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"FINDING PEACE AND UNITY IN TODAY'S WORLD"



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to you, dear United Methodist Women Sisters!

"A Song of Ascents. I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2 ESV

This morning, as I am viewing the hilly countryside surrounding my daughter's home in Southern California, the above Bible verse comes to mind. Everywhere I look, there are hills and valleys, trees and shrubs, flowers, hawks, and hummingbirds. I thank God for allowing my husband and myself to visit and enjoy the gifts of our Lord.

I thank God for you as well! I am overwhelmed sometimes by your generosity of time and effort as we all continue to strive to keep our United Methodist Women local units, district, and conference teams functioning during these challenging times. Throughout this past year, I have heard of the mission work so many of you are involved with and the numerous programs and community initiatives that are benefited by your efforts. Thank you! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Now it is time to look forward to 2022. Assembly is coming, May 20-22, 2022. **"Turn It Up!"** Whether you plan to attend in person or virtually, it promises to be an amazing event! I truly hope many of you will find the time to worship, pray and learn together in Orlando, or in your living rooms! Please remember to register as soon as possible and sign up for your workshops. There are many to choose from.

Conference and District Officers, please mark your calendars: Saturday, January 15, 2022, 10:00 a.m. Time to plan for 2022. We will have a Planning Meeting via ZOOM, to brainstorm and come up with some ideas, events, teaching moments, and fun gatherings for next year. A ZOOM invitation will be forthcoming.

One major change from past years: It has been suggested by several of you that each Conference Officer could train their District Officer counterparts on a convenient date for you and them. Therefore, this year, we will leave it up to each Conference Officer to schedule her own training session. Please have your

training complete by March 12, 2022, at the latest. If you need assistance, reach out to past Conference UMW Leadership Team Officers, or contact me for support. Feel free to use the Conference ZOOM account if you need to do so.

May each of you feel the love of Christ this Christmas and may our Savior keep you safe in the coming year.

Linda S. Yost 443-605-8295 LJYost@verizon.net



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Conference Baltimore-Washington District All

Type Remittances **Period From** 01/25/2021 **To** 11/30/20

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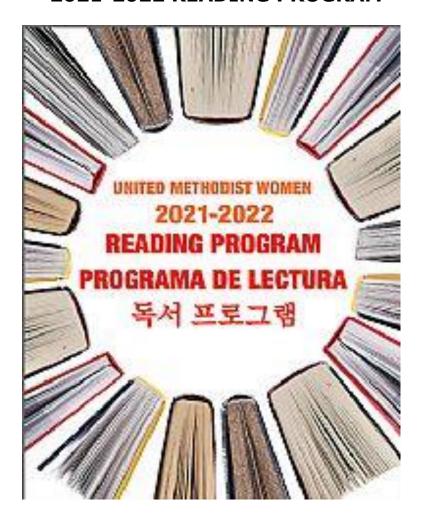
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MISSION GIVING	
PLEDGE TO MISSION	\$48,127.15
GIFT TO MISSION	\$2,200.00
GIFT IN MEMORY	\$3,160.00
WORLD THANK OFFERING	\$7,633.12
SUPPLEMENTARY GIFTS	
CALL TO PRAYER AND SELF DENIAL	\$5,563.86
A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH	\$735.00
ASSEMBLY OFFERING	\$0.00
SCARRITT-BENNETT CENTER	\$0.00
MAGAZINE FUND	\$0.00
Susanna Wesley House, Baltimore, Md.	\$1,925.00
Retired Missionaries/Deaconesses/Home Missioners	\$100.00
Henderson Settlement, Frakes, Ky.	\$150.00
Red Bird Mission, Beverly, Ky.	\$150.00
Sager Brown, Baldwin, La.	\$0.00
UMW SCHOLARSHIPS	\$40.00

Respectfully, Dorothy Medley

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PROGRAM RESOURCES

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 2021-2022 READING PROGRAM



• Please click on this link www.umwmissionresources.org or call 800-305-9857

MEMBERSHIP NURTURE AND OUTREACH

"The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord" — Henri Nouwen

Greetings to all my UMW sisters! This is the last newsletter article that I shall write as your Membership Nurture Outreach Coordinator, and it is bittersweet. I have enjoyed serving in this capacity and am extremely proud that I served. I want to thank you for all the support you have shown me for the past eight years. Your support has meant a lot to me, and I ask that you give that same support to the incoming new Membership Nurture Outreach Coordinator, Hilda James.

