

United Methodist Women - Oregon-Idaho Conference

Crater Lake District Messenger

August 2018

United Methodist Women

Crater Lake District Annual Meeting

September 15, 2018 9:30 – 2:30

Medford First United Methodist Church

607 West Main St., Medford, OR 97501



Our keynote speaker will be Coyote Marie Hunter-Ripper. Coyote Marie is a traditional Practitioner and Ordained Minister drawing on her Cherokee, Choctaw, and Scottish heritage. She offers a vast array of ceremonies, including blessings, weddings, sacred unions, house/land/business clearings, and works with animals. She will be speaking about climate justice and what we can do as members of United Methodist Women to improve our environment.

(See page 2 for the registration form and directions to Medford United Methodist Church.)

Registration Form for Crater Lake District Annual Meeting

Please print names of Unit Members Attending:

_____	_____
_____	_____
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Please note any dietary needs here:

Registration fee: \$11.00 per person. Make checks payable to: Crater Lake District, UMW. Mail completed registration form and check to Kirsten Allam, Registrar
5235 Mallard Circle Albany, OR 97321



Directions to Medford First United Methodist Church

From I-5, Coming from the North

Take **exit 30** for OR 62 W toward Klamath Falls/Crater Lake/Medford

Turn **right** onto OR-62-W/Crater Lake Highway (signs for OR-238/
Medford)

Use the **left 2 lanes** to turn **left** onto OR-99 S/ Court Street

Veer **left** onto N. Central Avenue (still 99 S)

Turn **right** onto Main Street





Living God,

Where there is waste, let us bring recycling,
Where there is recycling, let us bring reuse,
Where there is reuse, let us bring sustainability,
Where there is sustainability, let us bring justice,
Where there is justice, let us bring love.

Source: Diocese of Newcastle
Anglican Youth of South Africa

From EcoAdmirer Community: Six Reasons You Should Care About Our Environment:

- 1) A clean environment is essential for healthy living.
- 2) The overall temperature of Earth's atmosphere is increasing.
- 3) Your great-great & great-great-great grandchildren will appreciate it.
- 4) Biodiversity is important
- 5) It is a reflection of your character
- 6) Earth is our home.

We are all aware of the importance of:

Reduce – Do we need all that we purchase? The philosophy of “We can afford it, so let's buy it” does not help our environment. Consuming less is the best way to reduce our trash problem. Do a 30-day spend-fast to learn where you are making unnecessary purchases.

Reuse – We women are good at this. Share how you do this by telling Jeannie Boese, Crater Lake District Communicator. Her email is: jboeseumw@charter.net.

Recycle – is really a last resort. Even when things do get recycled, in the vast majority of cases, recycling only kicks the can down the road one generation. At some point that item will still be trash that can't or won't (because it costs too much) be recycled again.

Excerpts from:

<https://www.smallfootprintfamily.com/37-ways-to-reduce-trash>: ‘If you're an average American, you produce 4.4 pounds of trash every single day. In a nation of nearly 325 million people, that amounts to more than 7,000,000 tons of garbage produced every day—enough to fill around 60,000 garbage trucks. “First world” nations like the United States have started exporting our trash to developing countries for disposal. These countries have few regulations or environmental protections, so dumping all of our trash on them has very grave consequence to the environment and the children living there.’ Please go to their website and find out the “37 ways to reduce trash.”

We women really need to do something about our trash (especially the plastic that is not being recycled). For every one of us, please make this a goal. Plan a unit program on how to reduce our waste. Send me an email if you wish more information: enmhouck@gmail.com.

*Marie Houck,
President*





Below is the report of nominations for the Crater Lake District for the coming year. We will vote on the indicated positions when we gather as a District on 15 September in Medford. You will notice that we have three positions with no nominees: President, Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth, and member of the Committee on Nominations. If you or someone you know feels called to serve in one of these positions, please contact me or one of the members of the Committee on Nominations to learn more about the position.

