Celebrate National Women’s History Month in March!

DID YOU KNOW...
The first women’s rights convention in America (July 19-20, 1848) was held at the Wesley Chapel in Seneca Falls, New York?

Every year, March is designated Women’s History Month by Presidential proclamation. The month is set aside to honor women’s contributions in American history. The theme for 2021 National Women’s History Month captures the spirit of these challenging times. Since most 2020 women’s suffrage centennial celebrations were curtailed, the National Women’s History Alliance is extending the annual theme for 2021 to “Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to Be Silenced.” The East Ohio Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW) is encouraging everyone to recognize women’s history month and Rev. Lenore Robinson has put together some great resources on the reverse of this page.

RESOURCES ON BACK!
WAYS TO CELEBRATE WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH IN MARCH!

1. Designate a Sunday in March to celebrate Women’s history and be intentional about using gender neutral language for God. Choosing the “Valiant Women of the Vote” as a theme:
   - Ask people wear white, the color of the suffragists
   - Focus on a famous woman such as Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Ida B. Wells, Alice Paul
   - Read the Declaration of Sentiments, signed at the convention, in various voices [https://www.nps.gov/wori/learn/historyculture/declaration-of-sentiments.htm](https://www.nps.gov/wori/learn/historyculture/declaration-of-sentiments.htm). This includes 68 women and 32 men.

2. Book Study suggestions:
   - *Enduring Grace: Living Portraits of Seven Women Mystics* by Carol Lee Flinders

3. Visit GENERAL COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN (GCSRW) online for specific resources on Methodist women, worship resources, Biblical Commentaries and Introduction to Non Sexist Language. *https://gcsrw.org/Resources/WorshipResources/LentWomensHistoryMonth.aspx* Read the article “Methodists and the Struggle for Women’s Suffrage” by Rev. Dr. Susan Lyn Moudry - [https://gcsrw.wordpress.com/category/womens-history-month/](https://gcsrw.wordpress.com/category/womens-history-month/)

4. Other online resources
   - [https://womenshistorymonth.gov/](https://womenshistorymonth.gov/)
   - [https://www.womenshistory.org/womens-history/womens-history-month](https://www.womenshistory.org/womens-history/womens-history-month)
   - Seneca Falls Convention
   - [https://www.history.com/topics/womens-rights/seneca-falls-convention](https://www.history.com/topics/womens-rights/seneca-falls-convention)
   - Women Rights National Historic Park in Seneca Falls New York
   - [https://www.nps.gov/wori/index.htm](https://www.nps.gov/wori/index.htm)

Feel free to contact me for help in designing worship or for additional resources, the above is just a sample of ways to celebrate!

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