

Christ United Methodist Church
2015 Program



United
Methodist
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Christ United Methodist Church
350 Saratoga Road, Snyder, New York 14226

United Methodist Women Purpose

The organized unit of United Methodist Women 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.

The Vision of United Methodist Women

Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.



We are faith, hope and love in action.

FAITH

Thousands of women participate in our reading programs and educational opportunities annually to grow spiritually, become more deeply rooted in Christ and put faith into action.

HOPE

Our national mission institutions empower women, care for children, educate and equip youth, care for the neglected, advocate for social justice issues, create economic opportunities and strengthen neighborhoods.

LOVE

Our members give out of their love for the world and provide financial support for national mission institutions, higher education scholarships for international students, and 121 programs taking place in 110 countries.

ACTION

United Methodist Women members' voices are heard around the world as they call for justice on issues such as immigration, human trafficking, domestic violence, health care and the environment.

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org

History & Legacy

1869: 6 Members

Today: 800,000 members

United Methodist Women inherits the vision and toil of women's missionary societies of eight denominations since 1869. Its 140-year legacy started when the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society first organized in Boston in response to a lack of women's health in India.

Women in the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren traditions organized about the same time in history (1869-1893) when women and children were legally classified as "chattel, legally dead, non-persons." There was little service to women because of prejudice and limitations of cultural attitudes in the church and in society.

In 1869, Mrs. William Butler and Mrs. Edwin Parker, wives of missionaries to India, were home on furlough. They spoke to a group of women in Boston. Only six women were present because of an intense storm. Mrs. Butler told about the desperate spiritual and physical needs of women in India. A male doctor could not treat women. Schooling for girls was almost non-existent. Single, trained and dedicated women were needed for medical and educational work.

The six women who were present called another meeting of women, wrote a constitution, and organized the Methodist Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (WFMS). By November 1869, the newly formed organization raised funds and sent Isabella Thoburn, an educator, and Dr. Clara Swain, a doctor, to India.

Ms. Thoburn began a school with six young girls in Lucknow. This school expanded to include Isabella Thoburn College, the first women's college in Asia. Dr. Swain began her medical work, resulting in the establishment of the first women's hospital in Asia. Both of these institutions are still serving the people of India.

In 1875, Lizzie Hoffman was instrumental in forming the Woman's Missionary Association of the United Brethren Church. After spending one night praying, she was convinced that the women of the church should be organized for special mission work. Sierra Leone, in Africa, was the first country to which missionaries were sent.

Strong Woman's Home Missionary Societies were founded in 1880 (Methodist Episcopal Church) and 1890 (Methodist Episcopal Church, South)

In 1879, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church was founded; and in 1884, the Woman's Missionary Society was organized in the Evangelical Association. These groups became powerful, independent women's organizations, sending hundreds of missionaries all over the world and supporting many projects.

The Ladies Aid Societies, which had existed for many years, were incorporated into the missionary societies in the 1940s. Through reorganization and denominational mergers, these various groups were brought together. In 1973, United Methodist Women became the women's mission organization of The United Methodist Church.

FAITH

The Reading Program Leads to Action!

For 140 years, United Methodist Women have been involved in mission that includes prayer, study and action. The Reading Program is a study opportunity, but it should also lead to action. The purpose of the program is to encourage United Methodist Women members to:

- Expand understanding of and participation in God's mission.
- Increase sensitivity to all human beings—their needs, interests and concerns.
- Encourage critical thinking about issues facing humanity today.
- Grow in understanding of Scripture as it relates to Christian faith in contemporary life.
- Enhance self-knowledge and act from that knowledge.
- Strengthen involvement in local and global Christian mission.

Plan I: 5 Books Per Year

- One book from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
- Selections can be from the 2011-2015 reading lists if not included in previous reports (including youth titles).
- Regular reading of [response](#) magazine.

Plan II: 10 Books Per Year

- Two books from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
- Selections can be from the 2011-2015 reading lists if not included in previous reports (including youth titles).
- Regular reading of [response](#) and [New World Outlook](#) magazines.

