

Chippewa District
United Methodist Women

Newsletter

The WEAVER



February 2013



THE PURPOSE

The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Greetings From Your President

Matthew 28:16-20 (The Message):

Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave this charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you. Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this Way of Life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day, right up to the end of the age."

I have been re-reading a wonderful little book called "*When the Saints go Marching Out!*" by Art Beals. It is a guide for Churches as they prepare Christians to "go out" as missionaries. It encourages learning book keeping, how to run meetings and leadership tasks. The basis for preparation is **faith development** and **obedience** to God's call wherever we are.

In UMW we prepare leaders, missionaries and deaconesses. How? By saying **yes** to new offices, by leading in our local units, district and Conference, by learning and doing the best we can in our supportive fellowship. By starting our mission work locally, then joining our Sisters in Christ to do mission work around the world.

Join us! Let's work together preparing Saints to go out.

Billie LaBumbard
Chippewa District President

District Vice President

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you are all looking forward to 2013 with anticipation and joy as I am! I am sure that if we resolve to look for the good in all of our happenings we will find some. God bestows blessings every day in every way and circumstance. Look for the good, ignore the bad and worry less because it does no good anyway. Let God take care of it.

I must share with you the good news from last year's Annual Gathering. You ladies who came did a fine job in turning in your evaluations. The percentage of those I heard from was very high. THANK YOU! And you really lifted my spirits as I read your evaluations. You had such good comments about the speaker's program on Journaling, the skit with the gloves, the presentation of the Duties of

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each Office, the GOOD lunch and the superb musical group. And I did like that you noticed that we managed to move the whole day along in a lively pace. We did our best.

Now, on to this year. Spring Day of Enrichment is coming up on April 13th!! Put it on your calendar because we are working hard to make this program as good as, if not better than, the last one. One of our speakers will be Mr. Dan Dick whom you know from the Conference Office and everyone who has ever heard him knows that he is excellent! Our theme will be "Welcoming Neighbors." We will be meeting at Holcombe and the ladies there will be gearing up to give you a fine welcome.... so plan to come; invite your friends and tell them what a good time you had at the last gathering!!

Until I see you at Spring Day of Enrichment - God bless,

Evie O'Neil

Interim District Treasurer



Happy New Year to all of you!! I can't believe we are already in the 2nd week of January. Time is just flying by.

I am sorry to say that we (The Chippewa District) didn't make our Pledge to the Conference in 2012. Our Mission Giving totaled \$61,408.58 and our pledge was for \$65,000. We also gave \$7,237.82 to Mission Giving Plus for a total giving of \$68,646.40. This is still a very impressive amount. You all worked hard to earn these monies and the economy isn't good. The pledge for 2013 has been lowered to \$60,000. **THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK!**

As we are beginning a new year I think it would be a good time to mention a couple of things that would make our jobs easier.

- 1) When you send money please be sure that you fill out a remittance form. This is so important. It is also important that you put the number of the check on the form and date it. And keep a copy of what you send for your units records as well.
- 2) I have to have a remittance form for every check I receive and if you don't send it with your check I have to make one out for you. Now that isn't that difficult for me to do but having several made out by me just looks a bit questionable. They should be made out by you. Also I need the forms filled out so that I know where you want the money to be given. If you don't have the forms please contact me and I will see that you get them. If you always keep one blank form, you can make copies as you need them.
- 3) When sending in checks for registrations, special mission projects, etc. be sure that you make the checks out to **Chippewa District UMW treasurer**. Otherwise I can't cash them. When we have the special mission projects at our Spring Day of Enrichment or the Annual Fall Meeting, it is easiest to put it all in the bank and send the mission outreach one check. I make a note of your special gifts at the spring and fall meetings, but those gifts are sent directly to the charity and do not go through the conference treasurer, so they are not added to the remittance forms. They receive the contributions much faster this way.

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- 4) For those of you who are trying to receive your 5 Star Award please be sure that you divide your monies so that you are giving to all 5 lines under Mission Giving on your remittance form. There are units who have given so much but not giving to all 5 categories and that can cost you the award. Forgetting to give to Gift to Mission or Gift in Memory are the most common reasons for not getting the award. If you give just \$5 in each of those areas you could qualify for the award. I feel bad when I see you have done so much and then miss out on the award. If you have any questions about it please call me and I will explain.



