African American women have the highest rates of maternal mortality, dying at three to four times the rate of white women.

Many women are unable to access proper health care prior to, throughout and after pregnancy.

Since 2000, the maternal mortality rate in the United States has increased 26.4 percent – the only developed country whose rate did not decline.

TAKE ACTION: unitedmethodistwomen.org/maternal-child-health

CAMPAIGN: END MATERNAL MORTALITY

Call on health care workers, lawmakers and advocates to fund maternal mortality review committees and implement recommendations in hospitals and communities.