



United
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March 2023

Wisconsin Conference

President's Message:

March is a special month for United Women in Faith. As many of you know, it was on March 23, 1869, that a group of eight women met in Boston and, inspired by Clementina Butler and Lois Butler, found the Women's Foreign Missionary Society to raise funds and send educator Isabella Thoburn and Dr. Clara Swain to India. But that was just one strand that was woven together with the Woman's Missionary Association of the United Brethren Church (formed in 1875), two strong Woman's Home Missionary Societies (founded in 1880 and 1890). The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church (1879), and the Woman's Missionary Society in the Evangelical Association (1884).

Throughout our history, we have put our faith into action. We support mission needs internationally and nationally. We advocate for social justice. We work for responsible stewardship of God's creation. We offer learning opportunities and educational experiences because we believe that educated women can transform the world. Through our spiritual practices, we deepen our faith and nurture mind, body, and spirit.

Wisconsin United Women in Faith, we have important work to do. We need each of you and your God-given gifts to turn faith and love into action for women, youth, and children around the world.

Gloria Carter

WI Conference President

Odell Thompson Remembered as Mission Giant

The Wisconsin Conference United Women in Faith lost one of our pillars of faith when Odell Thompson passed away on Dec. 16, 2022. Odell was active in United Methodist Women at the local, district, conference, and national levels. Odell's former pastor, Rev. Mary Council-Austin, in her eulogy for Odell, remembered Odell as a woman of color in leadership roles in the business community, and in her retirement, "God would raise her up as a mission giant at home and around the world." Odell touched many of our lives, and we remember Odell as Rev. Mary describes her: an "encourager in ministry and life journey" and "grounded in her love for you and her unwavering belief in the beloved community." We will have a time of remembrance at our Annual Gathering in October.

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ZOOM Mission u 2023 Registration Form

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
June 20, 22, 27 & 29, 2023 6:30-9:00PM

Mission u 2023



LIVING THE GOOD NEWS

Reflecting God's Love



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Join us at Mission u as we explore the good news and what it means for our lives!
Jesus' teachings in the Gospels proclaim the good news of the kin-dom or reign(basileia) of God

***Living the Kin-Dom: Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation by Riva Tabelisma* is the book for this class. Purchase it at www.umwmissionresources.org or call 888-409-8137. You must purchase your own copy.**

A zoom invitation will be sent to you one week prior to the first class session.

Retain for your information

Each person should register individually. Your fastest and most accurate way to register is online at:
➔ <https://forms.gle/ScKL676aGzY7ok4m9> (Click on URL or Copy and paste it into browser) You may also register by completing the form below and mailing it to our registrar with your check.

Registration: \$20.00 Registration deadline June 10.

Make checks payable to Mission u. Mail along with the registration form below to our registrar:

A donation for our Conference pledge may be added to your registration fee and noted in the check memo.

This will take the place of the offering we usually take during the event.

Registration transferable but not refundable.

Josie Gobel
309 W. Johnson St. Apt. 930
Madison, WI53703
josiegobel@charter.net cell:920-988-0705

Name	District (Circle One) NW NC NE SW SE
Address, City, State, Zip	
Email	Phone
UWF unit, District Member or All Access Member	
I will sign in to zoom using my ___phone, ___smart phone/computer, or ___as part of small group. _____will be signing in for our small group. When we have breakout groups, as a small group we would prefer to: ___join a breakout group or ___be our own group Note: Joining a breakout group works best for groups of no more than three persons.	
Check those that apply: ___ Seeking Lay Speaker credit ___ Seeking CEU credit ___ New WI Clergy Mission u scholarship ___ Requesting Scholarship ___ First time at Mission u	

In Person Mission u 2023 Registration Form

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**Wisconsin Conference United Women in Faith
In Person Mission u 2023 Registration Form July 13,14,15
Mauston United Methodist Church
420 Suszycki Dr, Mauston WI 53948**

Name

District (Circle One) NW NC NE SW SE

Address, City, State, Zip

Email

Phone

Please indicate: UWF unit, District Member or All Access Member

Early bird registration is \$70. After June 1 the cost is \$85. Registration deadline is June 10.

**Send check made out to Mission u along with
this registration form to our registrar:
You may also register online.**

Josie Gobel
309 W. Johnson St. Apt. 930
Madison WI 53703
josiegobel@charter.net cell: 920-988-0705

Click or copy & paste this URL into your browser.