Please don't ever hesitate to contact me if you have questions. I enjoy your calls and getting to know you via the telephone. Again ,thanks for all you do!

God Bless you all,
Karen Langer,
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Spiritual Growth Coordinator
GOD COMES TO US AS A CHILD!



.....Once a year, we revisit this phenomenon in story and song. Once a year we celebrate this birth and where do we go from here? Are we just revisiting it, or are we using the innocence and the newness of this extraordinary birth to rethink our vision. What is it that He wants from us?

In the beginning God said, "Let there be light! And there was light and it was good!" And later, we find in God's Word that this babe Jesus, this man Jesus is the LIGHT OF THE WORLD! And our responsibility is to shine as a light to the world using our lives to bring the extraordinary life and teaching of this babe-man Jesus to the notice of those around us and to those beyond our touch.

As I look back on the frustrating condition of what goes on around us politically and morally in our country today, I want desperately to know that I am a part that emits some "light" and helps provide a "roadmap" to someone in need. And, as I truly shed the old of the past like a snake shedding its old skin and I think about the newness once again of this birth, I KNOW it is time to put aside the past and urge us to look forward knowing that the goodness and mercy and the love of this Christ child-man can and will shine through as we press ahead together to provide a new vision for the fresh new year of the Chippewa District UMW.

We encompass a large territory and we can do great things to bring this Light to those surrounding us and beyond us. LET US BRING LIGHT!

Blessings to you all in this brand new year. Remember the Child....and what a blessing God gave us with His birth.

Liz Dempsey

Our New Social Action Coordinator

Jean Kissack

I live in Spooner and have been a long-time member of Spooner United Methodist Church. However, I am new to UMW: I became the vice-president of our local unit this past year, attended School of Christian Missions with Billie LaBombard in July 2012 in Wausau where I met Suzanne Heabler and agreed to take the Social Action position for our District for 2013-2014.

This recent involvement is prompted by Billie noticing my boredom after having retired from teaching Associate Degree Nursing at WITC-Rice Lake after thirty some years. I work with Billie in the Parish nurse role at our church where we have gotten a prayer shawl ministry and home visitor ministry going. We also took the class for the *Stepping On* leadership training this past April and I have since lead two workshops here in Spooner.

As you can see, I have jumped in with both feet, but still plan to find time for my son Pat and his wife Brandi, two grandsons Tom and Alex, my friend Bill and his dog Ike.

Jean Kissack

Membership Nurture and Outreach

I am Mary Beede, newly elected to Membership Nurture and Outreach for 2013-2015. Thank you Chippewa District for your support and confidence in me to chair this position. In turn, I ask for your support and commitment as the Membership Nurture and Outreach secretary of your unit, or as current unit members to "reach out and invite" women and teens in your church to participate in United Methodist Women and, to be in MISSION. I refer you to the January 2013 *Response*, page 13. It says that women "choose" to become involved in the organization's mission and support the Purpose, they are not automatically members. Our goal is to nurture and invite them – reach out!

My husband, Jim, and I live in Tony and we are members of the Holcombe UMC. We are in the church choir, Adult Sunday School class, the Commission on Missions and we are representatives to Circuit 7 from our church – all

of these areas of the church provide me the opportunity to serve our Lord.

A huge THANK YOU to Sharon Steinmetz, former chair of MNO, for her years of dedication and service to UMW of the Chippewa District. I know she has given countless hours of sending letters, making unit visits all over the District, placing phone calls to Pastors, and phone calls of encouragement to local units. Sharon will give me time and encouragement, as well, to transition into this position - **thank you** Sharon.

Reminder to all units: I will now be receiving the unit membership reports, make sure your unit report has been sent to me prior to February 1st or as soon as possible.

I hope to meet many of you at Spring Day of Enrichment on April 13, at Holcombe UMC. As a Holcombe UMW member, we look forward to hosting this annual event. So, "reach out and invite" members and women of your church to come with you. I will see you there.

Mary E Beede

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"Can't feed a hundred people? Then feed just one."

~author unknown ~

Our New Communications Coordinator

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2012 Program Resource Secretary

Greetings to all of you who are readers and record keepers.



It feels like all the chicks are in the coop now. That is to say that I feel a little like a mother hen in accepting reports for the reading program for 4 years now. I just heard from the final church and the 25 churches that had readers last year have reported this year. We had 86 people who qualified for the program. Congratulations and thank you for reading.

