



# THE ANCHOR

News from the Midwest District  
United Methodist Women

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

2020 is shaping up well with many interesting events and a full slate of district team members. We welcome Linda Hagan as our Membership, Nurture and Outreach officer. Look for her introduction on page 2.

It was a shame to cancel our first events of the year – Spring Fling at Church of the Dunes in Grand Haven on March 21<sup>st</sup>, and the Spring Retreat at DeWitt Center on May 1-2 but our first priority is good health – spiritually and physically – so we did our part and followed Bishop Bards recommendation to cancel all face-to-face meetings through March in an effort to slow or stop the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus.

At the time of publication, Annual Conference is still scheduled. Please try to attend Annual Conference in Traverse City on May 28-31. It's very interesting to learn how our church governs itself. We have an incredible opportunity to help lead our church to a greater understanding of who we are.

Don't miss Mission u at Albion College on July 8-11. Our studies are *"Finding Peace in the Midst of Anxiety"*, *"Push-Out: The Criminalization of Black Girls in School"* and *"Women United For Change: 150 Years in Mission"*. I look forward to this inspiring weekend every summer. Find registration details in this newsletter. Financial scholarships are available, contact me for more information.

Our second half of the year is highlighted by our District Annual Meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> at Holland First UMC. Our theme is *"Women Who Changed History"* and will feature a delightful cast of characters from our past.

Our Conference Annual meeting will follow on October 26<sup>th</sup> in Kalamazoo. And our year will wrap-up with two fun district events in November. Watch for details.

As always, we are open to new ideas for events, hosts and topics. Contact me with any suggestions.

In His name, Sue Rietman, Midwest District President, [susan.rietman45@gmail.com](mailto:susan.rietman45@gmail.com)

## EVENT UPDATES



As I write this, I pray that everyone is doing okay. So much has changed in the last few weeks it has been difficult to communicate and I'm writing this when we are not to congregate. No church, no Bible study, restaurants and schools are closed. Because of the COVID-19 virus we cancelled Spring Fling. We will possibly do the same type of program next year. Thank you for your understanding on this.

I just received word tonight that Mid-Michigan District has also cancelled Spring Retreat. It is all due to the impact of COVID-19 virus. Because everything is up in the air at this time, they felt we should cancel and plan for 2021. Please be in prayer for our state and country as we go through this difficult time.

Back to my original message. I need your help in planning future district meetings. I would like a contact person from each unit. This would give us someone to contact when we need to find a church to host our events. We are trying to spread the events across the district. You can call me or send me an email.

Last of all, an update on your district team. Sue Reitman had knee replacement surgery on March 11<sup>th</sup> and is recovering nicely. Our District Secretary, Nancy Duiven had foot surgery earlier this year. Please keep them and everyone else who has had recent surgeries in your prayers.

Jean Sherman, Midwest District Vice President, [sherdairy@att.net](mailto:sherdairy@att.net), (231) 519-2542

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## MEET LINDA! NEW DISTRICT MN&O COORDINATOR



Hello from Membership, Nurture and Outreach. My name is Linda Hagan from Cedar Springs UMC, where I have been a member since 2018.

In 2017 my husband, Tim, and I moved from Wyoming, Michigan where I was a member of Wesley Park UMC. Small groups in which I participate are Love & Stitches, a weekly Bible study, and singing in the choir. Last summer I was blessed to be a part of the Habitat for Humanity team, and this year I became part of Family Promise. In May of 2018 I became a member of the Cedar Springs Women's

Club and serve on the Communication Committee where

I have the opportunity to reach out to members through notes and cards. I also serve on the Welcoming Committee greeting and assisting our guests.

I truly believe God has given me a heart to reach out to women through my prayers and support in order to better our communities. I have met some very exciting, smart, and hard-working women and look forward to continuing this great work!

Linda Hagan, District Membership Nurture & Outreach Coord., [lindahagan24@yahoo.com](mailto:lindahagan24@yahoo.com)

**PUSHOUT: 2020 MISSION STUDY ON SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE**

I am hoping that many of you will be attending Mission u this year. It's always an amazing event and a very informative one. But even if you are not able to attend, I encourage you to read the new mission study books for this year. One of the mission studies will be using the book *Pushout*.