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Book: **Living the Kin-Dom: Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation** by Riva Tabelisma. The book is available at www.umwmissionresources.org or call 888-409-8137.

Lodging-Participants are responsible for their own lodging reservations and their evening meal on Thursday night & Sat. lunch. We have set aside a block of rooms at The Lodge, 102 Lodge Lane, Mauston, WI 53948. When booking, use the special booking code: mission u
The rooms will be available at the special rate of \$134.99 per night single or double occupancy. Rooms will be held for us until June 10 or until they have all been filled. The rooms include a free breakfast on Friday and Saturday mornings.
Make hotel reservations by calling 608-747-2200.

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Jesus' teachings in the Gospels proclaim the good news of the kin-dom or reign (*basileia*) of God. Jesus Mentions the kin-dom 90 times in the Synoptic Gospels! For Jesus, the kin-dom was not simply something to talk about but something we could live and experience. From the Lord's Prayer to the beatitudes to the parables, this good news is at the heart of Jesus' preaching & teaching.

Scholarships available to cover registration costs for one Mission u event:

- The Gilpin Memorial Scholarship is available to everyone.
- The Nancy Rivers Scholarship is available for women under 45 attending for the first time
- Scholarships for Clergy given to newly ordained Elders, Elders transferred into the Conference & newly consecrated local Pastors.

Check those that apply: Seeking lay speaker credit Seeking CEU credit (for clergy)
 Request Scholarship (See above)

First time at Mission u New WI Clergy Mission u scholarship

Requesting a scholarship stipend to help offset the cost of child care up to \$25.00/day for the first (5) requests with registration (Please contact registrar for information.)

Meals Provided: Friday Lunch: (indicate your preference)

Please check one: vegetarian gluten free ham: turkey roast beef

Friday Supper: Spaghetti and a salad, check one: Regular Vegetarian Gluten Free

Photos taken at Mission u could be used in material to promote this event. **Please sign below to indicate that you understand that your photo may be taken and used by Wisconsin Conference United Women in Faith to help share United Women in Faith with others.**

Name:(print) _____ Sign _____ Date _____

Emergency Contact: Please be sure we have this information in case of an emergency.

Name _____ Relationship _____

Phone _____

2023 Wisconsin Conference Mission u Mauston UMC, 420 Suszycki Dr, Mauston, Wi 53948

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In-Person Three-Day Class

Thurs., July 13, Hotel Check in: 3:00pm Registration: 3:00-6:15pm Gathering:6:15-8:45pm

Friday July 14 8:30am-8:30pm

Saturday July 15 8:30am-12:30pm

Meet Your Study Leaders

Wisconsin Conference Mission u 2023

Live by Zoom

Pastor Michele Hopp



Michele Hopp is a licensed local pastor serving Arlington UMC and Poynette Inch UMC. But God started her worship-leading journey when she joined the Wisconsin Conference team of United Women in Faith a decade ago. Michele is excited to lead a Mission u class because she is confident God will speak to participants as God spoke to her through these classes over the years.

In Person — Julie Miede



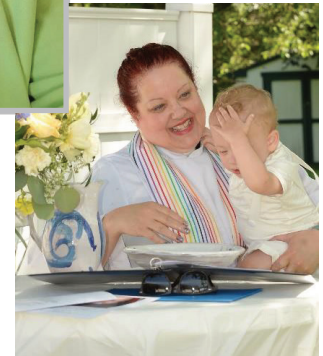
I am a newly retired RN. I have two children and three grand-children between the ages of 3 and 14. I am finding myself babysitting my grandson on a fairly regular basis due to the shortage of childcare in the Appleton-Green Bay area.

I am the current North Central District Secretary and have been past district and conference president, program resources, and nomination committees. I now have the time to be active in my local unit in the prayer shawl ministry, and in lay speaking.

I am excited to be leading a Mission u study again. As a past Dean, I look forward to the challenges brought forth in the new studies.

In Person

Rev. Ellen Rasmussen



Though called by many names, Gram E, is the favorite title of our first-time study leader. Blessed with three grandchildren, ages 6, 2, and almost 2, she is able to not only serve her congregation but arrange to provide childcare for them on a regular basis.

One of their favorite activities is reading, and that appreciation for reading extends to a great appreciation for the United Women in Faith Reading program. Not only has she promoted it throughout her ministry, she, along with other UWIF women, is using it to develop an after-school program with a neighboring elementary school.

