



United Methodist Women's News for February 2019

Fellowship Gathering Agenda - February 14, 2019

Lunch - Bring a sandwich to share

Salad - Lee Beach

Dessert - Dorothy Herndon

Meditation - Helen Glidden

Response Moment – Lavon Ostrick

Prayer Concerns

Prayer Calendar – Lavon Ostrick

Prayer for Those Named

Program:

“A Valentine Party”

Presented by Lavon Ostrick

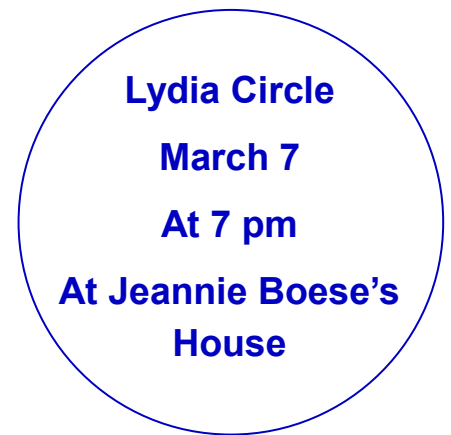
The Purpose

Business:

- Call to Order - Jeannie Boese
- Minutes of January Meeting (see separate sheet)
- Treasurer's Report (see separate sheet)
- Sign Up for March Fellowship Gathering - Birthday Party
- 150th Legacy Fund (see back) & Trivia Game
- Program Book
- Reading Program - look over new book catalog
- Other items

Dates to Remember:

- Business Meeting - March 7
- Fellowship Gathering - March 14



This month's suggested donation:
Underwear



UMW Purpose:

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.



THE LEGACY FUND ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

Honoring Our Foremothers' Legacy

On March 23, 1869, in Boston, Massachusetts, Clementina Butler and Lois Parker informed six women members of the Methodist Episcopal Church about the desperate healthcare and educational needs of women in India. Their Call to Action raised funds to send Isabella Thoburn, a teacher, and Clara Swain, a doctor, to India. The meeting in March led to the formation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the first of many Methodist women's mission organizations, to address the injustices imposed on women and girls in the 19th century. United Methodist Women is their successor, and we celebrate 150 years of changing the lives of women, children and youth.

Together, We Make an Impact

From the beginning, United Methodist Women members have led the way in countless endeavors, from founding schools, hospitals and clinics in the early 19th century to interrupting the school-to-prison pipeline and working for maternal and child health today. Our membership is comprised of women from all backgrounds and experiences, compelled by their Christian faith to serve in places they never imagined. They are unified in the pursuit of women's progress and their development as leaders in their churches, work settings and communities. Organized for mission, United Methodist Women operate from a biblically based understanding that equips laywomen to grow in their faith through prayer, study, fellowship and action, and to work for social justice to promote a more equitable, safe and healthy world for women, children and youth. This is what distinguishes United Methodist Women from other organizations, and attests to its longevity and relevance, today and especially in the years to come.

Building a Legacy

United Methodist Women members' commitment and faithful service has led our foremothers' vision forward for 150 years. Yet the needs, difficulties and unjust practices faced by women, children and youth continue. These factors underscore the urgency of our work and the importance of a stable and consistent source of revenue that enables United Methodist Women to respond to emerging needs and support the work of future generations of women in the United States and around the world. In 2014, the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign was launched to raise \$60 million to secure United Methodist Women for service in the next 150 years and beyond.