



CATCH the VISION

September 2019

email information to: dgrbmm@gmail.com

Communications CORRECTION: I made an error on the last issue of CTV by attaching the 2018 Calendar Events
 *** Please note that the 2019-2020 dates are updated on this issue. Sorry for the confusion. Robin

President

Fall is definitely in the air.... The evenings are cooler, soybean fields are turning yellow and the Monarch butterflies are heading South. It is an exciting time of the year for United Methodist Women, Fall Gatherings are in the works, North Central District, September 14, North East, North West and South West Districts, September 21, South East District October 5 th . Our Conference Annual Gathering is October 18-19 at Black River Falls UMC. Come, join The Sisterhood of Grace as we continue to celebrate our Legacy of 150 Years in Mission. I am personally grateful and blessed that WSCS women (our UMW predecessor) supported a missionary to Northern Mexico, and their commitment made it possible for me to be who I am today. What was truly an "out of my world" adventure in 1955 changed my life forever. It is no wonder that my favorite verse is Jeremiah 29:11 "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

Martha Ortiz Boyer

President, WI Conference UMW

Education & Interpretation

2019: A YEAR OF IMPORTANT ANNIVERSARIES

SUSANNA WESLEY

What a year 2019 is turning out to be! There is so much to celebrate, to recognize and to learn from. Let's start with Susanna Wesley, who we like to call the "Mother of Methodism".

This year marks the 350th anniversary of her birth. Born on January 20, 1669, Susanna was one of the youngest of twenty-five children of Dr. Samuel Annesley. At the age of 19, she married Samuel Wesley, a Church of England pastor, bearing him nineteen children, nine of them dying in infancy, and two of them being John Wesley and Charles Wesley. She had little formal education, but having grown up in an academic environment, she developed into a well-read and well-rounded intellectual woman. Her life was not an easy one and she suffered loss, hardship and had many struggles. Nevertheless, she became a woman of immense legacy because of her organizational skills which she developed while coping with the dynamics of raising her large family. For her, education was a priority and she educated both her daughters and her sons.

Susanna was devoted to God and to prayer, and was committed in her relationship with God as devotedly as she was to her duties as a wife. She once found the message of a substitute minister, in the absence of her husband, uninspiring and unfulfilling and began teaching the Bible in her own home on Sunday afternoons. This activity grew when her neighbors wanted to be included in her teaching of the Bible and eventually she had to move it to a larger place. No amount of distraction could keep her from prayer and the Bible. As she herself said, "I am content to fill a little space if God be glorified".

Susanna's place in Christian history is based on what her sons accomplished but it is her example and influence that helped them to accomplish all they did. Her legacy was her children, particularly John. She has proved herself to be a phenomenal woman.

150 YEARS OF UMW

One hundred fifty years ago, eight women dared to make history. They heard that women in India could not be treated by male doctors and so they stepped out of their comfort zone to do something about this problem. On March 23, 1869 these courageous women gathered at Tremont Street Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, had tea, and organized for mission. They raised funds to send two missionaries to India to deal with this problem. Dr. Clara Swain a doctor, was sent to India where she treated women and children and later founded the first women's hospital in Asia. Isabella Thoburn, a teacher, also went to India where she taught and founded a girls' school and later the first women's college in Asia.

This step taken by these women was unheard of in that time but these women were led by their faith. Consequently, this bold step evolved into the establishment of the largest women's faith-based service and advocacy organization. What was then the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has evolved and grown exponentially into the organization which is now called United Methodist Women. United Methodist Women have continued to organize for mission in the United States and around the world. Women's lives matter and when they are empowered communities prosper. The work is ongoing because the need is great everywhere. Presently we are focusing on Social campaigns and we need to have everyone involved in working for 1) Just energy for all, 2) interrupting the school to prison pipeline, 3) a living wage for all and 4) ending maternal mortality. Our foremothers showed us the way, let us follow in their footsteps and right the wrongs with which we are faced.

