so many challenges.

If we, as United Methodist Women, are called by God to be responsive, we must be able to react quickly and positively to what we face in the world today. We must be flexible as we answer the needs that arise. We must find ways to act.

In our world today, are we ready, able and willing to be 'responsively yours' to whatever confronts us and demands our response?

.....Worldwide, we face devastating fires. 60 Minutes reports.... "Australia is burning. An area about as large as West Virginia has been blackened by the fires and according to a University of Sydney scientist it's estimated a billion animals have died. The blazes are bigger than the ones that torched California and the Amazon, events that took place on different continents, but are part of the same story: global climate change." **How can we be responsive?**

.....People, in many parts of the world, long for clean air to breathe, clean water to drink, food to eat, a home to call their own. **How can we be responsive?**

.....60 Minutes further reports that "before climate scientists worried about Australia burning, they warned that Venice, Italy, is drowning. Man's most beautiful artifact, built on millions of pylons in the middle of a lagoon, may be vanishing before our eyes. The periodic floods of Venice have become more threatening and more frequent." Flooding is more and more prevalent. **How can we be responsive?**

.....There are so many needs throughout our world, communities, and families. The needs that surround us can become overwhelming. **How can we be responsive?**

As we face the important decision of how we can respond, may we meditate on Proverbs 3:6. *Think about God in all your ways and you will be guided onto the right paths.*

Prayer - Holy God, open our hearts to understand your ways. Lead each of us to find ways to be responsive to needs we find all around us. Let each of us become able to say, even more fully, "**I am responsively yours.**" In your name, we pray.

*Sheryl Adelott*

*Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth*





Dear Ladies: This is the information that you will find at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram>

The 2020 reading Program List is available at this site.

Members & Leaders > 2020 Reading Program



The Reading Program is a cherished United Methodist Women tradition that brings together members in mission as they explore, share, and discuss the books.

To participate, select one of our four plans and start reading! From captivating novels and heartfelt biographies to urgent messages about issues such as climate change and mass incarceration, there's something for everyone.

**Share the program** with United Methodist Women members and members of the community.

**Help people attain books.** Distribute the reading guide.

**Connect with local and district groups.** Start a book club, download books onto an e-reader to pass around and share, present book reviews at group meetings.

**Display a progress chart in your church** for all who wish to participate, and post displays to encourage book sales.

**Pray.** Books often raise concerns about people, countries and issues. Bring these concerns to God

during your prayer time at home and at group meetings.

**Advocate for tangible change.** Many Reading Program books address issues such as climate change, mass incarceration, immigration, and racism. Organize a task force to address these issues in your community.

God bless you as you pray, study, act, and organize in Christ's name.

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I had an interesting experience in November/December that tested me on how much I enjoy reading the reports in the "response" magazine. For some reason that edition did not arrive and I felt lost without it. I depend on it to hear and share the **GOOD NEWS** about how United Methodist Women are making a difference in the world through advocacy.

We have posted on our Bulletin Board in Medford our commitment to service in our church, community, and world. One day during a community lunch, one of our guests pointed to "Service In Our Community" and smiled.

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**Attention:** It is time to turn in your reading reports of participating members in your unit and what level program they participated in. Please email to: [bdouglas2041@gmail.com](mailto:bdouglas2041@gmail.com) by 2/29/20. Any questions, you can reach me by e-mail, text or call (541) 821-0718.

For written or printed reports, mail is received at:

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1965 Alamar Street  
Medford, OR 97501

*Beverly Douglas,*  
*Resource Room Manager*  
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## Social Action Charlotte Sutton



## Membership Nurture & Outreach Cheryl Drumheller

This world is careening in a dangerous direction these days concerning climate change. With the evidence before us of disastrous fires in Australia, severe winter storms in the US, glaciers melting all over the world, and sea levels rising worldwide, it has become more and more evident attention must be paid to this problem. The question before us is what can we do? I would suggest that while we can't solve this individually, we can and should each take whatever steps we can to reduce our impact on the earth. It can be as small a step as stopping using plastic bags as the state of Oregon now requires of us. I drive an electric car and we have solar panels on our roof. Maybe you could walk instead of drive somewhere, or ride your bicycle to the store. It's not what you do so much as doing something! Thanks for thinking about this and making that first step!

*Charlotte Sutton,  
Mission Coordinator for Social Action*



Did you make a New Year's Resolution for 2020?

The phrase "New Year's Resolution" first appeared in a Boston newspaper in 1813. By that time, New Year's resolutions were more secular than religious.

