



# NEWSLETTER

Buda UMW

March 2017

## 2017 Officers

**President: Sharon Murphy**

**Vice President: Open**

**Secretary: Jo Johnson**

**Treasurer: Sally de la Haye**

**Membership & Nominations**

**Chair: Marilyn Roysden**

Greetings ladies!!!

We are off to a good start this year. Our officers are in place (except for a Vice President whom we are still praying will step forward.) And Marilyn Roysden has recently assumed the position of Membership Chairperson (thank you Marilyn!) Marilyn will be coordinating a membership drive that will be in the spring. We have other chairperson openings and will make room for everyone to get involved and contribute their gifts.

## UMW DAYS OF OBSERVANCE

*UMW Days of Observance are marked on the 2017 Prayer Calendar which may be purchased at the website below but are mentioned below for those who do not have a Prayer Calendar.*

<http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/mission-resources>

If you have problems accessing websites in this document, cut and paste the link(s) into your browser and hit enter.

## March 1st

### Women's History Month

UMW is an organization that began as the women's missionary societies of eight (8) denominations. In 1909 the Women's Missionary Association became part of the General Board of Missions. In 1972, the women's organizations merged into one, inclusive organization known as United Methodist Women (UMW). A complete history can be found on the UMW website under Living the Legacy; The Continuing Journey of Women in Mission.

<http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/about/history/womens-history-month>

## March 3rd

### World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide, ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service. Women in more than 170 countries and regions participate. Each year, beginning in 1927, a different country is the sponsor. The Philippines is the sponsor in 2017 and the motto they chose is Am I Being Unfair to You? Learn more about World Day of Prayer by visiting the website below.

<http://www.wdp-usa.org>

## MARCH EVENTS

### **Anna Circle**

March 14, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

Marlene Bradford's home.

R.S.V.P. [mbradford21@austin.rr.com](mailto:mbradford21@austin.rr.com)

We will be studying the March lesson from the UMW Program Book.

### **Crafts**

March 21, 2017 10:00-12:00 noon.

Fellowship Hall.

Bring your favorite craft project to make for our Annual Fall Bazaar. All proceeds benefit UMW Missions.

## March 8th

### International Women's Day

A global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. There are thousands of events taking place all over the world.

<http://www.internationalwomensday.com>

## March 22nd

### World Water Day

This UN sanctioned observance "is about taking action to tackle the water crisis in the world. Today, there are over 663 million people living without a safe water supply close to home, spending countless hours queuing or trekking to distant sources, and coping with the health impacts of using contaminated water." Learn more by visiting the website.

<http://www.worldwaterday.org>



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## March 23rd

### Day of Giving for the Legacy Fund

"United Methodist Women is celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2019 by strengthening and passing on its mission inheritance with the Legacy Fund.

The forward-looking permanent endowment will provide a firm foundation for generations of United Methodist Women to come as members engage in mission with the women, children and youth of their day.

Consider commemorating the year United Methodist Women foremothers first organized for mission, 1869, with gifts in increments of 1869-\$18.69, \$186.90, \$1,869, etc. " Or you may wish to make donations relating to 150 years of service - \$15, \$150, \$1,500, etc.

The preferred method of giving is to give through to our treasurer, Sally de la Haye, so donations will be credited to our BUMC UMW group. However, if you wish, you may make donations online at the link below or by phone to 800-278-7771. There is also a text option and check option to the UMW office in New York.

<http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund>

## March 28th

### One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing began during World War II and immediately following. Protestant churches made appeals for relief and reconstruction. Initially, their charter was to empower, provide water, supply food, and give relief from disasters. In 1946 a goal of one million dollars was set for world relief. Today, their funds make possible disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development aid around the world. Their website:

<http://onegreathourofsharing.org/>

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### ONE MINUTE FOR MISSION

This information is provided FYI and is not intended as an endorsement.

#### **Domestic: Polaris Project**

Human Trafficking Hotline  
888-373-7888

<http://polarisproject.org/>

#### **International: ECDC Nepal**

The Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) in Kathmandu, Nepal was founded in 2005 by Pushpa Basnet, a young Nepali woman who studied at Kathmandu University.

ECDC coordinates with jail administrators to rescue children from jail cells throughout urban and rural areas of Nepal.

<http://ecdcnepal.org/>

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

"United Methodist Women is the largest denominational faith organization for women with approximately 800,000 members whose mission is fostering spiritual growth, developing leaders and advocating for justice.

Members raise up to \$20 million each year for programs and projects related to women, children and youth in the United States and in more than 100 countries around

the world.

United Methodist Women and The United Methodist Church's principles and values include:

- >Promoting the empowerment of women, children and youth.
- >Promoting anti-racism and multiculturalism.
- >Promoting inclusion and equity.
- >Promoting fair labor practices.
- >Promoting economic and environmental stewardship and sustainability."

The UMW website can be found at:

<http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/>



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