

For ***United Methodist Women*** The Detroit Conference News - Fall 2015

5 Days to Remember with the United Methodist Women **2015 National Seminar – “Interrupting Indifference: Jesus, Justice, Joy” in Chicago**

What an exciting experience to be with over 200 women, in one place: learning, singing, crying and sharing such topics and causes that affect all of us every day and in many ways. Each one of us knowing that we have to take a major stand, concerning all of the topics presented at this year’s National Seminar, in order to make all of our lives; better, just, and equal. That is what makes us United Methodist Women and we know that our charge and work is far from being completed.

So I continue to ask the question; “What does God require of me?” I continue to read the Bible to seek direction and to be guided in His steps. I attempt to understand that He will give instructions and examples in many venues and being a part of the 2015 National Seminar was one of those venues. He guided me to be open minded to understand, gave me tools to learn how “Interrupting Indifferences: Jesus, Justice, Joy” will encourage me, and then He empowered me to take this information and share it. This was such an awesome experience that happened Wednesday, July 29, 2015, through Sunday, August 2, 2015.

Now, I did not go on this journey alone. There were six United Methodist Women from the Michigan area (three from the Detroit Conference and three from West Michigan Conference):

Ruth (West MI) - Wakeita (Detroit)



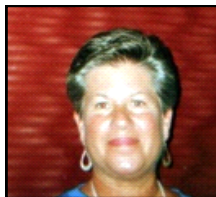
Micki and Tina (Detroit)



Rhonda (West MI)



Nichea (West MI)



The topics/issues for the Seminar were:

1. Climate Justice
2. Maternal and Child Health
3. Racial and Gender Justice
4. Economic Justice

There were three site visits:

1. Little Village Toxic Tour
2. ARISE Chicago/ROC Chicago/Coalition of Chicago Housekeepers
3. Gallery 400 (University of Illinois of Chicago Museum)

There were 7 skill-building workshops.

The scripture study for the 5 days came from Luke 19:1-28, 40.

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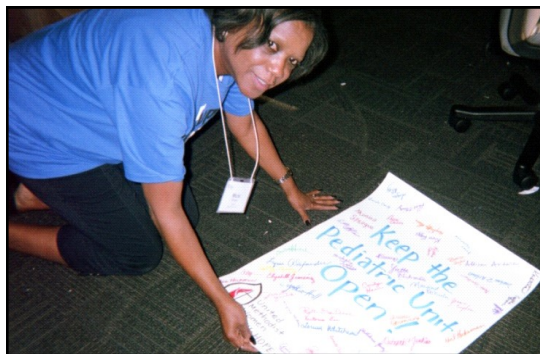
This was my first time being a part of a town hall (public action) meeting concerning a topic that affects too many of us daily and the issue of the community working together to restore our streets, stop living in fear, and make everyone accountable for their action. The town hall meeting was held at Hartzell Memorial UMC on Chicago's side. The host churches were Hartzell UMC and St. James UMC.



Baby Iris (the youngest UMW, Inc. staff person the National Seminar) and her mother.

This was a collaboration of the community leaders and others called the "Community Renewal Society". The highlight of the town hall was when Rev. Valerie Toney Parker, from the AME 4th Church, reported and listed the names of the many lives that were lost through very untimely deaths, violence and questionable actions by law enforcement professionals. She asked people to stand, if they knew any of the people named or were affected by something that they represented in our lives. The Rev. Parker named a person that was a librarian and almost every United Methodist Woman stood. We represented the United Methodist Women's reading program, the power of knowledge, and the respect for everyone's life. What an amazing site to see in solidarity of a need for things to change.

Another highlight of public action if you will, was when Dr. David from John H. Stronger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County spoke to us about his presentation and study on maternal stress and low-birth weight babies (regardless of the economic status for women of color). His presentation encouraged participation of about 40 or more United Methodist Women to join the local physicians and the community to protest the proposed closing of the neonatal unit at the Stronger Hospital during the facility's board meeting, Friday, July 31st, 9:00 a.m.



There was so much to learn and experience, at the event. The five days designated for the National Seminar was very full days, with not a minute to spare; and the time was going by so quickly. Please take the time to review the information provided in the articles on the United Methodist Women website.

This was time spent with great leaders, great fellowship with other United Methodist Women across the nation with so much to learn in one place and at one time.