RATIFICATION OF THE 19th AMENDMENT

As Wisconsinites, we are proud to celebrate the fact that Wisconsin was the first state to ratify the 19th amendment, 100 years ago. This amendment gave women in the US the right to vote. The women suffragettes were agitating for this to happen but initially Wisconsin was opposed to the Suffragettes because it was feared that the women would usher in prohibition. The Amendment passed the house of Representatives on May 21, 1919 and in the Senate on June 4, 1919. Of the forty-eight states in the union at the time, thirty-six of them had to agree to it. There was competition between states to be the first to do so, especially between Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan. At one point it was said that Illinois had already ratified the Amendment. Unfortunately, Illinois' resolution was worded incorrectly and had to be voted on again. The Wisconsin legislature realised that they had to act in haste and try to get their paperwork as quickly as possible to Washington D.C. It was the father of one of the Suffragettes, Senator David James, who managed to get to Washington and deliver the papers to the Secretary of State of the US where it was stamped, signed, sealed and delivered. Wisconsin had beaten Illinois, by chance, by an hour and a half.

Sadly, this Amendment did not allow all women to vote. The women's Suffrage movement was controlled by white women at the expense of marginalizing the women of color. Ida Wells, the great journalist and activist, was asked in 1913 to join a separate 'colored' group of suffragettes at the back of the line. Black women did not gain the right to vote until the Sixties, yet, black women make up one of the largest voting blocks in the US. Let us, as women and sisters, continue to uplift and empower each other.

THE 400 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

It would be remiss of me to ignore, in this year 2019, that this year is also the 400 year anniversary of enslaved Africans being brought to Virginia on the continent of North America. These men and women were forcibly brought to America and were made to work in subhuman and inhumane conditions to build this country. We should be grateful to them, especially when we look around and see all the contributions that these American men and women have given to this country. We do not have to wait until February 2020 to check this out.

In 1962, Malcolm X said "The most disrespected person in America is the black woman. The most unprotected person in America is the black woman. The most neglected person in America is the black woman". Let us, in 2019, change Malcolm's perspective. Let us honor the legacies of Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, Ida B. Wells, Theresa Hoover, Dorothy Height, Ruth Carter, Dr. Mary Mcleod Bethune, Sarah A. Dickey, Margaret Washington, and the students of Bennett College who sat-in at that Woolworth counter in Greensboro, NC in 1960, and countless others for their work in making life better for the African American woman. Let us continue to work so that our young African American women will no longer be disrespected, neglected, left unprotected, but instead be treated like any American woman should. Let us as women, follow in the footsteps of our foremothers, letting nothing deter us and work together for justice for all.

Cherrie Hartley

Education and Interpretation



All are Invited to the United Methodist Women Annual Gathering:

Sisterhood of Grace

October 18 and 19, 2019

Black River Falls United Methodist Church
100 N 4th St, Black River Falls, WI 54615

FRIDAY EVENING:

District Leaders Training

Celebrating 150 Years of United Methodist Women - Laura Pfeffer and Judy Vasby

Registration from 5:30 - 6:30 pm; program begins at 6:30 pm

SATURDAY MORNING:

Celebrating 150 Years of United Methodist Women (continued from Friday) - Laura Pfeffer and Judy Vasby

Everyone is invited to dress as a UMW member from 1869 to the future (e.g. hats/aprons for attire)

Registration from 8:00 - 8:45 am; program begins at 8:45 am



SATURDAY AFTERNOON:

Maternal and Child Health Issues -

Charlene Galston, RNC-OB, BSN, ME-PD, IBCLC, LCCE, OB Nurse-Black River Falls Hospital

Sending forth around 3:30 pm

**Register for program by Wednesday, September 25
for reduced fee of \$27 (includes Saturday lunch)**

Contact Robin Peterson, rlhula@yahoo.com, 715-653-2382

3487 120th St., Frederic, WI 54837

A block of rooms has been reserved under Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women District

Open for \$111.60 at Comfort Inn & Suites, W10170 State Highway 54, Black River Falls, WI 54615.

To reserve a room call: (715) 284-0888. Available until Tuesday, September 17.



Wisconsin Conference Annual Gathering of United Methodist Women October 18-19, 2019

Early Registration Deadline:
September 25 at \$27

Late Registration Deadline:
October 2 at \$37

If you register after October 2,
you will need to make your own
lunch arrangements for Saturday.

Driving directions to the church and parking
instructions will be provided in your
confirmation letter.