A compassionate and passionate leader, Pastor Ellen advocates for transformative justice, has served as the WIAC Chair of Church and Society, is a member and former board president of United Methodist Children's Services, and is excited to be a part of Mission u.



In Person — Rev. Scott Walters

I am so excited about being one of the Mission u study group leaders this year. I know I will be learning much, and I also know that the participants are eager to share and know more.

I have served the Wisconsin Conference as an Elder for 42 years and have led two other studies for United Women in Faith in previous years. I have just completed serving as an interim pastor in my first year of retirement and look forward to learning with you.

Wisconsin Conference Mission u Live by Zoom June 20, 22, 27, & 29, 2023 In Person July 13-15, 2023

Each year, United Women in Faith members prepare for faithful living and action by engaging in transformative educational experiences at Mission u events. These events are centered around Mission u curricula that are designed to motivate, inform, and enrich our commitment to global ministry. Join us at Mission u as we explore the good news and what it means for our lives!

Please see the registration forms in this issue for in person, and live by zoom Mission u! We have great study leaders, and a great curriculum!

Come and be with us at the 2023 Mission u!

Mission u Dean, Mary Lainberger

Everyone Invited to Social Action Day Saturday, April 15, 2023

Social Action Day is covered on pages 7, 8, and 9. You will find the Social Action Day registration form and a list of the church zoom watch parties for that event. Page 9 outlines the program for the day. Please publicize widely. Everyone is invited — women, men, youth, coworkers, friends, etc.

Everyone should register individually even if they intend to go to a church watch party.

People can register 'on line' by going to the link provided on the registration form and they would pay by credit card, or people can print off the form and send in their registration form with a check. Registration fee is \$10.00 and they may add a donation to United Methodist Children's Services in Milwaukee. The fee can be waived for anyone needing extra help. In that case please have them give me a call and I will get them registered.

If you have questions contact—

Josie Gobel 920-988-0705 josiegobel@charter.net



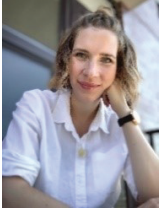
United Women in Faith

SOCIAL ACTION DAY (VIRTUAL)

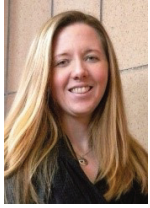
SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023

9:00am to NOON

“FAITHFUL CLIMATE ACTION”



Elena Canler, M.A., M.P.H. (they/their) Deputy Director-Faith in Place
“Interwoven Crises: How Climate Change and Identity Impact Maternal and Child Health”



Rebecca Gregory, B.S. (she/her) Director of Development and Outreach
United Methodist Children’s Services of WI, Inc.
“UMCS: Working with the Community to Improve the Quality of Life for All”



Alexander Malchow, B.A. (he/his) WI Policy Coordinator-Faith in Place
“The Art of Advocacy, Creating Change in the 21st Century.”

EACH PERSON SHOULD REGISTER INDIVIDUALLY. TO REGISTER ONLINE CLICK THIS LINK:

<https://wisconsin-reg.brtapp.com/UWinfaithsocialactionday>

OR you can register by mail by using the form below.

For questions please contact: Josie Gobel, 920-988-0705 or email josiegobel@charter.net

Please register by **April 10, 2023**. Zoom link and additional info will be sent April 11, 2023.

Cut here-----

Name: _____ Your church (if any) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

HOW WILL YOU BE JOINING THIS MEETING? (3 options)

Phone ___ Computer ___ Church Zoom Watch Party at _____

(See zoom watch party listings on Page 2)

Registration (suggested) \$10.00

Donation to United Methodist Children’s Services _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Make checks payable to: Wisconsin Conference United Women in Faith

Mail form and payment to: Josie Gobel, 309 W Johnson St Apt. 930, Madison WI 53703

SOCIAL ACTION DAY
CHURCH ZOOM WATCH PARTIES

Saturday, April 15, 2023

9.00 a.m. to noon

NORTH CENTRAL:

Wausau First, 903 3rd St, Wausau WI 54403

Contact Person: Margaret Getzin – 715-297-8531 email margaretg202@gmail.com

NORTH EAST:

Lakeshore UMC, 411 Reed Ave, Manitowoc WI 54220

Contact Person: Jackie Ackerman – 920-793-1594 email: ackermanj481@gmail.com

Oshkosh Algoma Boulevard UMC, 1174 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh WI 54901

