

September 2025

United Women in Faith Olentangy River District Newsletter



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OLENTANGY RIVER DISTRICT FALL MEETING



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Saturday September 20, 2025

Trinity Grove City UMC
4850 Haughn Road
Grove City, OH 43123

Check-in & Hospitality at 9:15 am / Program 10:00am-2:30PM

Urban Farm Church: Building Resilience in Your Community

[Click to Download Registration](#)

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President's Message

As I write this article, the 2025 Annual Fall Meeting is six weeks away. I, and my fellow officers have been busy planning and preparing for this Meeting for the past four months. Bringing these Meetings to fruition is definitely a team effort, and we are only one part of the equation! The local unit at Trinity UMC, where the Annual Fall Meeting will take place, has also been hard at work. While the district board is responsible for when and what happens at the Meeting, our Trinity UWF sisters have been planning the menu for the morning refreshments and lunch. They secure the pianist and tech person as well as decide where and how attendees will move to various parts of the

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church throughout the day. Then we factor in the program and guest speaker(s) who prepare a presentation and practice delivering a message that coincides with the Mission, Purpose, and Vision of United Women in Faith. Six weeks prior to the Annual Fall Meeting, (or Spring Meeting) is when I start to worry—do we have everyone and everything in place, have we forgotten anything, and what if someone we're counting on being there—suddenly isn't able to attend? I need to "Stop Right There" and remember all the people that have dedicated lots of time and effort into making this Meeting "Happen in a Big Way"! And of course, God is always there in the midst of it all. He makes these Meetings Happen in Huge Ways!

So, come to the ORD Annual Fall Meeting on September 20th! Trinity UWF is excited to host us, and the district officers are looking forward to experiencing their warm hospitality along with you! We are also blessed to have Rev. Ryan Grace and Mariellyn Grace as our guest speakers. It will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Urban Farm Church—how it started and how long it's been in operation. It will also be interesting to hear about the volunteers that work the Farm, the types of produce that is grown, and the number of individuals and families that benefit from this ministry. This presentation just may "ignite a spark" in you to help start a similar program or become a volunteer. God makes things happen in all sorts of ways!

I look forward to seeing you on September 20th at Trinity UMC in Grove City! You absolutely won't want to miss it!

Pam Boh, President
ORD UWF



Social Action

"Oh Lord My God when I, in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made... Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, HOW GREAT THOU ART."

Those beautiful leaves will be falling soon!!! And, our work continues. My focus at this time is the RACIAL JUSTICE TRIUMPHS. They present an opportunity to continue to Boldly address an insidious problem in our society. Please make sure everyone in your Unit has access to the [list](#). And if possible, access to a copy of the [CHARTER For RACIAL JUSTICE](#).

As usual, resources abound for individual and collaborative scrutiny. The July/August 2025 edition of our **response magazine** contains an excellent article to springboard fresh efforts to

Program Resources

In preparation for the Book Club on August 19, I had purchased some of the children's books, and I want to share two books with you.

The Tower of Life by Chana Stiefel is in the Education for Mission group and would be familiar to you if you have visited the Holocaust Museum in Washington DC. Yaffa Eliach was asked to serve on President Jimmy Carter's Commission on the Holocaust. After visiting former death camps, she was determined to return beauty and grace to the victims of the Holocaust by sharing pictures of descendants of her hometown, Eishyshok. Her grandmother had taken many photographs of the town residents and Yaffa tracked these photos down assembling them into the Tower of Life or "Tower of Faces" as seen in the Holocaust Museum in Washington DC. Has anyone seen this work of art?

engage, "What Will We Do About Racism?" Scripture is an excellent resource for inspiration in tackling these daunting issues. A few, Psalm 24:1, Ephesians 4:22-24, Philippians 5:13-15, are just a tip of the iceberg.

I would be interested in hearing the ways and means your Unit has and/or is addressing the social issues you selected to pour your Love Into Action.

SEE YOU SEPT 20th AT THE ANNUAL FALL MEETING

Jeri Fraime Roseboro
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September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness, Hispanic Heritage and National Suicide Prevention Month to name a few. We also remember Patriot Day, 9/11, and the sacrifices made.

