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# Williamsport District Newsletter

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## *Message from our co-presidents*

Greetings,

Winter is here. We hope you have been escaping the flu bug and are staying warm. It's that time of year again to do the Membership Census Report. Instructions can be found in this issue.

Spiritual Enrichment Days are scheduled throughout the district (see dates and times in this issue). Please plan to attend one of these days and fellowship with other United Methodist Women in the district.

Mark your calendars for the District Annual day on September 28th in Wellsboro. We hope to see many of you at upcoming events. If you have any questions or concerns please contact one of us.

Sincerely,

*Polly Walker & Kay Rhinehart CoPresidents*

## *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.

# Letter from our Treasurer

Greetings to each unit of the Williamsport District UMW:

I have just finished my reports to the conference for 2018 and thus I am breathing a sigh of relief. Today was a mixture of snow, wind ice and bitter cold. I decided that it would be a good day to do the reports that I have been putting off for the first half of January.

I am pleased to report that the district met its pledge of \$21,000 for 2018. Your December contributions put us over the top. Thanks to all of you who worked so hard all year to meet your pledges and to give over and beyond those pledges. You are the ones who make the work of United Methodist Women possible throughout the world.

If you have not sent in your Pledge to Mission for 2019, please send it to me as soon as possible. You should have received the form in the packet you received at District Annual Day or soon thereafter. If you do not have the form, send me a piece of paper with the following information:

Name of your unit  
Amount of your pledge  
Your treasurer's name and address

Send the above to:

Helen S. Nace  
155 Crawley Street  
Hughesville PA 17737

We have 10 Five Star units in the district this year. Some of you were so very close. Consider talking to your unit about making

a commitment to become a Five Star unit in 2019. These are the categories of giving which must be met:

- 1) Make & meet a Pledge to Mission - any amount (Your unit makes the decision on the amount)
- 2) Special Mission Recognition - One pin @ \$40
- 3) Gift to Mission - Minimum of \$5
- 4) Gift in Memory - Minimum of \$5
- 5) World Thank Offering - any amount

I wish all of you a very successful 2019. May God guide you in the way he desires and may he bless all of your endeavors to spread the word of his love.

*Helen S. Nace Treasurer,  
Williamsport District UMW*

## 2018 Census

Each unit needs to complete the membership census report. **Anyone** can enter the information. Go online to [ww.w.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://ww.w.unitedmethodistwomen.org). On the home page, click on the link as shown below. Fill in all requested information in the fields on the form and click 'submit'. This is important to have an accurate count of our members.

**Census Submission  
Deadline is March 30, 2019**

Census  
2018

## 2019 Spiritual Enrichment

Soon Lent will be upon us. For United Methodist Women that means an opportunity to attend a Spiritual Enrichment Day! This year the program will be based on the study written by Jessica Stonycypher, a deacon in the UM Church, entitled *Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living*.

As you may recall, last year's SED program centered around a book entitled *Living as a Covenant Community* written by Evy McDonald and presented by Karen Barraco. This year's program builds on last year's study as it explores the ways God has called us to live in covenantal relationship with all of creation. It challenges us to work toward stronger and healthier relationships with creation, our communities, ourselves, and God.

This program should prove to be a very interesting and challenging one. Our cluster leaders have listed times, dates and location when and where a Spiritual Enrichment Day will be held near you. Please mark your calendar for one of these events and plan to attend with other women in your unit. More information will follow from your cluster leader.

# 2019 Spiritual Enrichment Days

## Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living

*written by Jessica Stonecypher*

**Saturday March 23rd**  
**East & West Lycoming**  
**County Clusters**  
**First UMC Jersey Shore**  
236 S Main St, Jersey Shore  
Breakfast & Registration 9:00 - 9:30 AM  
Program 9:30 - 11:30 AM; Speaker Patty Lacey  
Contact Kathy Whipple for more information.  
(570) 220-5527 or ksbwhip@windstream.net

**Saturday April 6th**  
**Potter/Tioga County Cluster**  
**Knoxville York Church**  
310 Alba Street, Knoxville  
Registration 9:30 - 10:00AM  
Program 10- Noon; Speaker Pastor Rich Hanlon  
Lunch at Noon  
Contact Barbara Williard with count by April 2nd.  
(717) 991-7776 or donnapron2@outlook.com

**Thursday April 13th**  
**Bradford County Cluster**  
**Wetona UMC**  
3144 Wetona Road, Columbia Crossroads  
Registration 9:30 - 10:00 AM  
Program 10 - Noon; Speaker Pastor Jennifer Wolf  
Lunch at Noon  
Contact Marge Crandle for more information.  
(570) 423-6883

This program is offered three times throughout the district. Please attend any or all events as your schedule allows.

## Membership

As United Methodist Women we have a history of Christian Service. We saw some of that in the skit, 'Strong and Courageous' at the Williamsport District Annual Days in Hughesville. We were challenged to be strong and courageous as we move towards 2020, not only in the Methodist Church but in our units. We share a passion for our Lord and Savior and our service to women, children and youth, and families.

We need to increase our membership by numbers and by strength. I encourage you to brainstorm ideas and activities that showcase what we do. How can we share our enthusiasm with other women? Each unit is unique but here are few suggestions:

- Make a list of eligible women in your church.
- Personally invite them to a meeting or activity.
- Invite them to a District or Conference event.
- Provide them with printed information which includes the benefits of membership and their obligations.
- Provide web site information.
- Talk with them about their visions, what they can do for UMW.
- Consider being flexible when planning programs, meeting locations and time.

The word "Membership" begins with me. That me is you! Each of us can reach out to another woman in our congregation and share with her how UMW is making a difference in our world both locally, nationally and internationally. Our units are a place to nurture our faith and support Missions.

I'm happy to talk with you and assist you as you consider membership a priority of 2019. I can be reached at 570-998-2066, kcookacook@gmail.com, or 1998 Steam Valley Road, Trout Run, PA. 17771

Thank you!

*Karen Cook*