

United Methodist Women - Oregon-Idaho Conference

*Crater Lake District
Messenger*

January 2021

United Methodist Women

Crater Lake District Every Member Enrichment Event

March 6, 2021 - 10:00-12:00

Because of the Covid Pandemic, we will have a virtual event this year to keep everyone safe. You will still need to register for the meeting with your name, your units name, and your email address so that we can send you the link to the Zoom meeting when it is available.

Our theme this year is immigration justice. Speaker to be determined.

2021 Zoom Annual Meeting Registration Form

Registration Deadline - Thursday, March 4

One registration form per person, please

PLEASE PRINT

Your Name _____ Phone Number _____

Your Unit/Church _____

Your Email Address _____

I will be joining using: my computer/tablet/smart phone _____
other phone (audio only) _____

Send registration to Jeannie Boese, 4642 Sjodin Lane, Klamath Falls, OR 97603
or email the information to jboeseumw@charter.net

 *There is no registration fee. Please copy and share this with all your members.*
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Well here it is...a whole new year!

Somehow I thought when we got here that life would be more normal, whatever that is. But, somehow we're in the same stay safe mode we have become accustomed to enduring. So I wish each of you a blessed new year and good health as we move forward with hope and prayers that 2021 brings us all changes in our lives.

The continuing virus has caused us to remain using Zoom to have our meetings. I hope your local units have been meeting this way and that conditions have allowed you to see one another this way. I also hope that phone calls and cards have helped you stay connected with one another. I look

forward to seeing all of you on March 6th when Crater Lake District meets once again. Please register and join us as we reconnect again in the only way open to us.

I send my love and care to each one of you reading this message. United Methodist Women are a supportive community and 2021 will test this in many ways, but stay strong and know that this too shall pass!

Charlotte Sutton, President
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Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

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I just signed up, on an on-line request from the Presbyterians, to pray for a specific hour during Inauguration Week. I have no idea how they got my email, but I am joining others from all over our country, and other countries, to pray as we move through this week.

This Inauguration Week and the violent protest on January 6 causes stress for all of us. I'm sure there have been many prayers already, as our country deals with all that has and is happening. But more prayer is needed

Throughout scripture, women have been found to be those who pray. Books have been written about women and prayer. When prayer is needed, women have been turned to and asked to pray. Women have partnered with other women to pray. I have a prayer partner in Pakistan. Yes, she is Muslim but we believe God hears both of us.

In T. D. Jakes' most recent book, *When Women Pray*, he calls women to "know and be empowered by the depth of insight, the breadth of compassion, and the height of worship available to them when they bend their knees to pray." At this time in our history, women need to be in prayer more than ever before as we face such a time in this country.

As you read this, please join me in prayer now and in the days to come.

Gracious Creator, we come to you with so much on our hearts. We pray that You will hear these concerns and more.

Help us to control the COVID virus.

Help the vaccine to get to as many as possible, as soon as possible.

Those grieving loss of loved ones.

Those who died in the protest at the Capitol.

Those involved in the protest.

God's protection and guidance for our elected officials and their families.

Those suffering from job loss

The reopening of schools.

The healing of our nation.

We bring our hearts to You, loving Creator. In Christ's name, we pray.

Amen

Sheryl Adelott,

Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth



Praying Hands at the main entrance to Oral Roberts University

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For such a time as this! Where else can you go to find such a meaningful, organized reading program which provides material to help us broaden our knowledge and well as provide insight for our daily lives and the challenges that face our church, communities, and world?

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

From captivating novels and heartfelt biographies to urgent messages about issues such as climate change and mass incarceration, there's something for everyone.

Reading Program books are divided into five categories and are available for people of all ages and reading levels.

The Reading Program is not meant to be completed alone or in a vacuum. As you read, consider taking one or more of the following actions:

- **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 or in your newsletters. (**Connect with someone outside your own unit.**)
- **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.

Guide & Books

You may obtain the reading program guide at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogramcatalog2021.pdf>

You may obtain Reading Program books exclusively through libraries, local bookstores and online.

As always, most Reading Program books can also be found for reading electronically on your Kindle, tablet or other devices. For ebooks free of charge, check your local library, Google eBookstore, Project Gutenberg or Open Library.

Adapted from Reading Program, <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram>

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**Treasurer
Kirsten Allam**



2020 Unit Survey

Happy New Year! May 2021 be a year filled with new opportunities and inspirations to help our United Methodist Women units grow in new directions!

I know that many of our units have struggled to raise funds in the manner in which we have in the past. Our goals haven't changed, so perhaps our approach to reach those goals to help support women, youth, and children need to change. I know units have examples of how they have changed their approach to raising funds. Below is the story of my unit. Please let us know how your unit is addressing the challenges of the last year.

My Albany unit hosted a very successful virtual bake sale online through our church newsletter. We offered a list of baked goods, took orders over a week-long period. Then we delivered the ordered baked goods to the home of the purchaser. It took some planning and coordination which turned out a very successful event.

