

United Methodist Women - Oregon-Idaho Conference

Crater Lake District Messenger

April 2019

Mission u is fast approaching! Have you made note of it and do you plan to attend? I hope so because this year will be a special Mission u.

Your study leaders – Evelyn Erbele and Carole Sullivan for “Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship”, Rochelle Killete for “What About Our Money?” and Lory Nesor for “Women United for Change” have been working hard to prepare to lead the classes. They’ve each put in many hours of reading and study to bring you the best that each class has to offer and to stretch you intellectually and spiritually. The church locations for each Mission u are excited and looking forward to hosting you and showing you radical hospitality.

We are currently working to get the registration on-line. If you’d like to register with a paper registration and check, we’ve included a form with this newsletter. The registration fee for this year is \$80 and covers dinner on Friday night and lunch on Saturday, but no lodging.

A NOTE OF IMPORTANCE: You will need to order your study books ahead of Mission u. No study books will be available for sale during Mission u due to a change in policy by the Mission Resource Center. You may order Kindle versions through Amazon at www.amazon.com or paper versions through the Mission Resource Center at www.umwresourcecenter.org.*

Last, but not least, we will celebrate 150 years of our United Methodist Women complete with cake and ice cream – Yum!

Bonnie McOmber
Mission u Dean

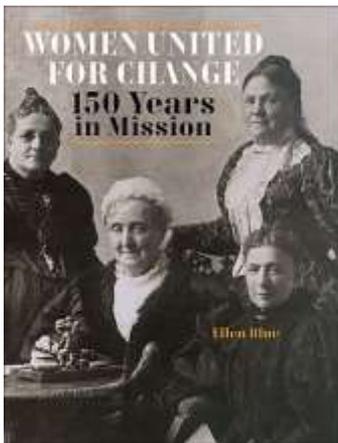
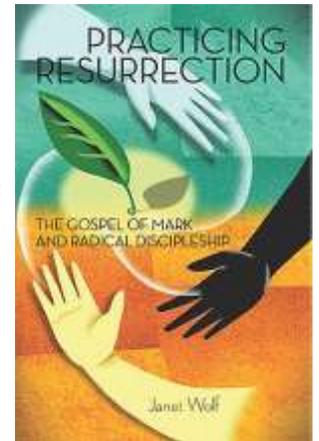


For more information on the studies, check page 2 of this newsletter.

**Suggestion: Are several of your members or friends planning to attend Mission u? Consider ordering all of your study books together to save on postage.*

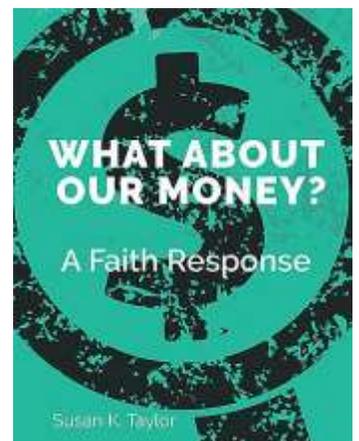
Mission u 2019 2019 Studies and Study Leaders

"Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship" - study leader is Evelyn Erbele for Oregon schools and Carole Sullivan for Idaho schools.



"Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission" - study leader is Lory Nesor for all four schools.

"What About Our Money?" - a repeat of last year, study leader is Rochelle Killett and this will only be offered at Lake Oswego and Boise.



You can read more about these studies on the [United Methodist Women web page](#)



150 Years in Mission

The year 2019 is a special year as we celebrate our United Methodist Women's legacy. Our stories of mission are very inspiring and a guide as we look to the future. Now is the time to have faith and be willing to take action as we follow the teachings of Jesus Christ.

The Purpose of United Methodist Women is not just words. Following are my thoughts. I look forward to you letting me know your thoughts as we focus on our Purpose:

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women ... to welcome and invite all women to our meetings and special events because we believe in the sisterhood of faith. We want to listen as they share their stories.

whose purpose is to know God ... through bible study, listening, and reading the stories of people of faith.

and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ ... many do not have this freedom. We need to pray, support our missionaries, and at times, advocate for those who do not have this freedom, to take action.

to develop a creative, supportive fellowship ... working together, willing to listen, and perhaps stepping out of our comfort zone and sharing our new ideas and a change in the status quo.

and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. ... We do this through prayer, reading response magazines, communicating with our missionaries, and giving financial support to the mission of United Methodist Women.