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The expression, "Where does the time go" is something we can all relate to. Seems I just sat at this computer praying for words of knowledge or inspiration to write a newsletter article for spring and I receive word that our fall reports are due!! Think it is the sign of age, what do you think?

Having attended Mission u of the South in July and at the Lake Huron Retreat Center in August I hope you will sign up for Mission u of the North in Gaylord in October. We have two new studies this year to read and learn. The Spiritual Growth study, Created for Happiness: Understanding Your Life in God, helps you grow as an individual and who doesn't need to keep happiness in our daily lives? Our geographic study, Latin America: People and Faith helps us learn of our sisters needs and lives in their part of the world. Please join us for study and fellowship.

With the vote to join West Michigan and Detroit Conference passed we are faced with exciting challenges in the coming months. I feel it can be a great time meeting new friends as we work to become one. Change is evident and always good as we work with open minds. I am excited and thankful to be a part of this great venture. God is Good!!

Fall is time for the yearly reports to be filled out so please check the due dates and get your reports in early. I hope to see your name on the list of 5 Star Persons and or your unit. Budgets will be voted on at the District Annual Meetings and the Conference Annual Celebration. Be aware of the needs of your District and Conference as we all work to use your pledge money in the wisest way possible. I am hoping as units you also make a budget to follow each year where you become more aware of the accomplishments you have made and where you would like to go in the future.

Hope you all had a great summer and did something special. My summer joy was spending a week at Gods Country Cooperative Parish with fifteen people from the Thumb including my two grandsons. We came home, being blessed ourselves, knowing we had improved the lives of some of God's very special people. There can be equal joy to help someone in our own area every day. Just remember it is all missions and what we are all about. I Cor. 12:28 (those able to help others). God Bless! Where am I needed today?

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Membership Nurture & Outreach

We are now more than half way through 2015 and many units are taking a summer vacation to refresh, plan, and grow for the upcoming year. Remember that the Mission Resource Center has many good tools to be use in your planning. Two packets of information which could be helpful are - New Unit Started Kits and New Member Packets.

The Starter Kit includes tools, such as guidelines and forms for organizing, a unit, and handbook selection. You will also find in this kit resources to enrich your programs. Information about online communities will keep you connected and help you share ideas with many other women in mission.

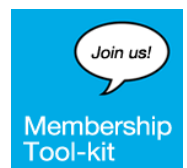
This New Unit Starter Kit for organizing or reorganizing your unit includes the following items: Response Magazine, Charter for Racial Justice. We are United Methodist Women, On a Path for Mission, Remembering UMW in Your Will, Prospective Member Referral Cards, DVD on Mission Giving, United Methodist Women Changing Lives and one on United Methodist Women: Faith • Hope • Love in Action, Reading Program Catalog, United Methodist Women Mission Resources Catalog, Current United Methodist Women News,, PURPOSE, New Unit Starter Kit Letter, Packet for Organizing or Reorganizing Units of United Methodist Women, The Joy of Becoming: Guidelines for Organizing (4-page pamphlet), Local United Methodist Women Organization 2013-2016, and other useful materials. Many materials are written in English, Spanish, and Korean.

The New Member Packet includes the following items: Response Magazine, Charter for Racial Justice, We are United Methodist Women membership brochure, United Methodist Women: On a Path for Mission membership booklet, United Methodist Women News member newsletter, and Merchandise Catalog.

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Education and Interpretation

Tired of Reading About It, Ready to Do?

I hope you were able to attend one of the many summer Mission u events! If not, there is still one more October 19-20 in Gaylord, MI. Check the UMW website for the flyer. Enjoy a cool Up North fall trip & view our wonderful colors! Enjoy the fellowship & learning!

One of my roles with Mission u is arranging for Mission Moments. This year I invited Katie Peterson, formerly a Church & Community Worker with God's Country Cooperative Parish in the Eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan but now with Out in Faith sponsored by Faith UMC in Williston, North Dakota, serving those drawn by jobs in the Bakken Oil Field. Katie has been there a year and a half. Also invited to participate were Amy Brown & Chelsea Spyres from N.O.A.H. (Networking, Organizing, & Advocating for the Homeless) Project at Central UMC in Detroit. Amy has been with N.O.A.H. 10 years & is currently the director; Chelsea has been at N.O.A.H. 1 year & is a US-2 Global Mission Fellow(www.noahprojectdetroit.org)

I had fun introducing them as DACUMWNOAHUS2GMFGBGMCCWGBDUMC. If none of that makes sense, I really didn't intend for it to unless you are really knowledgeable about United Methodist acronyms. Like Chelsea said, "tired of reading, ready to do." Don't complicate – just tell your story. However, there is a series of informative articles in the July/August, 2015 New World Outlook magazine on Global Mission Fellows & Young Adult Ministries highlighting The Core Values of Generation Transformation. It will help you tell the story of this aspect of United Methodist missions. Just don't complicate your story with acronyms!

