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Sisterhood of Grace

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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.

The Vision

Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

Living the Vision

We provide opportunities and resources to grow spiritually, become more deeply rooted in Christ and put faith into action.

We are organized for growth, with flexible structures leading to effective witness and action.

We equip women and girls around the world to be leaders in communities, agencies, workplaces, governments and churches.

We work for justice through compassionate service and advocacy to change unfair policies and systems.

We provide educational experiences that lead to personal change in order to transform the world.
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In 2019, United Methodist Women will celebrate 150 years of women organized for mission. It is a long and detailed history, involving millions of committed women and their stories. Most of them are unknown. Though we cannot tell all the stories, this Program Book touches on pieces of our shared history, connects that history to today, then looks into the future as we continue Christ’s mission and ministry.

There are threads that connect us to the women of our history. The first thread is discernment. We try to be present to God’s presence, knowing that God is in the midst of us, in the least of these, in the silence, in the noise, and in the lessons we continually learn. Discernment leads to response. Second, all of these women, whether it’s those who came before us or those today, are part of Christ’s mission and ministry with women, children and youth. The commitment is both personal, as individuals, and collective, as an organization. Third, this work evolved as history and needs changed. Our own theological growth and education has undergirded all mission, and it continues to be dynamic (as the different missional priorities each quadrennium indicate). Parts of our history are shameful, but we are a resurrection people, so we acknowledge the sin, seek forgiveness and learn as we move forward in faith.

Finally, by adding your own stories and historical memories of United Methodist Women to these programs, history becomes more inclusive and diverse; this is essential as we all come together as God’s daughters, committed to mission. Unfortunately, just like our history books, stories are edited and exclusive. Together we can make additions and become more inclusive and expansive in
our narrative, ready to greet all women into the sisterhood of grace as we seek to live out our faith with love and justice.

The programs each feature a Bible study that relates to the sisterhood of grace theme. A variety of methods are used to make the programs interactive and exciting: food, art, historical vignettes, etc. The programs can be used individually, but if you use all the programs over the course of the year, your unit/circle will get a broader picture of our 150-year history and the diversity of our mission. They are formatted in different ways, but all will require preparation and communication with participants. Adjust them to meet the needs of the group.

Features
Below is an overview of how the monthly programs are formatted. Read through the programs well in advance and be sure to prepare the necessary resources and materials to make each gathering a valuable experience for all.

Month/Title
Each month’s program has a title that offers you a quick reference to the theme of the Bible study, which always centers on women in the Bible and relates to the topic of the program.

Objective
The objective summarizes what is inside the program and the goals for participants. What will they learn? Come away with? Do?

Preparation
This section helps the leader prepare for the program. Refer to this section for the resources and materials you will need to collect ahead of time, and a list of the volunteer leaders and readers you will need to call on. The programs are creative and flexible: You will have the opportunity to shape them to meet the needs of your own unit/circle. See the Build Your Program section below.

Bible Study and Reflection
Each program includes a Bible study that looks at the stories of women who were led by God’s spirit in their time and place. We will discover 12 women, or pairs or a sisterhood of women, from the Bible who opened themselves to God
and participated in God’s work in the world. Time for reflection and discussion are provided.

**Historical Work: Building Our Identity/Position**
This section offers an opportunity to learn about the historic work of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations through the ages. It highlights specific missional focus areas that have shaped the organization’s identity over the years and continue to position us for mission with women, children and youth.

**Call to Action: Engage and Mobilize**
This section invites you to engage in action and advocacy with United Methodist Women. You can use the opportunities and strategies suggested here, or develop your own strategies for ongoing work.

**Sisterhood of Grace Shalom Wheel**
The Sisterhood of Grace Shalom Wheel activity is incorporated at the end of each program to help us connect United Methodist Women’s history with our present work. You will find a description of the activity following this Introduction, along with the Sisterhood of Grace covenant, ground rules that undergird all our work in these sessions. The Shalom Wheel template and stick figures of mission women, past and present, may be found in Appendix A and B, respectively.

The following words appear on different spokes of the wheel:

1. Persistence  7. Generosity  
2. Inclusion  
3. Community  8. New Life  
6. Investing  11. Human Dignity  

The completed circle will represent these 12 specific traits of the female biblical characters in the Program Book that contribute to shalom or fullness of life (John 10:10). They also represent the characteristics of women in your unit/circle and United Methodist Women.
Prayers, Hymns and Closing Litanies
The programs include prayers to encourage us to be open to encounters with God and our sisters. The hymns are related to the current month’s Bible study topic and offer an opportunity for centering. The closing of each program is either a communal prayer or a litany.