In order to get our elections back in sync so that the terms of all key officers don't expire at the same time, you will notice that two of these positions are to be elected for one year. Upon successful completion of the term, they may be nominated for a two year term.

Committee on Nominations
Babs Eggleston, Chair

Committee Members:
Shirley Leisinger
Helen Van Nice
Kathi Hoffer-Riedman

**Crater Lake District
 Committee on Nominations Report
 August 2018**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Continuing In Office</u>	<u>To Be Re-Elected</u>
President	None (Nominee to be elected for a one year term)		
Program Planner		Joyce Barber	
Secretary		Connie Gienger	
Treasurer		Kirsten Allam	
Mission Coordinators:			
Education & Interpretation			Sharon Smith
Membership Nurture and Outreach .			Cheryl Drumheller
Social Action			Charlotte Sutton
Spiritual Growth.....	None (Nominee to be elected for a one year term)		
Committee on Nominations:			
Chair	Marie Houck (Two year term)		
Member	Shirley Leisinger (Class of 2019)		
Member	Helen Van Nice (Class of 2019)		
Member	Kathi Hoffer-Riedman (Class of 2020)		
Member	None (Class of 2022) (Four year term)		



As I was pondering what to contribute to this edition of *The Messenger*, I went back to the basics of the job description of the Coordinator for Education and Interpretation as part of United Methodist Women. It says that the coordinator shall: "...develop and promote strategies for engaging in and growing Mission Giving at all levels of United Methodist Women." This is what we are all about...being in mission!

The Vision of United Methodist Women for 2010-2020 sharpens our focus on the PURPOSE and on mission, especially when we "develop a creative, supportive fellowship" with God and with our sisters...this fellowship is what leads us into mission and helps us experience Christ more fully.

We, as United Methodist Women, are charged with turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world. We do this by Living the Vision which states: [that we shall]

- Provide opportunities and resources to grow spiritually and become more deeply rooted in Christ;
- Be organized for growth, with flexible structures leading to effective witness and action;
- Equip women and girls around the world to be leaders in their communities;
- To work for justice through compassionate service and advocacy; and

- Provide educational experiences that lead to personal change in order to transform the world.

United Methodist Women Mission Giving and special offerings make mission happen! Mission Giving is United Methodist Women members' second- and third-mile gifts beyond their tithes and offerings in their local churches. The maps in the February 2018 issue of response magazine show projects supported by United Methodist Women from 2016 to 2018. During that period, more than \$10 million annually was allocated for U.S. and international mission.

Please take a moment to view these maps by clicking on the link provided in this article. I was personally amazed and humbled to see the work being done in mission around the world.

[Download the map section of response, February 2018](#)

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



Costa Rica is Working to Ban Single-Use Plastics by 2021.

Watch the following two videos to see how Costa Rica is working to ban single-use plastics:

<https://www.facebook.com/namelessnetworksavetheworld/videos/404454763381289/>

or

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HK0mhjSnsbA>

(these are the same video using different media)

and

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CjP_miFxK48



One of the Study Books at Mission U this summer was “**Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living**” by Jessica Stonecypher. I’d like to share thoughts from this book with you.

Jessica Stonecypher introduces us to the idea that soil is the place to both begin and end when we reflect upon God’s creation. She encourages us toward wholeness by focusing on practicing spiritual disciplines and staying linked with and/or reconnecting to the places and people in our lives. Through these actions we are able to become the people of God we long to be.

By remembering who we are as part of the sacred creation, we will feel loved and become whole. By becoming part of a sacred community, we will find our worth as well as our responsibilities as children of God. Furthermore, by claiming that we are sacred beings, we will learn to step away from the “fast track” of food, fashion, and casual friendships and **renew ourselves through focus, faith, and fellowship**. The choice to live in a sacred context brings us to the true meaning of our existence—to create and live in a covenant community that joins us with our creator to **make right the world in which we live**.