In 2022 I will be your new Nominations Chair and I am very excited to continue serving this wonderful Conference.

The National Office on Membership will be rolling out a new Membership program in 2022, so be on the lookout for the new program.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. God's Grace, Peace, and Love to everyone.

Daphne L. Hurd Membership Nurture Outreach Coordinator, Appointed 410 235-0103 daphnelhurd@icloud.com

COMMUNICATIONS

The real spirit of **Christmas** is giving, loving, caring, and serving -- just as our loving Father in Heaven has provided to us.

So let each of us hold dear these values to our hearts and use this **season** as an opportunity to give blessing to others, and to share the love of **Christ** with our friends and family.

Let's use our great skills and define and communicate why the Bible is authentic. We can build our confidence in the Bible and provide objective evidence to draw people to Him.

We can independently defend and let others know that the Bible is the Word of God.

We can communicate that through His Word, He sends a message of love to all of us.

We can communicate that we as **United Methodist Women** are examples of God's love and

We can communicate that...... **Jesus is the reason for the season.**



Kim Marie Walker Communications Coordinator-BWC-UMW burrwalker123@gmail.com

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees of the United Methodist Women, of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, Inc., is beginning its 2022 financial cycle.

The Board is thankful for the opportunity to manage these funds on behalf of women, children, and youth. We give God the glory for the faith-based organizations and financial community that make these services possible.

These funds help women, children, and youth experience the fun and joy that Christian organizations offer them. It is also an opportunity for the recipient of these goods and services to see the results of "Knitting" together-- "Love in Action." In fact, this interaction with the faith-based community can be a great opportunity to nurture and cultivate future Christian and community leadership. As we sing the Lord's praises (Psalm 101: 1-2) we offer God's praises through the miracles He provides through our actions and deeds to others. Quite possibly, that leadership will be in the form of discipleship building through the mission of the United Methodist Women organization. For this, the UMW Board of Trustees of the Baltimore-Washington Conference is thankful for this opportunity to use God's resources for the ministries/services offered on behalf of women, children, and youth in the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area by the Susanna Wesley House, Mission u, Baltimore Parish Work, and scholarships provided to the districts for youth inclusion in United Methodist Women's educational mission projects.

The Board of Trustees carefully exercises its strategic and negotiation skills in overseeing the investments entrusted to the Board of Trustees. We rejoice as we strive to be good stewards in managing these funds. The Baltimore-Washington Conference, Board of Trustees of the United Methodist Women, Inc., is passionate about its financial obligation to assist the faith-based community in executing its obligations to the needs of women, children, and youth.

We thank God for the opportunity to be of service on behalf of women, children, and youth. We ask God to continue to bless the Board of Trustees to provide resources for the benefit of His kingdom (Deuteronomy 8:17-18 and Ecclesiastes 5:10). As John Wesley stated: "When I have any money, I get rid of it as quickly as possible, lest it find a way into my heart." Therefore, a timely disbursement of funds to the appropriate faith-

based organizations is paramount to the Board of Trustees' mind set. To God we give the glory (1 Chronicles 28:9).

Geraldine Whitley, President

United Methodist Women, Board of Trustees

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

United Methodist Women Board of Directors Fall Meeting Report Colleen F Cates, Director

The United Methodist Women Board of Directors gathered virtually Oct. 8-9, 2021, for its fall 2021 semiannual meeting. Board members heard reports, approved budgets, and spent time together in worship and fellowship.

We also heard Harriett Jane Olsen (General Secretary and CEO of the organization) speaking about how members are equipped to be faith leaders by being part of United Methodist Women and offered a bold vision for the future of the church. She encouraged the Board to share the vision of United Methodist Women and what it means to them and to enlist others in the life-changing sisterhood of United Methodist Women. Our national president, Ainise Isama'u, also encouraged us to be bold as we continue to keep faith, hope, and love in action.

