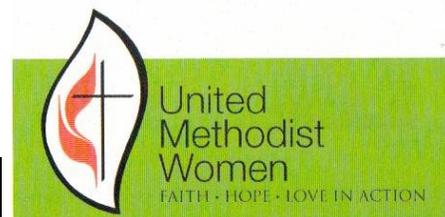


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year from your District President, Cheryl Malko! I am a member of First United Methodist Church in Hartford and president of our local UMW organization. My daughter, Angi, and two grandchildren, Hunter (11) and Amelia (5) live in Dousman. I retired from the federal government in 2004 and returned to Wisconsin in 2005 to be closer to my family. I look forward to meeting and working with our South East District UMW members.

A new beginning for our South East District United Methodist Women as we welcome all of our members into our new district. A new beginning for our District Mission Team as we begin a journey of working together in developing a new direction for our district. New opportunities for all of us to meet and work with new women and those we've been close to in our former districts. A new opportunity to share best practices, new ideas and goals for our new district.

2016 -- a year of
 new beginnings,
 new opportunities,
 new challenges.

Those beginnings and opportunities, of course, bring challenges. We're even more spread out geographically than we were, and we've increased our district membership. We need to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to participate in our events and that information is shared with all.

Because we have a large area to cover, we chose to doubly staff most of the positions on our District Mission Team in an effort to make us more accessible. We hope the information we share in our newsletters, during our visits to our sister units and at our special events will tell you all that you need to know. If you have any suggestions, comments ... or complaints, we want to hear from you. We also encourage you to help us make our district grow. Invite new women to your local meetings and to our special events throughout the year. Share your passion for UMW and your faith with those women as you welcome them into our organization.

From Romans 12:2 we read, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,

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Spring Enrichment Event

LEARNING
 WORSHIP
 SINGING LUNCH
 FELLOWSHIP
 OFFICER SHARING
 PROGRAM RESOURCES

Saturday, April 30, 2016

St. James UMC
 East Troy, WI

9:00 am coffee & registration
 to 2:30 pm sending forth
 See pages 6, 7 & 8

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont.)

that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." This verse talks about God's perfect will for our lives, but it is also a call to action on our part. Our lives have been transformed through Jesus, but it is up to us to renew our earthly minds and listen to God.

What better way than by putting our "faith, hope and love into action for women, children and youth."

Your Sister in Christ, Cheryl Malko

*Remember "only God can turn a
MESS into a MESSage,
a TEST into a TESTimony,
a TRIal into a TRIumph,
a VICTim into a VICTory.
God is good all the time."
(posted on facebook)*

SPIRITUAL GROWTH: THE QUIET UNDERSTANDING

Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.

Matthew 18:20

We have entitled this meditation "The Quiet Understanding" because it is based on a quiet promise He made to His disciples—the full truth of which they did not understand until some years later, indeed, the full truth of which even we today are so prone to forget.

It means to come together, as believing Christians, to invoke His presence, to act in His spirit, in order to accomplish His purposes. Whether it be a Christian family or a Christian congregation,

or a United Methodist Women's group, if we are gathered in His name, we have the quiet understanding that He is with us—not as a spectator but as a participant, as both a guide and counselor, as Validator of every action undertaken in His name.

How often must we admit that even though we have memorized the Savior's promise "where two or three are gathered in My name.." and have accepted its truth in theory, we have completely forgotten it when it came to practice?

In family groups, in committee or congregational meetings, or at church conventions, having invoked His presence, how often have we comported ourselves very much like Simon Peter outside the high priest's palace, saying in effect to the world about us: "**I never knew the Man!**" Yes, how often has Christ been present in our gathering—but only as a stranger?

Lord, forgive us wherever we have sinned, and be with us as our Savior and our Friend.

Abide, O dearest Jesus, among us with Thy grace;

Thy love protect and guide us, lest we to sin give place. Amen

"The Quiet Understanding" is from Daily Walk With God by H. Cockel

Submitted by Salud Rodeman, Spiritual Growth

Surge in Homelessness Tests Wisconsin Capital's Welcoming Spirit -

excerpts from a New York Times article by Julie Bosman, September 21, 2015

"Street homelessness in Madison has increased more than 40 percent in the last four years, according to an annual count of the homeless each January, stretching the city's network of shelters, some specialized for youths or the mentally ill, and the volunteers who routinely bring food, clothing and other supplies to the homeless."

"Megan Hustings, interim director of the National Coalition for the Homeless, said that her group is recording an increase in homelessness around the country, both families and individuals, who often suffer from mental illness or alcohol addiction."

"Griswold, who graduated from a local community college but now routinely sleeps across the street from City Hall...said, "I don't blame anyone for not wanting us here. But people are going to lay down where they need to lay down."



Mission Action Day

Saturday, April 2, 2016

Columbus United Methodist Church
222 S. Dickason Blvd.
Columbus, WI 53925

Homelessness

- Affordable Housing Panel- Martha Cranley, United Way Dane County; Judy Wilcox, former Dane County Supervisor; Wendy Schneider, Columbia County Renewal Unlimited
- Jerome Dillard, formerly incarcerated citizen- racial justice issues related to homelessness including the criminal justice system

Donations for Northcott Neighborhood House will be collected. Items needed are: Basketballs, footballs, copy paper, pens, staplers and staples, cleaning supplies such as Mr. Clean, toilet bowl cleaner, gloves

Registration: 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. ● Sending forth: 2:30 p.m.