United Methodist Women is unique because of its many facets: Spiritual Growth, Nurturing for Community, Education for Mission, Leadership Development, and Social Action. Focuses such as these lead us to:

Faith • Hope • Love in Action

Marie Houck, President
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An Easter Devotion

(Mark 6:3) Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?

As we move through these coming days, we will be experiencing yet another Lenten season, another Palm Sunday, another Maundy Thursday, another Good Friday, another EASTER.

I think about the people of Jesus' day living their lives through these days. They had no idea what was coming. Many didn't accept him at all, even in his hometown. I think the people must have been puzzled as Jesus began teaching any who would hear.

Wasn't this the man that had grown up among them? What had happened that Jesus was drawing such incredible crowds of people?

Little did they know what was coming, the political turmoil, the procession into the city with Jesus riding on a borrowed donkey, the Last Supper that Jesus had with his disciples, the betrayal of Peter, the trial – such as it was, the Crucifixion, and finally the glorious resurrection.

How did these people, who had lived with Jesus, **really** deal with all of this?

Yes, we have the scripture that gives us glimpses of this story but what were the people that watched Jesus grow up really thinking?

As you move through this Lenten season, what are you thinking? Are you open to what Jesus may have for you to learn? Are you truly ready to discover the secret worth knowing? Are you ready to understand the wisdom of Jesus more fully? Many thought of Him as merely a carpenter. While this carpenter probably built dwellings and meager furnishing, He was also the builder of lives. And He used more than lumber. He used ordinary people like you and me to further God's kingdom.

As we are challenged to be like Jesus, may we not allow our social status, our current situation in life, or societal limitations prevent us becoming all that we can become in our walk of faith.

Lord, help me to see that I can be much more than ordinary. Let me see that You are lighting my path. Thank You that Your light allows me to see the way out of any darkness that may be along my path. Help me see Your light in my life and share this light with others who may be experiencing times of darkness in their lives. As I, once again, remember that first Easter, help me see the risen Lord in my life in a renewed way. Amen

*Sheryl Aydelott,
Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth*



Secretary



Connie Gienger

As Unit Secretaries, it is our job to discern the important details in writing the minutes of our meetings.

As United Methodist Women it is also important, as we participate in discussions, that we do so in ways that build empathy and trust among those with whom we disagree. From polarizing ideas with winners and losers to compassionate listening.

Here are some suggestions to encourage compassionate listening during discussions with others in our faith communities or the community at large:

- 1) Listen to the reservations, uncertainties, and concerns of others about a topic.
- 2) Ask them to describe a personal experience

or event that helped shape their views on this topic.

After everyone in the group has had a chance to be heard, identify common ground, if any. These discussions are not about trying to win a debate, enlighten others, make a case for your position, or poking holes in other peoples' arguments. Abandon winning in favor of mutual understanding. In our Church Women United meetings, we have been practicing some of these strategies. I hope you find these helpful, too.

Workshop with Sharon Schuman

Connie Gienger
Crater Lake District Secretary

Committee on Nominations



Helen Van Nice

Spring is here! The frogs are singing in the wetland in back of our house, the pink trees are popping out all over and the birds are checking out the nest boxes we provide. And it's light at 7:00 PM!

We need to see the same kind of growth and renewal of our Crater Lake District Leadership Team. This is serious, my friends! At the bare minimum we need: a President, Secretary, and a Treasurer.

We are asking all of you to have your ears and eyes out for potential leadership as you meet in your encounters with other members. Let one of

us know if you have ideas. Lest one thinks she's not qualified it's important to remember "God doesn't call the qualified, God qualifies the called." Remember also that you can volunteer to fill a position.

In a nutshell, the Committee on Nominations needs your help! Your feedback is most welcome

Helen VanNice,
Shirley Leisinger,
Karen Long,
Kathi Hoffer-Riedman

Treasurer



Kirsten Allam

God's Boxes

I have in my hands two boxes,
Which God gave me to hold.
He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black box,
And all your joys in the gold."

I heeded His words, and in the two boxes,
Both my joys and sorrows I stored,
But though the gold became heavier each day,
The black was as light as before.

