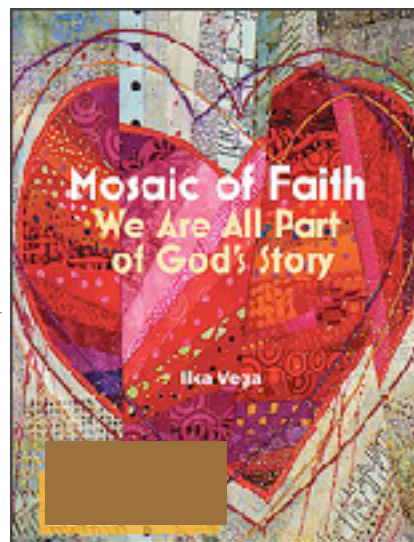


We Are All Part Of God's Story



MARY MARTHA LINK PEAKS PIKES PEAK DISTRICT APRIL 2023

Calendar Dates

Peaks Pikes Peak District

Events

June 10
Spiritual Day Together
Smoky Hills UMC

Mountain Sky Conference

Events

May 19-20
Virtual Spirit Life Retreat
"Good-bye Worries, Hello, Joy!"
UWF Breakfast at Annual Conf,
June 24, Colorado Springs
Janet Wolf, Speaker
Mission u study
Living the Kin-dom: Exploring
the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual
Practice for Social
Transformation
(July 11, 18, 25, Aug 1)
ZOOM

Western Jurisdiction Events

April 25-28, 2024
Western Jurisdiction Meeting
Anchorage, Alaska

National

Assembly, 2026



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Tell Me a Story

We humans seem to be fascinated by stories from a very early age. Parents can even read a story to their baby before it is born. Hearing a bedtime story read aloud is a special time for both parent and child, forming one of our earliest memories. As I grew up and got "too old" for having a story read to me, I'd stay up reading for myself. Sometimes that was done under the covers, so my parents wouldn't know I was staying up so late. In Sunday school we learned more stories and sang "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus."

Before people had the Scriptures in the written form we know today, all of those stories were shared aloud with each new generation. Jesus told stories too. We studied some of those stories, or parables, from Luke 13 in our Mission u study, Who Can We Be Together? Many times, it's easier to learn or remember something in story form. It seems to have more meaning in that context.

Our own stories are important too. As families or groups of friends, stories bring us together. We connect to others when we hear their stories-the happy, the sad, the funny. Sometimes a story is about the big, important times in our lives. Other times the story is more about the everyday moments we all experience. Listening to someone's story or sharing your own can be a precious and holy moment.

(President's Message continued)

If you're looking for good stories, there are many choices in our United Women in Faith reading program. There are also books that are appropriate to read aloud to a child. As a retired teacher, I know that children (of all ages) love to hear a good story. Take time to share stories with each other.



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Happy Spring, everyone! That was certainly a long, cold winter, and I am looking forward to beautiful blooming things in my garden. The directory update turned out to be a much larger project than I expected! Thank you all for your patience. The 2023 directories have been mailed to unit presidents. You have been sent three copies: two for your unit and one for your church office. The directory is also available in digital format. Please email me at pppuwfsecretary@gmail.com if you would like to receive a pdf copy of the directory. I am considering updating the digital copy quarterly if I receive changes. I'd love to know if you are interested in this option. Are there any units that would prefer to receive the directory only in digital format, and not receive print copies? I'd love to hear from you as to what you would like in the future.



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How can it be May already? The spring flowers and warm temperatures indicate that it really is time for May! (Of course, it does snow sometimes in May!) So, here is your “April” newsletter, a few days late.

Newsletters are designed to communicate reflections and information. Please enjoy hearing from the officers who shared their thoughts in this newsletter.

A flyer for the Peaks Pikes Peak District Spiritual Day Together is found on the last page of this newsletter. (It is designed to be posted on your church bulletin board to extend an invitation to all women.) Years ago we called this day a “Day Apart,” signifying the opportunity to leave the commitments of daily life and take time for spiritual reflection at a “Day Apart.” Then, women appreciated the opportunity to come together to worship and reflect. The name was changed to a “Spiritual Day Together.” And, I am excited! This year we actually will be able to gather together. (Zoom is okay, but I personally believe in-person is better. I have missed in person opportunities to get acquainted, make new friends and catch up with old friends over morning coffee time and at lunch. So, hope to see you on June 10.

