

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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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.

United Methodist Women began using zoom several years ago as a cost saving measure. We used zoom for one or two of our quarterly meetings each year so, as a group, we were familiar with using the basic technology. We have been thankful for that knowledge this past year as we transitioned into using Zoom for all our team meetings. We even held our Annual Celebration in 2020 via Zoom. We know that not everyone is able to access this technology and continue to work to find ways to include more members. Many of our units also are using zoom or other virtual platforms to connect with one another, but most are looking forward to being able to meet again in person as meeting spaces begin to open.

Believing that Jesus taught us to love one another, and knowing that all persons are people of worth in God's eyes, this spring we had a Virtual Spiritual Growth Retreat on zoom led by Rev. Ann Lyter. Our topic was Holy Humor. It was a wonderful way to combat our feelings of isolation.

United Methodist Women offers Mission u events each summer. Mission u is an educational opportunity that can be attended by anyone, whether a United Methodist Women member or not and whether you are male or female, youth, young adult, or even older adult! This year our studies will be on zoom. June 25-26, 2021, Rachel Mosher will lead **Becoming Peacemakers**, a study for youth and anyone who is interested in youth (an opportunity for some of us who were youth some time ago to see how the youth are learning – blackboards are a thing of the past!). July 23-24, 2021, Billie Fidlin will lead a study called **Pushout** about the school to prison pipeline. August 13-14, 2021, Dior DeSormeau will lead **Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom**.

You can find out more about these and other United Methodist Women activities at:

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