Our speakers helped us think about the complex issues of food, phone, address, clothing, apartment, utilities, transportation, furniture, job, family support, & mental, dental, & physical health. I have been without one or two of these necessities during my life, but only briefly & I rarely felt alone. I have always had resources & hope. It would be more than overwhelming to experience life without these basics on a long term basis. That's where agencies such as NOAH & Out in Faith provide support. And Elvis can even give you a haircut to help give you confidence! How practical!

Message from Chelsea Spyres

"I decided to serve 2 years as a Global Mission Fellow-US2 track as a way to put my faith into action. As a Human Services major I spent four years learning about people and relationship building, but I was tired of reading about it, and was ready to do. While God is calling me to ordained ministry and to seminary after working at NOAH, this program has allowed me to take some time away from the books and see how it all really works. Each day I am challenged and encouraged by the relationships being built at NOAH and that is a wonderful thing!"

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Gardner, golfer, reader, quilter or grandparent with grandchildren - no matter your joy on summer days, I hope you've had many such days. As a golfer, in spite of wet feet and high scores I have enjoyed many days and look forward to more with slightly lower scores and dryer feet.

As conference secretary I urge local presidents to work with local secretaries to make sure to send the list of local officers, mission coordinators and other elected leadership names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses to the district secretary or communications coordinator soon after the local election or by November 15.

The mailing or emailing of district newsletters to your officers and telephone communication or email messages from district officers to local officers will not happen with any reliability if that form is not sent in every year. It is very important also during the year for the district to be informed when there is a change of person in a position or someone's information. It would help in winter months with newsletters mailings or communications if on that form temporary absence (for Snow Birds) is indicated.

The Detroit Conference News is sent to local presidents. The district sends president's names and information to the conference. The district also reports Five Star Units and Persons, Mission Giving and Unit Membership numbers and Pledges to Detroit Conference for publication in their directory each year. So again local presidents, make sure all reports are sent to your district every year.

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Nominations

The theme for the Quadrennial Meeting in June of 2016 is: "A Fresh Wind Blowing" and that is representative of today as I sit by my window and just appreciate all of the work the Committee on Nominations has done during the past 7 months. We were charged with preparing a slate of officers to be presented at the Annual Celebration on October 24th in Ferndale. There have been many contacts made by phone, email and in person and it has taken all of this committee to find a new group of people to join the conference team and be part of a fresh wind blowing. The slate is in this newsletter for your review.

If there are any who might be interested in a position on the Conference Team it is not too late to contact me. We can have more than one name in a position for the elections. To be able to add a person, the standing rules say the president is notified at least 24 hours ahead of the annual meeting. If you are interested please let the president and/or myself know. The work of the Committee on Nominations is never done. We will begin to search for persons to fill rolls that will begin serving in 2017. Please let any one of us know if you might be interested in serving on the conference team.

A big thank you to these ladies: Mildred Braddock, Linda Brown, Christine Campbell, Pat Engelbrecht, Janice Foster, Emma Oliver, Joanne Perez and Laragene Triplett who have supported me in more ways than you will know and it has been great working with them. There will be some new faces in 2016 and we welcome them with open arms. We are so thankful to Bobbie Clift and Bobbi Sundquist from the Marquette District for seeking a new member for CON. We will have three wonderful ladies that will go off CON after serving their time. I would like to thank Mildred Braddock, Emma Oliver and Joanne Perez who have served so faithfully the past four years. As I have learned this is a very important role and they are to be commended for their service.

I just completed a book from the list of the Women's Reading program called "Have a Little Faith". On the back is a quote Senator Bob Dole wrote about the book and this seems so appropriate to the work we do as United Methodist Women. "A timeless story when America needs it most – about **faith, hope, serving**

others, and the yearning to be involved in something greater than ourselves. A beautifully conveyed book." The words that I have bolded are what I see as our work as United Methodist Women. We are a timeless story, a story of faith hope and love and to be in service to God throughout the world is a gift God has given to us. May each of you be blessed in all that God places on your heart to do. I am looking forward to seeing you in October!!!