One of the challenges of communicating is knowing the right time! Women need to have time to get the details and plan for events. And there are all those details! I may have issues with Zoom, but I so appreciate the opportunities of internet communication and websites!

If you lost your district newsletter, or you just want to know what is going on in other districts—or at the conference level, the opportunity is there. To find out, just visit mtnskyumw.org

And of course our national website has the latest information and opportunities.

uwfaith.org

So, be in the know! And I hope to see you on June 10th at our Spiritual Day ***Together***.



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Do your friends ever ask, “What missions do your funds support?” It’s easier to name the local missions you support than those that are further away, right?

On the National and International front, I’m suggesting you remember two numbers: 100 and 50.

For a brief answer, you might say “We support nearly 100 projects and community institutions across the United States. United Women in Faith also support and empower local women in more than 50 countries around the globe to be leaders in the church, community, and the world. “

You can find more details about each of the projects at <https://uwfaith.org/what-we-do/what-we-fund/> Every time I review the list of projects, and look at the maps showing where our funds go, I’m just amazed at how far our precious dollars are stretched.

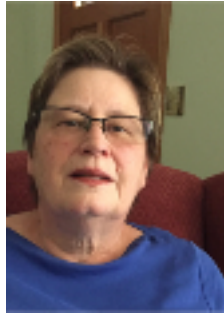
For a little longer answer, add one or two examples of what your funds support locally, nationally, and internationally. That helps people visualize what the funds are supporting.

For a lesson in your unit or circle, you might choose one or more of the projects to learn more about. For example, I chose to learn more about the Susannah Wesley Community Center (SWCC) in Honolulu, Hawaii. I simply clicked on the Hawaii icon on the map of National Mission institutions at the website above. This took me to the SWCC website where I learned about their food pantry, youth & family programs, education advancement efforts, and trafficking victim assistance. Very interesting! It feels good to know that you and I are supporting this agency’s important efforts.



The Legacy 150 Campaign
is now in a Sustaining Phase.

Go to
uwfaith.org
to Legacy Fund
For details on giving or
becoming a
150 Legacy Builder



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You're Invited



To honor Harriett Jane Olson

"Our work is funded by our members. Mission Giving is one of many ways we respond, and it is as important now as it has ever been. Thank you for all the ways you offer yourselves to this work!"

Whether you have heard her words from the stage at Assembly, read her words in the pages of response magazine, or spent time with her at Leadership Development Days, Harriett has touched many of our lives. In her sixteen years as General Secretary/CEO, she has moved the organization forward in a significant way. Harriett leaves an incredible legacy of passion for the work of making the world better for women, children and youth.

Honor Harriett right now on the occasion of her retirement with a [Gift to Mission online](#) to recognize her and the organization that raised you as leaders and women in Christ. **Check the "In honor or memory" box and follow the prompts. Be sure to **click** "Send a Card" to let Harriett know you are thankful for her service.**

You are also invited to honor Harriett by sending her a Gift to Mission card, care of the National office at:

United Women in Faith

Attn: Harriett Olson

475 Riverside Dr., Suite 1500

New York, NY 10115

Each card has a message on the back of the card to indicate that a Gift to Mission has been given in the recipient's honor through United Women in Faith. **Every greeting card puts money into mission!**

If you do not already have mission cards, you can purchase them from your local leader. Individuals or local units should send at least \$5.00 for each gift to mission card through their local unit treasurer to the district treasurer. Cards are also available at conference and district events.

Make a gift to mission today! Thank you for all you do for women, youth and children and the organization we love.



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Membership Nurture and Outreach: Love In Action; Spring to Action

Ephesians 4: 15-16

But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

As a new district officer, I sometimes feel like I can relate to the new sprouts that we see each Spring, tenderly peeking up from underground, ever so fragile! I find that I am watered, fertilized, and tended to by fellow officers and a myriad of websites!