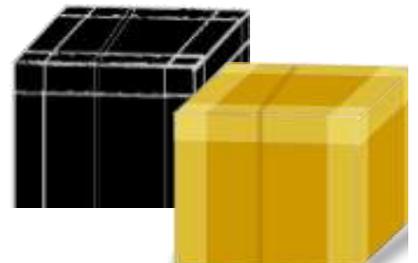
With curiosity, I opened the black,
I wanted to find out why,
And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole,
Which my sorrows had fallen out by.

I showed the hole to God, and mused,
"I wonder where my sorrows could be!"
He smiled a gentle smile and said,
"My child, they're all here with me.."

I asked God, why He gave me the boxes,
Why the gold and the black with the hole?
"My child, the gold is for you to count your

blessings,

The black is for you to let go."



May your box of joy overflow and your sorrows be light.

To those of you who were unable to attend the Every Member Enrichment Event March 9th in Albany, you were missed. I wanted to share this tidbit with you. The Crater Lake District 2018 Pledge to Mission was \$45,000. Our total Pledge to Mission sent into Oregon-Idaho Conference for 2018 was \$43,962.01, just short of our goal by \$1037.99.

*Blessings,
Kirsten Allam*





response Magazine...why each unit should be using this resource

response is a key part of telling our mission story, sharing what we do in service and advocacy with women, children, and youth through our pledges of time, talent, and money, educating on important issues, and continuing the tradition of publishing *our* stories.

Starting January 2019, **response** increased its capacity to share stories more widely. Response now will publish *bimonthly with 6 issues per year*. The award-winning quality and content of the magazine will remain the same, as will the subscription price, which has been unchanged for more than 10 years. There will be new ways to

connect across the country and world and help dig deeper in “service and advocacy, transformative education, leadership development, and spiritual growth.” Encourage your units to tell the United Methodist Women story in as many places as possible, and **response** magazine can be a resource to help do this.

*Sharon Smith,
Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation*

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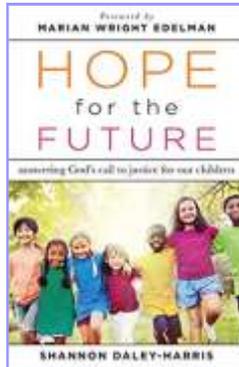
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Single issues of **response** in print can be [ordered through the e-store](#) or order by phone at (800) 305-9857.



As we go through life, where do you receive energy from and where do you give energy? I'd like to feature two books this month; "Hope For The Future" & "Because I am Girl." You will appreciate both of these books as we look at inspiration, resolve, and determination.

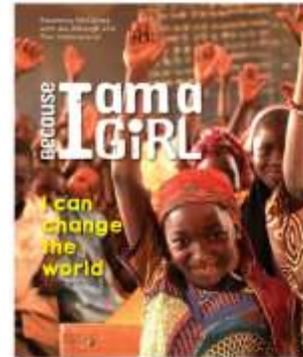


Shannon Dailey-Harris
Westminster John Knox Press
2016, 144 pages, **Nurturing For Community**

Whether a parent or pastor, child advocate or Christian educator, professional or volunteer working with children, we yearn for both comfort and challenge, vision and validation, hope and help as we seek to make a difference in the lives of children.

In *Hope for the Future*, Shannon Dailey-Harris draws from her twenty-four years of work with the Children's Defense Fund to offer twelve meditations for those working to create a better world for our children. Each meditation focuses on passages of Scripture and weaves together moving stories of children, startling statistics about the challenges facing children, and inspiring examples from other movements and faithful leaders that came before us. Questions for faithful response after each meditation will prompt further reflection and action.

This inspirational book can be used as a devotional, in Bible study discussion, or during a social action committee's discernment.



Rosemary McCarney with Jen Albaugh
& Plan International
Second Story Press
2014, 94 pages, **Leadership Development**

Because I am a Girl is a global initiative from Plan International to end gender inequality, promote girls' rights and lift millions of girls out of poverty. Plan helped the UN declare October 11th the "International Day of the Girl" to recognize and advocate for girls' rights globally. This book illustrates the Because I am Girl call to change by telling stories of girls around the world. They begin by telling us "Because I am a girl, I eat if there is food left over when everyone is done" and "I am the Poorest of the Poor." But it ends with the inspiring section "Because I am a Girl, I can change the world." Each part begins with one real girl's story, illustrated with Plan's amazing photographs.