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My Legacy Story

I've a Story to Tell (story starters)

1. Why are you part of United Methodist Women?
 2. Who encouraged you to become a part of United Methodist Women?
 3. Describe how you felt after attending your first meeting?
 4. When did you attend your first meeting?
 5. Why did you attend your first meeting?
 6. Why did you continue to be a part of United Methodist Women?
 7. How has being a part of United Methodist Women changed who you are?
 8. Who is someone special you've met through United Methodist Women?
 9. Name at least 3 things you learned about by being a United Methodist Woman.
 10. How did United Methodist Women force you out of your comfort zone?
 11. How has being a United Methodist Woman involved you in "being in mission?"
 12. The best part of United Methodist Women for me is
 13. Who has been a mentor for you in United Methodist Women?
 14. Who have you been a mentor for in United Methodist Women?
 15. What is the best part of being a United Methodist Woman?
 16. How will you become a legacy for United Methodist Women?
- Get ready to write your Legacy.

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Social Action

I hope this finds you well and with God in your missions for and with Him! At Mission u, with your help, we have shared Social Action ideas and activities that are going on all over the conference. Some of you, through the HOME experience, were able to help in a very tangible way as well.

Exchanging speakers and new thoughts will spur us on to even greater participation in 2016. Also, as a major voting year, we will emphasize the right to vote, encourage people to register if they have not done so already, and focus on the issues. Sometimes it is hard to discern the facts with all of the twisting and back stabbing going on. The UMW website is a great place to read and get information, as well as the Methodist church's website. Do your own research to make the best informed decision. Perhaps a study group at your church to look at the issues as Christians together may bring some new insights.

During the last year, my church-Plymouth First UMC in the Ann Arbor District, has spearheaded a newly formed coalition called, Pearls of Great Price, referencing the value of each person as a child of God. It includes church members, men and women, as well as community groups from Wayne and Washtenaw counties, working together to fight Human Trafficking.

So far, action items have included posting signs on the insides of public bathroom doors with help phone numbers listed, and also soaps placed in motels before large gatherings with help numbers on the underside. This was done before the Ann Arbor Art Fair.

Men as well as women are involved, and a pledging group with men called, Lion's Pride, is being formed, to encourage abolishing porn in homes and workplaces, to encourage respect of women and children within families and the workplace, and discouraging any conversations and actions that go against those views. All are welcome, so please contact me if you are interested in participating or would like some ideas of how to start a group in your area. My email address is: brcogle@aol.com. Though my church has a very small group of UMW now, we can be loud in action with many others involved.

I am completing my fourth year as your Social Action representative. I pray that as our conferences come together in Michigan, we can be led to new heights of participation in Social issues. God will lead us through! Working for God together.

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Program Resource

Have you completed your Reading Plan for the 2015 Reading Program? It is amazing to see the avid readers involved in the Reading Program. At Mission u there were book talks. The readers bring the book alive and make you want to get the book immediately. At each District's Annual Meeting the readers are recognized according to one of the Four Plans.

Visit the website about the Reading Program: <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/members-leaders/readingprogram>

As stated on the website, "The Reading Program encourages members to think critically about current issues through an annual selection of member-reviewed books. It offers an excellent opportunity to deepen your spirituality and to broaden your understanding of our mission work".

The 2016 list has been added to the list of books in the Reading Program in each category. What a way to check off what books you have read and what books you would like to read.

Don't forget the Response and New World Outlook magazine is included in the Reading Program. There are e-books, large print, braille and books in different languages

Get involved and share in the Reading Program and share what you have read.

By the way, **2016 - This Far By Faith – Twenty Years at Cass Community** by Faith Fowler is on the Reading list.

Thank you Donna Foster for your promotion of the Reading Program and being available for the Districts and Local Unit. We continue to pray with you and for your family.

Thank you Maria Weaver for filling in for Donna during her absence. You've been godsend!

United Methodist Women Detroit Conference

Blue Water District

Happy summer to all! Although it hasn't been a warm summer yet, we've been able to enjoy some sunny days where lots of yard work has been accomplished in Mayville as well as throughout the Thumb! Hopefully you've been able to find some time outdoors to enjoy so much of God's creation even as we moan about how time is flying by! Where did June go?

