



United
Methodist
Women

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The Ridgecrest Reporter

From the President:

It is a new year for United Methodist Women. This year our theme is Peace and we will have several programs around that theme. Look for our Call to Prayer program at the beginning of the Lenten Season, our Seder Meal at Passover (during Holy Week this year), and our Thanksgiving Program celebrating all we have to be thankful for around, what else, Thanksgiving! We have the same leadership team this year but it has been stirred up with people taking some different positions:

Officers

Laura Lei Miller----- President
Janice Anderson----- Secretary
Shirley Kidner ----- Treasurer
Lorelei Atencio
----- Secretary of Program Resources

Mission Coordinators

Juanita Morton
----- Membership, Nurture, and Outreach
Diane Wadelin----- Spiritual Growth
Terry Ratcliff ----- Education and Interpretation
Circle Chairs

Barbara Mason----- 3M Circle
Aileen Scott----- Sister's Act
Kathleen Hanson and Laura Miller
----- Friendship Circle

We are always looking for a few good women!
We have several offices that are not filled:

Vice President

Chair of the Committee on Nominations

Mission Coordinator for Social Action

If you have an interest in leading or even just learning about United Methodist Women, please feel free to attend our board meetings, we would love your input.

Joining Us:

Our purpose is:

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.

The only requirement for membership in United Methodist Women is a desire to accomplish this purpose. There is no requirement to pledge any money. There is no requirement to pledge any time. There is no requirement to attend a circle, to do a bible or mission study, or work for a global mission of the church. Primarily, the requirement is to know God. All of our activities are tied to the desire to get to know God better. We offer programs to encourage a relationship with God and we do missions like our Valentine Cookie Sales to raise money to support loving and caring for others in places all over the world. We do these things with joy in our hearts because we know that we are serving God. These things are done for God's glory. All together, our units of United Methodist Women combine to form a group of 800,000 women in a strong relationship with God. We are one of the largest women's groups in the world! We have members everywhere. But, we are busy women too. We care for our families, we work, we pursue hobbies and other activities. But, all you need to do to be a member is to believe in the purpose. Join us at any time. We would love to be with you.