Contact Person: Sandy Butcher – (H)920-426-3114 © 920-267-9027 email: zonianangel@aol.com

NORTH WEST:

Lake Street UMC, 337 Lake St, Eau Claire Wi 54703

Contact Person: Rita Houser email: rhouser1010@gmail.com

Osceola UMC, 306 St, Osceola WI 54020

Contact Person: Norma Kretzschmar - 715-297-3447 email: njkretz@centurytel.net

Rice Lake UMC, 1221 Wesley St, Rice Lake WI 54868

Contact Person: Kathy Wagenbach – 715-458-0011 email: jktally@chibardun.net

SOUTH EAST:

Community UMC, 14700 Watertown Plank Rd, Elm Grove WI 53122

Contact Person: Kathy Hartke – 262-366-6770 email: kdhartke@gmail.com

Waukesha First UMC, 121 Wisconsin Ave, Waukesha WI 53186

Contact Person: Polly Mather – 414-218-2394 email: pollymather@yahoo.com

West Allis Blessed Hope UMC, 3177 S. 107th St., West Allis WI 53227

Contact Person: Marie Garnhart 414-427-5770 email: smgarnhart@gmail.com

Whitewater UMC, 145 S. Prairie St., Whitewater WI 53190

Contact Person: Barb Taylor – 262-495-8625 email: tayloc@centurytel.net

SOUTH WEST:

Crossroads UMC, 5901 Hogan Rd, Waunakee WI 53597

Contact Person: Jessica Peters – 608-387-1687 email: petersj2013@hotmail.com

First UMC, 203 Wisconsin Ave, Madison WI 53703

Contact Person: Josie Gobel – 920-988-0705 email: josiegobel@charter.net

Lodi UMC, 130 Locust St, Lodi WI 53555

Contact Person: Laura Pfeffer - 608-698-7508 email: pfeffer.umw@gmail.com



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PROGRAM

WI United Women in Faith
SOCIAL ACTION DAY (VIRTUAL)
SATURDAY APRIL 15, 2023
9:00am to NOON

- 8:50 Sign on to Zoom
- 9:00 Welcome Dr. Kathy Hartke-Moderator
- 9:05 Welcome Gloria Carter-WI UWF President
- 9:07 Worship Linda Capraniello-Spiritual Growth Leader
- 9:15 **“Interwoven Crises: How Climate Change and Identity Impact Maternal and Child Health”**
Elena Canler, M.A.,M.P.H. Deputy Director-Faith in Place
- 10:15 Break
- 10:25 **“UMCS: Working with the Community to Improve the Quality of Life for All”**
Rebecca Gregory, B.S. Director of Development & Outreach-United Methodist Children’s Services
- 10:40 **“The Art of Advocacy, Creating Change in the 21st Century”**
Alexander Malchow, B.A. WI Policy Coordinator-Faith in Place
- 11:40 **CALL TO ACTION** *Kathy Hartke WI United Women in Faith Social Action Chair*
- 11:50 Closing Prayer Linda Capraniello
- 11:53 Song “What does the Lord Require of You?” Mark Miller
CUMC Elm Grove Choir
- 11:56 Send-off Kathy Hartke

Meet Our Newest United Women in Faith Conference Officers

Welcome to our Education & Interpretation Coordinator — Mia Haberl

My name is Mia Haberl. I have accepted the position for Women in Faith as the Education & Interpretation Coordinator for WI Conference. I was adopted from South Korea at 17 months old and have lived in Wisconsin ever since. I currently live in Shawano, WI, and have attended the Church on the Hill United Methodist Church for the past 12 years. This is where I was introduced to the United Methodist Women's Group and attended my first ever Mission u in Wausau, WI. I was paired up with Judy Vasby as my UMW Mentor and 12 years later I still keep in contact with her. I also started learning about the great things that were going on in this organization and felt accepted. Mission u was where I found Limitless which was for Young Women & which led me to be able to attend the UMW Seminar Trip to New York City and Washington DC roughly 8 years ago. I have gotten to know a wonderful group of women who have pretty much taken me under their wings and provided guidance and friendships that have been made. I guess I would have to say I love to learn as I recently graduated from the University of WI Green Bay with my Bachelor's degree in human biology, a 12 year journey for me. I am excited to be back with United Women in Faith and will do my best to fulfill my position.

