

Mountain View District
United Women in Faith
1034 W. Broad Street
Horseheads, NY 14845

Change Service Requested

2025 Fall Newsletter

PURPOSE OF
UNITED
WOMEN
IN FAITH

The organized unit of United Women in Faith 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.

MVD UWF 2025-26 DATES TO REMEMBER			
<i>All dates and locations subject to change.</i>			
<i><u>Dates to Remember</u></i>			
September 20	District Annual Meeting	9:30 AM – 2:30 PM	
	Odessa United Methodist Church		
	305 Church Street, Odessa, NY		
January 10	District Team Meeting	10:00 AM	
	Corning Grace UMC		
January 31	Enrichment Day	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	
	A Virtual Prayer Vigil		
February 28	Day Apart	9:30 AM to 2:00 PM	
	Horseheads UMC		
March 28	Communion Breakfast	Location to be determined	



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DISTRICT TEAM MESSAGE

Dear Friends,
Our Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 20th at Odessa-Catherine UMC will be a day filled with HOPE as we renew our commitment to serve one another with love and reach out to our world in turmoil.

Our Reading Program offers us a wealth of inspiring stories that we can share with one another. With that in mind, please have someone from your unit come ready to give a short "book report" on one or two of the books from current or past Reading Program lists. Hopefully, we will inspire one another during this time of sharing.

As ever, we will also hold a Memorial Service for those we lost in 2024-25. Communion, given by Rev. Connie Seifert, will follow. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Elfie Tompkins

PS: please remember to bring a bag lunch. Morning and lunch refreshments will be provided by our host unit.

I hope most of you are aware of our reading program. Reading the books selected for us to read give us insight to highly significant issues of the day. By reading the books we become aware of how other people live, how they survive, how they fulfill God's plans for them. They are so diverse in subject.

I hope you will read one or two from each category:

Education for Mission,
Leadership Development,
Nurturing for Community,
Social Action and
Spiritual Growth.

Reading the books is a vital part of United Women in Faith – caring for Women, Children & Youth. Please contact me if you want more information or check: uwfaith.org/resources/reading-program/ You can find the lists of books there.

Cindy Ellis, 607-739-5185
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SHEPHERDESS PROGRAM

Our Mountain View District team members like to contact our Units and contact persons for churches to remind you of our upcoming events. We continue to be an active group caring for Women, Children & Youth in our communities, our country and around the world. We are updating our District Directory. Will you help us with a contact name & phone number for your church? Send information to Cindy Ellis,
236 Segar Rd., Horseheads, NY 14845
Thank you.

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READING PROGRAM
CALLING ALL UWF READERS!

MEMORIAL SERVICE

At the Fall District Meeting on September 20 we will hold a memorial service for all the unit members who have died from September 2024 through August 2025.

Please send the names and death dates by September 10, 2025 to:

Kim Snyder
Kim776886@gmail.com

NAME OF CHURCH

Names & Death Dates of Members

Social Action Item

GRIEVING WITH GAZA

In Palestine when someone dies, family members grieve for three days, opening up their homes to family, friends, and neighbors. Visitors sit in a circle and are served small cups of unsweetened coffee.

It is difficult to imagine the depth and scale of the grief in Gaza today amid the 58,000 dead, including nearly 17,000 children. When whole families are massacred, who is

left to remember ?

When schools, hospitals, and residential neighborhoods are bombed, where is there even a space for one's grief?

Can we give some of that grief a space in our own hearts?

Will you become a neighbor?

Will you drink the bitter coffee as you say the name of one of the children killed?

Will you take that name with you and hold it close to your heart?

Will you join with others in seeking paths to action?

If you would like to have more information, please contact Dianne Roe at 607-654-3450 or dianneroe42@gmail.com

Grieving with Gaza is an initiative of Corning First United Methodist Church, 144 Cedar Street, Corning NY 14830.

From the *Peace with Justice Team*

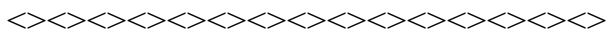
Update on our Finances:

Thank you to the units who have sent money for our District giving. On July 15, 2025 I sent \$11502.00 to the Conference treasurer. We will reinstate "World Thank Offering" jars at our Fall District Meeting.

It would be helpful if the units gave me an estimate of their 2026 Pledge to Mission. Since Covid and the changing of our United Methodist Conference we haven't planned ahead on our giving. I am aware of our smaller units – but I know we are still a wonderful group that cares for God's world. Thank you for all you do for Women, Children and Youth.

I will have mission cards at the Fall District Meeting at Odessa/Catharine church, on 9/20. Hope to see you then.

Cindy Ellis 607-739-5185



Did you know there's a powerful community within the United Methodist Church answering **God's call** to transform lives through **ministry, service, and justice**? Meet the **Deaconesses and Home Missioners**—dedicated laypeople united by their commitment to making Christ's love visible in the world.

These remarkable individuals are called to a lifetime of full-time ministry. As a covenant community grounded in Scripture, their work spans from local neighborhoods to global missions.

They bring hope and healing through their unwavering dedication to:

- Alleviating suffering
- Eradicating injustice
- Empowering human potential
- Building a global community of love and faith

Rooted in the United Methodist Book of Discipline, their mission reflects Christ's compassion and advocacy for the marginalized.

Through careers in social work, education, health care, and community development, Deaconesses and Home Missioners embody the Gospel in action. They stand as leaders in compassionate service, confronting oppression and poverty while uplifting dignity and equity.

Their work reminds us that faith isn't just spoken—it's lived.

As a member of United Women in Faith, you support these transformative ministries of love and justice.

FALL DISTRICT MEETING
Saturday, September 20, 2025
9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Odessa United Methodist Church
Church Street, Odessa, NY
Parking is available in front of the church or in the lot behind the church.



**“A Vision of Hope
in a World of Turmoil”**

Gathering refreshments
Reading books will be available

Annual Business Meeting

Presentation of Team Member List
for 2024-2025

Reading Program Emphasis

Each unit attending is asked to bring a book or two from the Reading Program that gives a **Vision of Hope**.

Be ready to tell the title, author and which category the book is from and to give a short synopsis of the book, telling how it has given you hope.

Bring a bag lunch. Dessert and beverages will be furnished.

After lunch the Memorial Service will be held followed by communion to close the meeting.