

**East Ohio Conference United Methodist Women
School of Christian Mission 2009
TOGETHER AT THE TABLE**



Mount Union One-Day Sampler	July 17
Mount Union Three-Day Event	July 17-19
Lakeside Weekend Event	September 11-13

Food and Faith (*Spiritual Growth Study*)

Our faith is nurtured, strengthened, and enhanced by food. This study explores all the ways food touches our lives. The presence of God is served at His table with the bread and wine. Our faith and food connections travel from Communion to the fellowship dinners, coffee and doughnuts, dinners for the bereaved, celebration dinners, etc. This study explores the entwining of faith and food. Study leader: Yvonne Matus

**The Beauty and Courage of Sudan: Why a Dream of Peace is Possible
Geographic Mission Study 2009-2010**

The people of Sudan, a country that has been plagued with severe drought, famine, and unremitting war has much to teach us about survival. Aside from the landscape's beauty, there is an inner beauty. There is a spirit of courage and a richness of tradition, antiquity, cultures, and natural resources. Human interchange and endurance is apparent in all of its mystery. The study will give an overview of the country which began back in Biblical times up through today where women are contributing to the peace process.

Study leaders: Judy Nutter; Marva Usher-Kerr (Mount Union only)

**Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival
2008-2009 Mission Study Theme**

The purposes of this study are to learn the inter-relatedness between the indigenous peoples and their land, to identify selected key issues affecting the Native Americans in the United States and to examine the root causes of these issues, to understand and appreciate the "Give Away" culture of the Native Americans in the areas of spirituality, ecology, language, story-telling, food and our job to learn to act as responsible Christians.

Study leaders: Dr. Gloria Brown, Jeanette Kraus (Lakeside); Iris Andrews (Mount Union)

Our Study Leaders

Yvonne Matus is a past conference, district and local officer of UMW. She is a Coordinator of Hospice of Memorial Hospital in Fremont, and a board member of The Domestic Violence Shelter in Mansfield She has conducted support groups and presented different topics on the local and state levels on bereavement and domestic violence. She is married to Rev Tom Matus and they have 2 married children and 2 grandchildren .



Dr. Gloria Brown is serving part-time as the Associate Director of Racial Ethnic Minorities for the East Ohio Conference. She has been involved in education for 36 years as a teacher, assistant principal and principal. Gloria developed an interest in Indian tradition while growing up among Choctaw Indians.



Jeanette Kraus is a Women's Division director for UMW. She is past president of the East Ohio Conference and is involved in UMW in every facet. In addition to her many roles in UMW and the United Methodist Church, she also works as the alumni records supervisor at Ohio Wesleyan University.



Iris Andrews served as Delegate to General & Jurisdictional Conference 2008; Tuscarawas District Lay Leader, Co-chair of District Leadership Committee, Lay Speaker; Conference Board of Laity; Board of Directors for Flat Rock; President of P.E.O. Chapter. Her husband, David, recently retired after 40 years as clergy in East Ohio Conference. They have two adult children and two grandchildren.



Judy Nutter, previous director of the Women's Division, and General Board of Global Ministries, served as Vice President of the Women's Division Regional and Conference Schools of Christian Mission hold a significant place in her life, as she has served on regional and conference school planning teams, serving both as dean of the West Virginia Conference School of Christian Mission and the Upper Atlantic Regional School. In March 2009, Judy participated in the GBGM Mission, Education & Advocacy Trip to Sudan. She and her husband, Randy, have two adult children, son-in-law and two granddaughters.



Marva Usher-Kerr is an executive with Women's Division, General Board of Global Ministries. Ms. Usher-Kerr has held local and conference offices in UMW in the NY conference. She concluded her term as conference president in 2003. She is member of John Wesley UMC in Brooklyn, NY.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Each district has 3 full scholarships. Conference UMW recommends scholarships be used for 2 adult scholarships and 1 children's scholarship, with preference given to first-time attendees. Contact your District President for Scholarship Information. In addition to District scholarships, Conference UMW has 2 full scholarships for first-time attendees at Mount Union, and for a younger adult for the Lakeside Event. There are youth scholarships available for the Mount Union Event from the Conference UMW. Contact Janet Sutton, Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation: jcsutton@aol.com

HOUSING AND MEALS

MOUNT UNION COLLEGE

- Air-conditioned dormitory rooms and meeting rooms
- Handicap accessible dorm rooms (*please request*) and classrooms
- Each dorm room equipped with twin beds
- Shared bath with adjoining double room.
- Children and youth stay with adults who bring them
- Accommodations for men and couples available

LAKESIDE

- Housing available at Hotel Lakeside or private cottages.
- Meals provided: Sat. lunch, dinner and Sunday box lunch. This can be eaten on the pier, at picnic tables or on the road.

WHO?

The School of Christian Mission is for everyone! Women, men, youth, children, laity, clergy—YOU!

WHAT?

SOCM is where persons of all ages come together to grow in understanding of the mission of the church in the current world context through study, fellowship, Worship, and fun.

WHEN/ WHERE?

MOUNT UNION COLLEGE

Friday, July 17—Drive-in Day

- Sampler for adults and children Friday-Sunday, July 17-19

- Event for adults
- Event for youth
- Event for children

LAKESIDE EVENT

Friday –Sunday , September 11-13

- Event for adults

WHY?

It's educational, fun and one of the best vacation bargains around!

Questions?

Contact Charlotte Jermy at (330) 935-0566 or email stanchar@bright.net

What to bring?

Textbooks, **Bible**, notebook, flashlight, casual clothing, jacket or sweater, comfortable walking shoes, rain apparel, bed and bath linens (except Lakeside Hotel). Casual clothes for Sat. dinner!

For your information:

- Golf cart service available
- Boy Scouts help with luggage at Mount Union. Please tip them.

EAST OHIO CONFERENCE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

DRIVE-IN DAY Mount Union College

- Friday, 8-8:45 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast at Campus Center
- 8:45 am Opening session begins at Campus Center
- Overview of all three mission studies
- Classes for children
- 12:15-1PM Lunch
- Drive-In Day concludes at 3 PM
- 3:30-4:30 pm Early Bird/ Stay Late Interest Groups

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION EVENTS

MOUNT UNION

- Friday, 3:30-5:30 pm Registration in Dorms
- 5:30 pm Dinner, Plenary, Children and Youth will report to classes with their sponsors.
- 6:30-7 pm Late registration
- 7:15 am Devotions Saturday and Sunday
- 7:30 am– 8:15 am Breakfast
- Variety of classes, plenary sessions and learning opportunities
- Mission offering taken at closing worship
- SOCM Event ends at 12N on Sunday. Lunch on your own.

LAKESIDE

- Friday, 4-5 pm Early Registration. **Dinner on your own.**; 5:30-6:30 Registration
- 6:30 pm Welcome, Meditation
- 7 pm Classes begin
- 7 am devotions/ breakfast wherever you stay
- Variety of classes, plenary sessions and learning opportunities
- Mission offering taken at closing worship
- SOCM Event ends at 12N on Sunday. Lunch on your own.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEANS:

Regina and I are excited about this year's School of Christian Mission Events and Sampler. We are looking forward to serving you . We have attempted to hold the cost down as much as possible. Remember SOCM is your opportunity to learn more about UMW. The studies are selected to help you become informed about geographical areas and grow spiritually,

Attend, Bring a Friend, and Become energized about mission studies.

We look forward to seeing you at SOCM.

Peace,

Dean, Charlotte Jermy

Assistant Dean, Regina McAlister



Becky Neibarger,
Registrar



Charlotte Jermy,
Dean



Regina McAlister,
Assistant Dean

