

THE VINE NEWSLETTER

Flint Hills District UMW

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

1 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fearfulness, but one of power, love and sound judgment.

Dear Sisters;

I want to take this moment to let you know that you are all being held in prayer during this trying time. I have no idea what you all are going through or whom you are able to be with these days. I hope you all are practicing safe social distancing and personal hygiene care. **Wash your hands.** My office has been closed for several weeks, and I predict several more. I truly miss our patients and my co-workers.

I hope you have been able to have your services online; that has been so comforting for me. Our Sunday school class is just as ornery as ever. I have suggested we all make Easter Bonnets for our next Zoom class. What are you guys doing for fun?

I want to assure you that your pledges are being used as directed by our bylaws and that continuing to pay them is so important at this time. I am asking that we keep our District Treasurer, Jenny Sue Hayward, in prayer as she will be starting cancer treatments very soon.

I hope you have all received the notice that we did cancel our Spring District meeting April 25; this was a disappointment to us all. Jerry would have been an amazing experience for you. I want to thank Manhattan First for offering to host us this year. I know the MET Tour has been cancelled; I have not heard about Mission U events at this time. Keep checking our Web site for further cancellations or postponements.

I am asking that you also lift our Conference President, Karen Dunlap, in prayer at the loss of her husband, Marvin. We are hearing about this all over the world, it is a good reminder to check on your family and friends and neighbors as much as possible.

Keep our Church Conferences and General Conferences in prayer. I am so comforted to know we are all together in this. God will guide and provide.

Blessings always,

Cathryn Harrison, Pres FHD UMW



COMMUNICATIONS ANNA SCHARENBERG

Greetings to everyone

During this time of staying-at-home, I felt like there wasn't very much I could do for others. I really felt sad as I love being with people, enjoying a good laugh, and visiting. Then decided it wasn't about me. So, here is my plan to reach out to others:

- Calling friends, former neighbors, and family members I haven't spoken to in a while.
- Send a note or letter to folks to just let them know you are thinking of them.
- Today, I am going to sew some masks to give to our neighbors who need them,

Stay in your homes and if you have to go out—be safe, protect yourself and others!

Anna

John 13:34-35

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

JOURNEY IN GIVING PATRICIA LOGAN

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I hope this issue of the Vine finds you healthy and happy. During these trying times, so many people are complaining about what they have had to give up or where they can't go, but I am trying to use it as a time to thank God for all I DO have: a comfortable home (somewhat cleaner now since I'm at home all the time to see the dirt!), plenty to eat, a husband who tolerates my projects for the house and yard, and technology like Zoom where I can still connect with my family and friends, as well as continue my yoga practice.

But I know not everyone has the same resources and options as I do. Many families are struggling with unemployment, childcare, educating their children from home, and health issues. This is a time for United Methodist Women to really step up and find ways to help others. Now, I'm not suggesting we violate the social distancing guide-

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lines, but we can continue to give financially. Locally, be sure to continue with your pledges to the district and tithing to your church. The need for mission is great and bills still need to be paid. Also, consider sending a donation to our National Mission Institutions. For example, I recently read that Lydia Patterson Institute, although well-equipped to continue educating their students, is having difficulty receiving tuition payments because of the border shutdown. Yet, their expenses go on.

So, my sisters, please continue to search out ways that you can comfort others with your gifts. Consider the words of Paul to the people of Corinth: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." 2 Corinthians 1:3-4.

Blessings to you all,

Patricia Logan, Journey in Giving

A MESSAGE FROM VERA WILLIAMS V.P.

Greetings to all in the Flint Hills District

I hope all of you are staying safe. Where we live we are pretty well locked in and have been since March 13. Ron and I have watched a lot of movies that we brought with us to Meadowlark but have not watched in a long time. I have also been making blankets and knitting blankets for foster children.

I was sitting here a couple nights ago and thought this would be a good time to read books for the Reading Program. I got my list out that I had made earlier of what I wanted to read for 2020, but none of those were books I could get from our Manhattan library on my kindle. The library is closed so I couldn't go in and get a book. So, I got out the 2020 list of reading books and checked out 3 books that are on the ready list. This year we can read the books that were the study books and they count as bonus books and I

have read both of them a couple of times.

I am so sorry that we had to cancel the spring district meeting. Jerry is such a good leader of the study, but we do need to stay safe. That is not the only thing that has been cancelled. Me Tour and Mission u have also been cancelled.

This is a good time to share with one another over the telephone or other media that you may use. There are people living alone and can't go out. There are children out of school and this can cause problems for parents. There are those who have lost loved ones and can't have funerals now and some who have lost loved ones with the corona virus.

A word of encouragement can go a long way to someone by themselves or a mother who is climbing walls having her kids at home all the time. We know that God is here with us. God will see us through this. It might not be the way we hoped but God is



with each and every one of us.

Easter will be different this year since we cannot go to our churches for worship. Maybe this is good. Maybe God is saying you can worship wherever you are. We celebrate Easter every Sunday when we worship; we celebrate the resurrection. May Easter be a special time this year even though we can't be with families as we would prefer; think of everything we can celebrate when we can get together.

Happy Easter and be safe stay in.
Vera Williams

UMW Mission Initiatives

The entire program and organization of United Methodist Women focuses on mission. Our mission initiatives include:

- Providing opportunities to grow spiritually
- Equipping women & girls to be leaders
- Providing transformative educational experiences
- Organizing for growth & flexibility
- Working for justice through service & advocacy



FLINT HILLS DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN				
			2020 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET
I		GREAT PLAINS CONFERENCE UMW		
	A.	Pledge to Mission	64,000	60,000
II		District AMD (Admin & Mbr Dev)		
	A.	DISTRICT PROGRAM EVENTS	1,450	1,450
		Honorariums for Speakers	200	200
		Mileage	200	200
		Printing/Copies	200	200
		Dependent Care	75	75
		Supplies	25	25
		Postage	50	50
		Program Resources	200	200
		Miscellaneous/Other	500	500
	B.	DISTRICT TEAM EXPENSE	2,890	2,890
		Postage	200	200
		Supplies	90	90
		Mileage	1,500	1,500
		Printing/Copies	120	120
		Dependent Care	100	100
		SMR's, GTM's, GIM's	300	300
		Mission Resource Center	200	200
		Audit	280	280
		Miscellaneous/Other	100	100
	C.	NEWSLETTER/DIRECTORY	150	150
		Print & Supplies	100	100
		Postage	50	50
	D.	MISSION U-Scholarship	200	200
	E.	CONTINGENCY	100	100
		TOTAL ADMINISTRATION & MEMBER DEVELOPMENT	4,790	4,790