



CATCH the VISION

April 2019

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President's Message:

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans" Proverbs 16:3 (NIV)

I remember reading that proverb when the freezing rain threatened my drive home in safety. That is now just a memory. Snow is quickly melting, there is no sign of ice on the driveway and the warmth of the sunshine lifts my spirits, spring is in the air! And, I saw the first signs of daffodils popping up. God never disappoints.

The celebrations of our 150 years in Mission are beginning around the state. Robin and Doug Digman and I, were guests at the lovely United Methodist Church in Stitzer and were transported in time to Boston, Mass. to that "cold and rainy night". The ladies made their own period dresses and the congregation, men on one side and women on the other, participated in the presentation, reading from cue cards with enthusiasm. The joy in the church was visible. I know celebrations are being held all over our Conference. Be proud to tell your (our) story.

Mission Action Day is coming up April 6th at Mauston UMC. I know we are all looking forward to seeing each other, sharing stories and comparing calendars. Districts are busy preparing for their special meetings, retreats and opportunities to share time together and feel energized by the "supportive, creative fellowship of our SISTERHOOD OF GRACE. There are so many opportunities to invite a friend; we have so much to share. "The cheerful heart is a good medicine".

Registration and study information for Mission u has been published and IF you have missed it, call me, I will be happy to send you anything you need. I know plans are underway for a very special Annual Gathering in October at Black River Falls October 18-19. Save the date.

In the excitement of Spring, I have to slow down and remind myself of the Psalmist words: "Be still, and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10.

Martha Boyer
WI Conference President

Secretary

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Just like everyone else I am patiently waiting for spring!

Hopefully if you are on the Conference or District leadership team and/or you are a unit President you have received a copy of the 2019 Conference Yearbook.

Extra copies are available from: Bob's Copy Shop (608-251-2936) or email amy@bobscopyshop.com

You can place an order for 5 books at the cost of \$25.00. Bob's copy shop will mail to you 5 copies. If you have questions, you can contact me at josiegobel@charter.net

Please remember you can view the Yearbook on the Wisconsin United Methodist Women website: wisconsinumw.org/about

Below are some additions and/or corrections to keep your yearbook up to date:

Page 11: (Addition)

- Committee on Nominations: Nou Vang, 3303 South 12th St, Milwaukee WI 53215; cell: 414-213-2973; nouvang@yahoo.com

-Committee on Nominations: Pang Yang, 6734 Middle Rd., Racine WI 53402 : 262-706-1970; 1bsimnecinyob@yahoo.com

Page 18: (Addition)

- South East District Team Meeting: October 6, 2019 Annual Gathering at Janesville Cargill UMC

Page 22: (Correction)

- Secretary: Ellen Eastman's street address is: 215 N. Lafayette St. (not 217)

Page 27: (Correction)

- Education for Mission – Barb Taylor's correct email is: tayloc@century.net

Page 28: (Correction)

-South West Membership, Nurture, Outreach Coordinator Nancy Beilkie's correct phone #608-846-7330

Page 41:(Correction)

- Mailing address for Whitefish Bay President Nancy O'Toole – use: Nancy O'Toole % Whitefish Bay UMC, 819 E. Silver Spring Dr. Whitefish Bay WI 53217

If you spot any other corrections, please let me know so that we keep it up to date.

Thank you so much.

Josie Gobel

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Vice President

Save the Date: Wisconsin Conference Annual Gathering

Oct. 18-19 at Black River Falls UMC

Theme: Sisterhood of Grace

Come help us celebrate 150 Years of United Methodist Women
Registration information will be available at Mission u.

Enjoy Spring!!

Ruby Dow WI Conf VP

Milk Moola

THANK YOU to all who contributed to our last Milk Moola round up. It took extra effort to get the milk caps and bag labels to me when we did not have district or conference meetings to receive them! There were donations both large and small, from 971 caps and 49 labels given by Wausau Wesley down to 2 caps and 4 slips sent by "Gisselman Law Offices" and all variations in between. Our grand total was 2,842 caps and 634 bag labels for a value of \$173.80 to be sent to Harbor House Crisis Shelters from the Kwik Trip redemption center.