These books will give you fresh understanding and strength. Take care of yourself as you are a mentor to others!

Sincerely,
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Membership Nurture & Outreach



Cheryl Drumheller

I visited my former church recently in Marysville, CA. I always enjoy attending as my friends make me feel special, greeting me with open arms, warm hugs and broad smiles.

During the service, the children came forward and led us in singing, "This Little Light of Mine." It brought back fond memories of the fun songs I sang during Sunday School. I love that song!

Matthew 5:16 English Standard Version (ESV)

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

"This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it Shine:" Does your light shine so others can see the love of the Lord within you?

"Hide it under a bushel, NO, I'm gonna let it Shine:" Do you hide your light from others?

"Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it Shine:" Has Satan taken the power of your light?

"Let it Shine til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it Shine:" Or, is your light shining in anticipation of Jesus' return?

Luke 8:16

"No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light."

Does your light shine as you reach out to members of your congregation, visit homebound or shut-ins that need encouragement, or as you reach out to individuals and community to make it a better place to live? These are questions to ponder.

We are a beacon for Jesus. Our light needs to shine so others may see Jesus' light through us. For me, This Little Light of Mine, I'm gonna let it Shine, let it Shine, let it Shine.

Cheryl Drumheller

Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture & Outreach

Program Planner



Joyce Barber

Climate justice is an issue that not only affects us today, but will highly impact our future generations. We became aware of how dramatically climate change has impacted our national parks when Doug Crispin presented his program at the Every Member Enrichment Event held in March. Please contact your state representatives in support of climate justice issues coming before the legislature.

The Annual Meeting will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church in Eugene on

September 28th. We will continue our theme of climate justice and climate change at that meeting. If you have a suggestion for a dynamic speaker, please contact me. Please mark your calendars and watch for registration information in August.

Blessings to all,

Joyce Barber,

Program Planner

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Women of Faith Continue to Impact History

When I was teaching, the month of March was the time of year we focused on learning about women who **have impacted** history, as well as those who are **currently impacting** history. My students usually chose one of the women that is well-known throughout history. But there was always a student or two who selected a woman unknown to most of my 4th and 5th graders.

One year, Eleanor Roosevelt was the ‘unknown.’ I laughed as a student in the class raised his hand and asked, “Wasn’t she President Franklin Eleanor Roosevelt?” That reminded me of a quote of Daniel Patrick Moynihan, “In the mid-1930’s, a young child asked to name the President responded ‘Franklin Eleanor Roosevelt.’ The answer wasn’t far off the mark.” Although 50+ years had passed between these 2 comments, Eleanor Roosevelt was still confused, by children, with her husband, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. I guess the names Delano and Eleanor sounded the same to the ears of a child.

This month, I am learning more about this incredible woman.. But this time I’m becoming acquainted with Eleanor Roosevelt’s spiritual side by reading **Eleanor, A Spiritual Biography** by Harold Ivan Smith. In reality, Eleanor explored, lived, and celebrated her faith.

I chuckled, with satisfaction, as I learned about her appearance one November morning, in 1938, in Birmingham, Alabama at the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. Commissioner of Public Safety Eugene “Bull” Connor had made sure security was in place. He was ready for a showdown. Many feared that she wouldn’t show-up, afraid of a confrontation. But suddenly Eleanor appeared with her incredible smile.

In 1938, the law in Alabama was **rigid segregation** and Bull Connor had announced that he would arrest anyone who dared to cross

‘the line’ even the First Lady. Lines actually marked pathways to the platform so speakers could keep from stepping into the ‘wrong’ section of the room.

Much to the crowd’s disappointment, Eleanor had seated herself on the aisle of the ‘white section’. She had caved in to Bull Connor. However as the meeting progressed, Eleanor continued to move her chair. Inch by inch, she moved her chair until she came right up to the line. Security was ready to cuff her but she did NOT break the law. Bull Connor was furious but there was nothing he could do.

Eleanor Roosevelt died in 1962, the year I graduated from high school. 57 years later, she remains one of the most admired women in the world. Many say her husband, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, was the most important person in the 20th century. Others say “without Eleanor, there wouldn’t have been a Franklin.” I’m not sure about that but I am sure that Eleanor’s faith guided her.

The author tells us “Eleanor wrapped her mind and soul around the teaching of Jesus, ‘Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself’” (Mark 12:31).