Registration is transferrable, not refundable.

2016 MISSION ACTION DAY REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline for Registration: Friday, March 11, 2016- \$12 registration fee

Late registration-\$15- March 12-18, after March 18- fee remains \$15 lunch on your own

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/ZIP Code _____

District _____ Church _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Child Care needed for _____ child(ren), Age(s) _____ (I also understand that I am responsible for providing a sack lunch for each child or paying the registration fee of \$12.00 for each child in order to cover their lunch.)

Dietary or other considerations _____

Send form and **registration fee** to:

Shirley Carpenter, 2711 North Biron Drive, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494-8804

Make checks payable to: **Wisconsin Conference UMW**

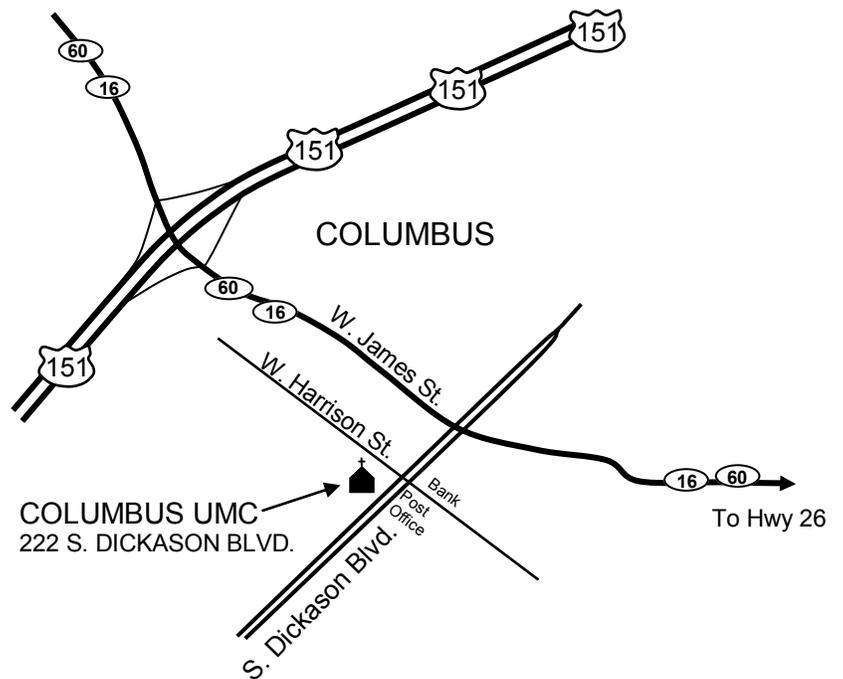
MISSION ACTION DAY MAP

Driving directions to Columbus UMC,
222 S. Dickason Blvd., Columbus, WI

From US Hwy 151 going through
Columbus, exit south on Hwy 60/16
(St. James St.). Turn right (west) on
S. Dickason Blvd. Columbus UMC is
on the far right corner of Harrison and
Dickason.

Coming from the east, or Hwy 26, go
west on Hwy 60/16. In Columbus,
turn left (west) on S. Dickason Blvd.
See above.

Park on street, or across street in
funeral home lot, assuming no funeral.



NORTHCOTT NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

Northcott Neighborhood House owes its existence to the United Methodist Women's Office of Christian Concerns, which created our agency 54 years ago to serve the youth and families of our inner city neighborhood.

We started by providing recreational opportunities for youth and an emergency food pantry. Today we are a multi-faceted agency serving families with diverse programs. Our primary commitment is to the youth and families in our neighborhood, but their needs have become more complex in today's economy.

Our dedication to youth remains critical.

Our programs serve youth with diverse offerings after school and during the summer. Currently, we have added a dynamic soccer program to our ever popular basketball leagues.

We also have a summer Quickball Program sponsored by the Cal Ripken Foundation. In all our sports programs, we include a mentoring component where we discuss issues of anger management, avoiding drugs and alcohol, building self-esteem, and planning for the future.

Another youth activity that is especially successful is our **Driver Education Training Program**. This program requires that youth volunteer time for community work before they can participate in the program. We have provided approximately 50 youth the opportunity to gain their driver's licenses.

Our Food Program includes commodity distribution and nutrition information, as well as providing emergency food to families in crisis. We supplement the food with a clothing exchange and necessary referrals to assist families with their housing and other emergency issues.

Another major change in recent years has been the expansion of our training component. Through Fresh Start, Youth Builds, and Milwaukee Builds, we have engaged in a construction program that has built family homes in the neighborhood using trainees. In addition, we have trained youth and young adults in carpentry, toxic removal, and weatherization. We have also worked with the Department of Corrections to provide training to inmates that are being released. Our GED program is also an important component of training and job readiness. Milwaukee Area Technical College is a partner in both the GED and carpentry training.



NORTHCOTT NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE CONTINUED....