Plan III: 15 Books Per Year

- Two books from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
- PLUS 5 additional books from any category.
- Selections can be from the 2011-2015 reading lists if not included in previous reports (including youth and children's titles).
- Regular reading of [response](#) and [New World Outlook](#) magazines.

Plan IV: 20 Books Per Year

- Two books from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
- PLUS 10 additional books from any category.
- Selections can be from the 2011-2015 reading lists if not included in previous reports (including youth and children's titles).
- Regular reading of [response](#) and [New World Outlook](#) magazines.

New Books Purchased for 2015

WHAT'S SO BLESSED ABOUT BEING POOR? Seeking the Gospel in the Slums of Kenya

L. Susan Slavin and Coralie Salvador

In this inspiring exploration of how happiness and holiness can exist in the midst of poverty and illness, two women, one a Maryknoll lay missionary, the other a New York attorney who left her law practice to become a lay missionary, tell their stories of living among the poor in East Africa. (Education for Mission)

FULFILLED Living and Leading with Unusual Wisdom, Peace and Joy

Kirk Byron Jones

Leadership can be mentally, emotionally and spiritually exhausting. Kirk Byron Jones examines stillness, awareness and playfulness, three inner capabilities that every leader can access but most simply ignore or disregard. He shows you how to draw on each of them in daily life and how the fulfilled leader lives in wisdom, peace and joy, successful in all the most important ways. (Leadership Development)

THE END OF YOUR LIFE BOOK CLUB

Will Schwalbe

The End of Your Life Book Club is the inspiring true story of a son and mother who start a book club that brings them together as her life comes to a close. Over two years, Will and Mary Anne carry on conversations that are both wide-ranging and deeply personal, prompted by a diverse selection of books and a shared passion for reading. Throughout, they and we are reminded of the power of books to comfort, astonish and teach. (Nurturing for Community)

KIND OF KIN A Novel

Rilla Askew

A new Oklahoma state law makes harboring an undocumented immigrant a felony. This brilliant, hilarious and heartfelt novel follows a handful of complicated lawmakers and lawbreakers as workers are exiled, friends turn informers and families are torn apart in a statewide exodus of Hispanics. In the end, Kind of Kin reveals how an ad hoc family and an entire town unite to do anything necessary to protect its own. (Social Action)

NO LONGER SILENT The Empowerment of Women in the Gospels

Susan Dehn Matthews

Imagine, along with Susan Dehn Matthews, that you hear the voices of the women in the Gospels, many of whom have been overlooked, ignored, misrepresented or misunderstood. Listen as they reveal the stories behind their words and actions in the Scriptures. They are no longer silent but speak the truth about themselves as it was revealed to them by their encounter with the one they called teacher, prophet, brother, beloved and son. (Spiritual Growth)

These books and many more can be found in the UMW Library in the parlor. Anyone is welcome to borrow books and be inspired. Challenge yourself to complete a reading plan 2015!



Mission Initiatives

The entire program and organization of United Methodist Women focuses on mission. Our mission initiatives include:

- Providing opportunities to grow spiritually
- Equipping women & girls to be leaders
- Providing transformative educational experiences
- Organizing for growth & flexibility
- Working for justice through service and advocacy

Focus on Women, Children & Youth

From its beginning, United Methodist Women has focused on ministries with women, children, and youth.

Women

Women have been empowered by leadership education opportunities, mission education, the Reading Program, tools for advocacy and more. These opportunities allow women to act and to empower women in the United States and abroad.

United Methodist Women also support programs and projects aimed at improving the special needs of women because of their refugee statuses, their immigration statuses, situations in which they are abused, their high illiteracy rate in some countries, their economic dependence, their educational disparities, and much more.

Children

A special emphasis of United Methodist Women is children, because women care for children. If children are raised with safety, security, food, shelter, education, and basic human rights, these children will grow to be loving and secure adults. United Methodist Women believe deeply in responding to Jesus' mandate to "care for the least of these."

Children often do not have a voice in this world, so United Methodist Women cares for them and advocates on their behalf. United Methodist Women commits to children globally through community centers, educational opportunities for refugee children, homes for street children, advocacy against sexual exploitation and child labor, educational institutions and much more.