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board of Directors approved the theme "Called by God: Working for Racial Justice" for the 2023 Call to Prayer and Self-Denial offering.
- We took collective action for climate justice by contacting our representatives to urge Congress to pass once-in-a-lifetime, ambitious climate legislation and funding.
 - We also held up posters from United Methodist Women's Just Energy for All campaign for a photo that will serve as a visual statement from the Board of the largest denominational faith-based women's organization in the United States, that it wants companies and governments to ensure clean, renewable energy through a just and equitable transition.
- The Board approved **a \$17.4 million budget for 2022**, including more than \$7.2 for membership development programs and more than \$4.2 in grants to national and international mission partners.
 - Over the two days, Board members ratified \$17,255 in property grants to two national mission institutions. Between the spring and fall Board meetings, it approved \$56,250 in scholarships, \$75,000 in national grants, and \$110,150 in international grants.
 - In 2021 to date, United Methodist women have given more than \$2.5 million in scholarships and grants.

REPORTS

Legacy and Mission Giving: The Board celebrated Legacy Fund success as the organization approaches its \$60 million dollar goal. As of August 2021, \$38,979,269 has been raised!! Two virtual Cultivation Events alone raised \$283,000 and heard about Mission Giving and budget updates from Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer Tamara Clark. To date, United Methodist Women members have given more than \$3 million in 2021. Kudos go out to one-third of 54 conferences that increased their giving. We also heard reports from Wespath (the investment firm) and Crosslin CPA for our audit report.

The Board also celebrated longtime staff member Andris Salter, current director of operations, who is retiring this year. Salter was thanked for her 39 years of service with United Methodist Women with a cake delivered to her home and a donation to the Legacy Fund in her name.

Program Resources: Preevna Balasundaram introduced us to a new digital platform entitled "United Methodist Women Digital Resources "powered by Mighty Networks. The Program Resource (formerly Program Book) *Healing and Joy: On Our Journey to God* is located there. To join: united-methodist-women@mn.co

Assembly 2022 TURN IT UP!: Valerie Clark member of the Assembly Steering Committee reported Assembly in Orlando, Fl on May 20-22, 2022; conference presidents were given a PowerPoint and script to be used during their Annual Celebrations/Conferences; challenged us to bring 2 women new to United Methodist Women; for safety reasons proof of vaccination is required; virtual option must pay for itself-to date 5-10% have registered for virtual option (to get more information visit website: Assembly2022.org).

Monitoring: Hortense Tyrell reported on how well the meeting followed the 13 Steps to Sustainability focusing on three major areas:

- Just Relationship with Creation (i.e., documents shared electronically, technical support available whole meeting
- Just Relationship with the Wider Community (i.e., worship service, climate justice, acknowledged indigenous people.
- Just Relationship with One Another: (i.e., technical support available the whole time, font size uniform for all viewing, continue effort in age diversity, allowed time for physical exercise and quiet meditation).

If you have questions or concerns, I can be reached by phone 410-488-5369 home or 410-598-9470 mobile or craftyme53@gmail.com

Have a safe, blessed holiday season! Merry Christmas to All!! Colleen

COMMITTEE ON CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE (CFRJ)

Committee on Charter for Racial Justice (CFRJ) Members 2021

The Baltimore-Washington Conference United Methodist Women Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice has become active during 2020-2021 by holding a Town Hall meeting on Housing and Economic Inequity, and two book discussions on racism, all via ZOOM.

The Committee has the responsibility to:

- 1) develop and recommend to the Executive Committee plans for the implementation of the Charter
- 2) monitor conference-approved action plans to implement the Charter
- 3) regularly evaluate progress made on conference, district, and local implementation plans.

The Committee will meet again in early 2022 to begin planning additional events for the coming year. We will keep you informed!

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LEGACY FUND

In the midst of this busy Holiday Season, it is important to take time to renew the mind and spirit, to prepare for the New Year ahead of us. Romans 12:1-2 CEB

- 1. So, Brothers and Sisters, because of God's mercies, I encourage you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God. This is your appropriate priestly service.
- 2. Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is what is good and pleasing and mature.

As you continue to read Romans, Chapter 12, it states that God has measured out a portion of faith to each one of us. During this 2021 "New Normal" year, my faith has not waivered. I find myself surrounded by faith driven women who like to share the story of Jesus Birth and the Wonder of his Love.