As our district team gets ready to go on our Day Away to the tea at Chelsea Retirement Communities, I would remind all of you that while mission work is at the forefront of all of our activities, drudgery doesn't need to be a part of that picture. You can enjoy your activities, whether it's in summer picnics, strawberry socials, rummage sales, VBS, trips, Mission U, or whatever activities your units decide, fun should be a part of it. As we seek to know God's will in our lives and in our churches, enjoyment brings smiles to all, including those who are new to our groups, our communities, or our world, as we give of our monies, our time, and our love for Jesus Christ.

I hope that you all find time to smile and enjoy whatever activities you encounter, and that you pass that love onto others.

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CHARTER RACIAL JUSTICE

Our Values

Racial justice is an ongoing focus of United Methodist Women mission work. We conduct regular racial justice workshops with members, and work in coalition with human and civil rights groups to track hate-crimes and to promote racial justice in the United States and the world.

Visit the website:

<http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/racial-justice>



Detroit Renaissance District

It is that time again when I tell you where we have been and where we are going. In February we welcomed Rev. Melanie Carey as the speaker for our prayer breakfast which was held at First United in Wayne. It was such a wonderful way to start off the year. Melanie set the stage for our upcoming events. She gave us the true meaning of welcoming by God. Not only did she explain how God welcomes us but she also spoke on how we are to be welcoming to each other. We give thanks to Rev. Carey as she moves on and are welcomed by the bishop as her assistant.

As always, our mission Workshop was a great hit. Centered on domestic violence we introduced a father who lost his daughter in a domestic violence situation. David Herrington brought tears to our group as he described how he lost his daughter at the hands of her husband. He told of how her children witnessed this horrific event and even becoming victims. As sad as this story is, we presented it to make people aware. There is help but you have to be willing to contact the proper authorities. Tonjie Reese, from Turning Point was on hand to provide that information.

On May 8-9, the Spiritual Life Retreat was hosted by Lake Huron Retreat Center with the facilitator being the Rev. Cathee Miles. Rev. Miles is a firm believer in prayer and she brought that concept to us. With forty seven in attendance it was one of the best and largest in attendance in the past seven years.

These were some really great events and we strive for great as we continue to inform, educate and bring some of the hard topics to the table. We look forward to your presence at our Annual Meeting Oct 10, 2015 at Troy First United Methodist Church in Troy and the ELT at Nardin Park United Methodist in Farmington Hills on November 14, 2015.

Matthew 20:26-27 tells us that the measure of greatness is not position, power or prestige; it is service and so we serve.

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Ann Arbor District

Summer has finally arrived and it has quickly made itself known with the soaring temperatures and high humidity. Thank goodness for air conditioning! When you get too hot and uncomfortable, just remember last winter and it won't seem so bad.

The District Mission Team last met June 11 with a potluck and business meeting.

We reviewed our Spring Spiritual Growth Retreat to see what, if anything, we could do to improve or change it. Based on evaluations, we hit a home run this year. Our speaker was fabulous and the fellowship was great, as always.

We also started making and firming up plans for the District Annual Celebration which will be held October 3rd at Brighton First UMC. It will soon be here and we want to be ready!

I attended the annual UMW Tea Party at Chelsea Retirement Community, July 10. It was very well done and so nice that CRC uses this format to thank all the United Methodist Women Units in the Conference for their continuous support.

My church, Milan Marble Memorial UMC had the pleasure of hosting the Mission u of the South July 18th. It was well attended and we enjoyed having everyone come. There were about 112 there.

I attended the 2-day school at Lake Huron Retreat Center August 14 - 15. I was actually there from August 12th through the 15th for the Conference Finance meeting and the H.O.M.E. mission project before the 2 day sessions. The weather was perfect most days. We did have to cancel the bonfire due to rain. We had some time just to enjoy that beautiful location.

Our next Mission Team meeting will be September 10, hosted by the women of Novi UMC.

God has truly blessed us all with His love and grace. May we always be mindful of that?