Youth

United Methodist Women work with youth organizations globally and with programs and projects that support and empower youth. United Methodist Women also enables youth to be in mission by support of the US-2 program, the mission intern program and the Global Justice Volunteers program

A special emphasis of the organization has been to involve young women in all the ministries and leadership of United Methodist Women. A teen and college/university women consultative group helps direct the program of United Methodist Women to be more inclusive of younger women



Five Channels of Mission Giving

Through their generosity United Methodist Women members help empower and improve the lives of women, youth and children in the United States and around the world.

About 70 percent of Mission Giving funds from members go to programs and projects supporting women, children and youth. 20 - 30 percent of funds stay with the local, district, and conference organizations of United Methodist Women for local mission. Only 9 percent covers administrative costs.

Pledge to Mission

An individual member's Pledge to Mission is the amount a woman gives to her local unit to help fulfill the Purpose of United Methodist Women.

The conference United Methodist Women pledges a specific amount to United Methodist Women's national office for mission with women, children and youth and retains a designated percent to be used for district and conference administration and membership development expenses.

World Thank Offering

Spontaneous additional gifts can be given out of gratitude for God's abundance and in celebration of the joys of life.

The World Thank Offering is an opportunity for individuals to respond to God's abundance and grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude. The funds collected are used in the total program of mission carried on through United Methodist Women's national office in the United States and around the world.

Special Mission Recognition Pins and Certificates

These pins offer a meaningful way to honor members who have dedicated so much time and effort to service. Gift amounts range from \$40 to \$2,000.

Gift to Mission

Make a gift in honor of someone and send a card to the honoree. The following cards are available: Congratulations, Thank You, A Baby, In the Service of Christ, A Special Day, Thinking of You, Happy Birthday and assorted Christmas cards.

Gift in Memory

Give a gift in memory of a member, a friend or anyone, in any amount of \$5 or more. Gift in Memory cards, available free, may be sent to the family of the deceased.

Special Mission Recognitions Pins are given to honor individuals' work for and commitment to mission. They are given to members of United Methodist Women and beyond to others in churches and society. They recognize the important roles individuals play in mission in their local and global communities.



Christ United Methodist Church: Recipients of Mission Recognition Pins

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|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1958 Betty Crafts | 1979 Liz Reed | 1996 Jean Wood |
| 1959 Betty Davis | 1980 Jan Rhinehart | & Janet Hill |
| 1960 Ione Crowe | 1981 Marion Swenson | 1997 Nicky Sebastiano |
| 1961 Sally Beechy | 1982 Dorothy Wedekindt | 1998 Ella Riordan |
| 1962 Vi Buddin | 1983 Marie Steck | & Nancy Hess |
| & Ella Osborn | 1984 Jan Kitzinger | 1999 Karen Hoffmann |
| 1963 Thelma Butterfield | & Nellie Rohr | 2000 Mary Jo Evans |
| 1964 Frances Smithey | 1985 Marni Smith | 2001 Sally Pollard |
| 1965 Marge Warfel | & Fern Beyer | 2002 Anne Glaubitz |
| 1966 Mary Cooprider | 1986 Betty Kreib | 2003 Tammy Mugel |
| 1967 Carol Spitzer | 1987 Magdalene Olson | & Pat Noyes |
| 1968 Maybelle Burke | & Edith Jacobs | 2004 Barbara Burr |
| 1969 Vera Beisiegel | 1988 Mary Parsons | & Peggy Bermudez |
| 1970 Esther Bookmiller | & Ruth Seymour | 2005 Clarence Spitzer |
| & Blanche Burwell | 1989 Mary Anderson | 2006 Grace Markello |
| 1971 Betty Sanborn | 1990 Martha Iglehart | 2007 Geoff Hill |
| 1972 Ethel Delmore | & Lucille Cook | 2008 Carmen Ticconi |
| & Marian Steve | 1991 Dorothy Brown | 2009 Marion Rowlands |
| 1973 Phyllis Nicholson | 1992 Gretchen Folkman | 2011 Caroline Hess |
| 1974 Charlotte Brothers | & Barbara Elberson | 2012 Beth Sweet |
| 1975 Florence Stengel | 1993 Mildred Anderson | 2013 Mary Ball |
| 1976 Lorena Hayes | 1994 Ruth Kocher | 2014 Kathy Weaver |
| 1977 Sue Wise | 1995 Ruth Anderson & | |
| 1978 Doris Ritter | Ruth Swenson | |