Time for statistics: Superior Faith has had the most readers, Barron is next, Eau Claire Lake Street and Mondovi have tied for third and Holcombe is fourth. Eau Claire has 3 women who qualified for plan 4 and River Falls had 2. River Falls had 3 who qualified for plan 3 and Bloomer, Chippewa Falls, Rice Lake and Siren each had one.

The best read book in 2012 was *"The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind"* with 38 people reporting. *"Beaded Hope"* was next with 28; then *"I Am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced"* with 24; and *"The Death of Josseline"* and *"Rediscovering Values"* tied for 20 each.

We do not know who the Secretary of Program Resources will be for 2013 as of this writing, but it may appear elsewhere in this newsletter. It is a good time for all of us to do some reading for 2013. Wouldn't it be great if we could encourage another person from our churches, or a friend from another church, to read at least one book from the list? *"One Simple Act"* by Debbie Macomber, *"Plain Wisdom"* by 2 Amish women, and *"Praying for Strangers"* by River Jordan are the 3 books that will start my year. Two of them are in large print and some women in our unit really appreciate that. *"Rediscovering Values"* by Jim Wallis has been popular this past year. I borrowed it through our local library, but have now ordered it as a "keeper". It has a lot to say but it is

written in a way that is easy to follow and I know there will be others who want to read it and perhaps talk about it at a circle meeting.

So... I won't be responsible for the Reading Program in 2013, but I will be a fellow reader. If you have favorite books, or ideas to share, you could still contact me at nkzabel@hotmail.com

Peace,
Nancy Zabel

No man can be called friendless who has God and the companionship of good books. ~Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Weaver Editor



Almost everyone on our District Team is either moving to a different position or leaving the Team to make way for others and new ideas, but I am still here as editor of the WEAVER. I have learned a lot over the past years and I have gotten to know quite a few of the ladies in the other units – it has been a lot of fun!

As you can see from the article before this, Nancy Zabel, our past Program Resource Secretary, will be taking over as our Communications Coordinator. The two of us will be searching new ways to reach out to all the units and trying to make it easier to pass on information to each other and to make it easier for you to ask questions.

But I am still doing your District newsletter, so if you ever want to put something in the newsletter or have a question, just send me an e-mail or give me a call – you will probably catch me in front of the computer where I spend a lot of my time.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and I would like to wish you all a great New Year!

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Nominations Chairperson

Suzanne Heabler

Happy and Blessed 2013 to ALL of You

Hello everyone. I'm praying you all have had a 'wonder-full' Christmas 2012 and are looking forward to a fantastic 2013. I realize you will be reading this in February, but your Chippewa District UMW Team has already met in early January to prepare for the many upcoming events. Along with organizing this year's activities, your nominating committee has been continuing to get all the district offices filled with people who are excited about our mission purpose. As of now we have the following positions to fill for the specified times: President (2014-2015), Secretary (2014-2015).

Open right now are: Treasurer (NOW-2014), Program Resources (Now-2014). We also need at least 6 people who would join our Nominating Committee in our commitment to complete our slate of officers for our Great Chippewa District!!

*****For the time being, Karen Langer has graciously agreed to remain as "Interim Treasurer". Thank You, Karen!

All of you have been given special gifts from God and we would welcome those gifts to enhance and continue our mission goals. We have an awesome team of warm, loving, nurturing and faith-filled women. So you would fit right in.

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO PRAY ABOUT STEPPING FORWARD AND SAYING "I'LL BE HAPPY TO SERVE". We want and need you. We even have free 'job-training'.

Questions? Contact anyone listed below and we will do our best to answer.

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Suzanne Heabler
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Nominating Committee

Donna Cochran

As I leave my position as Social Action Coordinator and begin my new adventure on the Nominating Committee I want to thank the District UMW Team for their prayers, support and uplifting words. I wish that more young ladies would realize that they are qualified for a position on the Team. We learn as we go along. You just need to step out in faith and accept the challenge!

May God bless you richly!

Love,
Donna Cochran



Historian



I, Barb Bender, am your historian for 2013-2014. I have been off the District team this past year. During that time I had the opportunity to travel to Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Previous to this I was on the team for eight years. I'm from Prairie Farm, have been retired for 18 years after a teaching career of 37 1/2 years. I was warmly welcomed back and will try my best to keep what is needed for our records.