In recent years, we have faced many cutbacks as governmental agencies have decreased their support to community agencies. In addition, the lack of wage growth has diminished funds available and donations continue to stagnate. This causes us more pressure for funds at a time when the community needs our services more than ever. We also must maintain our facility which can lead to unexpected costs, such as the current failure of one of our furnaces. This cannot be repaired and must be replaced, which is a serious fiscal setback.



supplies, as well as Campbell Soup Labels. We have collected over 1.5 million labels which have allowed us to acquire a 2016 Van which is already on order. **We are still saving labels for other needs, so please continue to send them to us.** In summary, we greatly appreciate your contributions that have helped us continue to serve the community.

We look to our continuing partnership and welcome any suggestions you might have to improve our programs or our fund raising efforts.

Thanks again for your loyalty.

Through all the years, the Wisconsin Annual Conference and the Board of Global Ministries, local churches, and congregation members have been an ongoing source of support. We feel like part of your family and want to express our continuing appreciation for your efforts. Not only have you provided funds, but you also have contributed clothes, food, other



HELP MAC CELEBRATE HIS 68TH BIRTHDAY!

McArthur (Mac) Weddle, Executive Director of Northcott Neighborhood House, celebrated his 68th birthday in January and asked that we celebrate with him by donating funds to Northcott Neighborhood House. Northcott is one of many smaller agencies facing an ongoing crisis as less funds are made available to them. He asks for our support to ensure Northcott continues to be a vibrant force in the Milwaukee community. In a recent letter, Mac outlined ways in which we can match his age and both his and Northcott's service to the community.

Donate \$68 to match his age

Donate \$54 to match the years Northcott has served the community

Donate \$38 to match his years at Northcott Neighborhood House

Donate \$15 to match his years as Northcott's Executive Director

As you know, Northcott provides for families and youth through training, education, housing, their food pantry and clothes closet, senior citizens' programs, information and referrals and community events such as Juneteenth Day and a candlelight vigil for homicide victims.

We ask that, if you are able, you help celebrate not only Mac, but Northcott through your contributions. Every dollar you are able to give goes back into the organization.

GREETINGS FROM YOUR VICE-PRESIDENT, MARIE GARNHART

For those of you who don't know me, I have been Metro South district secretary (4 years), district president (only one year), and now I have a new role as vice-president.

I am a member and president of the local West Allis Calvary unit, though I live in Franklin, a southwest suburb of Milwaukee.

As Vice-president my main role is "programming", so I have been busy preparing for our first district event, **the Spring Enrichment Event at East Troy St. James UMC on April 30, 2016.**

Please take note of the flyer about this event included in this newsletter (page 7).

We have chosen the end of April because we hope that there will be good driving weather. It should be **SPRING** by that time, even in Wisconsin. We have chosen **East Troy St. James UMC** as our first location, because it is easily accessible from I-43 and about as centrally located for our new large district as we can get. Also, the East Troy St. James church is a beautiful facility, and their local unit has been very gracious in their willingness to host us and help prepare for the event in every way. A big THANK YOU in advance to them.

For our enrichment event we have chosen one topic from Mission u, since attendance at Mission u has not been very high from this area due to the long distance to Wausau. I was fortunate last summer to take the Latin America class and have Rev. Fernando Siaba as my teacher. It was a great 4-day experience, so we asked him to be our morning presenter.

Some of our other officers were fortunate

enough to hear Deb Pattee's workshop on White Privilege, and being very impressed by her presentation, we asked her to do an afternoon workshop. However, since our former Capital District sisters may have heard her presentation already at the Capital District Fall Gathering, we are offering an alternative workshop by Tyler Smoot to inform us about the work of Northcott Neighborhood House and his experiences as a young missionary.

Read the bios on the flyer to see what wonderfully qualified presenters you will hear at this event. There is more information about each of them below.

There is a registration form and a map with driving directions on page 8. PLEASE register promptly so that we as your team don't have to panic about attendance. Help us make this first event of the SOUTH EAST DISTRICT a great success.

Rev. Fernando Siaba has led School of Christian Mission/Mission u studies in Northern Illinois, Wisconsin, Southern Indiana and Iowa, and in the South Atlantic, Upper Atlantic and Midwest Regional Schools. He has played the viola in community orchestras and with his daughters in their family string quartet. We are fortunate to bring him to our first district learning event.

Dr. Deb Pattee has done a previous version of this very important presentation at the Conference Annual Gathering and at the Capital District Annual Gathering last fall. Deb attends the Whitehall United Methodist Church and leads worship with her husband. She has been the UMW Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator for the Heartland District for the last two years and is presently the Conference Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth.

Tyler Smoot and his wife, Sarah, live in Sullivan, Wisconsin, where they work part-time at a new Methodist church called Servant Community. Sarah is also a UMC missionary, working in Madison at the Worker Rights Center and Interfaith Coalition of Worker Justice. Tyler leads music ministry at Servant Community Church and Sarah leads a dance ministry as well.