This book was on the 2018 reading program, so you may have read it already, as I have. If not, take the time to read it now! It's an excellent book and deals with really important issues. It should be readily available at your public library, or you can buy it from Amazon in new or used paperback, or on kindle. Here is what the UMW Leader's Guide says about it:

*"Pushout, published in 2016, analyzes the increasing trend of the educational and criminal-justice systems to criminalize the behavior of Black girls. Morris shares the narratives of girls and teenagers, as well as providing supporting statistical data, to tell this riveting story of the continued marginalization and abuse of Black people, especially women and children. She includes narratives about children as young as six. Although their stories differ because they live under multiple levels of marginalization—due to race, age, gender, and sexual identity—these girls' voices all cry for justice. It is our hope that the voices of these girls will resound in the ears of every participant and reader, touch hearts, and compel missional engagement."*

The book for the Spiritual Growth study this year is *Finding Peace in an Anxious World*. Here is the description of the study from the UMW website (<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org>):

*"Finding Peace in an Anxious World, the 2020 Spiritual Growth Study by staff of the Urban Village Church, uses the book of Proverbs and "The Serenity Prayer" as a guide to help Christians find their way through anxiety, worry, and fear and move towards God's peace that surpasses all understanding. Using "The Serenity Prayer" as a scaffold, Finding Peace in an Anxious World explores ways to discover peace through scriptural and spiritual disciplines so that we can be rooted in God and energized to live fully as disciples of Christ."*

I have not yet read this book, but I have a copy and am looking forward to reading it in the next week or so. "The Serenity Prayer" has always been helpful to me when I am feeling worried or anxious; I am hoping to find increased serenity and peace from this study. *Finding Peace in an Anxious World* is available for \$10 from the United Methodist Women's website.

Judy Huynh, District Education and Interpretation Coordinator, [judyhuynh@gmail.com](mailto:judyhuynh@gmail.com)

**ARE YOU JUST THE FRIEND WE NEED?**

Hello from your Chairman on Nominations Committee! We are looking for new friends to join our wonderful district leadership team. Do you love to meet new women, learn about UMW missions, make plans, take road trips, fulfill our purpose, eat good food and pray with others in Christ? If so, we have room for you on our team in 2021. Please pray about this. You may be the just friend we need!

Susan Reitman, Nominations Chairman, (269) 795-7644, [susan.rietman45@gmail.net](mailto:susan.rietman45@gmail.net)

## READ 20 IN 2020 BOOK CHALLENGE



I have taken the “Read 20 in 2020 Book Challenge”. An easy way to make sure you are reading a variety of books is to Google “20 Book challenge”. You can find all kinds of lists of books to read but I suggest you make your own list and try to read one UMW Reading Program book ([www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram)) each month.

After you print the 2020 UMW Book List, go to your public library, book store, or Amazon to get the books you want to read. You might also check with other United Methodist Women friends and units and share books. I will also have a limited number of books for sale at District events. Books from 2016-2020 are eligible for credit to get a certificate at the Annual Celebration, (along with *Response* magazine).

Another way to complete the challenge and keep you accountable is to invite a friend to do it with you! I’ve read seven books so far this year, but only one from the UMW List. The book was *Loaded, Disarming the Second Amendment* by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz. If you love history, this book should be on your list! As always, contact me if you have questions.

Connie Swinger, Secretary of Program Resources, [connieswinger@att.net](mailto:connieswinger@att.net)

## A REFLECTION: GOD’S STEADFASTNESS AND PEACE

I listen to the news through radio and TV and read various on-line broadcasts and magazines. They often make me anxious or angry or thinking “What are they thinking? How can they be so cruel or self-serving?”. Where is justice? I wonder what will become of us when there are all these disasters happening, both natural and man-made. Then I look for assurance that God has told us that He is unchanging in His nature and in His love for us.

I am grateful for the many places in scripture that testify to God’s unchanging, steadfast nature. Writers of hymns have expressed this well and I’m grateful for their words that speak to my heart. Hear the words of the third verse of Amazing Grace:

*“Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; ’tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.”*

These words recognize that we, as humans, have very real fears and that God’s promises of His constancy bring us through and grow our faith. If you are like me and need a transfusion of hope and confidence, look at a few verses that speak of God’s steadfastness:

1 Timothy 1:17  
James 1:17

Psalm 102:25-27  
Revelation 22:13

God doesn’t change with popular opinion and conventional wisdom. Seek His will prayerfully and rest in His assurance that He will always BE. Then know His peace. The words of the hymn,

*“Through it all, through it all, I’ve learned to trust in Jesus, I’ve learned to trust in God. Through it all, through it all, I’ve learned to depend upon God’s word.”*, give us direction in these times.