Every year, millions of people make New Year's resolutions, hoping to improve their health, fitness, or financial situation. However, once the excitement of a new year wears off, many struggle to carry through with their plans.

Have you considered making a New Year's Resolution centered around Membership Nurture and Outreach? 1 Peter 4:10, NIV: states, "Each of you should use whatever gift she has received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

Be encouraged to make the most of an opportunity to nurture a church member, relative or friend.

Consider a card ministry; sending get well, birthday, anniversary, and thinking of you cards. Or reach out to shut-ins or homebound via phone calls, emails, or texting for conversations. Also, offer to give rides to church, shopping and appointments. Remember many younger women have children at home. Volunteer to babysit for a few hours. A lovely gesture would be to take fresh flowers or homemade baked goods. Above all, lift one another up in prayer and use a prayer chain to keep informed.

We are a beacon for Jesus. Our light needs to shine so others may see Jesus' light through us.

It's not too late to make a New Year's Resolution directed toward Membership Nurture and Outreach.

May the Lord continue to bless you as your light shines for him.

*Cheryl Rae Drumheller  
Mission Coordinator for  
Membership Nurture and Outreach*

**Committee on Nominations**  
**Kathi Hoffer-Riedman**



**Treasurer**  
**Kirsten Allam**

Just a short note from Committee on Nominations Chair (Kathi):

Our Committee on Nominations is continuing to search for a few more women willing to serve on Crater Lake District Leadership Team. You are eligible to serve even if you are an officer in your local unit, so please consider joining our team. We need a Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation, who would be responsible for empowering women to understand, interpret, and participate in the mission and outreach of the church, promoting mission education opportunities, national seminars, attending Mission u, district annual meetings and our Every Member Enrichment Event. The term of office is two years, with possible re-election for another two years.

The Committee on Nominations should have five members representative of our diverse geographical and ethnic region. We currently have only three members so need to find two more women to help us find other willing souls to serve as vacancies arise on the leadership team. This is an easy entry point onto the leadership team and enables you to travel to meetings in wonderful far-off places in our beautiful Crater Lake District. Please contact Kathi Hoffer-Riedman at <[kathihoffer@earthlink.net](mailto:kathihoffer@earthlink.net)> if you would like to volunteer yourself or suggest someone else.

*Kathi Hoffer-Riedman, Chair  
Committee on Nominations*

Happy New Year! The Roaring 20's have arrived. May this be a prosperous new decade!

With the new year audits for unit accounts from 2019 are due. One copy for your unit and one copy for the district. Please let me know if you need a copy of the audit form "Schedule of Cash Activities." I don't have a digital copy of this form.

If you are looking to order pledge cards, as I was, they can be printed from the United Methodist Women website in the form of a PDF. Here is the link: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/mission-resources/pledgecards>

Every Member Enrichment Event (EMEE) is coming up March 7<sup>th</sup> in Medford. This is an opportunity to meet with women in other units and to receive training for new unit officers. I will bring copies of the new pledge cards and the "Schedule of Cash Activities" to training. I will email training materials to all the unit treasurers for whom I have an email address.

*Blessings,*

*Kirsten Allam,  
Treasurer*





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## PURPOSE of the United Methodist Women

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.

Be sure to read the 2020 **Winter** edition of the United Methodist Women Oregon-Idaho Conference Newsletter "Our Two Cents."

It contains interesting and informative articles.

[Ctrl click here for your copy](#)

## Calendar of Events

### 2020

March 7	Crater Lake District Every Member Enrichment Event @ Medford First UMC
April 17-19	Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial Event, Tempe, AZ
April 24-25	Cascadia and Columbia Districts Spiritual Retreat, Alton Collins Retreat Center
June 11-14	UMC Annual Conference, Puyallup, WA (Joint with PNW and Alaska)
July 13-15	Mission u, Nazareth Retreat Center, Boise, ID
July 24-25	Mission u, Portland, OR area (location TBD)
August 7-8	Mission u, Eugene, OR (location TBD)
September 26	Crater Lake District Annual Meeting, Lebanon UMC, Lebanon, OR
October 16	District Leadership Training Event (DLTE), Boise First UMC, Boise OR
October 17	Conference Annual Meeting, Boise First UMC, Boise OR



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**Crater Lake District United Methodist Women Registration Form**

**Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Church or Unit \_\_\_\_\_**

**Names of Members Attending (Please note special dietary needs)**

**Name**

**Office**

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**Make checks payable to Crater Lake District UMW. Mail registration by Feb. 27th with \$11.00 registration fee per person. Send registration form and check to Kirsten Allam, 5235 Mallard Circle, Albany, Oregon 97321.**