

What's it all about?

Our Theme:



Mothers and Daughters: Passing the Flame of Faith, Hope, and Love for an Enduring Legacy

Pause for a moment and think about how you became interested in United Methodist Women. It may have been called by a different name, but it was a mission-oriented group where women learned and reached out in ministry and mission, and became advocates for justice.

We will hear stories of mothers passing on to daughters their passion for mission as well as specifics of what we are doing in ministry and mission through United Methodist Women globally and in Western PA.

Invite a friend to come with you. The church is on one level with good parking and in a lovely rural setting. It will be a great day of sharing and learning.

Our PURPOSE

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.

Directions:

As of this printing there are several bridge closures in the area. Diane Miller will provide directions through the Conference E-news and district presidents closer to the event. (Diane Miller: 814-498-2308)



WPA Conference United Methodist Women

Annual Meeting

Saturday,
October 27, 2018

Oakland United Methodist Church
1431 State Route 428
Oil City, PA 16301

Our Speaker:



Jessica Tulloch is a Western Pennsylvania native who began attending UMW meetings as an infant.

As a young adult, she participated in a mission program that sent her to the Philippines where she then lived for 12 years working for a human rights and peace building ecumenical network.

Jessica is currently the Executive for National Ministries at the UMW national office, supporting our nearly 100 National Mission Institutions. She is honored to be serving the organization that reared her.

National Mission Institutions

In the United States, mission giving, prayers and volunteer support provides vital support for United Methodist Women-related national mission institutions.

Ruth M. Smith Center is the National Mission Institution in WPA.

Our Time Together

Friday:

Lodging in the area if you wish to come the night before: Quality Inn in Franklin, Days Inn in Oil City or Cross Creek Resort, outside Titusville. The church is centrally located between the three.

Saturday:

- 8:45 Registration
- 9:15 Presentations,
Keynote Speaker
Business Meeting
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Workshops and Communion
- 2:30 Dismissal

Ruth M. Smith Center



Registration Information

Register early, but no later than October 21. Gluten Free and Vegetarian options available upon request. Late registrations may need to bring their own lunch!

Cost: \$8 per person for lunch

By Phone/Email: Leave a message on Patti Thomas's phone: 814-677-6075 or email:

mrspthomas1961@gmail.com

By mail: Complete the following and send a check payable to **Conference Oakland UMW** to Patti Thomas, 24 Glenwood Drive, Oil City, PA 16301.

Name(s):

Church:

Contact Email:

Phone:

Number of Special Meals:

#_____Vegetarian

#_____Gluten Free

SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS

Any United Methodist student of the Western Pennsylvania Conference who plans to enter a full-time, church-related vocation and who is in need of financial assistance to further her or his education may apply. The student may apply for her or his junior or senior year of college, graduate school years or seminary study.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Financial assistance shall be given only to United Methodist students of the Western Pennsylvania Conference who:

1. Are fully dedicated to service in the United Methodist Church in a full-time, church-related vocation.
2. NEED financial assistance. TOTAL income may not exceed \$24,000 if single or \$30,000 if married. An allowance of \$3,000 is made for each dependent.
3. Have satisfactory academic grades.
4. Have been active in their local church and community.
5. Have the personality and other qualifications needed to do full-time Christian work.
6. Are approved by the Scholarship Committee and the Executive Board of the WPA United Methodist Women.*

*The WPA Board of Ordained Ministry also must approve seminary students.

One person may receive a total of four grants, but only one per calendar year. Applications with supporting documents must be in the hands of the committee chair by April 15 for Fall Term and Oct. 15 for Spring Term.

BACKGROUND

The Scholarship Fund began in 1963. Since then it has aided several hundreds of recipients in completing their seminary or other upper-level schooling.

The Scholarship Committee is composed of six executives of the WPA-UMW. The committee determines to whom the money is given and the amount of the gift. The board must approve the donations. The money is intended to supplement the financial resources of the student and encourage his or her education. It is primarily to pay for books and/or partial tuition. In the past 50 years, the committees have approved grants of \$500-\$2,000 several times a year.

LOCAL UNITS CONTRIBUTE

Each local unit of the WPA-UMW is asked to send a \$25 contribution annually over and above its Pledge to Mission. The money is sent through regular channels from the local units to the District Treasurer of the UMW, specifically marked Scholarship Fund for Christian Vocations.

REQUEST FOR APPLICATION:

Name: _____

Permanent Address

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS

(if different from above):

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Mail Completed Request Form To:

The Western Pennsylvania Conference
of United Methodist Women's
Mission Coordinator for Education and
Interpretation:

Sharon Stollings
660 Calvin Court
Meadville, PA 16335

sharonquilter@gmail.com

SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS



**Available From:
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HOW TO APPLY

A student should fill out the request form contained in this brochure to obtain an application and guidelines. He or she must return it to WPA-UMW's Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation. Returned applications must meet the semi-annual deadlines of April 15 or Oct. 15. The applicant is responsible for seeing that required documentation also meets the stated deadlines. Materials required for the scholarship award include a satisfactory transcript, an essay of background and goals, a statement of need and three letters of recommendation, one each from the student's current pastor, the District Superintendent and a professor, preferably the academic advisor.

MARY E. JEWELL SCHOLARSHIP

The SFCV Committee also oversees the Mary E. Jewell Scholarship, which was established by the family of a former UM pastor's wife. It is usually given in December.