To the treasurers who either continue to serve their units or to those stepping into a new position: thank you! Look for an email from me in February with updated forms and 2021-2024 UMW Handbook guidelines for Local Treasurers. We still need to complete our annual audit and make sure the district treasurer receives a copy of your audit.

I will be mailing out unit remittances to UMW Oregon-Idaho Conference by the 7th day of March, June, September, and December. In order to include your unit quarterly remittance, please make sure I receive it by the 5th day of the above listed months.

Blessings to one & all of you,

Kirsten Allam, Treasurer



Attention Unit Presidents (or Secretaries). Every year each United Methodist Women's unit is asked to complete an online Census Form, now called the Unit Survey.

The form is more than a number-reporting tool; it is a questionnaire regarding the health and vitality of the unit.

Some programming additions and changes have been in response to these unit surveys. Not only can you be counted as part of the over 800,000 members but your voice can be heard for changes you would like to see. **Last year *only* 14 units out of 85 active units in Oregon-Idaho completed the Survey. Let's try for 100% of our Crater Lake District units responding and make our voices heard and our ideas shared.**

If you would like a PDF copy of the survey (including instructions), please let Charlotte Sutton, lee.char@msn.com, or Jeannie Boese, jboeseumw@charter.net, know and it will be emailed to you.

Please click on the orange box below to go directly to the survey webpage. Detailed instructions are available on the website.



Quilts for Blessing at Annual Conference

Yes! We are doing the quilt and blanket project again for Annual Conference 2021, so start crocheting, knitting, tying, and quilting those baby and twin size blankets (if you haven't already). Not a crocheter, knitter, or quilter? Anyone can make a tied fleece blanket. Our Conference made and gave more than 400 quilts in 2020. Let's see if we can top that this year!

Hopefully Annual Conference 2021 will be in-person and not just by Zoom. If so, please keep your quilts and blankets until close to Annual Conference and then send them with either your pastor or your lay representative to Annual Conference to be blessed.

You will receive blankets and quilts back (not necessarily the ones you sent) and they can then be donated to a local organization of your choice for youth and children.

Blanket Sizes (they do not have to be exact):

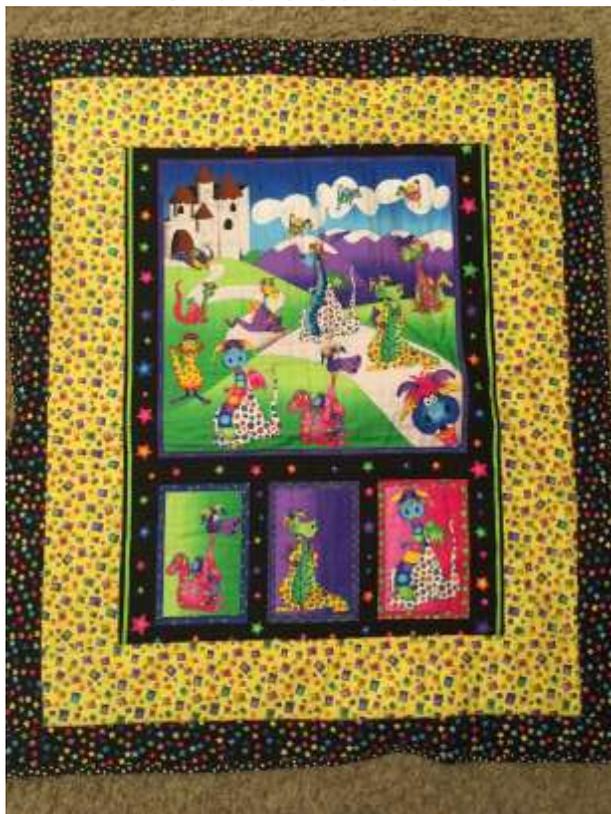
45" x 45" - Baby blanket

45" x 60" - Crib size or a lap robe for an older child

56" x 84" - Twin size

2021 Quilt Slide Show Pictures Wanted NOW!

From the 2020 Slide Show



Quilt by Linda Ague of Eugene First UMC
Donated to Comfort for Children, Looking
Glass, or CASA

We will be putting together a slide show again this year for our District Annual Meeting, and possibly the Conference Annual Meeting, of all of the quilts and blankets our women have made.

Please take a picture of your quilt/blanket **as soon as it is finished** and send the picture to Jeannie Boese at jboeseumw@charter.net. Please include your name, your church or unit name, and, if known, the charitable organization you plan to give the blanket to. If you don't have a digital camera or don't know how to email pictures, you may send a printed photo to Jeannie at 4642 Sjodin Lane, Klamath Falls, OR 97603. If you want your photo returned to you, please indicate that when you send it.

We currently have only **two** pictures, one from Lynn Haffly of Ebbert Memorial in Springfield and one from me, Jeannie Boese in Klamath Falls!

