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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Hello, ladies! As I write this it is technically still winter, but I feel that we have gotten away with a very mild winter for the first half! I am looking forward to spring and the ability to see as many as possible in person at some of your Spring Meetings. (Please send me your dates and locations.)



We are facing ... and enduring ... challenging times. We are losing members when their own church has disaffiliated, and the search for officers among those who are staying is difficult to say the least. I have spoken by phone to some who are struggling with the challenges and my theme has become .. **“Be Flexible!”**

Try to remember that it doesn’t matter what church you attend... be it a UMC or other Methodist, Presbyterian, Nondenominational, or any denomination... if a woman wants to be active in mission to women, children and youth, as a follower of Jesus Christ, she can be a part of United Women in Faith! There are many ways to belong to a group of women in Christian love and work.

Our pledge says that our PURPOSE is to know God - first and foremost. We offer training, education, support, skills, food, clothing, housing, and so much more to those in need around the world. We also offer an understanding ear and counseling to those in crisis. Our reach goes far beyond our local areas to so many!

As United Women in Faith we will continue to think of Christ as our brother who is with us through all difficulties and a support for how to help the women, children and youth in so many ways. I urge you to think of Jesus as being with you as you go through your day. Stop and ask him, “How can I react to this situation as God would have me do it?” I believe if we are patient and wait silently for an answer ... we will get one.

When you ask for guidance ... remember ... your answer may be different than you expect. God’s way is not necessarily your way. Nothing can ever be exactly as “it used to be” .. but it could be better! Nothing is impossible with God.

As I said at the beginning ... these are challenging times ... however, this is not the first time in history that the faithful have faced challenges. God is always faithful ... if we are faithful too! Pray about your issues - whatever they are... and be open to the possibilities!



Judy Kidder, President EOC UWF

# 2023 EOC UWF Calendar

January 30 - EOC UWF Mission Team Zoom meeting 6:00 PM

February 25 (4th Saturday) -10:00 AM Finance Team (Includes District Treasurers)

March 11 (2nd Saturday) -10:00 AM Executive Team (Includes District Presidents)

With Mission u Meeting

Breakout for Conference Committee on Nominations

Breakout out for Mission u team

Breakout for Planning for Women's Sunday (Includes all District Vice Presidents and District Spiritual Growth Coordinators)

April 9, 2023- Easter Sunday

April 16, 2023 - First Sunday after Easter (Recommended Women's Sunday)

May

June 8-10, 2023 Annual Conference

July Mission u

August 19, 2023- (3rd Saturday) - 10:00 AM Executive Team (Includes District Presidents)

Conference Nominations Committee

Representative West Side Community House

October 28, 2023 (4th Weekend) -Annual Celebration

December - possible Christmas gathering



## District Spring Meeting Dates



Districts	Date	Church	Meeting Start
<b>Canal</b>			
<b>Firelands</b>	March 18, 2023	Tiffin First UMC	12:30 PM
<b>Mahoning Valley</b>	April 25, 2023	East Liverpool UMC	9:00 AM
<b>Mid-Ohio</b>	April 29, 2023	Delaware Asbury UMC	9:15 AM registration
<b>North Coast</b>	March 18, 2023	Fields United Methodist Church in North Ridgeville.	
<b>Ohio Valley</b>	None planned		
<b>Southern Hills</b>	April 13, 2023	TBA	5:30 PM
<b>Three Rivers</b>			
<b>Tuscarawas</b>	April 29, 2023	Otterbein UMC New Phil-	9:30 AM registration
<b>Western Reserve</b>	None planned		

## Greetings From Your MNO Coordinator

Hello members of UWF. I have just found out that the survey for 2022 will be open in March and will be available for units to complete until August.

It is important for each unit to complete the survey. the survey can be located on the main page of the Unites Women in Faith website. At the present time it says 2021 survey but will change in March. Make sure you are completing the 2022 survey.

Also the membership portal is expected to be updated in April. Once undated most resources will be located in that resources location rather than the main page of the website. I encourage each person to register on the membership portal to be able to access the resources and to receive updated information via email.

If you have any questions on the survey or the membership portal please feel free to contact me.

I know that our membership seems to be decreasing. we need to remember that when numbers are small it is best to join together to encourage support and fellowship each other. With units becoming inactive and churches disaffiliating it is important to reach out to those persons who may still need the support of United Women in Faith.

Blessing

Margaret Harvey EOC UWF Membership, Nurture, & Outreach

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## “GREETINGS FROM YOUR TREASURER

I would like to say Happy New Year to all the ladies of East Ohio Conference. I am pleased to see that the ladies of East Ohio Conference are finding ways to meet and support women, children, and youth in various ways.

Our conference ended the year with falling short of our pledge to the National UWF again in 2022. The positive news is we did send \$122,997.14 to the National UWF, which was \$6,545.86 short of what we pledged. We also paid all our other expenses this year in full.