Blessings to you as we learn, worship and
grow together



750 Windsor Street
Sun Prairie, WI 53590
888-240-7328
www.WisconsinUMC.org

© 2018 Wisconsin Conference UMC

Please PRINT: If registering for more than one person, copy and complete a separate form for each person.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

Church _____ District _____

Please check all that apply:

Teen (Teen only Age) _____

___ First Time Attending ___ UMW member ___ Clergy ___ Guest (not UMW member)

Please circle lunch preference

1. Hot turkey sandwich, pasta salad, fruit, veggies
2. Gluten free: chicken salad, fruit, veggies
3. Vegetarian: hummus and chips, fruit salad, veggies

Attendees are encouraged to bring refillable coffee and water containers

Child care:

Child care needed Friday evening for _____ children, ages _____

Child care needed Saturday for _____ children, ages _____

Please pick up your children and take them to lunch. Also, please provide a sack lunch or \$10 for each child in the registration total and specify lunch choice.

Emergency contact information:

Name _____

Relationship _____ Phone: Day _____ Evening _____

Photo release:

Photos will be taken at Annual Gathering and could be used in material to promote United Methodist Women. I permit my photo to be used by Wisconsin United Methodist Women to help share United Methodist Women with others.

Name (print): _____

Sign _____ Date _____

Special request:

___ I need a scholarship (25 scholarships available, awarded to the first 25 to make a request).

Please make checks payable to WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UMW

Mail to Registrar: Robin Peterson, 3487 120th St., Frederic, WI 54837

Email: rlhula@yahoo.com

Phone: 715-653-2382

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Membership Nurture & Outreach

Thank you to EVERYONE who worked so hard on our 2018 Census. Although we did not reach our goal of 100% of units reporting we did have 2 districts that had more units report than in the 2017 Census. That was good. Our New York Office (NYO) did send a file with the questions that would be asked online. My hope is they will make the questionnaire available again for our 2019 Census. My suggestion is that district presidents/membership nurture and outreach coordinators will see that each unit president gets a copy either transmitted via email or sent via the US Post Office so you can work with your unit leadership in answering the questionnaire prior to data entry online. Our 2019 Census information and instructions are expected to be sent to Conference President Martha Boyer and me in October. I will forward it to district presidents and district MNOs in November or early December. They will then forward the information to unit presidents. Please contact me if you have questions.

Here is the 2018 Membership Census by District:

MEMBERSHIP COUNT: 4,770

TOTAL # OF UNITS: 203; TOTAL UNITS REPORTING: 83 %; GOAL: 100%

<p>NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT 32 Units*; 30 units reported 672 members Percent of units reporting: 94%</p>	<p>NORTH EAST DISTRICT 35 Units*; 32 units reported 839 members Percent of units reporting: 89%</p>
<p>NORTH WEST DISTRICT 44 Units*; 38 units reported 1041 members Percent of units reporting: 86%</p>	<p>SOUTH EAST DISTRICT 41 Units*; 37 units reported 1,364 members Percent of units reporting: 90%</p>
<p>SOUTH WEST DISTRICT 50 Units*; 32 units reported 854 members Percent of units reporting: 64%</p>	

*Unit count== Units listed in the 2018 Wisconsin Conference UMW Yearbook;

Membership facts: members are members until they tell you they wish to be removed from your membership list or they pass away. Members are not required to make a pledge. Members are not required to be a member of a United Methodist Church except for presidents. See our UMW Handbook 2017-2020, membership topic.

Thank you again for being in mission with women, children and youth. Information about our 2019 Membership Census should arrive before our Conference UMW Annual Meeting in Black River Falls. I will bring copies with me and will train MNOs or whoever is there from districts or units. See you in October. We move forward in Faith, Hope and Love.

Sue Plasterer,
Wisconsin Conference Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator
608-274-0275
seplasterer@charter.net