Appendix
Templates for the Shalom Wheel and stick figures of missionary people for the monthly Sisterhood of Grace Shalom Wheel activity are found here, along with the Pledge to Mission Service litany.

Build Your Program
You are encouraged to do the full program so your group learns and gains a good understanding of each topic. The full program will take 45 minutes to an hour: The approximate time allotted for key segments is indicated after the titles. However, if you have less than an hour, use the Build Your Own Program feature underneath the Objective in each program to note the segments you want to utilize, those that would be most helpful for your group.

Special Programs
A Pledge to Mission and A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial programs are included in the Program Book. They are also available for download from the United Methodist Women website: unitedmethodistwomen.org.

We pray that you are impacted by the Bible studies and moved by the programs. We hope you learn new and exciting pieces of United Methodist Women’s history that move you to action in Christ’s mission with women, children and youth. You are part of a great cloud of witnesses—and though we may know only a smattering of stories about the mission and ministry of the women who came before us, our narrative is just as important to fulfilling God’s call. God has worked through each woman in our history and will work through us personally and as an organization so God’s will “will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” Peace and blessings as you continue in this journey with Christ.

Endnote
We are a sisterhood of grace. As a community of women organized for mission it is important that we be the creative, supportive fellowship espoused in our Purpose. In that spirit, we offer this covenant as a guideline for interactions in our programs. These ground rules provide us with a framework to ensure that dialogue and participation is open, respectful and brave as we share, pray, learn and listen together.

**Sisterhood of Grace Covenant**
- Listen actively—with head and heart.
- Speak from your own experience.
- Be aware of body language.
- Respect confidentiality.
- Respect personal space.
- Own your intentions and your impact.
- Practice sustainability.
- Expect unfinished business—both discomfort and joy.

For a special program on the covenant, check the United Methodist Women website: [unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org).

**Sisterhood of Grace Shalom Wheel**
As we live into this sisterhood during the program year we will also be connecting our present to our past through the monthly Shalom Wheel activity as we continuously work towards God’s shalom.

Let us bring to our minds the image from Luke 4:16–21 of Jesus standing and reading a passage aloud—Isaiah 61:1–4—in his congregation in Nazareth. This event in Jesus’ hometown is the inaugural message of his ministry. He announces that his mission is with the marginalized: the “poor,” “captives,” “blind,” and “oppressed.” Jesus says in John 10:10 that he has come to offer fullness of life. The Bible abounds in these shalom passages. Isaiah 61:1–4 and John 10:10 are two key examples.
When he [Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown.”

Shalom allows all people to thrive; it is living abundantly and free from oppression. Shalom is wholeness and well-being; living at peace with ourselves, with each other and with the entire creation. There can be no shalom in the world unless all people experience this fullness of life.

**Monthly Shalom Wheel Activity**

To represent the concept of shalom visually, and to help us grow in our understanding of how United Methodist Women is working towards shalom, we have developed a Sisterhood of Grace Shalom Wheel. The template for the wheel is found in Appendix A. Every program will include the Shalom Wheel. This is a visual reminder that our history connects us as we move forward. There is no beginning or end to our timeline. This is God’s time and we
respond as God calls us. We learn from history, adjust and persevere, like the biblical women and our foremothers have done.

Prior to the September program, please photocopy the template, enlarging it by four to eight times so it is poster size. Also photocopy and cut out the stick figures representing mission women found in Appendix B. You will need two per program. Alternatively, instead of using poster-size paper, you may want to create a 12-piece Shalom Wheel quilt made by the members of your group. You could also construct the stick figures out of pipe cleaners and felt, if you choose. We invite you to get creative!

Each spoke on the wheel features a theme that is pulled from that month’s Bible study. The themes include persistence, generosity and community, among others, all of which represent attributes that are helpful in bringing about shalom. Which of these attributes do you see in yourself? You may see yourself in all or some of these traits. All spokes lead to a circle in the middle of the wheel where your unit/circle will be invited to write your names during the first program.

In the Bring It All Together portion of each program the group will attach two of the stick figures representing mission women, past and present, to the Shalom Wheel above the slice representing the appropriate monthly theme. Then the group will brainstorm examples of the following and write their answers in the current month’s slice of the Shalom Wheel: 1) the history of women, programs or projects that are important to remember and 2) the women, programs or projects today that have evolved from that history. These form the connection between past and present.

