

United Methodist Women - Oregon-Idaho Conference

Crater Lake District Messenger April 2018

Mission u Studies 2018

Spiritual Growth Study: *Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living*

Oregon Study Leader - Emile Kroen; Idaho Study Leader - Jenny Willison;

[Click here for more information](#)

Issue Study: *What About Our Money? A Faith Response*

Study Leader in Oregon & Idaho – Rochelle Killett

[Click here for more information](#)

Geographic Study: *Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States*

Study Leader in Tigard, Oregon & Meridian, Idaho – Sue Chambers

[Click here for more information](#)

A Mission u Event Near You!

As many of you already know, we are doing Mission u differently this year. If you haven't heard the news, you can read all about it at www.missionuorid.org.

You will have four opportunities between Oregon and Idaho to attend **at least** one event.

Oregon Events:

- July 13-14; Tigard OR at Tigard United Methodist Church. All three studies will be offered.
- July 20-21; Grants Pass OR at Newman UMC The Spiritual Growth and Issue studies will be offered.

Idaho Events:

- June 29-30; Meridian ID at Meridian United Methodist Church All three studies will be offered.
- August 3-4; Twin Falls ID at Twin Falls United Methodist Church. The Spiritual Growth and Issue studies will be offered.

Events will run from Friday evening until Saturday afternoon. The host church will provide the Friday evening meal and lunch on Saturday. Housing is not included but the local units may be able to provide some housing for Friday evening. A list of local hotels./motels will be provided.

Costs and registration information should be available in May. Check the web address above for updates.

Crater Lake District of United Methodist Women

Mission u Scholarship Application Form

- June 29-30 ~~ Mission u, Meridian United Methodist Church, Meridian, Idaho
- July 13-14 ~~ Mission u, Tigard United Methodist Church, Tigard, Oregon
- July 20-21 ~~ Mission u, Newman United Methodist Church, Grants Pass, Oregon
- August 3-4 ~~ Mission u, Twin Falls United Methodist Church, Twin Falls, Idaho

The 2018 budget of Crater Lake District includes funds for seven registration fees for FIRST time attendees.

The applicant must reside in the Crater Lake District. The application deadline is Friday, June 11, 2018. Applicants will be advised if they received a scholarship by phone or Email no later than June 18, 2018.

Send the completed Scholarship Application and the completed Mission u 2018 Registration Form (available in May) to:

Kirsten Allam, Treasurer
5235 Mallard Circle SW
Albany, OR 97321

___ Mission u, June 29-30, Meridian, ID

___ Mission u, July 13-14, Tigard, OR

___ Mission u, July 20-21, Grants Pass, OR

___ Mission u, August 3-4, Twin Falls, ID

Applicant Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Church Attending: _____





We either recite or sing the **Purpose** of United Methodist Women and enjoy doing so. It is a wonderful way to begin our meetings. I find every word in our **Purpose** to be very meaningful. These words should lead us to focus on our unit's goal for the year.

I'm looking at the words, 'concept of mission.' Every unit, and hopefully many members of each unit, need to subscribe to the United Methodist Women's magazine, *response*. With our pledges, we are part of this mission and we all are making a difference in the mission of United Methodist Women. We also need to be knowledgeable of the history of our organization. To continue to learn, we need to be involved in Mission u, and District and Conference meetings. If you are unable to attend the 2018 Assembly, please ask members of your unit who did attend to give a program on what was learned. Connie Gienger, Jeannie Boese, and Charlotte Sutton will represent the Crater Lake District Leadership Team at the 2018 Assembly. They will be happy to tell about their experience!

We need to share why this is all important, because women need to know why they are members, or prospective members, of United Methodist Women.

In an article* I read recently of the difference between Justice and Charity, one explanation is that charity addresses an immediate need, while justice gets to the root of the problem. As such, justice refers more to the concept of moral rightness. In a federal government, for example, charity is shown when a non-governmental organization puts together a soup kitchen to feed the homeless, or put up shelters for those who are in need. On the other hand, justice veers more towards a non-governmental organization, who will call and write to the elected officials, and explain for the need of laws that will lead to systemic change, so that problems like hunger and poverty will be resolved on a bigger scale.

Every person in every unit is a leader and takes responsibility for her leadership and actions. She recognizes the strength, skill and knowledge of all members. She proceeds with confidence to accomplish a goal and is quick to give sincere compliments to others. She inspires trust and respect from others and is loyal to the team. She has a sense of humor; does not take herself too seriously - as my grandmother told me about 75 years ago, "One must have faith in God and a sense of humor."

Marie Houck, President

*[http://www.differencebetween.net/language/difference-between-justice-and-chairity/](http://www.differencebetween.net/language/difference-between-justice-and-charity/)

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Belonging with a Purpose

Are you interested in belonging to the Crater Lake District, United Methodist Women, yet don't have an active unit within your church? If yes, we welcome you!

Who can join Crater Lake District United Methodist Women?

Membership is open to any woman who commits herself to the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women and engages in mission, study, personal growth or social action. You don't have to be United Methodist or meet an age requirement.

It's easy to become a member: you can talk to someone you know who is already a member, or if you don't know a member, you can call the Crater Lake District President or Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator.