Past Presidents

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1950 Vi Budin | 1968 Eleanor Zeh | 1991 Babe Calandra |
| 1952 Ruth Smith | 1969 Gina Magoon | 1993 Carol Spitzer (Jan.) |
| 1953 Mary C. Davis | 1972 Phyllis Nicholson | 1993 Edith Jacobs (Feb-Mar) |
| 1954 Kathryn Pond | 1974 Marge Warfel | 1993 Ruth Swenson: (April +) |
| 1955 Frances Smithey | 1976 Liz Reed | 1995 Nancy Hess |
| 1957 Mary Cooprider | 1978 Jan Rhinehart | 1997 Susan Heitzenrater |
| 1958 Mary Alice Houston | 1980 Marion Swenson | 1999 Janet Hill |
| 1959 Thelma Butterfield | 1982 Jan Kitzinger | 2001 Mary Parsons |
| 1961 Ruth Fairgrieve | 1984 Edith Jacobs | 2003 Mickey Duke |
| 1962 Marian Steve | 1986 Carol Spitzer | 2004 Janet Hill |
| 1965 Florence Stengel | 1989 Ruth Seymour | 2007 Diane Lovejoy |
| 1967 Corrienne Gettum | 1991 Charlotte Folsom (½ y) | 2011 Beth Sweet &
Peggy Bermudez |

2015 UMW Officers

Co- Presidents	Beth Sweet	210-8966
	Peggy Bermudez	626-4897
Treasurer & Pledges	Laurie Hannon	632-1534
Secretary, Recording	Mary Ball	741-3301
Secretary, Correspondence	Janice Rhinehart	839-2940
Program Resources Secretary	Julie Wrisley	839-3395
Mission Coordinators:		
Spiritual Growth	Janet Hill	839-3052
Social Action	Sandy Cumming	835-1061
Education and Interpretation	Peggy Bermudez	626-4897
Membership & Outreach	Kathy Weaver	839-5918
Publicity	Jan Rhinehart	839-2940
Nominations	Beth Sweet	210-8966
Standing Committees: appointed by the president:		
Beechwood	Jan Rhinehart	839-2940
Historian	Beth Sweet	210-8966
Roswell Park	Mary Parsons	832-1447
Sunshine	Joyce Moser	632-1617

Circle Leaders

Elizabeth.....shared
 Circle of JoyPeggy Bermudez
 New Vision.....shared
 Rachel.....Grace Markello

Executive Board Meetings 2015

All meetings are at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, January 27, 2015

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

Tuesday, September 22, 2015 (Program & Budget for 2016)

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

UMW BUDGET 2015

Income

Carryover from 2014 Balance	\$160
Pledges	2,000
Harvest Dinner	1,200
General Meetings	300
Fundraisers	<u>1000</u>
Total	\$4660

Expense

Mission Giving (61% of budget = \$2845)

Pledge to Mission	\$2,000
Gift to Mission	5
Gift in Memory (Memorial Service)	50
Mission Recognition Pin	40
Niagara Frontier City Ministries/Shalom Zone	200
Gateway/Longview	150
Beechwood/Blocher Service Guild	100
UMCOR	100
UMYF Mission	100
Family Justice Center	100

Administration/Membership Development (39% of budget = \$1815)

Programs/Speakers	\$250
General Meeting Refreshments	50
Literature and Publications	250
Postage and Supplies	50
Savings Account for Convention Delegates	500
School of Missions	300
Gifts and Memorials	150
Sunshine	35
Kitchen Equipment	230
Total	\$4660

