



*United Methodist Women  
Crater Lake District Pulse  
February, 2018*



**Keynote Speaker for Every Member Enrichment Event Announced  
Nureen Anisha  
2017 Asia Foundation Development Fellow  
Environmental Researcher & Television Host, Bangladesh**

Our guest speaker is Nureen Anisha, an experienced water engineer who is a researcher and activist in the field of climate change, environment, and water resources.

Ms. Anisha's first project was to study the impact of climate change on the resurgence of malaria incident within the indigenous communities living in the remote hill tracts of Bangladesh. She lived in the indigenous villages and worked with those communities for about 5 months where her work supported the Bangladesh health program in fighting malaria.

Her second project was on studying how climate vulnerable coastal communities living along the water



-stressed coastal region of Bangladesh access safe drinking water and what are the main driving factors influencing their accessibility. This project began with one coastal village, but she expanded it and conducted research on 6 villages with about 520.

Anisha holds a master's degree in Climate Change and Development from Independent University, Bangladesh, and a bachelor's degree in Water Resource Engineering from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology. She is currently a graduate student at Oregon State University and has just moved to Corvallis to do her second MS in Environmental Science.

Greetings from Eugene on a cold, rainy, and blustery day! It's just normal Oregon weather I can hear you say, and yet, is it? Are you aware that these past two years (2016 and 2017) have been the warmest years on record? Have you noticed the enormous fires that burned around us this summer and fall? How about the blizzards closing airports and roads in the Midwest and Eastern parts of the US? Think back if you can to 30 years ago when climate change was first being mentioned and not really discussed.

These are just some ideas to be pondered as the Crater Lake District begins a four-year exploration of the various areas included in the subject of climate justice. We aren't speaking only of climate, but sustainability of resources, conservation of our land, the problem of trash and its removal and on and on.



United  
Methodist  
Women

FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

has a website ([www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org)) that has on it many resources and programs that may be used within your local groups.

Among the ideas and programs are included "13 Steps to Sustainability" and a carbon footprint calculator. Please take the opportunity to visit these sites for more information and details. The March 3rd district meeting features a focus on Climate Justice. I urge you to attend and learn more about the important topic which will be engaging us over the next four years. I also welcome the chance to present a program on any part of this topic to your units. You can call me at 541-344-4085.

Social Action Chair:  
Charlotte Sutton



## Crater Lake District United Methodist Women 2018 Calendar of Events

- February 22 Registration deadline for the Crater Lake District Every Member Enrichment Event
- March 3 Every Member Enrichment Event (EMEE) @ Eugene First United Methodist Church, Eugene, Oregon
- May 18-20 Assembly 2018, Columbus, OH – more
- June 29-30 Mission u, Meridian UMC, Meridian, ID
- July 13-14 Mission u, Tigard UMC, Tigard, OR
- July 20-21 Mission u, Newman UMC, Grants Pass, OR
- August 3-4 Twin Falls UMC, Twin Falls, ID - page 8
- September 15 Crater Lake District Annual Meeting @ Medford First United Methodist Church
- October 20 Conference Annual Meeting @ Eugene First United Methodist Church

You can find the complete Conference Calendar on our web site at:

<https://www.umoi.org/calendarofevents>



### Bright Lights of Crater Lake District

The **Junction City** unit is a small but mighty group. These women certainly show what a “creative, supportive fellowship” is all about. They share concern for those who are not present and catch up with each other’s activities. The members visited homebound church members and took goodie bags to share at Christmas time.

They monetarily support many projects around Junction City. They help with a monthly breakfast for those in need and have a

“closet” that people can draw from if they need clothing and such. Someone mentioned that something really needed is blankets. These women surely are in mission to the community. They are also vital in the running of that small church.

To sum it all up: these women are small in number and aging but the attitude seems to continue to be, “Lead, follow or get out of the way!”



**CRATER LAKE DISRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

**EVERY MEMBER ENRICHMENT EVENT**

**EUGENE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**1376 OLIVE STREET, EUGENE, OREGON**

**MARCH 3, 2018, 9: 30 – 2:30**

**“Climate Justice”**

**How can we make a difference?**

**Crater Lake District United Methodist Women Registration Form**

**Number Attending**\_\_\_\_\_ **Church or Unit**\_\_\_\_\_

**Names of Unit Members Attending ( Please note special dietary needs)**

**Name**

**Office (if applicable)**

---

---

---

---

---

---



**How to find First UMC Eugene:**

[You may click here for an on-line map or use your preferred mapping service.](#)