

2025 MISSION u

Mission u is significant in the growth of women's mission organizations and in our own faith journeys. Through worship, in-depth study, music, prayer, sharing, and exploring, we invite you to grow with us.

IN-PERSON SESSION: June 27-29, 2025

Friday, June 27th – Check-in: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday June 29th – Dismissal: 12:30 p.m.

BERGAMO CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING*

4400 Shakertown Road, Dayton, OH 45430

REGISTRATION: April 1 – June 1, 2025

COST:

- \$250 – single room – lodging & food
- \$200/person - double room – lodging & food
- \$15/Youth, includes lodging & food (5th Grade Up)
- \$15/Child, includes lodging & food (1st to 4th Grade – max of 10 children)
- \$80/Commuter, includes food

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE – Martha Scholarship (\$200/double or \$80/commuter) for 1st time attendees; Mission u Scholarship for those needing assistance (\$100) - contact Connie Hook: chook27478@aol.com

ADULT CURRICULUM: “Practicing Hope by Tabatha Holley” is a biblical curriculum that invites us to explore hope as a daily practice. Its purpose is to allow all of our communities to cultivate HOPE that is honest about our current conditions (refugia), hope that is restorative when everything feels urgent (rest), and hope that is possible even when we transgress (repair).

YOUTH CURRICULUM: “Communities of the Spirit: Living Into Hope as Resurrection People by Regina Heater” invites youth to consider what they need in a community to help them be committed to actions that transform the world into the kingdom they anticipate. Youth will explore the inexplicable hope we find in early post-resurrection Christian communities. Heater asks how can we create such “Communities of the Spirit” today by examining common themes found in the post-resurrection stories: bravely, miracles, rituals, time and diversity, the fruit of the Spirit, and adversity and perseverance.

CHILDREN’S CURRICULUM: “Home as Resurrection People by Joni Cisowski” intends to help children build trust in Jesus to bring comfort and support as they find courageous hope in the face of uncertainty. Through each session children will develop their understanding of hope by reflecting on important people, communities, places, activities, personal goals, and desires for the future. Then they will look for ways to build communal hope to be the change our world needs today.

MISSION U SPONSORED BY: West Ohio United Women in Faith and West Ohio Conference

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Purchase the study books at <https://uwfaithresources.org/prodlist.cfm?catID=2176> – cost: \$14.99 each

Registration (April 1) and Information - <https://www.westohiouwf.org/2025-mission-u>

SUGGESTED READINGS in preparation for Mission u 2025:

- (1) The Light We Carry by Michelle Obama (for our evening enrichment BOOK CLUB discussion);
- (2) Mad Mary, A Bad Girl from Magdala (alternate title – Unveiling Mary Magdalene) by Liz Curtis Higgs (Bible Study);
- (3) The First Advent in Palestine by Kelley Nikondeha; and Sitti’s Bird, A Gaza Story by Malak Mattar (Gaza/West Bank Study)
- (4) Hope in Disarray: Piecing Our Lives Together in Faith by Grace Ji-Sun Kim (resource from the 2025 Reading Program)

*Total capacity for Bergamo is 140. There are 28 single rooms and 31 double rooms available.