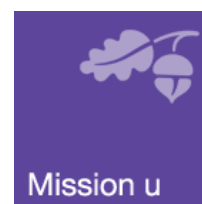
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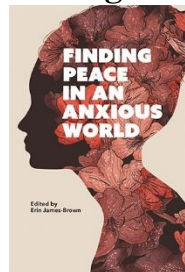
## MISSION U: LEARNING TOGETHER FOR TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

Mission u is an opportunity to study current issues impacting society based on current mission study topics with particular attention to the responsibilities of women in fulfilling the mission work of the church.



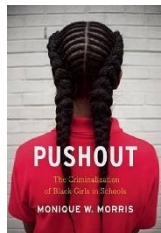
Participants grow in understanding the mission of the church in the current world context; conference events are open to members and non-members of United Methodist Women. Mission u also includes worship and singing, interest groups around current issues, mission projects, audiovisual presentations and fellowship opportunities. This summer our studies include:

### Finding Peace in an Anxious World (Spiritual Growth Study)



This encouraging study uses the book of Proverbs and “The Serenity Prayer” as a guide to help Christians find their way through anxiety, worry, and fear and move towards God’s peace that surpasses all understanding. This study explores ways to discover peace through scriptural and spiritual disciplines so that we can be rooted in God and energized to live fully as disciples of Christ. The four chapters of this study focus on different aspects of the prayer—serenity, acceptance, courage, and wisdom — and each concludes with a spiritual practice to help further develop the featured characteristic in your life.

### Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools (Social Action Study)



Despite increased attention to the mass and over-incarceration of black men, the plight of criminalized black women and girls is overlooked, underreported and under analyzed. Monique W. Morris' *Pushout* shows how even with obstacles, stigmas, stereotypes and despair, black girls still find ways to breathe remarkable dignity into their lives in classrooms, juvenile facilities and beyond, and challenges the rest of us to do the same.

### Women United For Change: 150 Years in Mission (Special Publication)



This study is part of a two-year study commemorating United Methodist Women’s 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019. It will provide a historical survey of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations and amplify the voices that shaped the work through an overarching story of United Methodist Women changing the face of mission. This study, keenly written by Ellen Blue, is about women who established vibrant societies to support mission.

Mission u is being offered in four locations throughout Michigan in 2020. While each location offers the same courses, the length of the sessions and the settings are options for you to choose. All locations are handicapped accessible.

- West – July 8-11 – Albion College. Cost: \$100-\$275, free children and youth programs
- South – July 25 – Big Beaver UMC, Troy, MI. Cost: \$40
- East – August 13-15 – Lake Huron Retreat Center, Cost: \$90-\$250
- North – October 19-20 – First UMC, Gaylord, Cost: \$70 plus lodging

Scholarships are available. For more information contact:

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## “FINDING PEACE”

**Of the West**  
**Albion College, Albion**  
 July 8-11 (Wednesday-Saturday)  
 6:30 pm Registration

**Of the South**  
**Troy Big Beaver United Methodist Church, Troy**  
 July 25 (Saturday)  
 8 am Registration

**Of the East**  
**Lake Huron Retreat Center, Burtchville**  
 H.O.M.E. August 13 8:30 am  
 August 13-15 (Thursday-Saturday)  
 3:00 pm Registration

**Of the North**  
**First United Methodist Church, Gaylord**  
 October 19-20 (Monday-Tuesday)  
 9 am Registration

### #1 EVERYONE ATTENDS

#### THIS STUDY



Adult Spiritual Growth Study - Finding Peace in an Anxious World In this study we will recognize the prevalence of anxiety today, its impact, and explore ways to find peace through scriptural and spiritual disciplines so that we can be rooted in God and energized to live fully as disciples of Christ. We will examine anxiety and the impact it has in our lives, explore what the Bible has to say about peace as a Christian discipline, and consider ways to practice peace as a way of life.

### CHOOSE ONE STUDY

#### #2 Issue Study - Mass Incarceration with Pushout:

The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools by Monique Morris Our 2020 issue study will focus on the school-to-prison pipeline. This is a powerful book and an opportunity to dive deeper into the issues of school pushout, mass incarceration and the criminalization of children of color.



#### #3 Women United For Change: 150 Years in Mission by Ellen Blue

This study is the second year in a two-year study commemorating United Methodist Women's 150th anniversary in 2019. It will provide a historical survey of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations and amplify the voices that shaped the work through an overarching story of United Methodist Women changing the face of mission.

Study Leaders: #1



Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

#2



Sharon Appling



Rev. Dale Milford

#3



Linda Burton-Collier  
(W & E)



Diana Miller  
(S & N)

All Conference and District officers are to attend and assist where needed at a multi day event paid by the Conference or District. Participating is one of the privileges given for their UMW work. It helps us all be well informed. Officers will be expected to pay to attend any additional Mission u events. Exceptions will be granted by UMW Conference/District Presidents and must be relayed to Mission u Deans.