Next, the group will consider the program’s Call to Action and ask themselves: What is our commitment to action this month? How will we respond to Christ’s call to embody the attribute represented by this month’s theme? Within the slice of the appropriate spoke, you will write the unit’s commitment to continue the legacy of mission with women, children and youth through United Methodist Women.

At the end of the 2018–2019 program year, you will be able to not only celebrate the historic and present mission of United Methodist Women, but you also will see how you and your unit/circle have met your commitments through God’s grace and your sisterhood to bring God’s kin-dom to earth so all can thrive!
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Monthly Programs
OBJECTIVE: To learn about the anointing woman's faith in action and to celebrate members and women from United Methodist Women history who have responded to God's call to mission with women, children and youth.

Build Your Program

Use this space to list the segments that you want to utilize in your program this month.
PREPARATION

Use the following lists to prepare for the program. Please note that an offering for the Legacy Fund will be taken during this program. Before the program, ask the women to bring a picture (or name) of someone who has influenced their faith. Also ask them to bring one story/article about a woman in United Methodist Women history or a program/project that interests them, along with some information about its history. (This material can come from the United Methodist Women website, response magazines, historical books about the work of women in the church, mission map links, etc.) As a leader, you can also provide historical materials for participants to choose from. Please remind women to bring their contributions for the Legacy Fund.

Resources

✱ Legacy Fund resources, including printouts of historical stories that could be useful in the scrapbooking activity, found online at unitedmethodistwomen.org/150
✱ response magazines
✱ The United Methodist Hymnal
✱ United Methodist Women Bible (NRSV)
Materials

✱ Copy of stick figures from Appendix B; cut out two for this program
✱ Flags from around the world, demonstrating the breadth of United Methodist Women’s reach, to use as centerpieces
✱ Materials for a scrapbooking birthday party:
  • A scrapbook or binder
  • Decorative pages to use in a scrapbook
  • Scrapbooking materials: glue, markers, scrap paper or frames, decorations like glitter, buttons, stickers, etc., (and possibly plastic sheets to preserve each page)
✱ A birthday cake with the message “Happy 150th Birthday, United Methodist Women!” plus reusable, recyclable or compostable plates and utensils; coffee and/or tea
✱ Birthday decorations (be creative and think “green”)
✱ Potted herbs/flowers that women can take home
✱ Shalom Wheel from previous sessions (hang it on a wall or place it on a large table)
✱ Sisterhood of Grace covenant posted on the wall
✱ Tape or glue

Participants

Ask women ahead of time to volunteer for the following roles:

• Welcome people as they walk through the door.
• Lead the Bible study and prayers.
• Lead scrapbook-making activity.
• Collect offerings to the Legacy Fund.
• Lead the Sisterhood of Grace Shalom Wheel activity.
Bible Study: Anointing Woman
(10 minutes)

Sing
“What Gift Can We Bring,” *The United Methodist Hymnal*, no. 87

Read
Matthew 26:6–13; Mark 14:3–9; Luke 7:36–50; John 12:1–8;
Deuteronomy 15:11
*(If there is a shortage of time you may use just the first reading.)*

Reflect
In the various anointing stories, the action takes place in a home setting, be it
the home of Simon the Leper as in the Gospel narratives of Matthew and
Mark, the home of Simon the Pharisee as in Luke, or that of Mary, Martha
and Lazarus in John. The woman either anoints Jesus’ head as in Matthew and
Mark or Jesus’ feet as in John and Luke within the confines of a house, a set-
ing acceptable to social norms at the time. In John, the woman is called Mary,
the sister of Martha and Lazarus. Only in Luke is she called a sinful woman.
These stories may have come from two different traditions or they may be
variants of the same core story.

Threatened by generosity
This story is all about the generosity of a woman, not about her identity as a
sinner. In Jesus’ time all those who did not follow the Torah, including the ritu-
ally unclean, those who worked as fruit sellers, garlic sellers or servants, and
those who did menial jobs were deemed sinners. What is important is that this
story is not about a “prostitute.”1 Started in the 6th century, a faulty interpreta-
tion identified this woman as Mary Magdalene, but the Roman Catholic Church
corrected that misunderstanding in the 20th century.