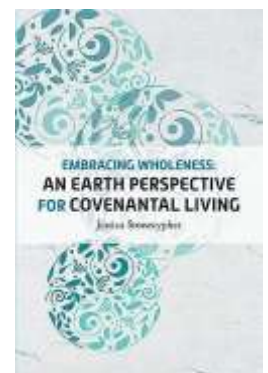
- 1) **The Sacred Creation** “As we partner with God in the task of bringing about wholeness for all life, we first must understand what it means to be in a mutual and covenantal relationship with the entire creation. . . . ‘what it means to live in harmony with God, with other people, and with the whole creation.’ It is critical as we seek to **know God and embody God’s love in the world**.” Explore our covenantal relationship with all of creation by identifying issues facing our planet today and sharing ways to make a difference in response to God’s call.
- 2) **The Sacred Community** “Finding meaning in our lives looks different for each of us because we have lived and experienced life in different places and in diverse ways”. Identify and consider the soil from which we

have come and share how we have used our foundation, our lifeblood, to **create a sacred community for ourselves, our family, and our friends**. NOTE: There is a possibility that we have given birth to and support more than one sacred community.

- 3) **The Sacred Self** “We were created as ‘divine’ beings, children of a God who cares so much as to give us responsibilities and a place in the work of co-creating the world. We do not have to be people of great societal significance to be noticed and utilized by our creator. We simply need to look to God for leadership in our lives as we seek to honor our sacred worth.” Explore the biblical command to love ourselves and **reflect on our sacred natures by looking at ourselves through different lenses, especially the lens of our creator, God**.
- 4) **Covenantal Living & 5) Making it Work** “The heritage offered to us as people of faith through the stories and people of scripture is one way that God helps us discern our role in God’s redeeming work in the world.” Scriptures support our faith and connect us with the heritage we have from the covenant communities with which we are currently linked, with the emphasis on using these experiences to **build and strengthen communities wherever we go**.

May we know God and embody His love in the world, create a sacred community, look at ourselves through the lens of our creator, God; and build and strengthen our communities.

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Resource Room Manager
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Membership Nurture & Outreach
Cheryl Drumheller



Secretary
Connie Gienger

**Nurture our Friendships,
Nurture our Land**

I ‘Googled’ the word *nurture* on the internet. One definition stated, “care for and encourage the growth of.” Synonyms: bring up, care for, provide for, take care of, attend to, or look after.

I believe God has provided us wonderful friendships and entrusted us with our beautiful land, for a purpose. They were given generously to us not only to enjoy, but to nurture.

By nurturing friendships we connect more with others and feel valued or worthwhile. To me it’s important to nurture our church body and our friends outside of church. The one-on-one contact adds the personal touch. However, communication technology has advanced rapidly these past ten years and keeping in touch has gotten easier and faster through electronic greeting cards, phone calls, texting, Facebook, and other types of social media.

We are God’s stewards of the land he’s given us and are to protect it from harm or abuse. However, stockpiles of plastic items, food containers and Styrofoam have inundated our landfills. There have been many suggestions on how to decrease these items in the landfills.

My decision to nurture our land, is to donate the plastic amber medicine bottles with caps to the local Veterinarian for reuse and to the [Oregon Bee Project](#) for collecting bugs.

With a deliberate effort and much prayer, we can Nurture our Friendships and Nurture our Land.

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



During the spring and summer months we often have visitors attending our church services. During the month of June a young woman attended a Wednesday evening “World Refugee Days” event at our church. She was so encouraged by the involvement of the United Methodist Church that she attended our worship service the following Sunday.

For people who are unfamiliar with United Methodist Women it is important to write the name out in all communications. When *speaking* about United Methodist Women, the same is true. We never know when a future member might be in attendance.

Blessings,
Connie Gienger
clgienger@gmail.com
541-747-9234

**Proposed Changes to Crater Lake
District Standing Rules**

At our Annual Meeting on September 15, we will be voting on several changes to our District Standing Rules as recommended by our Leadership Team. A copy of the current Standing Rules with the proposed changes will be on our website in a few days at <https://www.umi.org/districtumwcraterlake>. If you would like a printed copy mailed to you, please contact Jeannie Boese at 541-273-9579 or jboeseumw@charter.net.



