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Dear Friends,

Fall is definitely here! And I am enjoying the cooler weather, and watching the leaves turn to a grand variety of beautiful colors. This morning we joined many churches in celebrating All Saints Day, remembering those “in the company of heaven” with whom we always worship and share the Lord’s Supper. It was a good morning!

Autumn is a season of change, a season of transition, a season of renewal. District Gatherings and our Annual Celebration were wonderful events to renew friendships and be encourage for for the seasons ahead. Autumn is an exciting time – but in the midst of all of our activities, it’s important to stay focused on God and make the most of every precious moment. Autumn is the season to set Godly priorities. “Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” – Psalm 90:12. Take time to listen for the still, quiet voice of God to see where He is leading.

Blessing to all of you,
Elizabeth

Suggestions always welcome!

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Please forward, print/copy this newsletter and share it!

This is your chance to spread the good news
of United Women in Faith!

Greetings from your Assembly Director, Sarah. I have heard that there are some concerns related to the potential quality of our Soul Care Retreat experience, related to what was offered at the last North Central Jurisdiction Event. I was present at the North Central Jurisdiction event in 2024. I can assure you that what the Assembly Soul Care Team is offering is a high quality, deeply enriching experience that matches with the quality of all the other Assembly offerings.

Our Soul Care leaders, Jennifer McCallum, working with our Church Center for the UN Chaplain, Rev. Dionne Boissiere, and our Executive for Spiritual Growth, Nora Cunningham, have created a dynamic, deeply moving day that includes;

Inspiring preachers
Yoga experience
And more...

Native American Storyteller
Enriching workshop - aromatherapy

Moving music
Sisterhood circles

Soul Care Retreat is currently free for women new to Assembly. But that is for a very limited time as those slots are now filling up. (\$50 after slots are filled) For returning attendees, the cost is \$99.

Please see the attached flyer, and please register soon for our amazing "Dream it! Believe it! Do it!" conference taking place in the heart of the NCJ from May 15 - 17, 2026.

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ASSEMBLY 2026

May 15-17, 2026
Indianapolis, Indiana

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**Dream it!
Believe it!
Do it!**

WHY YOU SHOULD REGISTER

There has never been a more important time for women of faith to come together, tap into our strength, and unite to change the world. Assembly 2026 is that moment—a once-every-four-years gathering of women committed to faith, empowerment, and making a difference. Picture a weekend that uplifts your soul, strengthens your faith, and brings you together with an unstoppable sisterhood.

At United Women in Faith's 2026 Assembly, you can **DREAM IT! BELIEVE IT! DO IT!**

East and West Ohio UWF are collaborating on a chartered bus going to Assembly.
Cost is \$100.

More details and sign-up form is attached.

PRICE

Assembly is a great value at the early registration fee of \$365.

Few other faith-based conferences offer the following for such a low fee:

Inspiring Speakers: Hear from women leaders who will spark your passion and energize your purpose.

Powerful Worship: Experience deep reflection, renewal, and connection in faith.

Workshops: Gain tools to create meaningful change in your life and your community.

Sisterhood: Connect with women from around the world who share your commitment to justice and Soul Care.

SAVE FOR ASSEMBLY

Start now! Calculate the costs as broken out below for your location and divide by 15 for a monthly savings amount. Now it doesn't seem so daunting. The unforgettable experience of Assembly will make it worth every dollar.

Early Registration fee of \$365 runs from Sept. 1 through Nov. 30, 2025.

Hotels range from \$164 to \$199 per night for up to four people (double/double room)

Travel expenses

Meal expenses

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Social Action ~ Doing Justice!

“DOING JUSTICE” is the heart of social action...And “Social Action” is the heart of the ministry that emerged as Methodism when John and his brother Samuel Wesley followed their mother, Susanna’s, holiness of seeing needs, and then serving those needs of others. The first step of “Social action” is observing, hearing and thus learning about a need to be filled, to assist, support, or serve someone else...Social Action can be an entire movement, across borders, such as inspired the unity of women in 19thC American colonies and emerging states to learn, then commit, to DOING JUSTICE for women and children they never met, a world away. In actions large AND small, women of faith have seen human needs, and acted to address, to fill, to serve needs they heard about, learned about, or directly observed.

Some of you have reached out to welcome and support needs of Ukrainian families who arrived in Ohio, fleeing the devastating conflict in their homeland. Others sew “Capes of Courage” for children facing disease, illness, or surgeries. Some volunteer in food pantries, make church meals, apple dumplings, pumpkin rolls, provide campus “coffee carts” with cookies, such as on the campus of Mount Union. Others serve on church council or other church and community committees, sing in choirs, play piano or organ...Still others participate in prayer chains, hospice care, transporting neighbors, and so MANY, MANY, MANY other needs...SO, HOW ARE YOU “Doing JUSTICE”? How have YOU PARTICIPATED IN “DOING JUSTICE” this year!! ***Please take a moment to reflect on the ways, large OR small, in which you SERVED someone else’s need, in action, prayer, financial support, or otherwise?***

On the world scale, weapons of war have threatened not only peace, but the very survival of entire communities, and cultures. Recently, Phyllis Bennis of the Brennan Justice Center described the reality of the extensive challenges facing surviving families in Palestine, as 50 million tons of rubble and sewage—under which the bones of children are buried—must be removed...She reported that surviving Palestinians have NOT been included in or consulted about the alleged peace process that is said to be taking place. She also reported that 15% of the land in the West Bank, where Palestinian families and their communities had lived for centuries had been stolen by Israel, leaving even less land for the survivors to return to, to rebuild their fractured lives. Moreover, the plans for rebuilding Gaza for the returning survivors are unclear, but President Trump has stated he will decide. No attempt is being made to include the surviving Palestinian people in the plans for THEIR return. Recently, Netanyahu released app. 2000 Palestinians who had been held in Israeli jails, as part of the “peace plan.” Most of had heard of the Israelis detained by Hamas in this war, but who knew thousands of Palestinians had been imprisoned, or for how long they have been held. Being released, there is NO PLACE for them to go, because of the leveling of their communities—homes, hospitals, schools, markets.

In such a time as this, it is of particular relevance to the work and commitment of those who call ourselves “Methodist” to refresh our understanding of, and our commitment to, ***SOCIAL ACTION***, and the historic, most recently “refreshed” “Social Principles of the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH...”

If you are not familiar with The SOCIAL PRINCIPLES, please explore conducting a local church or district study to discuss the four key areas, and how THESE principles both inform and inspire our UWF enduring commitment to SOCIAL ACTIONS, To serve others’ needs, and to follow Jesus’ lead...

Carol Nelson Burns

For a copy of *Social Principles of the UMC*, go to <https://www.umcjustice.org>

WAYS TO GIVE

Keep this information handy for when your District, Unit or an individual is ready to donate.

Online at: uwfaith.org/dayofgiving

By phone: 800-278-7771 (8 am–5 pm EST, M–F)

Text: “FUTURE” to 20503

By check to: United Women in Faith, Attn: Legacy

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