



## **Fall District Mission Celebration Meeting** **by Barb Nicholls** **Communication Coordinator**

The KY East District United Methodist Women **Fall Celebration of Missions** gathering is set for **Saturday, September 16, at Louisa 1<sup>st</sup> UMC, 202 West Main Street, Louisa, KY.** Registration will open at 9:30 A.M., and the meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. The gracious Louisa 1<sup>st</sup> ladies will present a basket of many things your UMW unit can use (including 50 crocheted crosses!) to the unit that has the most ladies in attendance.

The purpose of the annual fall meeting is to celebrate our mission successes through the year. As I explained in the last newsletter, each unit is asked to bring and present a report (including pictures, samples, etc.) to share with the group about a **mission project your unit has done this year** either alone or in partnership with other units.

If your unit participates in the KY Conference **Baby Blanket** project or the **ABC Baby Quilt** project, please bring those items to this celebration and we will make sure they are delivered to the KY Conference UMW Mission Celebration on October 28 in Elizabethtown. Also in preparation for the State Conference, our District is asked to bring **pencil boxes or pouches** to donate to the Lighthouse Academy and to the Portland Promise Center, both in Louisville.

The mission offering we receive at the meeting will go to a local mission, the Louisa Area Food Bank. You may also want to bring some **canned or non-perishable food items** to donate to this local mission.

During the business session in the afternoon, we will recognize those units who have achieved five and six-star unit status, Mission Today accomplishments, and Reading Program awards. We will also recognize those members who have passed away this year and install new officers for the coming year.

Your Mission Team has worked hard to plan a productive meeting to celebrate our mission successes this year and offer ideas to take back to your unit as you continue your work of spreading the love of Jesus Christ in your backyard and around the world. I hope you will plan to come and bring many of your United Methodist women to this meeting. It is always a blessing to meet and fellowship with our sisters in Christ!

Thanks in advance to the ladies of Louisa 1<sup>st</sup> UMC for hosting us! Hope to see you there!

## **UMW Assembly 2018**

UMW Assembly meets every four years with United Methodist women coming together from all over the country and around the world. UMW Assembly will meet next year on **May 18-20, 2018, in Columbus, OH.** Since this location is relatively close for us, I hope many of you will have the opportunity to attend. The Assembly Deadline for Early Registration is fast approaching. It is November 30 and the early fee is \$295. After that date, the regular registration is \$330. The assembly will offer worship sessions infused with music and performing arts, quality workshops, and town hall meetings with important leaders. For more information or to register, go to the website: [www.umwassembly.org](http://www.umwassembly.org).

**The Legacy Fund**  
(from KY Conference UMW Newslink)

United Methodist Women will be celebrating 150 years of mission in 2019. We have been given a strong foundation by our foremothers. Their wise financial planning has left us a legacy that continues to change lives in communities down the street and around the world.

So while, in the 21st century, we celebrate the past 150 years of mission work, we also need to prepare for the next 150. We can almost imagine the challenges our daughters and granddaughters will face as they take on the legacy of United Methodist Women. We need to prepare a firm foundation so they are free to address the challenges of their time head on and effect real change. To do this, we've started an endowment called **The Legacy Fund**.

The Legacy Fund is a forward-thinking permanent endowment with income dedicated to strengthening United Methodist Women. **The Legacy Fund** will provide the tools, resources and personnel to distribute United Methodist Women's grants, scholarships, coordinate with mission personnel and support technological updates like operating systems for data and communication, and more.

We would like to invite you to be a part of this legacy as we begin our 5 year celebration of the 150th anniversary of the organization. The campaign, officially launched at Assembly 2014, will be celebrated at Assembly 2018, and will culminate in 2019, the 150th year.

You can participate by donating to **The Legacy Fund**. Donations can be made by calling [800-278-7771](tel:800-278-7771) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. EST. You can text "Legacy150" to 41444. Or you can give on line by going to [United Methodist Women - United Methodist Women](#). You are encouraged to

give \$18.69. This is the year (1869) that we began working in the mission field

**UMW Handbook**

The United Methodist Women Handbook is full of resources and ideas for your UMW unit. You can find the handbook online at this website:

<[unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org)>

Check it out!



**KY EAST DISTRICT UMW DATES**

September 16, 2017 – KY East District Celebration of Missions at Louisa 1<sup>st</sup> UMC. Registration at 9:30 AM. Program at 10:00 AM.

**KY CONFERENCE UMW DATES**

**October 28, 2017** - KY Conference Annual Mission Celebration at Memorial UMC, 631 N. Miles Street, Elizabethtown, KY.

[National UMW Dates](#)

May 18-20, 2018 – Assembly 2018, Columbus, OH