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UMW SLATE OF OFFICERS 2020

President	Martha Boyer 4638 County Road Z Dodgeville WI 53533	Home: 608-935-5790 Cell: 608-574-5236 marta@mhtc.net	New Term Expires 2021
Vice President	Ruby Dow W3008 49 th St. Mauston, WI 53948	608-847-2398 remdow@ymail.com	Continuing Term expires 2020
Secretary	Josie Gobel 309 W. Johnson St Apt 930 Madison, WI 53703	c- 920-988-0705	New Term expires 2021
Treasurer	Lisa King W615 Riverview Ct. Fall River, WI 53932	608-335-6179 lisa.king6179@gmail.com	Continuing Term expires 2020
Program Resources	Cherrie Hartley 1527 Roxbury Way Waukesha, WI 53186	h-262-650-1184 cherriecuffy@hotmail.com	1 yr trial with Ed. & Interpretation
Spiritual Growth	Deb Pattee W 18821 N River Rd Whitehall, WI 54773	651-295-6842 patteedk@uwec.edu	Continuing Term expires 2020
Membership Nurture and Outreach	Sue Plasterer 6813 Winstone Dr. Madison, WI 53711	h-608-274-0275 seplasterer@charter.net	New Term expires 2021
Communications	Robin Digman 317 W. Merrimac Dodgeville, WI 53533	c-608-341-8315 w-608-258-3315 dgrbmm@gmail.com	Continuing Term expires 2020
Social Action	Chelsey Henry 2911 Fond du lac Rd Oshkosh, WI 54902	920-573-0999 ganzerchelsey@gmail.com	Continuing Term expires 2020
Education and Interpretation	Cherrie Hartley 1527 Roxbury Way Waukesha, WI 53186	h-262-650-1184 cherriecuffy@hotmail.com	New Term expires 2021
Nominations Chair	Ruthann Christensen W12707 Cty Rd G Leopolis, WI 54948	715-787-3762 baskets4u2@frontiernet.net	New Term expires 2021
Committee on Nominations	Nou Vang 3303South 12 th St. Milwaukee, WI 53215	c-414-213-2913 nouvang71@yahoo.com	Continuing Term expires 2021
Committee on Nominations	Pang Yang 5107 77 th St. Milwaukee, WI 53218	c-414-581-1264 ibsimneejnjob@yahoo.com Husband's 414-581-2536	Continuing Term expires 2021
Committee on Nominations	Judy Loveless 815 Maple Rd. Verona, WI 53593	608-848-8243 jcemp@rit.edu	Continuing Term expires 2020
Committee on Nominations	TBD		New Term expires 2022
Committee on Nominations	TBD		New Term expires 2021
Hmong Language Coordinator			New Term expires 2021
Native American Language Coordinator	Holly HeltonAnishinaabeqwa 131 Clinton St. North FondduLac, WI 54937	c-262-443-1551 hollhelton34@gmail.com	Continuing Term expires 2019

Hispanic Language Coordinator	TBD		
Korean Language Coordinator	TBD		
Young Women's Coordinator			New Term expires 2021
Young Women's Mentor			New Term expires 2021
Nominations Committee North Central Jurisdiction	Kady Herr-Yang 1809 W. Ramsey Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53221	414-817-8120 kadyheryang@gmail.com	Continuing Term expires 2020
Mission u Dean	Stacy Ganzer 1640 Woodstock St. Oshkosh, WI 54904	920-379-8238 stacyganzer@new.rr.com	Continuing Term expires 2020
Mission u Assistant Dean	Mary Lainberger 304 Mohawk Trail DeForest, WI 53532	h-608-846-4378 c-608-212-0506 mlainberger@charter.net	New Term expires 2021
Program Advisory Group	Mary Lainberger 304 Mohawk Trail DeForest, WI 53532	h-608-846-4378 c-608-212-0506 mlainberger@charter.net	Continuing Term expires 2020
Historian and Deaconess	Judy Vasby 218 Neli Ct. Deerfield, WI 53531	c-608-576-0173 vasby.umw@gmail.com	New Term expires 2021

COMMITTEE ON RACIAL JUSTICE;

Martha Boyer, Ruthann Christensen, Laura Pfeffer, Deb Pattee, Chelsey Henry,

Muriel Smith-Gross, Holly Helton-Anishinaabeqwa

NOMINEES FOR NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Julie Mieke
2. Stacy Ganzer
3. (an alternate)

Nominations

Wisconsin Conference
United Methodist Women
317 W Merrimac Street
Dodgeville WI 53533

Calendar 2019—2020

Oct 18 — Catch the Vision article due date

Oct. 18-19 – Annual Gathering – Black River Falls, UMC

Nov. 1-2 – Team Meeting and Mission u – Oshkosh

Dec 22 — Catch the Vision article due date

Jan 11 — Executive Team Phone Meeting

Mar 7 — Mission u Phone Meeting