Action! Christ Church UMW 2015



Saturday, January 10th, 10:00 am
General Meeting
Program: **Make It Happen**
Hostesses – Executive Board
Cost: **\$5.00**

Monday, February 9th, 7:00 pm
Sugar and Spice Evening
Baking and Candymaking



Saturday, April 11th, 10:00 am
General Meeting
Program: **Jericho Road Ministries**
Hostesses: Circle of Joy
Cost: **\$5.00**

May – date TBD
Conversation
Speaker: **Karen O'Hara, United Hands of Hope House**
Topic: **Domestic Human Trafficking**



Saturday, July 11th
Summer Festival

Monday, August 10th, 7:00 pm
Sugar and Spice Evening
Movie Night





Saturday, September 12th, 10:00 am
General Meeting
Program: **Solar Liberty Foundation**
Hostesses: Rachel Circle
Cost: **\$5.00**

Sunday, September 27th, 9:00am & 11:00am
Children's Sabbath



Friday, October 23, 4:30 – 7:00 pm
Harvest Dinner

Saturday, November 14th, 10:00 am
General Meeting
Keeping in Touch



World Thank Offering, Least Coin Offering, Pledge Service, Election of Officers
Hostesses: Elizabeth Circle
Cost: **\$5.00**



Fellowship of the Least Coin

A global ecumenical prayer movement for justice, peace, and reconciliation

The Fellowship of the Least Coin has flourished as a global ecumenical women's prayer movement. The key to the movement's success is its simplicity. Individuals or groups may join by committing to pray for peace, justice, and reconciliation among families and communities, and worldwide. Each time a woman prays, she sets aside the least coin of her local currency as a symbol of the prayer. Women's national groups collect the coins and send them to the central FLC Fund c/o World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland. The prayers offered and the least coins collected support projects for women and the children around the world.

www.flc.net.ph/ **This offering will be received at the November 14th UMW General Meeting.**



NIAGARA FRONTIER DISTRICT UMW



COMMUNION BREAKFAST AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, **March 28**, 9:30 – 12:00

Theme – “Going Green”

Northtowns – **Christ Amherst UMC**, 350 Saratoga Rd., Amherst

Speaker – **Rev. Anne Cole**

Southtowns – Churchill Memorial UMC, 8019 Boston State Rd., Boston

Speaker – Winona Stonebraker



GIFT DAY

Saturday, **April 18**, 9:30 AM

Orchard Park UMC, 3700 North Buffalo St., Orchard Park

Speaker – **Pastor Brian Rotach** on Children’s Issues

DAY APART

Held jointly with Genesee Valley District

Saturday, **May 2**, 10 AM

Oakfield UMC, 2 South Main St., Oakfield

Speaker – **Rev. Christopher Wylie**, “The People with Disabilities”

Lunch will be provided



UMW 2015 CHAUTAUQUA DAY

Thursday, **June 18**

Chautauqua Institute

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July 30 – August 1 (Thurs – Sat)

Asbury Camp and Retreat Center, Silver Lake

Topics: Created for Happiness, Latin America, The Church and People with Disabilities



NIAGARA FRONTIER DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, **September 19**

Medina UMC, 222 W. Center St., Medina

Speaker – **Chet Fery**,

“The Bread Man” on Random Acts of Kindness

9:30-12:00, Annual Meeting

UMW SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT

Friday, **October 9** and Saturday, **October 10**

Asbury Camp & Retreat Center, Silver Lake

Speaker – **Carmen Vianese**



REAL ISSUES. REAL SOLUTIONS. REAL WOMEN.

NETWORK OF LEADERS TRAINING

Saturday, **November 7**

East Aurora UMC, 345 Main Street, East Aurora

9:30-12:00 – Training

All are welcome to join in this training for unit officer positions



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN WEBSITE

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org

This is our primary website . Here you will find the latest news and information about United Methodist Women members, programs and initiatives . You'll also find promotional and educational items that can be downloaded as well as links to our other sites and our Mission Resources e-store .