I often question whether I am going to make it or not! But support is everywhere! In fact, I collected a list of relevant website addresses and placed them all on one document to see if that would be helpful. I find that this list does continue to grow! And surely, I have left important websites off! But I am very happy to share what I have, in case that would be useful to you. Please send me an email to ask for this website's list document and I will reply with it as an attachment.

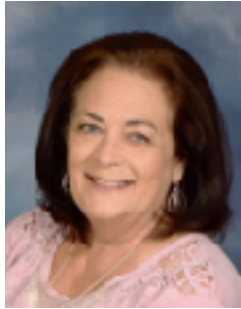
If there was ever a time for nurturing, it is now! Please share with me how I can help your local unit of United Women In Faith! I would love to attend your local meetings in a way that supports you. I can sit and listen. I can provide a program around a theme of your choice. I can collect lists of needs and/or concerns. I am working on trying to improve myself, so I am open to hearing your suggestions and guidance!

To me, the "Love in Action" element of United Women In Faith is so very important and carries a very broad meaning. You are the voices of what that means. I want to start my work in this new officer position by being a listener. You can teach me so much that I feel I need to know. I want to be of **service to you**, however, I must admit, I need to **learn from you**.

I hope you can forgive the fact that I am first more interested in listening and learning. I promise to take all you have to share and correlate it into a service that allows me to give back to you and to this great fellowship of Women In Action.

Thank you, in advance, for helping me to develop a blooming garden of nurture and outreach. I am so excited to get to meet you; to listen to you; to learn from you; to grow from your information and insights and then to give back support for you and your UW Faith members.

I also see myself as the "middle" of the alphabet: My name is Lorrie, and I am the district officer for Membership Nurture and Outreach OR **LMNO!**



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(Jan shares this meditation from the Touch Ministries website.)

The Holy Spirit's presence is essential for the Christian life. Despite our best efforts, we have no ability to produce Christlike character on our own. Although we've been declared righteous through faith in Jesus, we still succumb to sin, pressures of the world, and the deceptions and temptations of the devil.

Thankfully we have a resource that is greater than any hindrance--God's omnipotent indwelling Spirit. He continually works to transform us into Christ's image by giving us holy desires and ambitions, making us sensitive to His leading and empowering our obedience and service. When we're submissive to the Spirit, we grow in our faith and resemble Jesus more and more.

However, this doesn't mean that we play no part in the process. The practical truth is that we must exercise obedient attitudes even if we're feeling otherwise. These include loving the unlovable, choosing joy instead of grumbling, being kind when we'd rather respond with harshness, and practicing patience despite frustration or anger. And the great mystery is that when we rely on the Spirit, our heart changes--love takes root, joy fills our heart, kindness feels right and patience produces a peaceful spirit.

Meet these other District Officers on June 10



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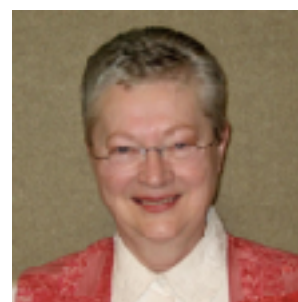
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We Want You! We need you!

We are looking for wonderful women to fill the District Leadership Team openings for 2024. Serving on the District Team will be a blessing to you as you get to know the rest of the team and you will be a blessing to the team. If you or someone you know would be willing to speak with us about the job requirements for serving, please get names and contact information to any of the members of the Committee on Nominations. We will be in touch over the next few weeks.

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN BREAKFAST AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

2023 United Women in Faith Breakfast

“Welcoming All of God’s Children”

Mountain Sky Annual Conference (UMC) meeting will be June 22-24, 2023 in Colorado Springs, CO.

United Women in Faith will have a breakfast at First Christian Church on Saturday June 24th at 7:15am

First Christian Church is 2 blocks from First UMC of Co Springs and located at 16 E Platte Ave

Special Guest Speaker Rev. Janet Wolf.

In-person and virtual are available.

Register by June 8, 2023.

Cost is \$15 for meal.

Online registration [here](#)



Telling Our Story

Peaks Pikes Peak District Spiritual Day Together

Saturday, June 10
9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Smoky Hill United Methodist Church
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Registration: \$15 (includes lunch)
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