

## Mission Giving

The name for United Methodist Women's basic financial giving has been changed from Undesignated Giving to **Mission Giving** to make it easier to tell the story of the United Methodist Women's vision outreach. The new name indicates what UMW is about - **mission**- and what makes that possible - **giving**. Mission **giving** is the foundation for mission work through United Methodist Women and the Women's Division.



Our unit of United Methodist Women has many ways to reach our Mission Giving goal.

1. Our individual "pledge to mission" which is paid through your circle treasurer or the unit treasurer—Sherry Culver. This is the amount you would like to give---or pledge---to mission for each calendar year.
2. We also hold two Yard Sales each year---May and October. So continue to save your "yard sale items" and plan to help out on those days.
3. Our Annual Holiday Fair in November is another of our ways to have fellowship and raise funds for our unit's Pledge to Mission.

This giving plan is how our National organization can do the wonderful mission work throughout the world... for women, children and youth.

## Health Kits for 2015

This is again our emphasis for the year. Let's see how many we can collect before June 1, so they can be brought to Annual Conference. We will continue to collect for the next shipment.

Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", No kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up) No Ivory soap
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, No child-size brushes)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste  
(NOTE: UMCOR Sager Brown is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent.)

### Pray for Missionaries

1. Pray for their Social Condition---understanding culture, governments, their families and children
2. Pray for their Spiritual Condition—obedience to God, unity with co-workers, and their faithfulness
3. Pray for their Physical Needs—health, rest and supporting material needs...and their safety.
4. Pray for their Ministry—prepare hearts, freshness in the Word and fruitful ministry.

Use the Prayer Calendar...write to a few missionaries, send them blessings, send a birthday card and do pray for their ministry

### Response Magazine



This is the name of the official magazine of United Methodist Women. There are copies circulating among circle members and additional copies in the UMW Library in Ogle Parlor. If you would like to subscribe...see Winnie Sinclair.

## CARDS and GIFT SHOP—

- Did you know that United Methodist Women have cards available for you to give to someone who is ill, had a baby, in need of Congratulations or having a Birthday? These are appropriate cards and cost \$5.00 each and that money goes to missions! We also have Christmas cards.
- Also...we have cards to send a family when there is a death. These are Gift in Memory cards and you are asked to give any amount to missions. These are usually in the literature rack by the back door.

## COLLECTION CORNER—

- **Aluminum tabs** from beverage containers or soup cans are being recycled. Yes, these little tabs are redeemed and support the Shriners' Burn Hospitals. See the UMW bulletin board for more information.
- **Campbell Soup UPC codes**...Just the **UPC code** from most Campbell's products. More information available on our bulletin board. These are sent to Cooper Community Center in Boston, our United Methodist Mission site for educational supplies.
- **Box Tops for Education** are collected for the local school system to redeem for extra items...items for classrooms
- **GOOD clean clothing** for those underserved people in the Western Mountains of Maine (box outside the office Apr.-Nov.)
- **Non-perishable food for the Natick Food Pantry**—box near the office

It is likely you do not have a use for any of these items...but they are useful to non-profit agencies and the work they are doing on limited budgets.

Thank you... for helping us... help others.

These containers are in the corner of the kitchen...fill them up!



## Join our Prayer Shawl Ministry

**"Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles..."**

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This is a time of fellowship  
A time of nurturing  
A time to care

There is a group who meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM in Ogle Parlor/ or the Youth Room to knit, crochet or quilt these very special shawls while praying for comfort, healing or maybe a time of celebration for the recipients.

So...if you think you might be interested in this ministry, speak to Joanne Billo or Winnie Sinclair. We hope this will continue to be an ongoing ministry of the Fisk community.