UMWONLINE

www.umwonline.org

This is the social networking site for United Methodist Women . UMWOnline is more like Facebook and is the place to connect one on one with other United Methodist Women members . Visit, set up your account, friend your sisters and begin networking for mission .



FACEBOOK

www.facebook.com/UMWomen

If you're on Facebook, be sure to "like" United Methodist Women so that our regular posts will appear on your home page .



TWITTER

www.twitter.com/UMWomen

Do you tweet? So does United Methodist Women! Use the link to find our Twitter account UMWomen. Follow us, tweet with us and become a part of the continuing conversation around faith, hope and love in action .



YOUTUBE

www.youtube.com/UMWomen

Need a video for a presentation? You'll find it on YouTube . Check out the video resources available by following the link . New videos are posted often!



FLICKR

www.flickr.com/UMWomen

Need a photo for your newsletter or PowerPoint? Follow this link and you'll find terrific images illustrating the work of United Methodist Women .



PINTEREST

www.pinterest.com/UMWomen

Pinterest is a pinboard-style photo-sharing website . You can find links to articles and images related to justice priorities, spiritual growth, infographics and more .



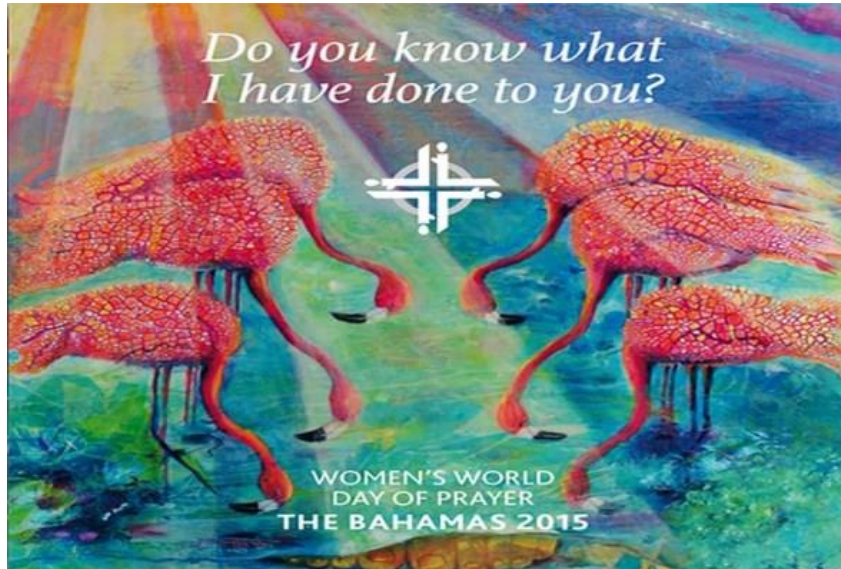
INSTAGRAM

[instagram.com/UMWomen](https://www.instagram.com/UMWomen)

in-app: UMWomen

Instagram is a mobile photo and video sharing social networking service . Follow UMWomen to see photos of events, inspirational quotes, behind-the-scenes pics of the office and more!

World Day of Prayer 2015



Artwork by Chantal E.Y. Bethel

Friday, March 6, 2015, 1:00 pm

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

4007 Main Street, Eggertsville, NY 14226

The Bahamas is a place beauty. The beautiful colors gifted by nature are reflected in the worship service and the artwork. The islands give voice to the people of The Bahamas who invite the world to "come and be washed in God's ever-flowing ocean of grace: to bask in the iridescent light of Christ's love, and to be embraced by [God's] Holy Spirit with the cooling trade-winds of transformation."

Radical love is the theme that weaves together all the components of the worship resources. They eloquently tell us that Jesus is God's presence of radical love in the world. Following Jesus' example of washing his disciple's feet, we are asked to continue the gesture of love in The Bahamas and in our own communities. That is how the spiral of informed prayer and prayerful action moves around the globe.

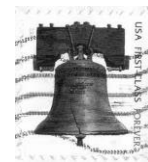
You can help with missions & education by gathering



Labels for Education



Box Tops



Cancelled Stamps
(trimmed to ¼ inch)

Please place items in the designated containers in the church kitchen.

Thank you!