I want you to know that you have a GREAT District team, but I was disappointed when I heard that so many offices yet need to be filled. My plea to you is that you seriously consider helping. No previous experience is required; you will learn as you go, with guidance. Just give it a try! Help make history happen!!

If you have anything that you think should be saved, contact me and we will talk about it. You'll see me around—the Lord willing.

Historian, *Barbara Bender*

CHIPPEWA DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
SPRING DAY OF ENRICHMENT
Saturday, April 13, 2013
Holcombe United Methodist Church
27841 County Highway M
Holcombe, WI
715-595-4967

WELCOMING NEIGHBORS

Guest Speaker
Dan Dick - Immigration

Mission Outreach
Holcombe Food Pantry
Needed: Paper goods and non-perishable items.

Entertainment
Holcombe Youth Puppeteers
Holcombe Madrigal Singers

Registration . . . 8:30am
Program 9:15am

Singing & Gathering . . . 9:00am
Sending Forth 2:45pm

Directions to the Church:
See page 9 of this Weaver for directions.

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REGISTRATION
Deadline April 5th
Registration + meal \$15 – no refunds

Please attach names of all registrants to this form or copy form for each person. Please print names.

NAME _____ CHURCH NAME _____

FIRST TIME AT A DISTRICT UMW GATHERING YES ___ NO ___

Dietary Needs: early lunch/ special foods (specify) _____

Childcare: \$3 per child/max \$5 per family. Number of children _____ Ages _____
(Please bring a sack lunch for each child)

Registrations: Make **ALL** checks payable to: Chippewa District UMW
(memo:either registration or mission outreach)

Mail to: Marion Strandberg
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715-497-5317

Questions: Call **Billie LaBumbard** at 715/635-7045 or e-mail at missionbillie@gmail.com

SPRING DAY OF ENRICHMENT 2013

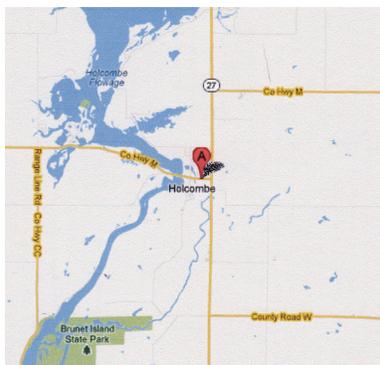
Holcombe UMC
27841 County Highway M
Holcombe, WI
715-595-4967



Directions to Holcombe UMC – Holcombe is located on Hwy 27 between Cadott (at Hwy 29) & Ladysmith (at Hwy 8).

From North take Hwy 27 south to Holcombe, turn West (right turn) on Cty Road M, (be careful not to take Cty Hwy M to the left prior coming into town); go 2/10 mile, church is on the Left – see the Bell Tower prior to the driveway.

From South take Hwy 27 north to Holcombe, turn West (left turn) on County Road M, go 2/10 mile, church is on the Left – see the Bell Tower prior to the driveway.