If Eleanor were alive today, I’m confident she would be participating in the many marches happening, whether for civil rights, women’s rights, the rights of LGBTQIA, gun control, immigration, climate justice, criminal justice, economic justice. Eleanor would be right there with us, encouraging us all to ‘love thy neighbor as thyself.’

*Sheryl Aydelott,
Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth*

Climate Justice

K Cups

Avoid using K cups! Buy a reusable cup for your Keurig! Or, just use the Keurig to heat the water and use an unbleached coffee filter and a filter holder.

If you do use K-cups, you can re-purpose them. Clean the coffee grounds out of the cup, fill with seedling soil and seed. The cup already has a drain hole. Place cups on a plastic tray to collect water. When the seedling gets tall enough, replant into larger container.

Climate Change

Do you have a tip of a way to help our environment? If you do, please send it to Jeannie Boese at jboeseumw@charter.net.

We'll share it in a future *Messenger* or *Pulse* as space allows.



Try your hand at a few of the questions from the Legacy Fund Trivia Game. Answers to the questions in this *Pulse* will be in our April *Messenger*. Click on the heading at the left to go to the page with the whole Trivia Game and answers.

Answers from March:

5. National Mission Institutions were started and are run by the church closest to them. False
6. Deaconesses and Home Missioners are women and men in service, but they are not connected to United Methodist Women. False

This Month's Questions:

7. The Every Member Campaign is the only way to give to the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign.

True

False

8. It is necessary to have a large estate before making a planned gift.

True

False



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 latest edition of the
United Methodist Women Oregon-Idaho Conference
Newsletter "Our Two Cents."**

It contains interesting and informative articles.

[Click here to go to the conference website for your copy.](#)

Crater Lake District United Methodist Women Calendar of Events

2019

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| July 12-13 | Mission u 2019 Idaho: Boise First UMC |
| July 19-20 | Mission u 2019 Oregon: Lake Oswego UMC |
| August 2-3 | Mission u 2019 Oregon: Roseburg UMC |
| August 9-10 | Mission u 2019 Idaho: Burley UMC |
| September 28 | Crater Lake District Annual Meeting @ Wesley UMC |
| October 19 | Conference Annual Meeting @ Newberg UMC |



Mission u 2019 Registration Form

Check one(s) you plan to attend:

- Boise First UMC, July 12-13
 Lake Oswego UMC, July 19-20
 Roseburg UMC, August 2-3
 Burley UMC, August 9-10

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Local Church _____

Please check/fill-in all applicable spaces:

Handicap/dietary needs (Be specific)

_____ CE or Lay Speaking Credit (Circle one)

_____ First time attending Mission u

Age Under 35 36-50 51-65 over 65

**Please note: All Mission u schools begin at 12:30pm
Friday & end at 4:30pm on Saturday**

- Registration Deadline for Boise: June 28**
Registration Deadline for Lake Oswego: July 5
Registration Deadline for Roseburg: July 19
Registration Deadline for Burley: July 26

School Fees: Registration fee \$80 per Mission u school. Use this form to register for more than one school.

Check the schools you plan to attend:

Boise First UMC, July 12-13 \$ 80.00

Lake Oswego UMC, July 19-20 80.00

Roseburg UMC, August 2-3 80.00

Burley UMC, August 9-10 80.00

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Mission u Studies

Please number 1, 2 or 3 in order of preference. We will try to accommodate your request. You will be able to take only one class per school

Boise LOUMC Roseburg Burley

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| Women United for Change | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Practicing Resurrection; The Gospel of Mark | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| What About Our Money? | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Cancellations and Refunds:

1. Fees are fully refundable for cancellations prior to the registration deadline.
2. Cancellations made after the deadline will receive a 50% refund.
3. No refund will be made after school begins.

However, substitute registrations are welcome on an individual basis.

Study Books: IMPORTANT!! Study books will not be available for purchase at Mission u due to a change in Mission Resource Center policies. Please order your study books through either Amazon for Kindle versions or the Mission Resource Center for print versions.

Housing: Limited home host housing may be available for Friday evening on a first-come/first-served basis. Please indicate below if you would like home housing.

I would like home host housing. Yes, No

Hotel options in the areas can be found by searching the internet for lodging in the various Mission u locations.

Date registration received _____
(To be filled in by registrar.)