**This form MUST be filled out for Mission u NO OTHER FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Request: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check all that apply:****Information:**☐ First time attending☐ Conference Officer☐ District Officer**Special needs:**☐ First floor housing☐ Minimal stairs☐ Minimal walking☐ Paid online☐ Study Leader ☐ Laity☐ Missionary ☐ Clergy☐ Financial Assistance Applicant☐ Help moving around campus☐ Sign language interpreters☐ Special dietary needs (specify) \_\_\_\_\_**Study choice: (for multi-day events)**☐ "Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools"☐ "Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission"☐ Child Care Age: \_\_\_\_\_ (Not available 8/13-15/2020)

This form can be found on the Michigan UMW Website, registration can be paid by check payable to: Mission u or online at: <https://michiganconferencemissionu.square.site/> This link is also found on the website.

You may attend as many Mission u events as you like. To ensure that you are correctly registered, please use a separate form for each location, and mail this form to the registrar listed for the indicated area.

**Mission u of the West, Albion College**  
**July 8-11 (Wednesday-Saturday)**

**On Campus:**☐ Adult - with a roommate \$250☐ Adult - with a room to yourself \$275

(Additional fee is not reimbursed by District/Conference)

☐ Children/Youth (Grades K-12) FREE☐ Enriched Child Care (Ages 0-4) FREE**Commuter With 5 Meals:**☐ Adult \$150☐ Children/Youth (Grades K-12) FREE☐ Enriched Child Care (Ages 0-4) FREE**Commuter With NO Meals:**☐ Adult \$100☐ Children/Youth (Grades K-12) FREE☐ Enriched Child Care (Ages 0-4) FREE**TOTAL DUE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Youth name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Registration due by June 24 to:**

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**Mission u of the South,**  
**Troy Big Beaver UMC ~ Troy, MI**

☐ July 25 \$40**TOTAL DUE:** \_\_\_\_\_**Registration due July 15**

Dianne Osburn ~ 5785 Marble, Troy MI 48085  
 dosburn3@aol.com

**Mission u of the East**  
**Lake Huron Retreat Center**  
**(NO child care)**

☐ HOME ~ August 13, 8:30 AM-2 PM (NO lunch) FREE☐ August 13-15 ~ Commute/ Six Meals \$90☐ August 13-15 ~ 2 Nights/6 Meals ~ 1 per Room \$250☐ August 13-15 ~ 2 Nights/6 Meals ~ 2 per Room \$225☐ August 13-15 ~ 2 Nights/6 Meals ~ 3 per Room \$200☐ August 13-15 ~ 2 Nights/6 Meals ~ 4 per Room \$175**ALL PRICES ARE PER PERSON****TOTAL DUE:** \_\_\_\_\_**Registration due July 31**

Wendy Everett ~ 2322 Pittsfield Blvd.  
 Ann Arbor, MI 48104 ~ wendy@fumc-a2.org

**Mission u of the North, 1st UMC, Gaylord**

☐ One Day ~ October 19 or 20 (Your Choice) \$40☐ October 19-20 (Lodging on your own) \$70**TOTAL DUE:** \_\_\_\_\_**Registration due October 9 to:**

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 Gladwin, MI 48624 ~ missionuofthenorth@yahoo.com

**Mission u Merchandise**

T-shirts and tote bags must be ordered in advance. They will be available to be picked up at the earliest Mission u you are registered for. Design on shirt and bag is the Michigan Conference Mission u on front of this flier.

☐ Tote Bag \$15 eachT-shirt: ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ 2X ☐ 3X \$10 each☐ Study Book *Finding Peace in an Anxious World* \$12 each**TOTAL DUE:** \_\_\_\_\_



## SPRING SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT



*Friday and Saturday, May 1-2, 2020*  
 Check-In Friday at 3 p.m.,  
 Send-off Saturday at 3 p.m.  
 DeWitt Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI  
 Registration form is on page 5.

**CANCELLED**  
**FOR 2020** 😞  
**See you next year!**

## SAVE THESE DATES!

Look for registration details in the next issue of the *Anchor*.