Frequently asked questions are listed below to get you acquainted with the United Methodist Women.

What is United Methodist Women?

United Methodist Women is a supportive, inclusive Christian membership organization where women like you grow spiritually, develop as leaders, and through service work to create a world in which all women, children, and youth thrive.

United Methodist Women is celebrated as the women's ministry of The United Methodist Church.

What does United Methodist Women do?

Our members nurture one another in community, while supporting domestic and international projects that improve the lives of women, children, and youth. Our mission is accomplished through prayer, volunteerism, advocacy efforts, and financial gifts.

Why should I join Crater Lake District United Methodist Women?

United Methodist Women is a community of women committed to mission. As a member you can take advantage of many opportunities, including the following:

- Prayer, Bible studies and spiritual retreats.
- Hands-on mission in local communities.
- Mission education experiences.
- Leadership development and training opportunities.
- Supporting work with women, children, and youth.
- Partnership with women in mission in the district, nation, and around the world.
- Advocacy for social justice issues, including those pertaining to climate justice, environment, domestic violence, immigration, homelessness, hunger, poverty, racism, illiteracy, economic and racial justice, health care for children, and the many other concerns that impact the lives of women, children and youth.
- Your information will be listed in the District Directory, which you'll have access to.
- Receive the *Messenger* and *Pulse* articles.
- Participate in the reading program and educational opportunities annually to grow spiritually, become more deeply rooted in Christ and put faith into action.
- Pay no dues as we encourage women to pledge.
- Have fun!

This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved with United Methodist Women. To belong and with a purpose!

Cheryl Rae Drumheller
Crater Lake District
United Methodist Women
Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator

(Some excerpts taken from
www.unitedmethodistwomen.org)



Dear Ladies of Crater Lake District,

There are several ways you can receive information on the United Methodist Women's Reading Program. The following web address gets you directly to the reading program information.

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram>

Reading Program: 2018

The Reading Program encourages members to think critically about current issues through an annual selection of member-reviewed books. It offers an excellent opportunity to deepen your spirituality and to broaden your understanding of our mission work.

The Reading Program Leads to Action!

For almost 150 years, United Methodist Women have been involved in mission that includes prayer, study and action. The Reading Program is a study opportunity, but it should also lead to action. The purpose of the program is to encourage United Methodist Women members to:

- Expand understanding of and participation in God's mission.
- Increase sensitivity to all human beings—their needs, interests and concerns.
- Encourage critical thinking about issues facing humanity today.
- Grow in understanding of Scripture as it relates to Christian faith in contemporary life.
- Enhance self-knowledge and act from that knowledge.
- Strengthen involvement in local and global Christian mission.

December 2017 Response Magazine lists the Reading Program Books for 2018.

Would you like to have the 2018-19 program book and Prayer Calendar as soon as it is available? **Take advantage of the Sampler offer.**

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/members-leaders/mission-resources/annual-sampler/annualsampler2018>

Order the standard print subscription today for \$40 and save \$5.50.

If your order includes the large print Spiritual Growth study, the total price is \$42 (saving of \$3.50).

The Annual Sampler includes:

- 2018 Spiritual Growth study, *Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living*, in standard print (\$10, or now available in large print for \$13. The special price for large print Annual Sampler subscribers is \$12).
- 2018 Issue Study *What About Our Money: A Faith Response* (\$10).
- 2018-19 Program Book (\$10).
- 2019 Prayer Calendar (\$14).
- 2019 Date Book (\$1.50).

That being said, please enjoy sharing the books that you read. I am currently reading "Passing It on" How to Nurture your Children's Faith Season by Season. This book is full of creative ways for family gatherings and has encouraging words for the parents, grandparents, or leaders. The category is Children's Nurturing for Community.

As we enjoy the vibrant colors of spring, be thankful of the greatest gift we have received, Grace through Christ's death and resurrection.

Happy Easter!

Beverly Douglas,
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Response magazine is the official publication of United Methodist Women and is published by the national office. Topics and issues cover spiritual growth, mission outreach, and reports on our local, national, and international work.

response features include:

- Bible studies
- opportunities for spiritual growth and development
- program suggestions
- articles on where the Pledge to Mission money goes
- regular features such as "Bright Lights" and "Responsively Yours"

response helps United Methodist Women reach out to:

- New and potential members of United Methodist Women
- Every woman in your church who shares our commitment to mission and welfare of women, youth, and children
- High school and college students, especially the young women in your congregation
- Sunday school teachers who can share *response* mission stories with all ages

- Leaders in your congregation, including your pastor, who will appreciate knowing more about the women's role in your church's mission outreach
- Your friends and neighbors in other faith communities who share our passion for children and youth and for social justice

Each unit should have at least one subscription to *response*. The Criteria for a Healthy, Vital Unit includes several checklist items using *response* magazine and will help you round out the four areas of outreach through your unit.

Subscribe today for yourself, your unit, or as a gift. Go to:

<https://www.cambeywest.com/subscribe2/?p=RSP&f=custcare>

*Blessings,
Sharon Smith,
Crater Lake District
Coordinator for Education & Interpretation*

Be sure to read the 2018 *Spring* edition of the United Methodist Women Oregon-Idaho Conference Newsletter "Our Two Cents."

