

Hi!

My name is Debbie Miller and I am one of the new members of the Harpeth River District Leadership Team. I am the treasurer. This is the first time I have been involved with our district as an officer, outside of my own unit at Franklin First UMC. I have met some of you at the Conference & District meetings that I have been to this year. I appreciate the grace that everyone has given me as I learn this position. I know that finances are not the only way United Methodist Women contribute and reach out to others. So, I want to share with you what happened financially with the Harpeth River District in 2018.

1. **Pledge to Mission** is our largest channel of Mission Giving. It is used to support women, children & youth in the United States and around the world. A percentage is used for district and conference administration & membership development.
2. **Special Mission Recognition** recognizes a faithful worker in mission by giving him / her a Special Mission Recognition certificate and pin. In 2018, we gave 29 pins and / or certificates.
3. **Gifts to Mission** are made to honor someone on a special occasion, such as a birthday, new baby, a thank you or congratulations. If you would like to make a Gift to Mission, I have cards that can be sent to the person to let them know they have been honored in this way.
4. **Gifts in Memory** are just that; a gift given in memory of someone. We have cards for that also.
5. **World Thank Offering** is typically a spontaneous gift to show thankfulness to God for everyday blessings & joys or just gratitude to God. Usually you have a "coin box or jar" to collect your monies until the yearly special service of thanksgiving.

Our Harpeth River District submitted \$29,681.97 in 2018 to the conference for our Missions.

But, wait ... there's more!

We also gave to what is called **Supplemental Giving**. Supplemental Giving encompasses the Call to Prayer & Self Denial funds, Sadie Tillman Scholarship Fund, Red Bird Mission, Bethlehem Center in Nashville, Miriam's Promise and Rise Against Hunger, along with some others. In 2018, the Harpeth River District gave \$5,258.13 to Supplemental Giving.

And then, there is the special **Legacy Fund** to celebrate the 150 years of United Methodist Women. This fund has been ongoing since 2014 and this year we will see the culmination of it. The following information comes from the UMW Handbook 2017-2020. The Legacy Fund is a forward-thinking permanent endowment with the income earned used to "provide the tools, resources and personnel to distribute UMW's grants and scholarships, coordinate with mission personnel, support technological updates such as operating systems for data and communication and more. Ensuring a regular source of support for these core expenses will free future generations to budget Mission Giving to connect directly with the needs of women, children and youth." We all know that the primary focus of United Methodist Women is Mission; and any way we can help the women coming behind us is a move in the right direction. The Harpeth River District gave \$938.68 to the Legacy Fund last year.

I also happen to know that the funds in the Harpeth River District account at the end of 2018 allowed us to send more funds to the Legacy Fund, Rise Against Hunger & Bethlehem Center. **All** of this **Giving** has taken the work of **each** of you in the Harpeth River District.

I look forward to meeting you, working with you and seeing what we can do in 2019!

Thank you! Debbie