### MIDWEST DISTRICT ANNUAL CELEBRATION

*Saturday, September 21, 2020, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.*

*Holland First UMC*

Registration fee: \$10 (lunch included)

Program topic : *Women Who Changed History*

### MICHIGAN CONFERENCE ANNUAL CELEBRATION

*Saturday, October 25, 2020*

Kalamazoo First UMC

### MIDWEST DISTRICT EVENING APART

*Thursday, November 5, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.*

South UMC, Grand Rapids

### MIDWEST DISTRICT DAY APART

Thursday, November 12, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

LeValley UMC, Ionia



### MIDWEST DISTRICT LAY SERVANT CLASSES

#### **Fall 2020 Classes:**

*Friday and Saturday, September 25-26, 2020*

Check-In Friday at 5 p.m., Send-off Saturday at 5 p.m.

Lake Michigan Camp, Pentwater, Michigan

Cost: \$65 Overnight (includes lodging and two meals)

\$45 Commuter (includes two meals on Saturday)

Class offerings:

Basic Class, Spiritual Gifts, Our UM Beliefs, Social Principles

Registration deadline: September 15<sup>th</sup>

Email Sara Wolfson at [saraw1104@gmail.com](mailto:saraw1104@gmail.com) to reserve your space.



**MIDWEST DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN****2020 Budget vs Actual as of February 29, 2020**

<b>MISSIONS</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
<b><i>FIVE LANES</i></b>		
Gift in Memory	\$	80.00
Gift to Mission		130.00
Pledge		20,177.33
Special Mission Recognition		230.00
World Thank		435.92
Total Five Lanes	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 21,053.25
<b><i>SUPPLEMENTARY</i></b>		
Prayer and Self Denial		15.00
UM Community House		225.00
Miscellaneous		-
Total Supplementary	\$ -	\$ 240.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED MISSION EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 35,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 21,293.25</b>
<b><i>ADMINISTRATION &amp; MEMBER DEVELOPMENT (A&amp;MD)</i></b>		
<b><i>CONFERENCE EVENTS</i></b>		
Annual Meeting	200.00	-
Mission u	1,600.00	-
Other	-	-
Total Conference Events	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -
<b><i>DISTRICT EVENTS</i></b>		
Spring Fling	1,000.00	-
Spiritual Growth Retreat	1,500.00	-
Annual Meeting	1,000.00	-
Other	1,000.00	-
Evening & Day Apart \$600 total		
TBD \$400 total		
Local Unit Leadership Training	-	-
Total District Events	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -
<i>(travel, meals, supplies, printing, child care, honoraria, scholarships - local women)</i>		
<b><i>OFFICER EXPENSES</i></b>		
Audit	150.00	150.00
Bank Expense	75.00	-
Dependent Care (not at event)	100.00	-
Mileage (meetings)	800.00	130.80
Resources, Subscriptions	50.00	-
Postage, Shipping (not for events)	50.00	-
Supplies, Printing (not for events)	50.00	84.96
Total Officer Expenses	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 365.76
<b><i>OTHER EXPENSES</i></b>		
Anchor, Directory, MeetingProg	2,000.00	-
Books, Program Resources	300.00	-
District SMR, Gift in Memory, etc.	80.00	-
Miscellaneous	50.00	94.73
Total Other Expenses	\$ 2,430.00	\$ 94.73
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED A&amp;M EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 10,005.00</b>	<b>\$ 460.49</b>
<b>APPROVED 2020 BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 45,005.00</b>	<b>\$ 21,753.74</b>
Mission: Income: \$21,293.25	Expense: \$21,293.25	Available: \$0.00
A&MD: Income: \$2,501.39+YE 2019: \$504.00	Expense: \$460.49	Available: \$2,544.90
Checkbook balance: February 29, 2020	\$ 2,544.90	

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**HELP WANTED**

Would you like to serve on our district team? We are recruiting now for 2021 positions. If you would like to learn more about a role, or would like to nominate a friend, please contact a board member.

The ANCHOR, Midwest District United Methodist Women newsletter is published four times yearly – April, June, September and December.  
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## **The PURPOSE of United Methodist Women:**

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 community; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in global ministries of the church.



### **2020 IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:**

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- **Saturday, April 4**, Keep Making Peace, East Lansing - CANCELLED
- **May 1-2**, Spring Growth Retreat, St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI - CANCELLED
- **July 8-11**, Mission u of the West, Albion College, Albion, MI
- **Saturday, September 19**, Midwest District Annual Meeting, Holland 1<sup>st</sup> UMC
- **Saturday, October 25**, Michigan Conference Annual Meeting, Kalamazoo 1<sup>st</sup> UMC
- **Thursday, November 5**, Evening Apart, South UMC, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, November 12**, Day Apart, LeValley UMC, 1-3 p.m.