



*United Methodist Women  
Crater Lake District Pulse  
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# Happy Birthday United Methodist Women!

## WOMEN IN MISSION – 150 YEARS AND COUNTING

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*One day a woman who loved to shop noticed a new stall in the local market. God was in the stall “What do you sell here?” she asked.*

*God smiled and replied, “All your heart desires.”*

*The woman was astounded. “Wow!!! I’ll have peace, joy, and a nice house, not just for me, but for everyone and....”*

*God interrupted her. “I think you’ve misunderstood, my dear. I don’t sell fruits here, only seeds.”*

God gives us seeds.

What we do with them is up to us.

United Methodist Women has a history of being in the business of planting, nurturing, and fertilizing seeds. Our mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers were not always sure of the results of their labor. But they were willing to work, having hope that their seeds would sprout and grow. They planted with generosity and gratitude because of the generous God who provided the seeds, the opportunity, and the space to sow. The fruit might have been sweet and mushy or crisp and tart; but whatever it turned out to be, it was a product of their willingness to plant the gifts given to them from the magnanimous and extravagant God.

As United Methodist Women celebrate their 150 year anniversary, we need to remember the legacy they have left us. A woman doctor and a woman teacher went to India in 1869...and the Woman’s Foreign

Missionary Society was born. Women, motivated by the gospel, gave their time, skills, and resources to the work of this Society. In so doing, they set in motion an organization whose world-wide accomplishments cannot be measured. The impact of those efforts is still felt today. United Methodist Women members commit themselves and their gifts to help relieve suffering and improve quality of life for women, children, and youth. They recognize that in sharing God’s grace, both the giver and the receiver are equally blessed. All resources, natural and financial, are from God, and it is our responsibility as women of faith to ensure that these resources meet the needs of all.

On **March 23, 2019**, United Methodist Women will complete 150 years as a membership mission organization serving women, children, and youth around the world.

Ms. Harriet Jane Olson, United Methodist Women’s chief executive officer, summed it up by saying:

*“We are a movement of women, a movement with almost 150 years of experience so far, that is built on the fired-up hope that God is at work and that God is calling us and equipping us to be at work as well. Every day, whether our imagination is strong or our vision seems dim, every day of United Methodist Women is an exercise of putting hope into action.”*

*If God is at work setting at liberty those who are oppressed, then we ought to take actions that line up with that work.”*

Are we ready for the task given to us?



# Crater Lake District United Methodist Women

## Calendar of Events

**2019**

(District Events are shown in bold print)

March 4	Oregon Legislative Day (see page 6)
<b>March 9</b>	<b>Crater Lake District Every Member Enrichment Event @ Albany UMC</b>
March 23	150th Anniversary Celebration - National Day of Giving
March 30	Local Unit Census Due (see page 5)
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
<b>September 14*</b>	<b>Crater Lake District Annual Meeting Location TBA</b>
October 19	Conference Annual Meeting @ Newberg UMC

\*The date is subject to change



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 February:** 3. What year did the women of a Methodist Episcopal church in Boston first organize for mission? 1869

4. Which are some of the names of UMW predecessor organizations? (circle all that apply)

- Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
- Woman's Home Missionary Society

### This Month's Questions:

5. National Mission Institutions were started and are run by the church closest to them.

- True
- False

6. Deaconesses and Home Missioners are women and men in service, but they are not connected to United Methodist Women.

- True
- False

## SAVE THE DATE

Join us in celebrating the 150th anniversary of United Methodist Women with a special Day of Giving on Saturday March 23, 2019!

**Day of Giving | March 23, 2019**  
[unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund)



### WAYS TO GIVE:

- **Online at:** [unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund)
- **By phone:** 800-278-7771 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST, Monday-Friday and Saturday March 23).
- **Text:** 41444 and enter Legacy150 in the message area.
- **By check to:** United Methodist Women  
Attn: Development, Legacy Fund  
475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor  
New York, NY 10115  
Write **"Day of Giving"** in the memo section.
- **On Day of Giving—March 23, 2019—** let us honor our foremothers by giving to the Legacy Fund to ensure United Methodist Women can continue serving women, children and youth around the world for the next 150 years. Generous donors have already committed to matching a portion of our gifts received on Day of Giving. **Together, we are building our legacy!**