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MARQUETTE DISTRICT

Highlights of Marquette District:

- ◆ We are so pleased that ALL of our offices are filled. A true Godly blessing!!
- ◆ We had an inspiring Retreat in May. Janet Helmbold (Manestique) spoke to us about "The Other 12 Disciples" and Women of the Bible: the good, the bad, the ugly & everybody else.
- ◆ The next District Celebration will be in St. Ignace on Oct. 6. Hanna Heebner will be the Key Note speaker.
- ◆ Various units are focusing their studies on Human Trafficking, Immigration, Drugs programs presented by returning Missionaries.
- ◆ A Brunch will be held Aug 13 @ Presque Isle for several Units across the UP.
- ◆ A Mystery Trip went to Michigamme for lunch & then toured the camp.
- ◆ God's Country Cooperative Parish continues to receive support in the form of \$, children's clothes & sweatpants.
- ◆ District Officers will meet 8/19 in Marquette at First United Methodist Church, noon. Lunch will be served followed by a work bee.

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Standing Rules Changes to Be Voted

At Conference Annual Meeting

Proposed changes for the 2016 Standing Rules can be found in **PDF** form on the left side of the front page of the Detroit Conference United Methodist Women website:

<http://www.detroitconferenceumw.org>

Please review these proposed changes and be prepared to vote on them at the Annual Celebration in Ferndale October 24, 2015.

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JESUS WEPT!!!

PASTOR: The Lord be with you!
CONGREGATION : And with your spirit.

PASTOR: Will everyone please turn on their tablet, PC, iPad, smart phone and Kindle Bibles to 1 Corinthians, 13:13.
And please switch on your Bluetooth to download the sermon.

(Pause)

Now, let us pray to commit this week into God's hands. Open your apps, BBM, Twitter and Facebook and chat with God.

[S-i-l-e-n-c-e]

As we take our Sunday tithes and offerings, please have your credit and debit cards ready.

You can log onto the church Wi-Fi using the password *Lord909887*. The ushers will circulate mobile card swipe machines among the worshippers:

- Those who prefer to make electronic fund transfers are directed to computers and laptops at the rear of the church.
- Those who prefer to use iPads can open them.
- Those who prefer telephone banking, take out your cellphones to transfer your contributions to the church account.

(The holy atmosphere of St. Matthew's becomes truly electrified as all the smart phones, iPads, PCs and laptops beep and flicker.)

Final Blessing and Closing

Announcements:

- This week's ministry cell meetings will be held on the various Facebook group pages where the usual group-chatting takes place. Please log in and don't miss out.
- Thursday's catechism study will be held live on Skype at 1900 hours GMT. Please don't miss out.
- You can follow your pastor on Twitter this weekend for counseling and prayers.

God bless and have a nice day!

[And Jesus wept!]

Thanks Pat Engelbrecht for sharing this and thank you Kay Porter for sharing it with Pat.

"Humor is Good for the Soul"

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EARLY CHURCH WORKER

1. Prayed with a group of women _____
2. Served as a Missionary _____
3. Was chosen to replace Judas _____
4. Paul's helper _____
5. Lied to the church _____
6. Preached and about three thousand came to know Jesus. _____
7. Recognized Peter's voice and forgot to open the gates. _____
8. Restored Peter's sight. _____
9. Died for his faithfulness. _____
10. Made clothes for the needy? _____

Peter, Timothy, Rhoda, Dorcas, Lydia, Sapphira, Matthias, Stephen, Paul, Ananias

Find the scripture that answer the question also.

Answer key will be on the website at the bottom of the page.

MISSION u 2015 STUDY

**CREATED FOR
HAPPINESS
Rev. Beth Librande**



**MISSION u
2015 STUDY
Latin America
People of Faith
Joe and Joanna
Perez**



**MISSION u
2015 STUDY
The Church and
People with
Disabilities
Mary McCully**



**United Methodist Women
Detroit Conference
Annual Celebration
2016 Slate of Officers**

(to be presented) October 24, 2015

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EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION
Julia Hulka (2013) **SB**

MEMBERSHIP NURTURE & OUTREACH
Mitsy Mentzer (2015) **AA**
SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES
Marie Weaver (2013) **CR**

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR
Brenda Street (2013) **DR**

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Kathy Freeland (2016) **BW**

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October 6, 2015 Marquette District Annual Meeting St, Ignace UMC

October 10, 2015 Blue Water District Annual Meeting Snover: Heritage UMC

October 10, 2015 Crossroad District Annual Meeting Byron First UMC

October 10, 2015 Detroit Renaissance District Annual Meeting Troy First UMC

October 19—20, 2015 Mission u of the North Gaylor UMC

October 23—24, 2015 Leadership Training/ Annual Meeting & Celebration Ferndale UMC