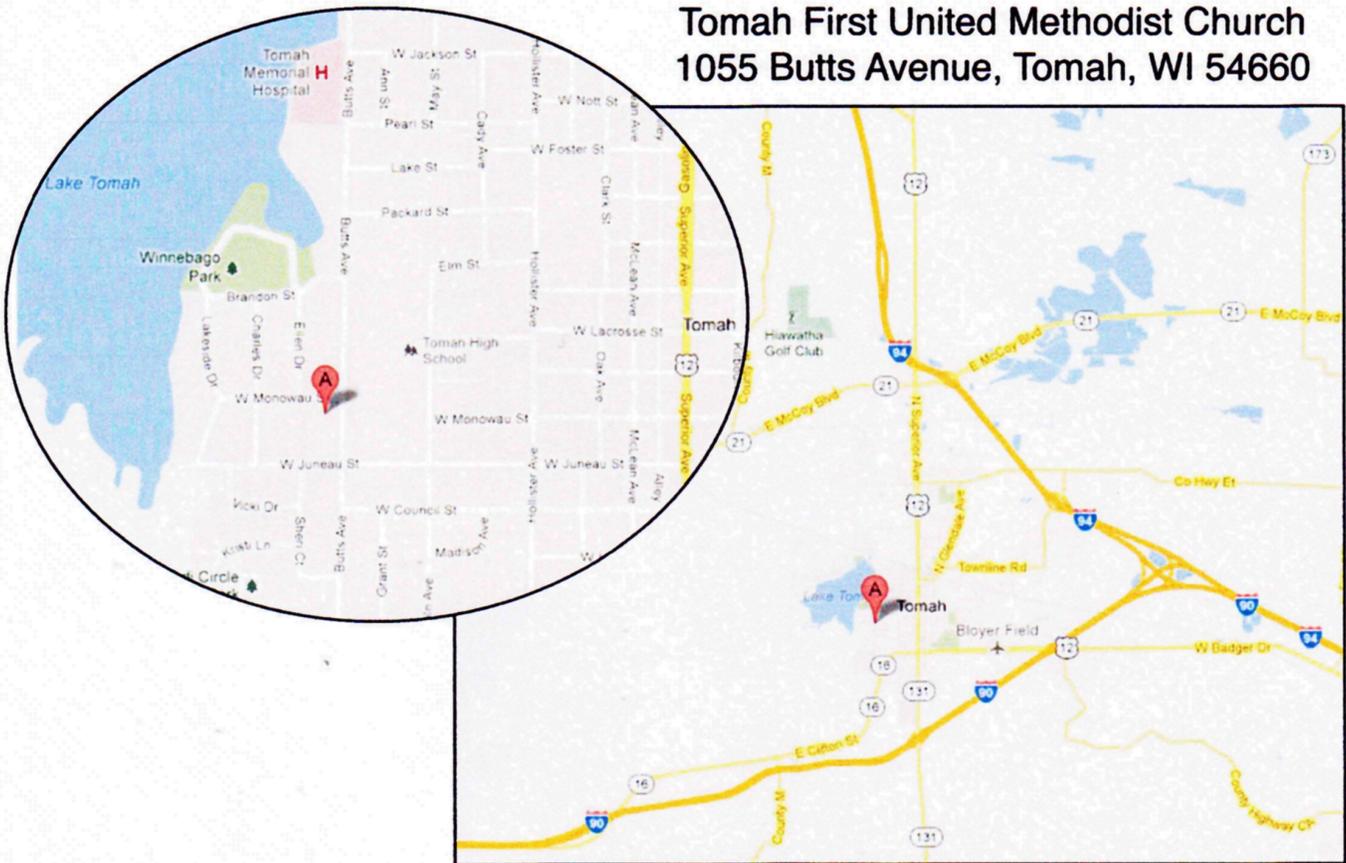


Our Speaker



Dan Dick is the Director of Connectional Ministries with the Wisconsin Annual Conference. An ordained elder, Dan worked for the General Board of Discipleship in Nashville, Tennessee for 15 years – providing resources in stewardship, leadership development, spiritual formation, congregational transformation. He continues to author the blog, United Methodeviations, and has been a speaker and teacher around the world. Author of fifteen books and hundreds of articles, Dan is also an avid reader and loves to play with new ideas. He and his wife, Barbara, are allowed to live in Sun Prairie by their cat, Tiger.

**Tomah First United Methodist Church
1055 Butts Avenue, Tomah, WI 54660**



DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO MISSION ACTION DAY AT TOMAH FIRST UMC:

Coming from the north on I-94: Take the Tomah exit, turn right and that will be Hwy 12 or Superior Avenue. Continue on Superior Ave to Jackson Street or follow the hospital signs. Turn right on Jackson and go to the end of the street. You come to the hospital and turn left on Butts Avenue. Continue several blocks and the church is on the right across from the high school. The parking lot and main entrance is in the back of the church.

Coming in on Hwy 21 from the east: At the intersection of Hwy 21 and Hwy 12 turn left on Superior Ave and follow the above directions.

Coming from the south: Take I-90 where the I divides and take the first Tomah exit which comes in on Hwy 16. Continue to the first set of stoplights and turn right onto Superior Ave. Go to Juneau Street (Band Box Cleaners on the left, also a church sign) turn left and continue to 4th stop sign and turn right onto Butts Avenue. The church is on the left and parking lot is in the back. The church is across from the high school.