It contains interesting and informative articles.

[Click here for your copy.](#)



As we move into spring and continue to celebrate the Easter Season, I offer this beautiful poem. It's a favorite of mine, I challenge and encourage you to look around and cherish this beautiful creation God has given us.

LOVELIEST of TREES

Loveliest of trees, the cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough,
And stands about the woodland ride
Wearing white for Eastertide.

Now, of my threescore years and ten,
Twenty will not come again,
And take from seventy springs a score,
It only leaves me fifty more.

And since to look at things in bloom
Fifty springs are little room,
About the woodlands I will go
To see the cherries hung with snow

- A. E. Houseman



**Social Action
Charlotte Sutton**



One of the studies this year at Mission U concerns money. Why is such a subject being studied you might be wondering. The short answer is that everything we do requires money. The longer answer is that there are so many ways we all treat and mistreat money including wage theft from employees, misspending at home, not budgeting whether at home or in our churches, or many other problems. The course will cover Christian responses to how we use our resources wisely. Give it a try!

Charlotte

**Program Planner
Joyce Barber**

Thank you to all who made the EMEE an amazing experience for all who attended. A special thank you to Eugene First United Methodist Church and it's unit for hosting us and providing a wonderful lunch.

Please mark your calendars for the United Methodist Women Annual Meeting on September 15th at Medford United Methodist Church. It too will be a wonderful opportunity to worship, meet new friends and hear a wonderful speaker.

*Blessings,
Joyce Barber*



I still remember with fondness when I was elected to the Oregon-Idaho Conference United Methodist Women Committee on Nominations (CoN). I treasure the thought because it enabled me to have additional purpose when attending the Conference School of Christian Mission and Conference and District Annual Meetings. I and the other CoN members were keeping our eyes open for our future leaders. We also visited unit meetings and looked for the leaders who shone. We looked for those women who shared the values of United Methodist Women and who believed they represented those values. I got to meet and to know some wonderful women.

And now I and the other members of the District CoN get to look for the future leaders of our District leadership team. It's a pleasure to seek and to find them. But it's not a pleasure we

confine to ourselves. If you are aware of a leader in your own unit whom you believe would be a benefit to the District team, please alert me, the other members of the CoN, or your unit's shepherdess that we might talk with her and see if she might be one of our future District leaders. We are on the lookout for a President, Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach, and another member of the Committee on Nominations. Look within your own membership and help us to find those leaders. And while you're looking, look at yourself. You might be the one.

Babs Eggleston, Chair;
Kathi Hoffer-Riedman
Shirley Leisinger
Helen VanNice

Gift to Mission Cards

Gift to Mission cards are one of United Methodist Women's five channels of giving.

There are two ways to get Gift to Mission cards:

- (1) Units may order Gift to Mission cards from Kirsten Allam, Crater Lake District Treasurer, 5235 Mallard Circle SW, Albany, OR 97321. Gift to Mission cards are pictured in the United Methodist Women Handbook, section FORMS, Form #6. A \$5.00 donation for each Gift to Mission card is made out to "United Methodist Women" and sent to Kirsten Allam at the time of the order.
- (2) They can be purchased at district and conference events, including Mission u.



Directory Updates & Corrections

Local unit presidents and secretaries receive the directory by email or postal mail. Please send all updates and corrections to jboeseumw@charter.net.

For this information, please contact
Jeannie Boese at
jboeseumw@charter.net

Crater Lake District on the Web:

Website: <http://www.umi.org/districtumwcraterlake>

Our district has a website as a part of the Oregon-Idaho United Methodist Women's Conference website. It is a very good resource for information, such as our Standing Rules, a list of our district officers, or you can download the *Messenger* or *Pulse*.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CraterLakeDistrictUMW>

We have a district Facebook page. When you bring up our Facebook page, be sure to "Like" it (the button just below the picture of the lake). If you are already on Facebook, you can find our page by searching for "Crater Lake District United Methodist Women." There is also a link to it on our website.



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.

Calendar of Events 2018

May 18 - 20	United Methodist Women National Assembly, Columbus, Ohio
June 29-30	Mission u 2018 Idaho: Meridian First UMC
July 13-14	Mission u 2018 Oregon: Tigard UMC
July 20-21	Mission u 2018 Oregon: Newman UMC, Grants Pass
August 3-4	Mission u 2018 Idaho: Twin Falls UMC
September 15	Crater Lake District Annual Meeting @ Medford First UMC
October 19	District Leadership Training Event @ Eugene Wesley UMC
October 20	Conference Annual Meeting @ Eugene First UMC

Our publications, the *Messenger* and *Pulse*, are emailed to unit leaders and churches and are printed and mailed via USPS to unit leaders who do not have email. If you know if an elected leader in your unit is *not* receiving her emailed copy, please notify Jeannie Boese at jboeseumw@charter.net with her name and email address.

Members of your unit who are not unit leaders and have email may receive a courtesy copy. Just send their email address to Jeannie Boese (see above).

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