I would like to share this story from my childhood that is a good reminder of how we might as individuals and as a community might live today. In the late 1940s I lived with my family on a farm near Glasgow, Montana. We attended the little Methodist Church in town where my mother was a member of what was then called WSCS (Women's Society of Christian Service).

A special treat during this time was attending Community Concerts when visiting groups came to perform. A group was due that was called; forgive me for the language, A Negro Choir. They arrived in a bus and found they were not welcome to stay at the one hotel in town. The church women of the community gathered together and said, "Well, just come on home with us, then."

My sister and I were relegated to the sofa in the living room and gave our beds to our two guests. I

don't remember conversations but I do remember the hugs we got as the bus left town. I will always remember my mother's indignation at this mistreatment.

This surely speaks to the idea of Radical Hospitality. May it be so.

Loving God,
 May our hands touch the world with your compassion,
 May our lips speak to the world with your grace,
 May our eyes see the world with your hope,
 May our mind know the world with your truth,
 May our hearts shape the world with your peace.
 Amen

Helen VanNice

150 Legacy Fund

The purpose of United Methodist Women Legacy Fund is to:

- Assure the continuation of ministries with women, children and youth, worldwide, into the next 150 years.
- Enable United Methodist Women to respond more adequately to new and emerging needs.
- Minimize the risk of severe budget fluctuation in years of recession, regional financial crisis, or change in giving by the membership.

There are three wonderful reasons to contribute to the 150 Legacy Fund, among them:

1. Honor the members of your membership who have died, either during the year, or past years. Include this contribution in your unit's memorial service each year.
2. Give recognition to your unit; celebrate all your unit has done in fulfilling the **Purpose** of United Methodist Women.
3. Individual giving, an expression of believing United Methodist Women will continue in making a difference in the lives of many throughout the world. Also a wonderful way to express your gratitude for the blessings you received from the special people in your life.

To contribute: [Click on this link](#) and the web page will come up to contribute to this fund. Or, send an email to enmhouch@gmail.com or mail to Marie at 4010 Dry Creek Road, Medford, OR 97504 and request 150 Legacy Fund envelopes. [Click on this link for more information.](#)





You know, you learn lots of things at Mission u. In July at Grants Pass, I learned about the LIVING WAGE FOR ALL campaign being conducted by United Methodist Women. This campaign which will continue for quite a while is aimed in several different directions at the same time. We seeks to engage members as allies in passing state legislation that lays the base for a living wage for everyone.

There are several ways that wages are inadequate including:

- Wage Theft: employers do not pay overtime, alter time slips, etc.
- Scheduling: not giving enough hours for a full week or crazy time schedules
- Tipped Workers: paying a low wage and expecting tips to make the difference*
- Domestic Workers: do not fall under most labor regulations
- Farm Workers: denied the right to unionize often and little enforcement of existing law
- Employers: by not paying overtime, sick pay, family leave, holiday pay, or other benefits they rob the pocket of their employees.

Now that you are aware of the LIVING WAGE FOR ALL campaign, what can you do? A great first step is to go to the UMW website for more information:

unitedmethodistwomen.org/

As a part of this campaign, UMW has focused on the tomato farmers and workers who grow most of the tomatoes used by big corporations in fast food restaurants. One user of these tomatoes has not agreed to sign on with the vast majority to only buy from Florida farmers who are part of the Fair Farms initiative. This vendor is Wendy's. UMW urges members to avoid (boycott) Wendy's and let them know why. There is a card writing



campaign going right now which you can participate in by signing the postcard asking the officials of Wendy's to become signatories on the Fair Farms pact. You may obtain postcards for your unit from district officers, or call me (Charlotte Sutton at 541-344-4085) and I will get them to you. You may either bring them to our Annual Meeting on September 15 or mail them to me at 1591 Gilham Road, Eugene, OR 97401-7202, as they are being collected nationally and are to be taken to company headquarters to be presented to the president of Wendy's en masse!