The United Methodist Women gives us many opportunities to serve God and our community. As a Legacy Endowment Fund Liaison, the majority of my work was conducted online via Zoom or in email exchanges. There is promise in Assembly 2022 – Turn it Up! For the Baltimore Washington Conference, we hope to have an in-person Day of Giving Event the week of March 23, 2022. The Legacy Endowment Fund – Planning Committee meets on the fourth Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. We invite all women to join us. You might consider hosting an event or simply sharing a few ideas.

Currently the Legacy Endowment Fund has raised \$38,181,437 of the intended \$60 million goal. Sign on to www.unitedmethodistwomen.org, click on the Purple Box with the Legacy Endowment Campaign Fund Logo. Take some time to read about the Sustaining Phase and our mission to help marginalized Women, Children and Youth near and far. The Ways to Give Tab connects to considerations for Online Giving, Monthly Giving or Planned Giving to name a few. If you have any questions or would like help setting up a donation, please call or send an email. Be a part of 150 Next as we continue to move the Legacy forward.

Peace on Earth, Terri Booth Legacy Endowment Fund Liaison terjericho@gmail.com Cell/Text #443-528-0961



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District Presidents



ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT

The Annapolis District United Methodist Women honor the season of giving thanks and giving to those in need. District United Methodist Women have been doing God's mission work in their communities throughout the Fall. In October, the ladies at Cecil Memorial UMC sponsored a shoe drive, "Soles4Souls". By the time the Unit stopped collecting shoes, there were over 200 pairs of gently used shoes. Through Zappos, the shoes were shipped at no price to Illinois for distribution to 3rd world countries.

The company that supports Sole4Shoes also provides free new shoes to shelters, disaster victims and other places of need in the United States. We look forward to doing another drive in the spring. We thank the churches that supported this effort.

In November and early December, the UMW of Cecil Memorial supported H.E.R. Project to stop Period Poverty. Many women and young girls throughout the world menstruate and don't have supplies they need. Our unit helped collect items and donations of feminine hygiene products. We also collected new and gently used sweaters and sweatshirts for the Lighthouse shelter.

The Unit at Baldwin Memorial held a fantastic Holiday Bazaar in November. What a joy it was to stand on our stage and take pictures of the crowd that we attracted, and it was so heartwarming to see our Fellowship Hall so full, our members in service and our neighbor church, John Wesley-Waterbury. It was so nice that they shared the joy with us, and many from our congregation attended, as well.

Everyone had a great time, and we still receive compliments about the Bazaar. There were 17 craft vendors, three tables of homemade UMW items that replaced our country kitchen and luncheon sales we could not have due to COVID. It was nice to see folks out and about even during COVID looking at and buying, jewelry, Christmas items and books. We used three classrooms which were overflowing with books, toys, and other kids' items that extended down the hall outside of the rooms.

It took a group of UMW volunteers to work organizing books. The Girl Scouts sold their fabulous cookies, and girls from the Boy Scouts did very well selling fruit and ornaments, too. Everyone enjoyed live music,

and an accordion player entertained us with Christmas music. He was hyped and amazed, and enjoyed the crowd, too. Two ladies followed playing traditional Celtic music on a variety of instruments. They enjoyed socializing with the crowd, too. Both groups want to return to our next Bazaar.

The UMW are like magnets ... ha...ha... Items we did not sell were donated to several charities to include Paul's Place in Baltimore, Heaven Ministries in Stevensville, and Partners-in-Care in Arnold, and several local church groups.

The Units at John Wesley – Glen Burnie and Asbury Town Neck are participating in the Angel Tree Project. They are providing gifts and presents to children whose parents are incarcerated. And the ladies of Town Neck have also been sending cards to those on their Pastoral Care list.