I would like to thank all the District Treasurers for all their hard work during this year. It is an important part of the district team and I really appreciate all your time and effort you put into this office. The District Treasurers will have Zoom meeting on February 25. We are currently looking for District treasurers for Ohio Valley and Western Reserve Districts. If you know anyone who could fill these positions let me know.

This is also my last year as Conference Treasurer. I have enjoyed working with all the and truly appreciate your support.

Blessings,

Kelly Korb, EOC UWF Treasurer



Treas-  
units

# Mission u 2023



**LIVING THE GOOD NEWS**

## Reflecting God's Love

Join us at Mission u as we explore the good news and what it means for our lives!  
Friday, July 21 at 5:00 pm through Saturday, July 22 at 5:00 pm at Mt. Union University.

*Living the Kin-dom: Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation* by Riva Tabelisma. Rev. Robin Dillon will return as a study leader and is joined by Rev Dr. Lisa Withrow who most recently was the *Finding Peace* study leader in 2021.

Jesus' teachings in the Gospels proclaim the good news of the kin-dom or reign (basileia) of God. In fact, Jesus mentions the kin-dom 90 times in the Synoptic Gospels! What does the Bible tell us about God's basileia and why do we call it the kin-dom? For Jesus, the kin-dom was not simply something to talk about but something we could live and experience. From the Lord's Prayer to the beatitudes to the parables, this good news is at the heart of Jesus' preaching, teaching and ministry.

Come! Let's explore together the heart of Jesus' good news and what fresh vision it offers us as we seek to be in mission today. Attendees do not need to be from your church or even United Methodist.

Remember that the Youth and Children's studies are independent, meaty and fun events—not just tag-alongs for your children and grandchildren. Our study leaders are highly qualified and ready to give students a rich experience. They will join the adults for meals and worship and are ready for a multi-generational weekend. Students do need to come with a responsible adult registered for the adult study.

The Youth curriculum is *Seek and You Shall Find: Living in the Kin-dom* by Rachel Mosher. Mikaela Ashburn and Olivia Dixon will return as study leaders.

The Children's curriculum is *We Are the Kin-dom* by Kathleen Stone. Mary Beth Manns and Beth Canfield return as study leaders.

All the study books are now available on the website: <https://www.umwmissionresources.org/>. Cost and registration information will be available very soon. But save the date and please recruit women and girls to attend. The more the merrier.

Does lugging all your bedding and sleeping on a dorm mattress seem daunting? Perhaps you would rather stay in a nearby hotel. Some double-queen rooms are on hold at the Holiday Inn Express in Alliance. You could share with a friend and keep the cost down. And there are other nearby hotels as well. You would register as a Commuter that would include your study registration and meals at the Student Center. More about that in the registration information coming later.

NOW is the time to be saving and recruiting!

Perhaps your Unit could pay partial registration for someone new.

Stay tuned for more information. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please contact Elizabeth Feldman, Dean, Mission u 2023.

# Being in Mission

Welcome to a new year with so many opportunities to be in mission through United Women in Faith. The pledge is the largest source of money for United Women in Faith. Your personal giving to your Unit's pledge makes an impact when joined with others. Other ways of giving are: World Thank offering, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission-cards for special occasions- and Gift in Memory. All of these moneys go to general mission which support administrative costs, program development, support for district and conference events and our national and international missions of UWF.

The *response* magazine features each issue programs and places that impact lives by our general mission giving. One program is "GEM- Girls Embracing Mothers"- a Dallas based non-profit that offers a special visitation program at Hilltop for Inmates and their daughters. To qualify the inmate must have six months with no infractions. This gave hope to one inmate who longed to see her daughter. She was accepted in the program and was able to develop a close relationship with her daughter. GEM also helps train and prepare incarcerated mothers for re-entry after they are released. UWF made a \$250,000 grant to GEM. The program's recidivism rate is less than 5% compared to the national average of 40%.

The Daily Prayer Guide offers spiritual development and mission education for UWF. Every day a scripture reading is given based on the Lectionary and a prayer focus on a mission institution, a program or missionary. The Daily Prayer Guide should be used at every UMF gathering.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me, Emma Dixon phone 740-369-3521, e mail [deladoc@yahoo.com](mailto:deladoc@yahoo.com), postal mail 47 Coventry Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015

Emma Dixon EOC UMW Education and Interpretation

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'I've Got This'

Dear Sisters,

Author Sarah Young shares with us from her daily devotional book, *Jesus Calling - Enjoying Peace in His Presence*, that we remember God is with us at all times. We have stress-free life awaiting us, with no fear or worry in heaven. When we feel anxiety, we are to bring our concerns to God.

We bring our prayer requests, our concerns, and pour our hearts out to God. When we go over those concerns again, we say, "Yes, but...", and we worry over them. When our requests come to mind again, we must remember to thank God for the answers on the way, and how God chooses to answer our prayers.

When God says, "I've got this...", we thank Him for answering our prayers, for His good, in His time.

Colossians 4:2 tells us: "Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving." (NASB)

Blessings, Peace, Prayers and Hugs,

Rita Kyser,

EOC UWF, Spiritual Growth Coordinator

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