Accolades go to these UMW members/units who donated (taken from addresses on packages or notes inside):

Milton UMW; Canton UMW (Rice Lake); Ruthann Christensen (Leopoli); Nancy Zabel(Rice Lake); Baraboo 1st; Gladys Koskowski (Eagle); Jean Bonney (New Lisbon); Susan Schlager;(Platteville); Carol Rhyner (Cuba City); Bernice Kohlman (Wausau 1st); Nancy Schulze (Plover);Donna Fae Kruse (Loganville); Hedda Patzke (Mercer); Sue Clafin (Woodruff); Willerup UMC (Cambridge); and Harbor House itself. That's teamwork! Your efforts will bring blessings to homeless women and children who are welcomed by Harbor House.

Judy Vasby

Milk Moola Coordinator 608-576-0173 vasby.umw@gmail.com

Limitless

LIMITLESS RETREAT COMING IN AUGUST!

Join the United Methodist Women and the Limitless Girls in a fun summer retreat! We'll spend our weekend at Pine Lake Camp in gorgeous Westfield, WI, where the lake is just a short walk away from three beautiful hiking trails! Taking advantage of the fun campground, we'll go swimming, hiking, and play fun camp games like Capture the Flag. We'll also make environmentally wonders of God's Creation, learning about how we can take care of the beautiful earth that God put un on. Registration form available online, there is a \$35 registration fee to help cover the cost of food and lodging. Check with your local UMW unit for assistance.

Fiona Odum, Young Women's Coordinator

Teen / Limitless Mission U registration forms can be found online at www.wisconsinumw.org or email Robin for a copy at dgrbmm@gmail.com

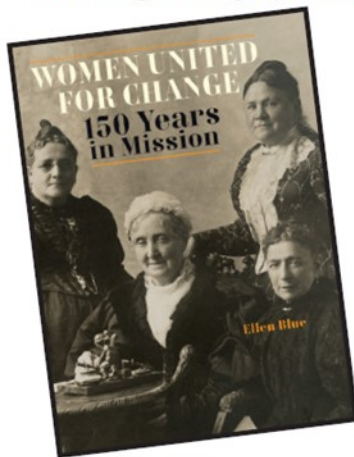
2019 Mission u

July 23, 2019 - July 26, 2019
Hotel Mead and Conference Center
451 E Grand Ave, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

Learning Together for Transformation of the World

Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship

In *Mark and Radical Discipleship*, author Janet Wolf explores what it means to live a life of radical discipleship today using the Gospel of Mark as the foundation. Wolf explores the timeless issues of poverty, gender, justice, liberation, equality, and others using Mark as a guide. The stories of the women in Mark are a particular focus in this study and how, although often unnamed, they are prominent among Jesus' followers and in Mark's recounting of the gospel story.

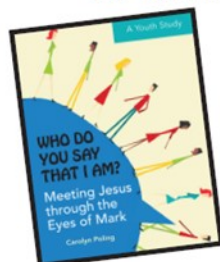


Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission

United for Change by Ellen Blue is the first in a two-year study commemorating United Methodist Women's 150th anniversary in 2019. It will provide a historical survey of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations and amplify the voices that shaped the work through an overarching story of United Methodist Women changing the fact of mission. This study is about women who established vibrant societies to support mission. First organized in the United States, those societies sent missionaries overseas and later engaged in mission at home. Each was a heroine who was willing to stand over and against what her culture—and sometimes even her church—expected of her. Learning about the early female leaders who created what would become today's United Methodist Women can help us understand who they truly were beyond who we expected them to have been.

What About Our Money? A Faith Response

Returning for its second year, this class is being facilitated by Carol Barton, Executive for Community Action for National United Methodist Women. It explores how we relate to money within the context of our faith. Through this connection between our faith and our money, participants discover how to live closer to God and God's people, even in our North American culture that is so deeply defined by money. The class explores the biblical foundation of abundance (sufficiency), which stands in opposition to the scarcity narrative our culture tells us from the time we are very young.



Youth Study: Who Do You Say That I Am? Meeting Jesus through the Eyes of Mark

In *Who do you say that I am? Meeting Jesus Through the Eyes of Mark*, Carolyn Poling guides youth through the Gospel of Mark, helping them to define who Jesus is to them, who he says he is in scripture, and how this impacts how we live our lives. The goal of this study is to help youth explore scripture in new ways so they can develop their own faith and put it into action. This is the mark of a true disciple.