COME ONE, COME ALL TO OUR FIRST
SOUTH EAST DISTRICT UMW
SPRING
ENRICHMENT
EVENT

SATURDAY
APRIL 30, 2016
East Troy
St. James UMC
2945 Main St.
East Troy, WI
53120

Come worship, learn and enjoy fellowship with members of our new **South East District**.

Registration and fellowship begin at **9:00am** and the day's events begin at **9:30am**.

Lunch is included, and the day's events end by **2:30pm**. Program resources will be open from 9:00-9:30am and from 12:00-12:20pm.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

LEARNING
LUNCH

MORNING PRESENTATION

Latin America is the "geographic" study from last summer and this coming summer's Mission u. Our morning presenter, who taught the course last summer is **Rev. Fernando Siaba**, an ordained elder and clergy member of the Northern Illinois Conference. Rev. Siaba has served both Anglo and Hispanic churches in the Northern Illinois Conference for forty years.

AFTERNOON PRESENTATIONS (YOU MUST CHOOSE)

White Privilege and Microaggressions (a social issue study) will be an afternoon workshop option. This topic will be presented by **Dr. Deb Pattee**. Dr. Pattee is in her 12th year as the Middle Level Specialist in the Department of Education Studies in the College of Education and Human Sciences at the University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire. She teaches courses in middle level education and diversity. She holds an Ed.D. from the University of St. Thomas in critical pedagogy. Her dissertation researched white privilege and its impact on K-12 education.

Northcott Neighborhood House (a local mission study) will be the second afternoon workshop option, presented by **Tyler Smoot**.

Having a missional mindset often means doing mundane tasks while being sensitive to God's Spirit at work. Come to this session to hear stories from Tyler Smoot, a Global Mission Fellow and US-2 missionary of the United Methodist Church serving a two-year term of service. Tyler works as a missionary in Milwaukee by serving as the GED Program Coordinator at Northcott. Last fall, two Northcott students fully passed their GED tests! Tyler also coordinates the annual "Walk To Break The Sickle Cycle" (taking place on 6/19/2016) to raise funding and awareness in the fight against Sickle Cell Disease (sicklecellMKE.org).

SINGING **WORSHIP**
FELLOWSHIP **OFFICER SHARING**

SOUTH EAST DISTRICT SPRING ENRICHMENT EVENT - MAP
Saturday, April 30, 2016 at St. James UMC, 2945 Main St., East Troy
9:00 am registration & coffee to 2:30 pm sending forth

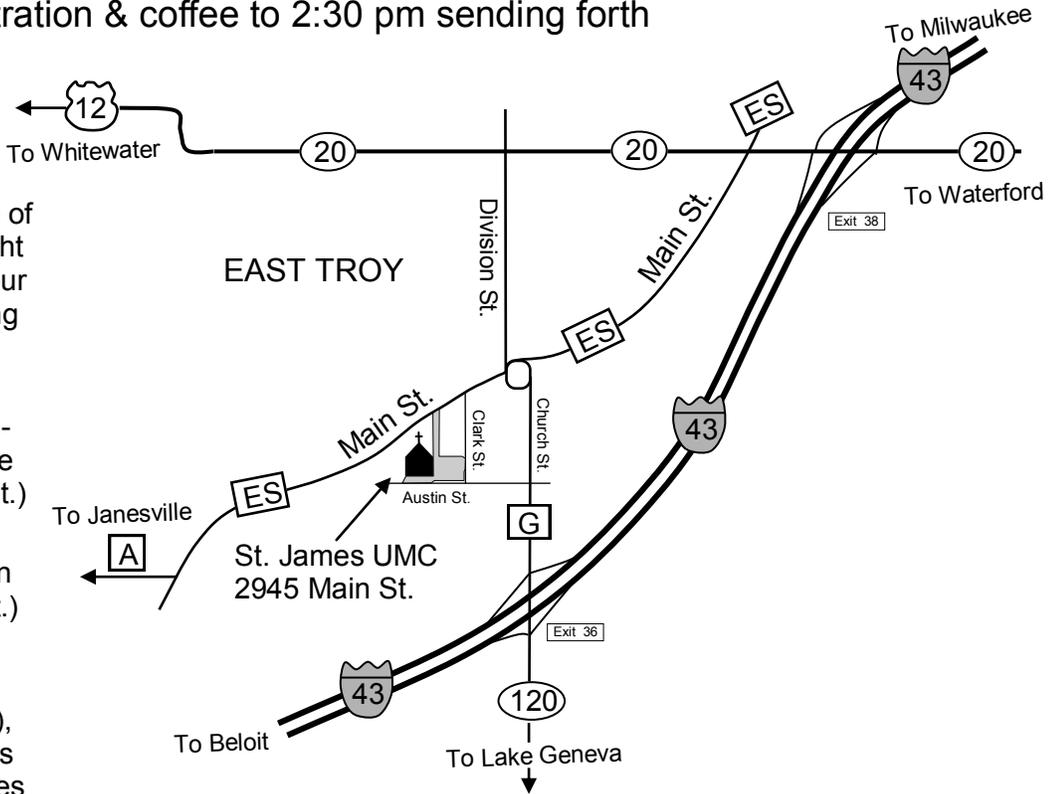
Driving directions:

From south I-43, exit onto Hwy 20 going west (exit 38), turn left onto Cnty ES (Main St.), continue to follow ES (Main St.) to the far side of the town square and as it turns right off the square. St. James is on your left. From west Hwy 20, after going under I-43, turn left onto Cnty ES, etc.