Spiritual Growth Message '23 from Linda Caprariello

Greetings! I come before you with this, my own triggered memories of my mother, grandmother and aunts, who have come before me, leading and growing me in my faith! It was how I learned about the love of Jesus and His Word — all those Bible stories that grew me up, and how now, in January of 2023, I have been invited to come before you in leadership. I'm sure that I'm not alone, with the many, many times along the way, where I struggled with personal trials and circumstances that created obstacles which stopped me in my tracks! But once again, it was these women who grew me up, as well as my church family, pastors and counselors who encouraged me to stay strong. I will never forget two words that have kept me going all these years: "**BE BOLD!**" And so, in this new calendar year before us, I propose that we **BE BOLD** together, as we embark upon this journey as United Women in Faith throughout Wisconsin! And when we do come together, be it on Zoom or face to face, let it always be in prayer for one another, trusting in God's Spirit to lead us. Let us go forth boldly, in mission and service to do God's work!

From Communication Coordinator — Marilyn Eyster

Our Catch the Vision conference newsletter is an important resource for keeping in touch with our women statewide. Getting the word out, sharing the good news, keeping our women informed of United Women in Faith events make it a useful tool.

When first asked to take this position, I hesitated knowing what a huge task it is. I hoped someone more gifted would step up and agree to take over. Since that has not happened, I have said "yes" with God's help to get these newsletter out swiftly and accurately.

Please let me know when I goof or have your information incorrect and I will try to rectify it. These newsletter pages share important messages from our dedicated leaders who seek to educate, nurture, and grow our beloved community.

My contact information is: marilyn.eyster@gmail.com Home phone: 608-868-3585, Cell: 608-480-9424. Address: 122 E. Cox Rd., Edgerton, WI 53534

Mabel Heil Scholarship Fund Wisconsin Conference

The Mabel Heil Scholarships are made possible by earnings from a trust established in the will of Sarah Mabel Heil, a resident of Cuba City, Wisconsin. Funds are awarded by the Heil Scholarship Committee of the Wisconsin Conference United Women in Faith and are invested in the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation. Any Wisconsin United Methodist woman working to improve her education may apply.

Available Funds:

- a. Funds will be invested in the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation, in a fund split 60 percent equity and 40 percent fixed.
- b. Funds available to provide scholarships for each semester will be calculated as 2.5 percent of the fair market value of the Mabel Heil Scholarship Fund as of the end of the month prior to the approval of Scholarships.

Eligibility Requirements:

- a. Must be a female member of the United Women in Faith and/or United Methodist Church, Wisconsin.
- b. Submit a written answer to the question, "In what ways do I consider myself a worthy student?"
- c. Letter of recommendation from either the president of the local UWFaith unit or from your pastor.
- d. Letter of recommendation from a church member who is not a member of your household and is not a relative. (Person writing letter on behalf of applicant is to send the letter directly to the contact person)
- e. All letters must be written (Preferably typed) on one side of an 8.5x11" sheet of white paper using black ink.

Application Procedures:

- a. Awarded for one semester at a time. To be considered again for any subsequent semester, send letter asking to be considered.
- b. Graduate students may apply for each semester as long as they meet the other requirements
- c. Application and two (2) letters of recommendation OR RECONSIDERATION LETTER must be received by May 1 for the fall semester or October 1 for the spring semester. Checks will be disbursed by August 15 and January 15.

Application forms may be requested from the address below.

Obtain an application form and send to:

Mabel Heil Scholarship
Lucy Silvester
373 15th Ave.
Nekoosa, WI 54457

For more information, call 715-325-2841 or email at loosesilv45@gmail.com.

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United Women in Faith
c/o Marilyn Eyster
122 East Cox Road
Edgerton, WI 53534



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Calendar 2023

April 15	Mission Action Day — zoom (9 -12)
April 22	Executive Team Meeting — zoom (9 -12)
May 1	Catch the Vision due date
June 20,22,27&29	Mission u — zoom (6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.)
July 13-15	Mission u 3-day class in person at Mauston
Aug. 18-20 or 25-27	TBD Executive Team/Mission u Meeting at Pine Lake
Sept. 1	Catch the Vision due date
Oct 13-14	Annual Gathering — Eau Claire, Lake St. UMC
Nov. 4	Mission u/Executive Team Meeting — zoom (9 - 3)
Dec. 1	Catch the Vision due date