As we anticipate the birth of Christ, the real reason for the season, let's remember to give and share what we have with others. Remember, Christ came to serve, not to be served, and in that spirit, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

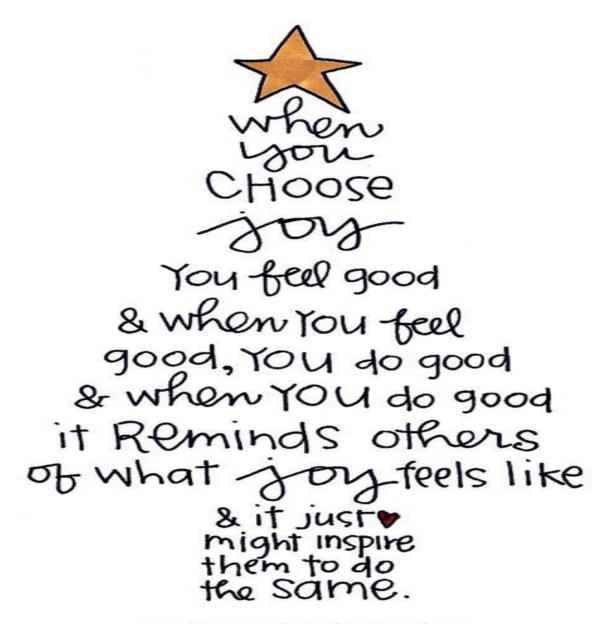
Blessings,

Emma M. Krouser

Annapolis District UMW President

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CENTRAL MARYLAND DISTRICT PRESIDENT



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The Central Maryland District United Methodist Women wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Please consider joining our team for one of these opportunities: Vice President, Treasurer, Nominations. We would love to have you!

Peace and Blessings, Dianna Woodlon, President



DISTRICTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT!
WHAT UNITS ARE DOING WITHIN
THEIR CHURCHES AND COMMUNITIES

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Annapolis District



Baldwin Memorial Bazaar



H.E.R Project



UMW sick & shut-in



Sweater Sweatshirts

Baltimore Metro District

Epworth United Methodist Women voted during our Zoom meeting to promote a social action event during the 2020 presidential election, even during a pandemic. The members in the unit felt very deeply about the tense political, economic, and unhealthy times we were living through. Members decided that they needed to do something to make a difference during these unprecedented times. We agreed on an action that we could participate in safely: a *Voter Mobilization Campaign*. We initiated a plan in September 2020 to begin mobilizing the public by using *Rush Hour Waves* with unit members standing on the corners of Liberty Road and St. Lukes Lane (outside of Epworth Chapel).

We designed signs (Get Out to Vote; Remember to Vote) and banners (Vote) that we had printed on placards as well as flyers to distribute and encourage church members to join the campaign. The UMW members donated these materials which indicated how passionate the members were to make a difference! Church members signed up and the marketing materials were used to encourage their friends, family, and neighbors to Vote in the 2020 election. We decided that the corner campaign coverage would be Tuesdays and Fridays during the month of October. The campaign began Friday, October 2nd from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. We did not miss our *Rush Hour Wave* any day during October and averaged 10 masked participants daily.

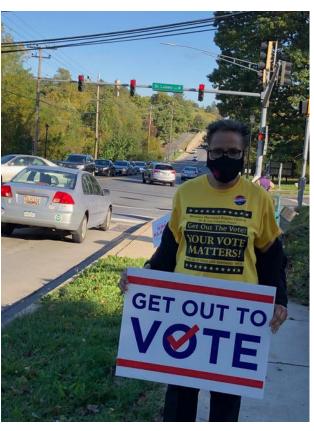
The social action fun began with UMW masked members, masked church members, masked family members, masked youth, and masked friends joining us to cover each of the four corners of Liberty Road and St. Lukes Lane. We stood (some sat), we waved, we moved our signs as we engaged with drivers. The drivers waved, honked their horns, waved back, and engaged with us – asking voting questions (poll locations, where to register to vote, early voting dates, or day of voting).

We all felt invigorated, engaged, satisfied, and knew that we had made a difference during these challenging times. The team effort was tremendous!

Social Action in Hope & Love, Lydia McCargo-Redd, President Edith S. Green, unit member









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Assembly 2022! May 20–22, 2022

It's time to register for Assembly!

Registration opens

Registration opened on **Sept. 1**, **2021**, for either the in-person event or the virtual experience. In an effort to protect our environment and reduce printed resources, registration confirmation and updates will be handled via e-mail. A registration acknowledgment will be e-mailed to you upon completion of your registration.

Hotel expenses: Baltimore-Washington Conference United Methodist Women has 100 rooms blocked for our attendees at: Hilton Orlando

6001 Destination Parkway, Orlando, FL 32819

Room Nightly Rate: **\$178 single/double** (roommates can share this cost)

If more than 2 persons per room, there may be an extra charge. Current tax rate: 12.5% (Room Rates do not include tax, subject to change.)