From east Hwy 20, (from Whitewater) turn right on Division St. At the square, turn right onto ES (Main St.) St. James is on your left.

From Cnty A (from Janesville), turn left on Walworth Cnty ES (Main St.) St. James will be on your right.

From north I-43 (from Beloit), exit north on Hwy 120(Cnty G)(exit 36), turn left on Austin St. As you cross Clark St., you will see the St. James parking lot on your right.



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SPRING ENRICHMENT EVENT REGISTRATION FORM - DUE BY APRIL 15, 2016

Please Print

(\$3 more after April 15)

NAME _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

REGISTRATION
PER PERSON: \$20
(\$23 AFTER APRIL 15)

LOCAL UNIT _____

Put any additional names on a separate sheet of paper

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS _____

REGISTRATIONS

@ \$20 each

NEED DEPENDANT CARE? YES ___ NO ___ AGES _____
 (No registration fee, but bring sack lunch for dependent or reserve a lunch for \$10)

\$ _____

LUNCHES FOR DEPENDENTS (\$10 each)

\$ _____

Tentative choice of afternoon workshops:
 Northcott Neighborhood House _____
 or White Privilege _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
South East UMW

SEND FORM AND MONEY TO REGISTRAR:

Darlene Katzman
2794 B Edwards St.
East Troy, WI 53120
Phone: (262) 642 - 7525

HOW MANY WAYS CAN YOU BE A MEMBER?

Happy New Year! Welcome to the new Southeast District of this wonderful organization called United Methodist Women.

To existing members, it's a new year with new opportunities for more missions, and by His grace we will proceed. To our new members, welcome to this awesome organization where we make positive things happen in the whole world.

United Methodist Women have various organized areas of concern, one of which is Membership Nurture and Outreach. These officers are responsible for the accountability of all the members, to nurture them in spirit and reach out to those who are interested in the organization.

Every woman (United Methodist or not) is eligible for membership in United Methodist Women. There is no discrimination in age, race or color. Everyone is invited.

Membership is open to any woman that indicates her desire to belong and participate in the global mission according to the ideas expressed in the United Methodist Women purpose. Membership can be done by any of the following ways:

Local Unit: This is a group of women from a church coming together to form a unit under the concepts and bylaws of the United Methodist Women.

Cluster Unit: This unit consists of women from a cluster of churches who show interest in the mission of UMW, but their numbers in the individual churches are too small to be a local unit.

District Unit: This is a group of women from various churches in a particular geographic area, perhaps too far apart to meet together often, but meeting in and out of their region with a purpose of organizing mission.

District Member: A woman who does not belong to a local or district unit but has heard of the United Methodist Women resources and events through the district, and is willing to pledge or make an offering to the mission.

Online Member: A woman can become a member through registration on the website www.UMWOnline.org or other social media.

For more information, please contact the co-coordinators of Membership Nurture and Outreach whose information is below:

Kemi Baiyewu
4121 24th Avenue
Kenosha, WI 53140
Tel: 262-764-0639
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Tel: 262-483-3570
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If you should have difficulty opening the newsletter, simply go to www.adobe.com and download the free Adobe Reader.

2016 WORLD FEDERATION WORLD ASSEMBLY AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 3, 2016, HOUSTON, TEXAS - HILTON AMERICAS

The World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women will gather in Houston, Texas, August 29 - September 3, 2016.

Women from over 70 countries, representing about 3 million members, will come together for Bible study, cultural outings, worship, workshops, etc. The Federation is a fellowship of Methodist, United and Uniting Church women, whose goal is:

“To Know Christ and to Make Him Known.”

The gathering will convene concurrently with The World Methodist Council, an association of Methodist and Churches Uniting in the Wesleyan tradition to promote and encourage unity in mission and witness, while fostering inter-religious and ecumenical activities. It is worldwide, representing about 80.5 million people.

The theme for The World Federation Assembly is
“**Chosen People: Called to Proclaim**” *1 Peter 2: 9,10*

As members of UMW you are members of the World Federation. To learn more and to register, visit www.wfmucw.org

A SEMINAR IS BEING PLANNED FOR AUGUST 2017 AND WILL CONVENE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND NEW YORK CITY

The Wisconsin Conference UMW is planning the seminar that will convene in Washington, D.C. and New York City sometime during the first two weeks in August 2017.

The United Methodist Seminar Program gives one the opportunity to:

EXPLORE issues through interactive exercises, Bible study and discussion.

ENGAGE with human rights activists, grass-roots organizations and religious leaders.

LEARN about the work of the U.S. government and the United Nations.

VISIT local community organizations.

ACT during the seminar and develop actions to take upon returning home.

Plan now for this exciting opportunity. Details will be coming!

Cathryn Prime Luse
Co-Coordinator, Education and Interpretation

GOOD ADVICE FOR YOUR UNIT FROM EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION

Hello to all South East District United Methodist Women from your District Education and Interpretation co-coordinator.