Coming from the west: Take the first Tomah exit, turn left (Hwy 131). Go to the first set of stoplights and continue on Superior Ave. to Juneau Street and follow the above directions.

2012 Reading Program Awards

Plan 1 * Plan 2 ** Plan 3 *** Plan 4 ****
submitted by Nancy Zabel 2012 Program Resource Secretary

BARRON

Loretta Becker *
Laurie Church **
Judy Hyde **
Nancy Kasper *
Deanna Keppen *
Jean Strang **
Nancy Vought *
Kathee Yamada *

BIRCHWOOD

Evie O'Neil *

BLOOMER

Rita Stearns ***
Sharon Steinmetz *

CANTON

Michele Halvorson *
Rose Snyder *
Arlene S. White *

CHIPPEWA FALLS Trinity

Carole Frederick *
Donna Kraemer ***
Marion Strandberg **
Shirley Woodruff *

CLEAR LAKE

Joan Lillie *

CUMBERLAND

Jeanne Gilbert *

DOWNING

Tammy Nelson *

EAU CLAIRE Lake Street

Carol Fawcett *
Rev. Sandra Hamilton *
Suzanne Heabler ****
Ruby Maier **
Bev Maser ****
Florence Shepherd **
Lena Thompson ****

HOLCOMBE

Mary Beede *
Erma David **
Ruby Getting **
Elaine Sharp *
Karen Stimeling *
Alice Troupe *

LEWIS MEMORIAL

Kara Alden *
LaVonne Boyer *

MONDOVI OURSAVIORS

Julie Brunsch *
Shirley Christopherson *
Mavis Cook *
Becky Davis *
Deanna Denisen *
Irma Fuller *
Fran Schultz *

NEW CENTERVILLE

Naoma Falde *
Ann Rudesill *
Matilda Rudesill *
Barbara Wiff *

NEW RICHMOND

Janet Knutson **
Kay Peterson *

PLEASANT VALLEY

Hattie Chapek *
Arlene Green *
Shirley Meyers *
Annette Pederson *

PRAIRIE FARM

Barbara Bender *

RICE LAKE

Arlene Hougas **
Lisa Mink *
Nancy Zabel ***

RIVER FALLS

Janet Leonard ****
Sue Pierson ***
Marjorie Shirmer ***
Barb Wall ****
Bernice Wolf ***

ROCK ELM

Pat Ginsbach *
Roberta Holcomb *
Joyce Kendall *

SALEM/IRON CREEK

Sharon Schaefer *

SHELL LAKE

Shirley Hile *

SIREN

Shirley Bloom *
Hazel Hahr **
Judith Roe *
Donis Taylor *

SPOONER

Billie LaBumbard **
Jean Parker *

SUPERIOR Faith

Maureen Asburg *
Rev. Barb Certa-Werner *
Rev. Joel Certa-Werner *
Joan E. Goebel *

Louise Manion *
Mary Manion-Bick *
Barbara Porter *
Myrtle Rogina *

Jessie Westman *

Linda Westman *

WEBSTER Grace

Sharon Boatman *
LaVonne Collins *
Elaine Wilson *



2012 Mission Today Awards

submitted by Ruby Getting 2012 Education & Interpretation Coordinator

Qualifying Units

Balsam Lake/Centuria
 Barron
 Birchwood
 Bloomer
 Chippewa Falls, Trinity
 Clear Lake
 Colfax
 Cumberland
 Eau Claire Lake Street
 Exeland
 Holcombe
 Lewis
 Medford/ Dorchester
 Mondovi
 New Richmond
 Osceola
 Pleasant Valley
 Prairie Farm
 Rice Lake
 River Falls
 Rock Elm
 Salem/ Iron Creek
 Shell Lake
 Siren
 Spooner
 Superior Faith
 Webster

**Units Reporting
 But Not Qualifying**

Alma
 Ashland
 Augusta
 Boyceville
 Chippewa Falls Zion
 Downing
 E. C. Chapel Heights
 Hudson
 Jim Falls
 Knapp
 New Auburn
 Phillips
 Sanborn
 Turtle Lake

Units Not Reporting

Cadott
 Canton
 Connorsville
 Elmwood
 Frederic
 Gilmanton
 Glenwood City
 Grantsburg
 Hawkins
 Maiden Rock
 Menomonie
 New Centerville/Hammond
 Ono
 Pepin
 St. Croix Falls
 Tainter
 Thorp
 Wheeler

