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I often think of my first experiences with United Methodist Women at Community UMC in Poughkeepsie, NY, where I joined the Susannah Wesley Circle because they met in the morning and had great childcare. Barbara Thornly in this first group taught me to expect “God-incidences” – surprising encounters – which came to pass when I learned that Rev. Sue Abold, who is an ardent supporter of TX UMW Legislative Event, grew from her time at Community UMC, Poughkeepsie!! I have loved the women who have mentored and encouraged me in UMW since 1974.

Most recently I concluded serving as the SCJ UMW Vice President and loved the experience to be with women from all around the jurisdiction. I have led previously in Mission u! the “Joy to the World” study, “The Call: Living Sacramentally”, and “Created for Happiness”. I love leading these studies as I grow so much more than I could ever lead my students to.

David and I have two children: John, who lives in Austin, is a computer software developer, and Pam, who also lives in Austin with our only grandchild, Taylor, is an Industrial Engineer – very detail oriented. David and I have just celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary.

I have taught both mathematics and computer science in junior and senior high school and at the local community college as well as being a statistician with the NYS Department of Mental Hygiene. Mostly, I was a mom who volunteered wherever I could.

I feel so fortunate to have been involved with UMW. The incredible experiences are growing me to see the world with eyes that look beyond the surface. I have been encouraged to think and to feel way outside of my boundaries. Sometimes this is scary but mostly this is exhilarating and rewarding. I am convinced that God has a purpose for my life and I hope I just say ‘yes’ and get ready.