Love is Loud by Sandra Neil Wallace is a Leadership Development book and is about Diane Nash as she led the Civil Rights Movement. Diane led the effort in Nashville, Tennessee to sit at lunch counters where only white people were allowed. Later she took on the challenge of integrating the Freedom Rides. While visiting Nashville this past year, I found a Historical Marker in front of the lunch counter in Nashville. Diane changed the world with courage and love, and her love was loud!

Remember that either of these Children's Books can qualify for a Reading Program book and you can also share the book with a child or grandchild to help them understand moments of our history.

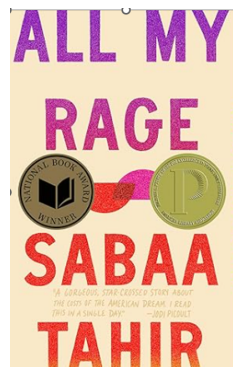
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West Ohio Conference Expanding Connections Book Club Reading Program

Join people from all over West Ohio as we Expand our Connection with one another and people we haven't met yet. Each month, our book selections will be diverse, accessible, and empowering. This community of readers will be a hub promoting equality, equity, and inclusion and sharing the stories of the world to generate empathy and peace through books. Once you register, you will begin to receive an email from Julie Carter. Many times, Julie sends follow-up information about the subject of the book. It is a book club so you need to read the book.

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All My Rage

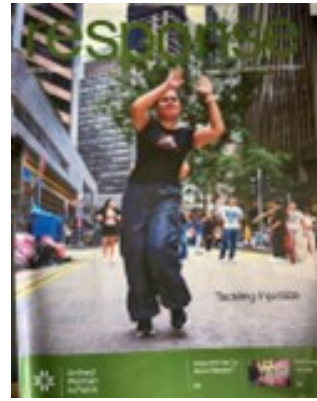


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Greetings Friends!

I know some of you read *Response Magazine*, our United Women in Faith magazine for women in Mission. For those who don't receive it, there was a wonderful interview on page 28 that Suzanne Toma, director of Development, did with Deaconess Kim Harris of the Minnesota Conference.

I'd like to share Kim's answer to the question: "When you think about mission, what is the single most important thing that comes to mind?" Her answer was: "Mission is where we feel God calling us to be in community with his children locally, nationally and internationally, whether it is through education, justice work, community building or leadership development.(that's also a plug for the great Reading Program we have as those are the categories). Hands-on work and financial support, it all makes a difference when we join together toward the same goal of transforming our societies into places of love, where we people believe (that) to live a good and happy life we must love and (and that we) are for one another."



Suzanne adds, "Mission Giving is God-led, personal giving that supports the whole mission of United Women in Faith...Whatever you do, know that United Women in Faith exists because of this shared promise to making mission a core part of who we are and an ever-present inspiration to live faith-, hope- and love-inspired lives."

Not a *Response* reader? Along with the Prayer Guide, it is a great tool for educating ourselves and our sisters (and brothers) about our goals, where the money goes and missions of United Women in Faith. You can get it as a traditional magazine or a digital version that can be read on your e-Reader, tablet, phone or computer. Go to: <https://www.cambeywest.com/subscribe2/?p=RSP&f=custcare>

Peace and Hope now and always,
Kim Hoessly, Treasurer
ORD UWF

OLENTANGY RIVER DISTRICT, UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH: Treasurer's Mission Giving Report

June 30, 2025

Period: June

Pledge: \$60,000

Paid: \$15,679.00

Difference: \$44,321.00

26% of pledge

Undesignated Giving	June	January-May	Year to date
Pledge to Mission*	2380.00	11811.00	14191.00
Mission Recognition	0.00	180.00	180.00
Gift to Mission*	0.00	305.00	305.00
Gift in Memory	145.00	451.00	596.00
World Thank Offering	50.00	357.00	407.00
Total Undesignated Giving	2575.00	13104.00	15679.00

Designated Giving	June	January-May	Year to date
Prayer and Self Denial	462.00	1989.00	2451.00
Legacy	0.00	0.00	0.00
Brighter Future for Children	0.00	55.14	55.14
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Total Designated Giving	462.00	2044.14	2506.14