My name is Mary Garvens. I belong to First United Methodist Church in West Allis, Wisconsin. After growing up in East Troy, Wisconsin and attending St. James UMC, I went to Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I worked as an RN for 42 years and retired in January 2012 from Aurora Health Care.

Hopefully, local units are using **Mission Today tasks for 2016 to plan programs** for this year. The tasks remain the same as last year. Any questions? Please feel free to contact me – I will always try to help.

A word from our Conference E&I person is that all local units are encouraged to **use the Prayer Calendar at their unit meetings**. Also, **response magazine has great short readings** that can be used.

I look forward to meeting and working with all of you.
Mary Garvens

**WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UMW
MISSION TODAY**

Mission Tasks for 2016

To become a Mission Today organization, please complete two (2) criteria from each category. Please try at least one (1) new criteria and report in fall of 2016.

*United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose
PURPOSE is to know God...*

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1. Plan programs that encourage spiritual growth. (Program book, response magazine, etc.)
 2. Create prayer partners with other church groups.
 3. Pray using the Prayer Calendar at meetings.
 4. Organize the spiritual growth study from Mission u, possibly several evenings/ weeks.

to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ;

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1. Take advantage of opportunities thru UMW such as Mission u, Spiritual Growth Retreats, Annual Gatherings, Mission Action Day.
 2. Set aside a time to go over the year's plans using Mission Today Mission Tasks.
 3. Implement the Charter for Racial Justice program.
 4. Present a mission study from Mission u, inviting church members.

to develop a creative, supportive fellowship;

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1. Honor the organization's leaders and member's contributions with Special Mission Recognition pins. Don't forget community leaders.
 2. Encourage everyone to visit or invite visitors to/from other local UMW organizations.
 3. Publicize your events using newsletters, bulletin boards, Sunday bulletins, social media, phone calls, etc.
 4. Plan a year end program to give thanks and celebrate your accomplishments.

*and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries
of the church.*

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1. Encourage all members to participate in the Pledge for Mission; give reports on where the money goes.
 2. Involve all members in fundraising (think creatively).
 3. Contribute to scholarships(UMW related) and Mission u. (\$25.00 or more).
 4. Partner with a mission institution such as Northcott, or Wisconsin Conference supported Imagine No Malaria, Harbor House, United Methodist Children's Services of Wisconsin, etc.

INFORMATION FROM YOUR TREASURER, ANDRÉA HATCHER

Grace and peace to each of you as we embark on this new adventure as the South East District UMW, and I am excited to be the treasurer. In 2016, the South East District UMW has pledged \$100,000 to advance the embodiment of faith, hope and love in action through mission giving. To ensure a smooth transition and fulfillment of our commitments, please be mindful of the following:

Mission Giving checks should be made payable to
South East UMW and sent with the
remittance form to:

Andréa Hatcher
2400 E Bradford Avenue #807
Milwaukee, WI 53211-4171

Please order your special mission recognition pins
at least 3 weeks before you need them.

The remittance forms are available on the United Methodist Women's website

<http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/treasurers>

When you make your check payable to the receiving agency (i.e. Northcott, Harbor House, UMCS), please send the check directly to the recipient and not to the district treasurer.

If you have any questions on submitting remittances, please phone me
at 215-531-3101 or send an email to abh0705@aol.com

Thanks for all you do to enhance the lives of women,
children and youth through United Methodist Women.

Andréa Hatcher, Treasurer

CORRECTIONS TO THE 2016 YEARBOOK

Happy New Year! I am Jane Henderson, Co-Secretary for the South East District. My job as co-secretary has been to produce the 2016 Yearbook. I want to thank everyone for submitting their unit officer information. The yearbook has been printed, and copies are being mailed to unit presidents. Please note that in the directory of district units, only two officers are listed. However, all of the local officer names that were submitted from your unit are now on the mailing list and will receive the district newsletters.

When you have received your copy of the yearbook, please make the following corrections, which were given to me at our first South East District Team Meeting and throughout this week:

E-mail for Kady Herr-Yang (page C) should be: **embracelanguageservices@gmail.com**

Zip code for Betty Rader (page 3) should be: **53115**

Address for Gail Nelson (page 7) is now **9187 North 70th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53223.**

Phone remains the same but her e-mail should be: **gailmarienelson@gmail.com**

E-mail for Lauren Stevens (page 9) should be: **Lrnstvns@aol.com**

Street Address for Oconomowoc Good Shepherd Church (page 10) should be: **800 Lake Drive**

E-mail for Gail Cording (page 15) should be: **gailcording1@wi.rr.com**

E-mail for Whitefish Bay (page 15) should be: **www.umcwfb.org**

E-mail for Loretto Steinmetz (page 15) should be: **Ldsteinmetz@wi.rr.com**

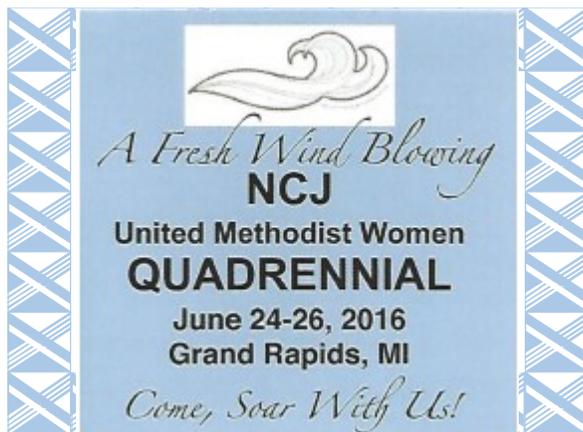
Address for Mary Anne Gerlach (page B) should be: **759 Burr Oak Trail, Whitewater, WI 53190**

New Berlin Agape no longer has a UMW unit and Tsuker Yang is no longer their pastor.