2012

5 – Star Awards

submitted by Karen Langer
 2012 District Treasurer



Alma
 Holy Trinity Balsam / Centuria
 Barron
 Birchwood
 Bloomer
 Canton
 Chippewa Falls Trinity
 Colfax

Clear Lake
 Eau Claire Lake Street
 Holcombe
 Lewis
 Medford
 New Centerville
 New Richmond
 Pepin

Pleasant Valley
 Prairie Farm
 Rice Lake
 River Falls
 Salem Iron Creek
 Siren
 Spooner
 Superior Faith



This is the only race worth running. I've run hard right to the finish, believed all the way. All that's left now is the shouting—God's applause! Depend on it; He's an honest judge. He'll do right, not only by me, but by everyone eager for his coming.
1 Timothy 4:7-8 (The Message)

Our candle lighting and chime Memorial Service at the Annual Gathering 2012 honored those UMW women named below whose years of service on behalf of women, youth and children we are sincerely grateful for.

Barron

Bea Willmsen
Chris Holstrom
Donna Jones
Velma Haselhuhn

Boyceville

Helen Schlottman

Clear Lake

Wanda Hilton
Elsie Wood

Colfax

Mildred Mork
Mildred Nystad
Tina Randall

Connorsville

Vera Hahn

Eau Claire Chapel Hgts

Melvida Rossow

Eau Claire Lake Street

Maurine Hoepfner
Frances Johnson
Norma Olson
Pat Smith
Isia Thiel
Janice Vokoun

Exeland

Darlene Smith
Helen Aspseter
Eileen Veness

Holcombe

Evie Glenn

Hudson

Carol Bexers
Helen Bosch
Gerry Koelin

Medford

Mitt Vollriede

Mondovi

Irene Forthun
Marge Parker

New Richmond

Joy Geiger
Margaret Hemenway
Joan Tubbs

Prairie Farm

Delia Grewe

Rice Lake

Virginia Snowbank
Jeanette Wervey

River Falls

Betty Hanson

Salem Iron Creek

Adeline Gordon

Spooner

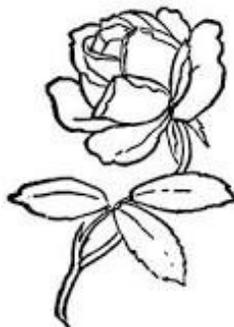
Genny Glasscock
Dawn Kaltennback
Betty Kent
Billie Palm
Marilyn Scalzo

Superior Faith

Julie Banks
Jane Emie
Denice Hudson

Thorpe

Clarice (Dolly) Hubbard



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WISCONSIN CONFERENCE VISION FOR THE Chippewa District

We see the Chippewa District United Methodist Women . . .

Involving more young women, uniting in mutual fellowship and connectedness, dedicating individually and corporately to spiritual growth, learning something new about missions in the RESPONSE magazine, reading more books from Program Resources, choosing and responding to at least one social action having joy in the Lord Jesus Christ.



ATTRACTING NEW MEMBERS
From the Siren UMW Unit
Shirely Bloom, Siren UMW President

Our unit here in Siren UMC is remarkable. Our church is small but we have 35 members in our UMW. A few years back our Pastor and I talked about how we could get more ladies interested. We decided to serve a light lunch followed with our program and meeting. Our group started to grow and still is. I also found out the ladies liked to be busy even though sometimes they say they are worked too hard, but I don't think one can ever work too hard for the Lord.

Some of the things that we work together on are Lenten suppers, World Day of Prayer with other churches in Siren, 2 annual dinners, Scandinavian and German, Homemade Pie and Homemade Ice Cream Social, dinner to honor 75 and over persons, fill 100 shoe boxes for Operation Shoebox for Children, raise money for new kitchen, Thank Offering, Reading Program, Mission Pledge, 5 Star Award and then we divide up our monies at the end of the year to charities. That is some of our work. We work hard but we also have great fellowship and reach out to the community.

Some of our programs are going to tour the funeral home and have a talk, tour of a factory that employs the handicap, have a speaker on wills etc, visiting the Faith House, which is a place for families that have lost a child and can come and stay overnight. These are just some of the types of programs we have had.

I am so thankful for the all the wonderful ladies in our unit and all the support we get from our church. Praise God.

