What are ways to give?
- Write a check and mail it. You may mail it to the church marked Attn. UMW or simply mail it to Carolyn Yockey, 508 Normal Ave., Normal, 61761.
- You may send a check to your Circle treasurer. If you send a check to Carolyn, your Circle treasurer will receive the information.
- The Normal First Website has a box for giving. Click on it and options show there. If you wish to give to UMW/Attic Sale through online giving, indicate UMW in the mission organization box.

No Attic Sale or Bake Sale this Summer?!!

What about our Mission pledges?

Our mission budget for 2020 includes is $18,750:
- $13,000 for UMW missions across the US and around the world
- $5,750 discretionary mission projects including Cunningham Children’s Home, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, The Baby Fold and ISU Merge.

We are challenged to engage our creative thinking this year as never before. How might you be able to safely fund-raise while sheltering in place?
- Advertise on Facebook or Craigslist, sell the item(s) and donate the money to UMW?
- Bake something or do a job (sew, knit or crochet, yard work) for a person; the recipient would then pay and the money would go to UMW?
- Offer the service of delivering a “singing telegram” or special message via zoom or other internet app for a set fee, with proceeds going to UMW?
- An individual garage sale?
- An individual bake sale?
**2020 Update**

As you are aware, the (44th) Attic Sale as we have known it is not happening (so we will not be making over $13,000 for mission here), and the Downs Farmers’ Market is canceled this year (also not making around $500 at this event).

Our budget for 2020 includes:

- $13,000 for UMW Missions across the US and around the world
- $5,000 for discretionary mission projects, where we usually send to Cunningham Children’s Home, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, The Baby Fold, and ISU Merge.
- With additional gifts to UMCOR and other local missions, our mission budget this year is $18,750
- Most UMW members give a pledge toward our missions in their Circle meetings (last year’s total was over $7600). So far this year, with Circle meetings being suspended, we have $4700.
- Through Attic Sale funds, we normally give to those who help: Boy Scouts, Youth in our church, and Men’s group.

**WHERE ARE WE HEADED?**

So, in this odd and strange time, UMW is not asking members and friends to work or bake or even attend events. We feel it is imperative to continue to support our many missions as their needs are greater than ever. We are asking you to consider the time you would have spent at these fundraising events, what you would have spent on purchases, and what you would have spent on baking goodies for both events --- and based on those calculations continue giving of your resources through an additional monetary donation this year. One member commented that she didn’t need her stimulus check and planned to give that money to UMW.

Consider your personal pledge in your Circle: can you give more? If you can’t remember what you committed and what you have paid, contact your Circle treasurer.

The finances of each of us differs, but we would hope that all of you and many members of the church would give to support the wonderful work that UMW does.

Paul, writing from Macedonia, hoped that news of the generosity of these churches would encourage the Corinthian believers:

“For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford but far more. And they did it of their own free will.” — 2 Corinthians 8:3

And in 2 Corinthians 9:7

“You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully.”

Luke 6:38