



*United Methodist Women
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Merry Christmas!

Matthew 1:22-23 *So All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."*

At this time of year, our society seems to be **consumed** with Christmas. We barely have Halloween behind us and Thanksgiving is rushed through to the Christmas season. The Hallmark movie channel airs back-to-back Christmas movies. Ads in the newspaper are full of Black Friday bargains.

As I find myself caught up with the coming of Christmas, I am once again faced with how I can keep my focus on the "why" of all of this. Segments of my family celebrate Christmas fully but their Christmas is what I call a 'secular' Christmas. Never is there a mention of the true reason for the season. My 22 year old granddaughter loves the music of Christmas with her favorite song being "Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer." I often wonder how much she actually understands about why Christmas exists. When she was a little girl, she loved to go to church with us but as she grew up, sports consumed all of her time outside of school. She has grown up to be an incredible young woman who fully celebrates a 'secular' Christmas. Her Christmas is one that is

completely without any thought of Advent, the Christ child, the real reason for this celebration. I'm sure many of us can relate to this.

Every year as Christmas arrives, I look for ways to share this bizarre story of the birth of the Christ Child; the Angel, the young woman pregnant with the Son of God, the stable, the shepherds, the star that led the Wise Men to visit this child. And how dangerous a time it was for that young family.

Prayer: *Heavenly God,
It is Christmas, 2019, so many years have passed since your son, the Christ Child, came into the world. May each of us find ways to keep the true story of Christmas alive in our hearts and in the lives of those we encounter each day. Amen*

*Sheryl Aydelott,
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Crater Lake District United Methodist Women Calendar of Events

March 7, 2020 Crater Lake District Every Member Enrichment Event - Medford United Methodist Church

United Methodist Women: Turning Financial Gifts into Miracles for Women, Children and Youth

I've had more than one person ask me where do our pledge monies go to. The answer can be found on our website under "What we fund" <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/what-we-fund>. Our local units support many charities in our own communities. Beyond our local communities the question gets more complicated. Our pledge money supports National Mission Institutions, International Ministries, Regional Missionaries, Grants, Service and Advocacy. For more details check out our United Methodist Women website.

To unit treasurers: Please send your final 2019 remittances no later than December 15th.*

May this season of giving bless you with the spirit of love and grace and surround you with family and friends, new and old.

*Kirsten Allam,
Treasurer*

* Hopefully you have already done this! *Ed.*

2020 Directory Information Due

Recently every unit president or secretary received a request for updated information for our Crater Lake District Directory. So far, we have received information from two units (thank you Junction City and Eugene First!). As soon as you have your elections in December, please send your updated information to Jeannie Boese at jboeseumw@charter.net or 4642 Sjodin Lane, Klamath Falls, OR 97603. If your information does not change, we need to know that as well. Information needed includes:

- Church address, phone number, and email address
- Pastor's name
- Unit membership total

- Unit meeting days and times
- Every local unit officer's:
 - Name
 - Office
 - Address
 - Phone number (home & cell if applicable)
 - Email address

Why do we need this information? Our district and conference leadership team members need the information so they can keep in touch with local unit officers and so that we can keep in touch through our newsletters with every local unit officer. Also, local units may occasionally want to contact others in the district with invitations to special events, bazaars, etc. Each local unit president or secretary will receive the directory either by email, at our Every Member Enrichment Event, or postal mail. Others may receive the directory by email on request.

*Jeannie Boese
Communications Committee Chair*