Instructions for making individual room reservations within BWCUMW group block online, starting September 1, 2021:

I would suggest arriving on Thursday, May 19, 2022, as Assembly will begin the following Friday morning (May 20, 2022.)

You may also wish to participate in the Ubuntu day of service on May 19, 2021. (See below). That would involve an additional night at the hotel.

1. **Online**: Individual reservations may be made within our room block through the following website:

https://book.passkey.com/go/UMWA2022

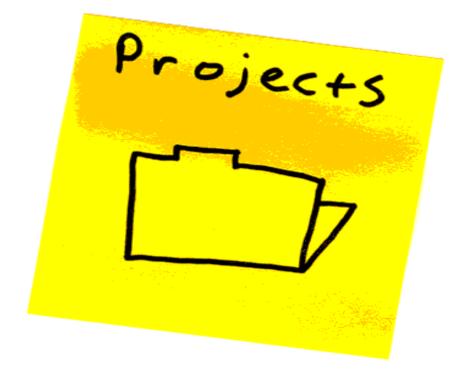
- a. Follow steps to complete the reservation(s).
- b. Each room reservation must be processed with a credit card guarantee.
 - c. Reservations that exceed the allotment of rooms in your block on any of the nights will not be accepted.
 - d. "Place holder" reservations, held under one person's name, will be accepted. However, we encourage you to use individual names to avoid issues at check in.
 - e. Hotels may charge for early check-in, early-departures, late check-out, and room type changes. Please refer to the hotel acknowledgment letter for fees.
- 2. **Phone:** By calling Orchid.Events at Phone: 888-341-3540 or 801-214-7283. Please identify yourself as part of the **Baltimore-Washington Conference UMW.**

Meal expenses – you are responsible for the following meals: Friday and Saturday—breakfast and dinner Sunday—breakfast

UBUNTU DAY OF SERVICE - CANCELLED

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DAYS AT ASSEMBLY 2022

For the first time, United Methodist Women's Leadership Development Days will take place at Assembly! All conference officers at any stage of their term are invited and encouraged to come to Assembly 2022 to be part of the leadership workshops developed just for you. Don't miss this chance to experience everything Assembly has to offer, get training for your specific leadership roles, and network with other United Methodist Women leaders. Talk to your conference leadership team about attending Assembly!



Conference Projects

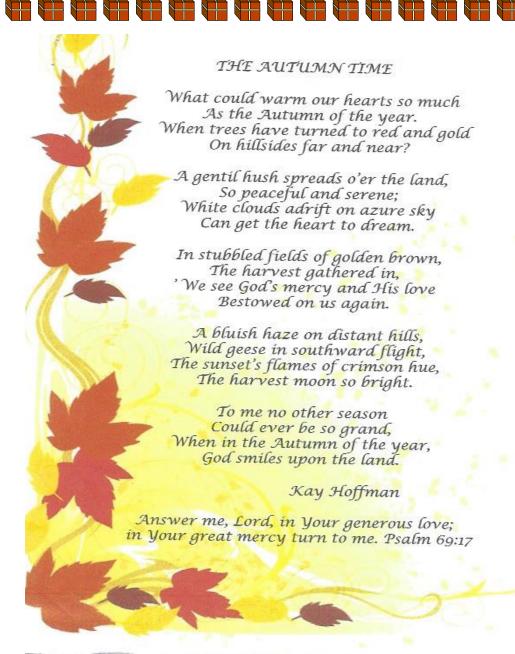
EPWORTH HOUSE

2021 Epworth House Committee Officers

Gertrude T. White (GWD) – President
Lynn T. Davenport (GWD) – Vice President
Ann Price (GWD) – Secretary

VACANT – Treasurer
Korla B. Frye (WED) – Education & Interpretation
VACANT— Hospitality Chair
Jane Grays (WED) – Membership Chair
Ellen S. Davis (GWD) – Nominations Chair
Rosetta Daniels (WED) – Nominations Committee

Gertrude T. White President



from the Epworth House mission Project Committee
Gertrude White, President
Lynn Davenport, Vice President
And members





Susanna Wesley House Mission is to assist women in need and their dependent children; to provide a safe, clean home, and to ensure a viable program for the residents to obtain independent living.

