

# United Methodist Women January 2021

## UMW Calendar for January

Tuesday, January 19th **New Circle** will meet via Zoom @7:00pm. Look for meeting link posted the week prior in the Mid-Week Minute. Contact person: Linda Cargo

Tuesday, January 26th **Grace Circle** will meet via Zoom @9:30am. All are welcome and invited as we come together for a time of devotion, prayer and conversation. Look for the meeting link posted the week prior in the Mid-Week Minute. Contact person: Gloria Walker

Tuesday, January 26th **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet via Zoom @7:00pm. Newcomers are welcome and invited to knit along with us. Look for the meeting link posted the week prior in the Mid-Week Minute. Contact person: Linda Cargo

### Love, Hope and Faith in Action Prayer Shawl Ministry in 2021

In addition to knitting and crocheting prayer shawls, our Prayer Shawl Ministry is beginning a new partnership with Knit The Rainbow, an organization founded in April 2020 to help homeless LGBTQ+ youth in NYC survive brutal winters with handmade winter garments. Their community outreach program partners with other non-profits in NYC to provide classes, workshops and coaching for at-risk youth so they can learn sustainable living techniques like clothing design and creation as well as to learn to knit and crochet items for themselves.



At our first meeting in January we will begin knitting and crocheting items such as scarves, hats, ear warmers, mittens, socks and slippers. Simple patterns and all materials will be provided to anyone who would like to join our effort. If you are new to knitting/crocheting we will teach you. Meeting information can be found in the calendar above or by contacting Linda Cargo at [cargoph@aol.com](mailto:cargoph@aol.com).

### Economic Justice is Part of All That United Methodist Women Does

United Methodist Women has a 150-year history of addressing economic issues impacting women, children and youth through both service and advocacy. One of the campaigns on which the UMW 2021-2024 Quadrennium will focus on is Interrupting the School-to Prison Pipeline.

The school-to-prison pipeline is a term used to describe how children and youth of color are rerouted by systems and institutions, funneled away from educational success and towards the criminal justice system. It is not the result of any one single action but of many factors coming together, including implicit racial and gender biases and excessive out-of-school suspensions and expulsions.

In the coming months we will be learning and providing ways to raise awareness about about education justice. Begin now by going to [www.UMW.org/racialjustice](http://www.UMW.org/racialjustice)

**Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration**

**CAMPAIGN: INTERRUPT THE SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE**

Move local decision makers to address the criminalization of children and youth of color and reduce racial disparities in school discipline.

**500%** increase in incarceration in the United States over 40 years.

**3x** Black American boys are three times more likely to be suspended than white boys.

**6x** Black American girls are six times more likely to be suspended than white girls.

**31%** of children and youth experiencing school-based arrests and law enforcement referrals are African American, though they make up only **15%** of total school enrollment.

Native American/Alaska Native students make up **1%** of enrollment in schools and **2%** of school-based arrests and referrals to law enforcement.

**TAKE ACTION:** [unitedmethodistwomen.org/racialjustice](http://www.UMW.org/racialjustice)

## Piecemaker Quilters Celebrate Veterans

UMW Piecemaker Quilters have found many ways to recognize our veterans over the years with their Quilts of Honor.



Tami Lane, was given a quilt on November 11, 2020 for her service as a Navy Nurse during the Vietnam War.



Bob Boak, Jr was presented with a quilt on December 21, 2020 in recognition of his service in the Vietnam War.