This story is about gift giving. This woman’s gift of breaking her most expen-
sive alabaster box containing a costly ointment and offering it to Jesus is a faith
expression. It is also about Jesus’ acceptance of her extravagant gift, affirming
the woman’s agency and welcoming gender equality in the presence of those
threatened by her generosity.
The story is also about inhaling and exhaling faith as fragrance wherever church happens. The woman glimpses into the imminent death of Christ and proclaims it by reenacting an ancient biblical ritual. Through her vocal silence, she commits herself to this powerful ritual, breaking her alabaster box, pouring the ointment on Jesus, prostrating herself and washing Jesus’ feet with her tears—wordlessly naming the foreboding death of Jesus. This spontaneous and evocative response to an unfolding mystery is also an instinctive recognition of the identity and role of Jesus, who is integral to this mystery. She does it by catching only partial glimpses of the “mystery of faith,” which the church at large later names “paschal mystery,” meaning the death and resurrection of Jesus. On a symbolic level, she is the church at its most intuitive, groping its way through the unknown, with only faith as its guide.

Above all, this story is about memory and a call to remembrance. The woman’s critics judge her for wasting her money, and point out that it would have been better spent on the poor. Jesus says that the poor will be always with us (Deuteronomy 15:11), but the whole world will remember the woman’s generous act done in recognition of his impending death. Setting one memory against the other is not the intent of this passage. The ongoing mission with the poor is the church’s nonstop ministry. Economic justice for the least of these is a continuous mission. This should not be set against breakthrough worship moments that embody the spirituality of recognition of the presence of Christ in our midst. Therefore, the pitfall of setting mission with the poor against the incarnate gospel should be avoided at all costs. The mystery of faith, as embodied in the Eucharist, nourishes us and sends us out into the world in mission: “liturgy after liturgy.”

As for the woman, her public witness in a private household serves as a threshold between the private and public domains. A new journey in mission. In the 1890s, when women’s higher education was considered a waste, the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church invested in women, founding colleges for women in India, China and Korea—a new journey in mission as well.

Discuss
Why does the anointing woman resort to wordlessness to express her faith?
Pray
Holy Spirit, fill us with your breath to be the aroma of Christ to God. Amen.

Historic Work: Happy Birthday, Anointed Women!
(30 minutes)
Welcome to the 150th birthday party of United Methodist Women!

Many of us have scrapbooked, or at least started scrapbooking projects, fueled by good intentions to preserve memories from our lives. Sometimes the hardest part is picking out the moments in our lifetime that we want to memorialize! When we try to recall and chronicle too many memories, we become overwhelmed (and sometimes give up).

Scrapbooking is a way of remembering, through images and sometimes words, the journeys in our lives. In our Christian lives, it’s important to recognize and remember the mystery of faith. As our Bible study today taught us, we witness it in the Eucharist, in the washing of Jesus’ feet and in the ways women have privately and publicly witnessed to the life and ministry of Christ.

Remembrance
Today, we are called to remember women who have embodied Christ in our midst. How?

Close your eyes and meditate for a moment about:
1. A woman who has personally impacted your faith
2. A woman in United Methodist Women history whose work has impacted the lives of women, children and youth, locally or globally

Pause.

Upon reflection, we end up with a broad range of memories that include both people influencing us and people influencing the lives of women, children and youth. The stories are diverse, and the scrapbook pages will be creative, each one different but just a drop in the 150-year “bucket” of Christ’s ministry through our organization.
Directions
Invite each woman to choose a decorative scrapbook page and then create her memorial. She can use pictures, words, phrases, art, glitter, etc., with the only goal being to honor 1) a woman who has had a personal influence on her faith and 2) a woman in United Methodist Women’s 150-year history who has been in mission with women, children and youth. Consider adding: Who will we minister with going forward?

When all of the pages are finished, have each woman share her page with the larger group.

Combine all the pages into one scrapbook and store this remembrance in your United Methodist Women unit’s historical archives or display it for the church to see.

Call to Action: Engage and Mobilize
(25 minutes)
Refer to the Sisterhood of Grace covenant (on the wall and in the front of book) as you participate in this discussion.

Discuss
Perfumes diffuse when they are released into the air. As we reflect on the woman anointing Jesus, what kind of offering are we offering to Christ and the world?

The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign will allow us to offer Christ’s abundance to women, children and youth in the coming decades. Giving to this fund can be a birthday gift to United Methodist Women. Read the information in the Day of Giving box on opposite page about continuing this legacy.

How would you like to be a part of the legacy?

Consider how you can continue this legacy as we gift United Methodist Women with our contributions to the Legacy Fund.

Collect offerings for the Legacy Fund.
Day of Giving

On March 23, 1869, eight women gathered at Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, Massachusetts, and organized the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society—what would later become United Methodist Women. Those women raised money to send a doctor, Clara Swain, and a teacher, Isabella Thoburn, to India as missionaries to serve the women of that nation.