Our house, located at 609 Park Avenue, offers 6 apartments with two bedrooms, a bathroom, and shared kitchen, as well as 3 self-contained apartments. We have the compacity to serve 9 women with children.

A significant accomplishment for Susanna Wesley House in its 101 years history was the shelter room makeover, sponsored by My Girlfriend's House from Capitol Heights, Maryland. They collected donated materials and merchandise from various vendors and businesses. Additionally, on October 2, 2021, this organization brought together a group of over 150-plus volunteers and mentees to participate and trucks with supplies to complete all the room overhauls within 8 hours. This was an opportunity to change the lives of residents, one family at a time.

We thank you for your donations and contributions to Susanna Wesley House over the years. Your generous giving will help prepare homeless women with children to become self-sufficient and productive citizens.

The Christian spirit is about opening our hearts to give to others in love. Thank you for choosing Susanna Wesley House, a home for homeless women and children.

We wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a prosperous New Year, from the Susanna Wesley House Board.

In God's Service,
Elizabeth M. Stemley
SWH President



609 Park Avenue | Baltimore, MD 21201 | (410) 837-3787 |

www.susanna-wesleyhouse.org

Consider a donation to Susanna Wesley House in your End-of-Year Charitable Giving!

Dear Friend:

Today, I want to share a story that illustrates the impact of your support for Susanna Wesley House (SWH)—a story about a remarkable woman and her son where support from our organization has helped to create an impactful and meaningful life for them both.

In 2018, Kathy R. was exhausted from living from one emergency shelter to the next. She had to move after being evicted from her home (due to her disability and inability to work). At the time she faced homelessness, her 14-year-old son, Joel lived with relatives. Then, Kathy found SWH where she and her son moved into a two-bedroom apartment. She states, "The year that I moved into SWH, I was able to reconnect with my son, and give him a good Christmas for the first time."



Since then, Kathy and Joel have developed a strong bond and Joel has increased his grades and is doing well in school. Kathy has begun online classes for a career as a medical assistant. She credits Susanna Wesley House with being able to go back to school, and for teaching Joel structure and household responsibilities.

In December, Kathy, and her son, are moving into their own permanent housing which was found through staff at SWH. She states, "Susanna Wesley House gave me a new start."

For over 100 years, we've worked tirelessly to improve the lives of women and their children We know you have many options when it comes to your year-end giving. We hope the work we do has inspired you. There are hundreds more stories like Kathy's – people for whom your contributions have provided the opportunity to build a better life.

To make a one-time donation or set up a monthly contribution, go to <u>Support Us | Susanna Wesley House (susanna-wesleyhouse.org)</u> You may also mail your donation to 609 Park Avenue Baltimore MD 21201 made payable to Susanna Wesley House.

\$25 provides school supplies for the afterschool program

\$50 provides case management resources and referrals to assist families with healthcare & housing needs

\$100 provides cleaning and maintenance for the house

\$250 provides an apartment turnover to prepare for a new mother and child coming to Susanna Wesley House

Thank you for changing the lives of homeless women and children such as Kathy and Joel. All the Best,

Yvonne Terry

Yvonne Terry

Executive Director

Elizabeth Stemley

Elizabeth Stemley

President, Board of Directors

CONFERENCE UMW SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Fund, Baltimore-Washington Conference United Methodist Women.

Provides financial assistance for undergraduate students who are members of United Methodist churches within the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

Praise God that we had ten (10) 2021 Scholarship recipients!

Applications are only accepted on-line at http//: bwcumc.org from January 4 thru March 1.

Matthew 5:16

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.

Please continue to remember our youth and young adults as they enter into higher education to help them grow and succeed in their fields of choice. Local Unit Treasurers, as you collect donations for the scholarships, please send them to your District UMW Treasurers, who will then send them to your Conference UMW Treasurer, Dorothy Medley.

On behalf of the BWC UMW Scholarship Committee, we thank you, we thank God for you and may God continue to bless you all.

Kim Marie Walker BWC United Methodist Women Scholarship Committee Chairperson burrwalker123@gmail.com