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Sacred Spaces: Encounters with God and Neighbor



This Month: UMW Legacy and History

The Sacred Space of Grief & Hope

April 9, 2018

10:30 am

Fellowship Center

Nina Rehberg will be our guest speaker as we seek to find hope in our lives and with others in the midst of pain and despair. Join us as we explore what connects us as we affirm our faith in the resurrection.

Email lunch reservations by April 5th to UMWreservations@firstumc.org

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Special point of interest:

UMW is the largest denominational faith organization for women with approximately 800,000 members.

The Sacred Space of Legacy/ Inheritance

Mar 12, 2018, 10:30 am
Fellowship Center

Join us to gain a better understanding about the sacred spaces created by inheritance and the legacy of United Methodist Women with women, children and youth.

Next year, on March 23, 2019, United Methodist Women will celebrate 150 years as a membership mission organization serving women,

children and youth around the world. This is our third year of four for supporting the Legacy Fund with extra giving so that our organization's mission with women, children and youth can continue for many years to come.

Please take time to read two Old Testament passages before you come to the March meeting: Numbers 27:1-11 and 36:1-12 for a fascinating story of inheritance.

Home on furlough from India in 1869, two wives of missionaries to India

talked with women in Boston about terrible conditions of women and their children who were not in school. The Boston women quickly went to work. They organized the Methodist Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and sent two single women, an educator and a doctor, to India to work. Other denominations had women's societies, too. In 1973, several combined to become what is now our UMW.

This program on UMW's legacy will be coordinated by Lois Polstra.

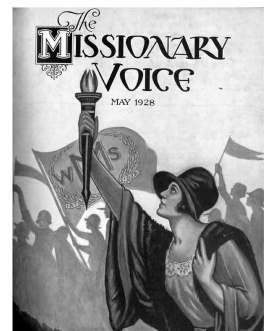
The Missionary Voice is Strong

In the early 1900s, missionary societies could be found in more than 40 denominations. The Women's Missionary Jubilee of 1910-1911 was celebrated in 48 cities across the US with teas, pageant's and luncheons.

Speakers at the

events were traveling female mission leaders, women organized for world mission who told the more than 3 million dues-paying members of their achievements and successes in the mission field.

The mission societies



published magazines and used the proceeds to fund missionaries in the field.

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<http://umwonline.org>
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March UMW Book Club

Join in the discussion in the Church Parlor Tuesday, March 27th at 1:00 pm. Read [She - Five Keys to Unlock the Power of Women in Ministry](#) by Karoline M. Lewis This book is in the Leadership Development category. Order the book or the Kindle version at <https://tinyurl.com/y8honzvf7>.

March Sale at the Missions Table!

Spring into action at the missions sale table from 10 am - 12 pm on March 12th in Fellowship Center. Donations are also welcome.



Wonder Walk East - Lakeland

Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 8a.m. - Noon, join walkers to raise money for Cornerstone Family Ministries in Tampa to provide access to nutritious food, early childhood education and connections to local Churches for children living in poverty. Starting at College Heights UMC, Lakeland walk along Lake Hollingsworth. Can't walk? Host A Virtual Wonder Walk at a Location of your Choosing. Register at <http://bit.ly/2DCkyXW> or email Carrie Brown for more information at cbrown@cornerstonefm.org.



Nurturing Bodies * Developing Minds * Fostering Hope Through Christ...One Child at a Time

Circle News for March Meetings

Circle 1 meets Monday, Mar 5th at 10:00 am at Florida Presbyterian Homes. Rev. Melissa Stump will be the speaker.

Circle 3 meets Monday, Mar 5th at 10:00 am at Virginia Askew's home.

Circle 5 meets Tuesday, Mar 27th at 9:45 am in the Church Parlor. Connie Durrence will be speak about laws that elders need to know about.

Circle 7 meets Monday, Mar 5th at 1:30 pm at Carpenter's Estates. The program will be Women of the Bible.

Circle 10 meets Monday, Mar 5th at 9:30 in the Church Parlor.

Circle 13 meets Monday, Mar 5th at 9:30 am at Caroline Olson's home and then carpool to the Salvation Army Center for a tour of the facility. This is our March 5th meeting.

Circle 14 meets Monday, Mar 5th at 10:00 am in Aldersgate House. The program will be the UMW Pledge program.

Circle 17 meets Saturday, Mar 3rd at 9:00 am.

Circle 18 meets Friday, Mar 23 at 9:30 am at Cat Bonnie Seifert's home and discuss Chapter 5 of [Fresh Expressions](#).

WinGS Circle meets Monday, Mar 5th at 6:30 pm. The program will be "The Sacred Space of Legacy/Inheritance."



Next month's UMW unit meeting: Monday, April 9, 10:30 am in Fellowship Center

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We welcome contributions of your news, activities, pictures; and articles of interest relating to United Methodist Women. Space permitting, they will be included in future newsletters.

~ Alice Ray Overstreet, Communications Coordinator

Submit items for next newsletter to aliceray529@aol.com, 863-660-9864 by **March 25, 2018**.