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Wisconsin Conference Mission u

July 22 – 25, 2019

Hotel Mead Convention Center - Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Adult Registration Form

4-Day registration begins at 8:15am with Singing and Gathering starting at 9:15 on Monday, July 22, 2019

Register for the event						(Page 1 of 2)
Name						
Address, City, State, Zip						
Home Phone		Cell Phone		Email		
District <i>(Circle one)</i>	North West	North Central	North East	South West	South East	
Class Choice	<i>Circle up to two classes</i>					
Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship		Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission		What About Our Money? A Faith Response		
Payment <u>Registration is transferable, but not refundable</u>			Early Bird Registration Until June 1, 2019	Regular Registration Until July 1, 2019		
Four Day Session (Includes food and sharing a room with another)			\$350	\$425		
Additional lodging on Sunday night, includes breakfast (Sharing a room with another)			\$70	\$70		
Four Day Session (includes food and private room)			\$465	\$540		
Additional lodging on Sunday night, includes breakfast (Private room)			\$115	\$115		
Commuter Rate ~No Hotel Stay~ (Includes lunch & supper on Monday, 3 meals on Tuesday and Wednesday, and breakfast on Thursday)			\$205	\$250		
Roommate				Total		
Special dietary needs						
Send Registration to: Marilyn Eyster 122 East Cox Road Edgerton, WI 53534						
			608-868-3585 marilyn.eyster@gmail.com		Make checks payable to: Mission u	

Early Bird Registration rate ends June 1, 2019 ~ Registration ends July 1, 2019 no late registrations accepted



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<input type="checkbox"/> Attending Mission u for the first time <i>(Check here if this is your first time to Mission u)</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Requesting a Scholarship <i>(Check here to find out about Conference scholarships for Mission u)</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Requesting a new Clergy Scholarship		
<input type="checkbox"/> Requesting a CEU (for Clergy)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Requesting a Lay Servant/Lay Speaker Credit		
<input type="checkbox"/> Requesting a scholarship stipend to help offset the cost of child care up to \$25/day for the first (5) requests with registration (Please contact registrar for information.)		
Book Order Check here to order your study books for pick up at Mission u Program Resources. <u>Books are \$10 each to be paid when picked up, do not include in registration fees.</u> OR Order your books ahead and get them delivered to your home www.umwmissionresources.org or call 800-305-9857		
<input type="checkbox"/> Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship, by Janet Wolf		
<input type="checkbox"/> Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission, by Ellen Blue		
<input type="checkbox"/> What About Our Money? A Faith Response, by Susan K. Taylor		
Photo Release Photos will be taken at Mission u and could be used in material to promote this event. I permit my photo to be used by Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women to help share United Methodist Women with others.		
Name (Print)		
Sign		Date
Emergency Contact		
Name		Relationship
Best phone number(s) to contact them:		
Is this person at Mission u?		

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Friday July 26, 2019

Hotel Mead Convention Center - Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Registration begins at 8:00 am with a small sideboard breakfast, singing and gathering at 9:00 sending forth approx. 3:00 pm

Overview Day Registration Form

Register for the event

Name			(Page 1 of 2)
Address, City, State, Zip			

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email

District

North West

North Central

North East

South West

South East

(Circle one)

Payment	<u>Registration is transferable, but not refundable</u>	Early Bird Registration Until June 1, 2019	Regular Registration Until July 1, 2019
Overview Day			\$65
Additional lodging on Thursday night, includes breakfast (Sharing a room with another.)		\$70	\$70
Additional lodging on Thursday night, includes breakfast (Private Room)		\$115	\$115
			Total

Special dietary needs

_____ Attending Mission u for the first time (Check here if this is your first time to Mission u)

_____ Child care needed ages _____ please provide a sack lunch for each child

Scholarships - Ask your local UMW unit or Church about scholarships that they may have.

Send Registration to: Marilyn Eyster 122 East Cox Road Edgerton, WI 53534	608-868-3585 marilyn.eyster@gmail.com	Make checks payable to: Mission u
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Name

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Book Order

Check here to order your study books for pick up at Mission u Program Resources.
Books are \$10 each to be paid when picked up, do not include in registration fees.

OR

Order your books ahead and get them delivered to your home
www.umwmissionresources.org or call 800-305-9857

	Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship, by Janet Wolf
	Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission, by Ellen Blue
	What About Our Money? A Faith Response, by Susan K. Taylor

Photo Release

Photos will be taken at Mission u and could be used in material to promote this event.

I permit my photo to be used by Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women to help share United Methodist Women with others.

Name (Print)

Sign		Date
Emergency Contact		
Name	Relationship	
Best phone number(s) to contact them:		
Is this person at Mission u?		