This is only a small part of the campaign for a living wage, but it is something you can personally do that may make a difference. Get involved!

*Charlotte Sutton,
Social Action*

** Editors Note: Oregon is one of five states that does NOT have a tipped minimum wage, our minimum wage is the same for tipped workers as it is for everyone else.*

Treasurer



Kirsten Allam

On page 11 of this *Messenger* is the Crater Lake District 2019 Proposed Annual Budget. Please review it carefully and bring any questions you may have concerning the budget to the district annual meeting September 15th in Medford. If you are unable to attend, please email your questions to me no later than Tuesday, September 11th so your concerns can be brought up for discussion at the meeting.

The Crater Lake District Pledge to Mission for 2018 was approved for \$45,000 at our district annual meeting in September 2017. In 2017 Crater Lake District's total *Pledge to Mission* was \$38,502.00, so we did not meet our 2017 pledge to Mission of \$50,000. As of the end of the 2nd quarter 2018, the *Pledge to Mission* we have received to date is \$21,355.00. At the District annual meeting I will have the *Pledge to Mission*

figures through the end of the 3rd quarter 2018. I recommend we reduce our *Pledge to Mission* for 2019 to \$40,000 as shown in the proposed 2019 Annual Budget.

Treasurers - below is the 2019 Unit Pledge form. This needs to be turned in to the district treasurer at the annual meeting September 15th. If no one from your unit is attending the annual meeting there are alternative methods below for getting your 2019 unit pledge to me.

Please note, when sending checks to the Crater Lake District make them payable to *United Methodist Women*.

Blessings,
Kirsten Allam



**CRATER LAKE DISTRICT OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
UNIT PLEDGE FOR THE YEAR 2019**

Unit: _____ Amount: _____

Officer Name: _____ Title: _____

The completed form may be presented at the District Annual Meeting in Medford on September 15, 2018
or
emailed to: Kirsten Allam, CLD Treasurer at k.allam@comcast.net
or
mailed to: Kirsten Allam, CLD Treasurer
5235 Mallard Circle SW
Albany, OR 97321



Proposed 2019 Budget

CRATER LAKE DISTRICT

2019 Proposed Budget

Leadership Operating Expense:

		2019
Planning Meetings	\$	100.00
Postage	\$	100.00
Printing (Directory & Newsletter)	\$	100.00
Office Supplies	\$	100.00
Sampler Mailings —Program resource	\$	100.00
Audit	\$	250.00
Leadership Recognition	\$	200.00
President to Annual Conference	\$	450.00
Gift to Mission Cards	\$	50.00

TOTAL		\$ 1,450.00
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Membership Development:

Legislative Event	\$	350.00
Mission u	\$	2,000.00
Mission u Scholarships	\$	500.00
Local Unit Visits —District Unit Shepherding	\$	300.00

TOTAL		\$ 3,150.00
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Enrichment Events:

Leadership Training (EMEE)	\$	950.00
Young Women's Event	\$	200.00
UMW Conference Annual Meeting	\$	350.00
District Annual Meeting	\$	900.00
Book Sale Expense	\$	100.00
Contingency Fund	\$	50.00
Dependent Care	\$	50.00

TOTAL		\$ 2,600.00
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TOTAL DISTRICT BUDGET		\$ 7,200.00
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Quadrennial Event Fund	\$	600.00
	\$	7,800.00

2019 Pledge to Conference:		\$ 40,000.00
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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.

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

In it are interesting and informative articles about:

Maternal and Child Health, a hands-on project in Sage District, revisions of the church's Social Principles, and an inspirational message from Conference President Becky Warren.

[Click here for your copy](#)

And to learn more about what happened at Assembly,

[click here for a special Assembly Edition](#)

Calendar of Events

2018

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| 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 |