They have no pastor at present.

E-mail for Gail Burgess (page 21) should be: **hb53104@aol.com**

Please submit any further corrections to me @ hendersj48@aol.com



Plan to Come!

Friday, June 24, 2016 (5:00 pm dinner) –
11:30 am Sunday June 26, 2016

For those arriving early: *A bus tour leaves hotel at 8 am, Friday, returns to hotel at noon (See Mission Tours). Registration begins 12:30 pm Friday.*

Registration is closed June 4. Costs may be paid on-line at registration time or later by check. Checks must be received before June 4 or your registration will be cancelled.

Workshops: Choose three *at on-line registration time.* You will be assigned to two of those you select.

Mission Tours: For those who arrive early we have a tour of the United Methodist Community House and the Van Andel Museum on Friday, June 24, (*tour bus leaves hotel at 8:00 am and returns 12:00 pm*). The \$30 fee covers transportation costs, museum entrance fee and a box lunch that will be waiting for you back at the hotel when you return. *Sign up at on-line registration time.*

Young Women: Mark your registration form that you are a young woman interested in gathering with other young women during off hours at the event and you will be contacted with information.

Child Care: With 8 spots available for 1-7 year olds inclusively, childcare is offered at a cost of \$75 per child. Snacks not provided. Parents are responsible for seeing children receive meals. *Sign up at on-line registration time*

Offerings: There will be an offering for Mission Giving taken at the event on Friday evening; but if you prefer, you can make that offering when you register.

Scholarships: One scholarship per conference will be offered for \$450 per recipient. Your conference president will have the information and will submit the names to the Jurisdiction President, Ruth Whaley.

What to bring: (1) Water Bottle (water available in hall outside meeting room) (2) Tote Bag (bring your favorite to use!)

Double Tree Hilton Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI (4747 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512): Reservations are made directly with hotel. ((616) 957-0100) Mention "United Methodist Women" for the special price of \$92/night plus taxes in a double-queen room. The block of rooms will be released May 22 after which the special rate will no longer apply. (Rate guaranteed 3 days before and after meeting.)

Note: The event is all on one floor and is handicap accessible.

To Register: After Nov. 1 go to: <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/about> follow the registration link for the North Central Jurisdiction or contact the registrar (see info on registrar below).

Register early for a fee of \$150 until May 13 when the fee will be \$195. Fee covers costs including program Friday to Sunday, all meals for the 3 days including gratuities, and packet.

Air/Train Travelers: Look for UMW members carrying flags to answer your questions. Note: It is helpful to us if you enter your flight/train information at on-line registration time.

Parking Facilities/Availability: There is plenty of parking at the hotel, even for buses.

Cancellation Policy:

- Refund: If received by June 17 via email, refunds minus a \$75 cancellation fee will be made.
- Transfer: May be transferred, without penalty, to another attendee not already registered, provided an email or a hand-carried letter request for transfer is received by the registrar prior to event.
- Donation: If you find you have no one to whom you can transfer your registration, you may email to request your seat be transferred in total to a local woman with our thanks.

For Questions (or cancellations) **Contact registrar at** dawnfriends@yahoo.com .

SISTER UNITS—UNITS HAVE SISTERS? YES!

Members of the District Mission Team hope to visit your unit in 2016.

Please call your unit's sister (see the list on the right) to set up a time that will be convenient for your unit. (Most sisters have email, too—see the chart on page 15).

We want to be able to bring information to you and answer any questions you might have.

Thanks!
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SOCIAL ACTION NEWS—USA against Alzheimer's

On June 16, 2015, **USAgainstAlzheimer's** and the **General Board of Church & Society (GBCS)** of The United Methodist Church announced the launch of the **Faith United Against Alzheimer's Coalition (FUAAC)**, a cooperative effort to mobilize all elements of the faith community in the fight against Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

It is reported that every 57 seconds, Alzheimer's disease takes another life. Together, we must speak out for the dignity of those with Alzheimer's and related dementias, and send a message to Congress, and to science and industry leaders, that we must invest in Alzheimer's research, and innovate and collaborate urgently to find a cure.

To learn more about or get involve with Faith United Against Alzheimer's, you can contact:

***USAgainstAlzheimer's:** Ranit Schmelzer, 202-538-1065 / rschmelzer@usagainstalzhimers.org
www.usagainstalzhimers.org

***General Board of Church & Society:** Wayne Rhodes, 202-488-5630
umc-gbcs.org/faith-in-action/faith-united-against-alzheimers-launches

For more information about Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, visit www.alz.org

On Sunday, September 20, 2015, a group from Christway United Methodist Church walked in a **2015 Walk to End Alzheimer's** in Milwaukee County. There were 2,585 walkers, and the event raised \$744,034.05. Please consider walking or donating to a **2016 Walk to End Alzheimer's** in your local area.