Tips for photographing your blanket/quilt:

- Lay it on a very clean floor and take the picture from above
- Have a friend hold the blanket up
- Lay it on a bed or table
- Please try to get all edges of the quilt in the picture, Jeannie will crop any excess edges
- Make sure there is good lighting



United Methodist Women Information Sheet

(Purpose for this sheet: The Chair of the Committee on Nominations is building a data bank of prospective district leaders.)

Date _____

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| Name: | | | | | | | |
| Address: | | | | | | | |
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| Hm Phone: | | | | Cell: | | | |
| Email | | | | | | | |
| Local Unit | | | | | | | |
| Age: | 20's | 30's | 40's | 50's | 60's | 70's | |
| Employed | Yes | No | | | | | |

Professional skills, job experience _____

Office(s) held in United Methodist Women:

Office(s)

Date of Service

Local: _____

District: _____

Conference or other: _____

Additional experience on the local, district, conference, or general church level (Other than United Methodist Women) or in the community:

(Mark areas of special interest or passion with asterisk *)

Please return form to District Nominations Chair Kathi Hoffer-Reidman



Mark Your Calendars for Mission u 2021

Mission u 2021 will be held in three locations this coming summer, two in Oregon and one in Idaho.

Dates and locations are:

July 9-11, 2021 – Nazareth Retreat Center, Boise, Idaho

July 16-17, 2021 – Montavilla UMC, Portland, Oregon

July 30-31, 2021 – Southern Oregon location to be announced



In-person classes are currently planned for all schools. The Idaho school will be a three day school beginning Friday mid-afternoon and ending Sunday afternoon. The Oregon schools will be two day schools, beginning Friday morning and ending late Saturday afternoon. The spring newsletter will have more information, including registration, overnight lodging possibilities, and detailed schedules.

Studies for Mission u 2021 are:

1. Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living Into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship
2. Finding Peace in an Anxious World – this is the repeat study
3. Pushout: the Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools

Ways to Stay Connected:

Oregon-Idaho United Methodist Women – umoi.org/umw



United Methodist Women – unitedmethodistwomen.org

Video Resources – www.youtube.com/user/UMWomen

Social Networking Site – www.umwonline.net

Facebook - www.facebook.com/UMWomen - Like, Comment & Follow us

<https://www.facebook.com/CraterLakeDistrictUMW>



Twitter – www.twitter.com/UMWomen



CRATER LAKE DISTRICT

2021 Budget

2021

Leadership Operating Expense:

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| Planning Meetings | \$ 100.00 |
| Postage | \$ 100.00 |
| Printing (Directory & Newsletter) | \$ 100.00 |
| Office Supplies | \$ 100.00 |
| Program resource | \$ 100.00 |
| Audit | \$ 450.00 |
| Leadership Recognition | \$ 200.00 |
| President to Annual Conference | \$ 500.00 |
| Gift to Mission Cards | \$ 50.00 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$ 1,700.00</u> |

Membership Development:

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| Legislative Event | \$ 350.00 |
| Mission u | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Mission u Scholarships | \$ 500.00 |
| District Unit Shepherding | \$ 300.00 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$ 3,150.00</u> |

Enrichment Events:

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| Leadership Training (EMEE) | \$ 1,200.00 |
| Young Women's Event | \$ 200.00 |
| UMW Conference Annual Meeting | \$ 350.00 |
| District Annual Meeting | \$ 1,200.00 |
| Contingency Fund | \$ 50.00 |
| Dependent Care | \$ 50.00 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$ 3,050.00</u> |

**TOTAL DISTRICT
BUDGET**

\$ 7,900.00 Quarterly allowance \$ 1,975.00

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Quadrennial Event Fund* | \$ 800.00 |
| | <u>\$ 8,700.00</u> |

2021 Pledge to Conference: \$ 20,000.00





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.

Living The Vision

Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world.

Be sure to read the 2021 **Winter** edition of the
United Methodist Women Oregon-Idaho Conference
Newsletter "Our Two Cents."

It contains interesting and informative articles.

[Click here for your copy.](#)

Calendar of Events - 2021

March

6 Crater Lake District Every Member Enrichment Event – Virtual Event

April

10 Columbia/Cascadia Districts Spiritual Retreat – Virtual Event

June

9-12 UMC Greater NW Shared Annual Conference, Puyallup, WA

(DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

July

9-11 Idaho Mission u, Nazareth Retreat Center, Boise, ID

16-17 Oregon Mission u, Montavilla UMC, Portland, OR

30-31 Oregon Mission u, Southern Oregon, Location TBA

August 29 - September 7

UMC General Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota

September

25 Crater Lake District Annual Meeting, Lebanon UMC, Lebanon, OR

October

15 Conference Executive Team Meeting, Boise First UMC, Boise, ID *

15 District Leadership Training Event (DLTE), Boise First UMC, Boise, ID *

16 Oregon-Idaho Conference Annual Meeting, Boise First UMC, Boise, ID *

* Combined Person-to-Person and Virtual Event

