

SCOPE

St. Mark's United Methodist Women
President: Judy Edelblute

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From the President's Desk

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I hope each of you are staying safe and well. It has been a long time since we have been able to meet in person, and we don't know when we will be able to meet again.



In the meantime, keep in touch with each other and encourage each other as we wait for St. Mark's to reopen. In the meantime, we still want to meet our obligations to pay all of our pledge to Missions Undesignated. If you have not paid all of your 2020 pledge, please do so if you can. The second thing you can do is participate in the UMW Virtual Bake Sake on Saturday, October 17. There are details elsewhere in this Scope.

There are also virtual learning opportunities being provided by UMW groups beyond our local unit. The district annual meeting will be broadcast on Zoom on Saturday, September 19.

Until we are able to gather again, stay safe and stay well.

Blessings,
Judy Edelblute

Mission Outreach Fund

We have been unable to pay the last 7 MOFs for 2020. After we finish paying our pledge to Missions Undesignated, we will pay as many MOFs as possible before the end of 2020.

UMW Treasury Update

It's September already, can we believe it? Where did summer go? Two of our planned fundraisers got cancelled so our treasury is weak. Our current balance is \$1,560.95. We can pay our District pledge for Sept. and Oct. (\$500 each month). November and December will leave us lacking funds. Maybe some of our members haven't made their pledge. Then I thought that our members might do a sort of UMW Go Fund Me. If our members each gave a small donation then the total amount would be sufficient to make our commitment for November and December to the district. Our unit has never failed to make this pledge to UMW District. Please put this in your prayer concerns for a solution. Pledges can be sent to the church and marked UMW or mailed to me.

Thank You,
Carol McElroy, Treasurer

DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

This year the district annual meeting of UMW will be conducted by ZOOM on Saturday, September 19. The meeting is FREE this year. It begins at 9:30am, and the keynote speaker, Cal-Pac UMW President Diane Gin, is scheduled for about 11am.

Anyone is welcome to be part of this online meeting. To register for the meeting, request a registration form from our President Judy Edelblute, so you will receive the email link for the Zoom meeting. The registration deadline is Saturday, September 12.

VIRTUAL BAKE SALE

We need about \$750 to pay our November and December pledge to district for Missions Undesignated. We need everyone's help to make our virtual bake sale a success. First, we will ask who is willing to bake and how much of what they are willing to make and donate to the sale. Then we will publicize the list of baked goods and their prices. We will ask you to bake only the amount of your baked goods that are ordered. All baked goods will be delivered on Saturday, October 17. If you don't want to deliver the orders you bake, we have volunteers who will deliver them. Let Pat Comer or Sandi Johnson know what you are willing to bake by Saturday, September 19. They need time to collate the available baked goods and advertise them. What are you willing to do to make the bake sale a success?

FAITH TALKS

The national UMW has a monthly webinar on various social justice issues. They are at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks>. Recent topics include grief, voter guides and voter suppression, racism, and mass incarceration.

CAL-PAC NOMINEE WILL BECOME NATIONAL UMW PRESIDENT

Ainise Isama'u is a lay member of United with Hope UMC in Long Beach, California. She will serve as national president for 2020-2024.

Ainise is currently in her last year at Claremont School of Theology working on a Master of Divinity and has been in several leadership capacities in the United Methodist Connection. She currently serves as the Tongan Representative on the Advisory Board for the Pacific Islander Ministry Plan and as a Mission Roundtable Facilitator for the General Board of Global Ministries.

Also joining the Board this year as a Western Jurisdiction Alternate member is Mela Faiva Manu-Blagojevich, a former Cal-Pac UMW President.

NEW OFFICERS

St. Mark's UMW needs 3 more officers to complete the roster of the leadership team.

1. Newsletter editor – Debbie Abbott has resigned to concentrate on her new duties as Spiritual Growth Coordinator.
2. Vice President is Open. This woman would assist with presenting the Mission Recognition Award on UMW Sunday in January and the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial in March.
3. Social Action Coordinator is Open. This woman would keep the unit aware of various social issues and how we can assist improving our response to those issues.

If you would consider filling one of the positions, contact President Judy Edelblute.

SAVE THE DATE

The Conference UMW Annual Meeting will occur October 24 via ZOOM. Details will be available later.

Purpose of United Methodist Women



The organized unit of 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 fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.