Shirley Bloom

Just a Note

Shirley Bloom had spoken to Sharon Steinmetz, our previous Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator, and had told her about how her unit was increasing their membership and how she was very proud of the work their unit was doing. Sharon had felt this was worth sharing with the rest of our units and she felt it could be a great inspiration to those units that are struggling with declining memberships. Siren UMC is a small church up north and if they can do it, so can the rest of us!

If any other unit would like to share their success story with us, please send me an e-mail, give me call, or let one one of the other officers know. We would love to share it with the rest of the Chippewa District! Thank you Shirley for all your hard work.

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MABEL HEIL SCHOLARSHIP Requirements & Instructions

The Mabel Heil Scholarship is made possible by earnings from a trust established for the United Methodist Women, Wisconsin Conference, to carry out terms of the will of Sarah Mabel Heil. It has now become a scholarship fund that will continue under the auspices of the Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women. There have been very few changes in the way it will continue.

Requirements: for scholarship consideration.

YOU must:

- Be a female member of Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women.
- Submit a written answer to the question "In what ways do I consider myself a worthy student?"
- Send a completed application form to the contact person and postmarked before May 1 or October 1.
- Request that a letter of recommendation be sent to the contact person by either:
 - o the president of the local United Methodist Women or
 - o the pastor of the local church.
- Request that a letter of recommendation be sent to the contact person from a church member who is not a member of your household and is not a relative.

Applications: Please have all letters written (preferably typed) on one side of 8 1/2 by 11 sheet of white paper using black ink.

All applications are photocopied for the committee members.

Scholarships are awarded one semester at a time. To be considered for the following semester, you must send a request. A form will be sent with your check.

Priority: Women responsible for others and returning to the employment field will be favored. All women applying will be considered if requirements are met on time.

Schedule:

1st Semester: Apply by May 1; Notified by June 1; Check sent by August 15.

2nd Semester: Apply by October 1; Notified by November 1; Check sent by January 15.

To request a scholarship form:

**Yvonne Fiary,
203 E. Greenwood
Rothschild, WI 54474
715-355-6133
yvfiary@aol.com**

Application and two (2) letters of recommendation **MUST** be postmarked no later than May 1 or October 1 to be considered.



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Westwood Conference Center
Wausau, Wisconsin
July 22nd – July 25th – Four Day School
July 26th – Drive-In Day

Studies are...
Living Sacramentally, Walking Justly
The Roma of Europe
Poverty

WEB SITES :

<http://www.umwonline.org/> - UMW Online Community

<http://www.prayerquilt.org/> - Prayer Quilt Ministry – Prayers & Squares

<http://www.shawlministry.com/> - A Guide to Shawl-Knitting Ministry

<http://new.gbmg-umc.org/umw/give/missionmap/> - United Methodist Women Mission Map

www.missionresourcecenter.org – Mission Resource Center

<http://www.wisconsinumc.org/umw/> - United Methodist Women – the Weaver is on this website

Look for the sister unit assignment in your packets at Spring Day of Enrichment, April 13.

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



Well.. so much for the golden years. and so at age 75, Abraham receives word from the 'boss' that retirement will be delayed. **Genesis 12:1-4**



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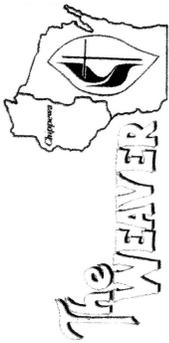
- March 2** – TEAM Meeting at Holcombe UMC
- March 24** – Mission Action Day at Tomah
- March 31** – EASTER
- April 10** – Deadline for MAY WEAVER articles
- April 13** – Spring Day of Enrichment at Holcombe UMC
- May 12** – Mother's Day
- June 1** – TEAM meeting at Barronett Cabin
- June 16** – Fathers Day
- July 10** – Deadline for AUGUST WEAVER articles
- July 22 - 25** – Mission u at Westwood Conference Center, Wausau
- July 26** – Mission u Drive-In Day at Westwood Conference Center, Wausau
- August 10** – TEAM meeting at New Richmond UMC
- September 21** – District Annual Gathering at New Richmond UMC
- October 18 - 19** – WI Conference Annual Gathering at TBA
- December 7** – Christmas TEAM luncheon at TBA

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