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Limitless Registration Form

Name

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OR

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Book for the Youth Study “Who do you say that I am? Meeting Jesus Through the Eyes of Mark”
will be provided by the UMW Limitless Team and be waiting for you at Mission u.

Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission, by Ellen Blue

What About Our Money? A Faith Response, by Susan K. Taylor

Photo Release

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I permit my (or my child's) photo to be used by Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women to help share United Methodist Women with others. If you are under 18 years old, please have your parent/ guardian sign this section.

Name of young woman if under 18 years old

Name (Print) (of parent if young woman is under 18 years old)		
Signature (of parent if young woman is under 18 years old)		Date
Emergency Contact		
Name	Relationship	
Best phone number(s) to contact them:		
Is this person at Mission u?		

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Register for the event				(Page 1 of 2)
Name				Age
Address, City, State, Zip				
Home Phone	Cell Phone		Email	
District <i>(Circle one)</i>	North Central	North East	South West	South East
North West				

Class Choice The teen group class will study: Who do you say that I am? Meeting Jesus Through the Eyes of Mark

Select one morning class from below for your Mission u class

(Circle one class) What About Our Money? A Faith Response Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission

Payment <u>Registration is transferable, but not refundable</u>	Early Bird Registration Until June 1, 2019	Regular Registration Until July 1, 2019	
Four Day Session (Includes food and sharing lodging with other teens)	\$350	\$425	
Additional lodging on Sunday night, includes breakfast (Teen must be accompanied by an adult at this time.)	\$70	\$70	
		Total	

Special dietary needs _____

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_____ Request a Scholarship *(Check here to request a Conference Scholarship for Mission u)*

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Program Advisory Team

Hello Everyone;

I want to share an excerpt from an email that I received from Harriett Olson, the General Secretary of United Methodist Women. Harriett is addressing the Special Session of the General Conference held last month.

Harriett's opening words expressed what an emotional, complication and painful experience for those in attendance. She encourages us to reach out to our sisters and express love and support. United Methodist Women members know that we can be held together by bonds of love across deep differences in theology and opinion. We should demonstrate "supportive, creative fellowship" at this time.

Per Harriett: What I want to address today is: What does this mean for United Methodist Women? Our Board was looking ahead at this question, and our directors were very clear that they were committed to finding ways for United Methodist Women to stay together. We share a common call to mission. Our passion for responding to God's love by working for and with women, children and youth around the world unites us. We can accomplish great things together. At the Board's meeting at the end of March, we will be working on ways to make it clear that all women who are members and leaders of United Methodist Women today can be members and leaders tomorrow, even if they leave the United Methodist Church, or their congregation decides to disaffiliate, etc.

United Methodist Women, this is a time to build up our sisterhood, to hold each other close, and to recommit to the women, children and youth we are called to serve. We press on.

May God bless us and our beloved United Methodist Church.

Harriett's words give us hope, and encouragement. I can't wait to share with you, what our next steps will be.

With Faith, Hope and Love; Mary Lainberger, Program Advisory Group

Nominations

"Spring Greetings" from the Nominations Committee,

God has been good to us. We have two (2) new members joining our Nominations Committee. They are: Nou Vang from Milwaukee, and Pang Yang from Racine. We look forward to them joining us at the April 26-27 Executive Team Meeting and Retreat at Black River Falls.

The other two (2) openings are still OPEN - and Waiting for YOU to say "Yes" to. They are: (1) Treasurer (2) Spiritual Growth Coordinator.

We will be waiting to hear from you!

"Who can say but that God has brought you into the palace for just such a time as this?" Esther 4:14

The Nominations Committee: Jeanette Retzlaff (608)423-3360 e-mail: jeteretzlaff@yahoo.com

Kay Waugh, Rachel Benton, Judy Loveless, and Ruthann Christensen

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Census 2018 I certainly appreciate all of your efforts to get our units recorded. I believe we are ahead of last year! Way to go Wisconsin Women! Sue Plasterer— Wisconsin Conference UMW — Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator

Calendar 2019

April 26 – 27	Executive Team & Retreat	Black River Falls
July 21	Catch the Vision article due date	
July 22 – 25	Mission u	WI Rapids
August 23 – 25	Executive Team Meeting	Pine Lake / Westfield
August 24	Catch the Vision article due date	
October 18	Catch the Vision article due date	
October 18 -19	Annual Gathering	Black River Falls
November 1-2	Executive Team & Mission u meeting	LaCrosse Wesley
December 20	Jan 2020 Catch the Vision due date	