Since then, for nearly 150 years, United Methodist Women has evolved to become the largest women’s faith-based service and advocacy organization, underwriting programs that provide life-changing opportunities for women, children and youth.

To celebrate the dedication and foresight of our foremothers, March 23 has become A Day of Giving to the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign.

The Legacy Fund is a forward-looking, permanently invested endowment, the earnings of which will strengthen our organization so that future giving can be even more directly linked to our projects and partners addressing injustice and alleviating suffering. Your contribution to the Legacy Fund will underwrite endeavors to strengthen our internal capacity to further invest in life-changing programs and services that create a promising tomorrow for future generations of United Methodist Women members in answering God’s call to serve.

Every United Methodist Women member is encouraged to reflect on her charitable giving and contribute to the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign in the form of cash, checks, securities, stock, life insurance, planned gifts and bequests. Any amount is welcome before, during and after A Day of Giving: March 23! Together, we are building our Legacy.

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Ways to Give:

- Online at unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund
- By phone: 800-278-7771 (8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST, M–F)
- By check to:
  United Methodist Women
  Attn: Development, Legacy Fund
  475 Riverside Drive, 15th floor
  New York, NY 10115
  Write “Day of Giving” in the memo section.
- Text on your mobile device: 41444 and enter Legacy150 in the message area.

Bring It All Together: The Sisterhood of Grace
Shalom Wheel

Take the two stick figures representing mission women that you prepared ahead of time and tape or glue them above the theme of generosity. Write about 1) the history of women, programs or projects that are important to remember and 2) the women, programs or projects today that have evolved from that history. These form the connection between past and present.

Next, consider the group’s discussion about this program’s Call to Action and ask yourselves: What is our commitment to action this month? How will we respond to Christ’s call for generosity? On the slice of the wheel marked “generosity,” write your group’s commitment to continue the legacy of mission with women, children and youth through United Methodist Women.
Happy Birthday, United Methodist Women!

*Bring out the birthday cake, with coffee and/or tea, and sing “Happy Birthday.”*

**Blessing Before Eating: Closing Prayer in Unison**

(2 minutes)

As we eat and drink, O God, we thank you for nourishment to our bodies and souls. We taste the sweetness and consider all the blessings in our lives that give us pleasure. We sit with women at your table and are grateful for the friendship and bonds that bring us together. Like the anointing oils of Jesus, may your ministry diffuse beyond this room and into the world. Thank you for these gifts, and help us join together to make your heaven a reality on this earth. Amen.

*As each person receives a piece of cake, encourage them to share a “birthday wish” they have for themselves as United Methodist Women members, their local unit and the organization!*

**Endnotes**


3. A key phrase used in the Orthodox Church referring to people who come together for worship and then go out into the world as living witnesses to the faith they proclaim during worship.
APPENDIX
Shalom Wheel Sample

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Appendix A: Shalom Wheel Template

INCLUSION
COMMUNITY
SALVATION
GENEROSITY
NEW LIFE
BELONGINGNESS
SERVICE
HUMAN DIGNITY
HUMAN FLOURISHING
TRUTH LEADING TO ACTION
INVESTING
PERSISTENCE
Appendix B: Stick Figures of Mission Women
Pledge to Mission Service Litany

Opening Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: We come as women who have received a rich heritage from our
foremothers.
ALL: We give thanks for those who were faithful to their call.

Leader: We come as women who use our combined weaknesses and strengths
to serve women, children and youth.
ALL: We are thankful for those with whom we serve.

Leader: We come as women who look to a bright future of boldness
and leadership.
ALL: We give thanks for those who are being prepared to lead us into
this future.

Closing Worship

Pledging Your Commitment

Pray in unison

God of the past, present and future,
We are grateful for those who came before us and we seek to be faithful to
their example.
We appreciate those who serve and commit themselves today; we strengthen
each other.
We look forward to the generations of women you will raise up to continue
the journey.
In Christ’s name we pray, amen.

Appendix C
Evaluation
Please complete and mail this evaluation form to help us continue to create effective and meaningful programs.

Which sections of the Program Book worked best for you? ________________
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________

Which sections did not work well? ________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
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What specific actions or projects grew out of these programs? __________
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What are the important issues in your community? ______________________
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Monthly Bible studies, reflections, program activities and a call to action will help your unit to not only connect with one another, but also to those who came before us, our worldwide mission and even extend to the next generation of leaders.