Yer LeeYang - Co-Social Action



SOCIAL ACTION NEWS - MILTON UNITED METHODIST WOMEN USE UMBRELLA DEFENSE AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Our women at Milton United Methodist Church are standing outside our church on a blustery, cold Sunday morning to be part of the United Methodist Women's Umbrella Defense photo campaign to intercept the traffickers and prevent and protect those being exploited by human trafficking. Judy Hanlon, our Social Action Coordinator, wrote an article and Lee Ann Hare took a photo, which were published in the Milton Courier. Hooray! *Submitted by Marilyn Eyster of the Milton UMW*

Some excerpts from Judy's article: "Amid the travelers (to the Super Bowl) will be those arriving by force, fraud, or coercion (not by their own free will but victims of human trafficking)." "Some will serve food at restaurants or Super Bowl Parties, or clean hotel rooms, etc. Others may be sex workers for escort services, etc." "An "umbrella defense" is named after the football defensive play created by New York Giants coach, Steve Owen. The ingenious formation in 1950 enabled the Giants to shut out the then intimidating Cleveland Browns." **The Milton United Methodist Women Umbrella Defense:**

will shield trafficked women and girls from the glare of insensitive bystanders;
will show that we care and encourage survivors to hold on a little longer;
will form colorful ribbons of hope—hope for more beds, more money and more prosecutions;
will be a sign of Recovering Grace.

See the United Methodist Women Flickr Account for more photos

Are you longing to go back to school?

Heil Funds can help you!

The **Mabel Heil Scholarships** are a result of funds from the will of Sarah Mabel Heil, a woman from Cuba City, Wisconsin. The first scholarships were granted in 1981. Since then, more than 240 women have received help with their education.

Contact person:
Helen Robinson
N2101 Cleghorn Rd.
Waupaca, WI 54981

715.258.0973
pottshe@yahoo.com



An application form is on the back of this page.

Instructions:

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

Rules:

- A. Any member of Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women working to improve her education may apply.
- B. All letters must be written (preferably typed) on one side of an 8 1/2 X 11 sheet of white paper, using black ink.
- C. All applications are photocopied for the committee members.
- D. Scholarships are awarded one semester at a time. To be considered again DURING a one-year period, you must send a letter asking to be considered. AFTER one year, you will need to fill out another form and secure new recommendations.
- E. If, in any given year, there is an increase of applications, these priorities will be followed: Women responsible for others will be favored. Women preparing to return to the employment field will be favored.
- F. The schedule is: **First semester** Apply by May 1, Notified by June 1, Check given August 15. **Second semester** Apply by October 1, Notified by November 1, Check given by December 1.
- G. Application and two (2) letters of recommendation MUST be postmarked no later than May 1 and October 1 to be considered.

**Mabel Heil Scholarship Application
Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women**

Please Print

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____ Birth Date _____

1. Local Church:

a. Name & City _____

Pastor _____ UMW President _____

Are you a member of United Methodist Women? _____

2. Activities:

b. In United Methodist Women _____

In your local church _____

In the community _____

3. Education: (Give year of graduation) High School _____ College _____ Other _____

School You will be attending _____

Have you been accepted as a student? yes _____ no _____

Present (post high school) status:

Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior ___ Graduate ___ Other ___

Course of Study _____

4. Family Status _____

5. Please answer the following using an additional sheet:

IN WHAT WAY DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A WORTHY STUDENT?

Mail to: Helen Robinson
N2101 Cleghorn Rd.
Waupaca, WI 54981

Phone - 715 258 0973
email - pottshe@yahoo.com

MISSION u IS COMING!

As I look out over the snowy landscape (and the turkeys in our yard scratching for food; my husband puts corn out for them), I am thinking of much warmer weather when we will be heading toward Wisconsin Rapids for a week of learning, fellowship, fun and fulfillment.

I hope you will be joining me at **Mission u** at the Hotel Mead and Conference Center in Wisconsin Rapids. The dates are Monday, July 25 through Thursday, July 28 with Friday, July 29 as our Overview Day.

Please mark your new 2016 calendars now and plan on attending!

Our Study Leaders include:

Laura Pfeffer and Rev. Dawn Jeffers-Ramstad:

Climate Justice – A Call to Hope and Action;

Awilda Nolla:

Latin America: People and Faith; and

Rev. Heather Brewer, Rev. Amanda Stein and Rev. Rebecca Niese;

The Bible and Human Sexuality – Claiming God's Good Gift

Study books are now available, so if you want to get a head start on your reading, go to www.umwmissionresources.org; each book costs \$10. Or you can order the Annual Sampler for \$40 by April 1 and get two books this spring plus the 2016-2017 Program Book, the 2017 Prayer Calendar and the 2017 Date Book next fall. (My books are on their way; I received an email acknowledging the Sampler order and letting me know the books would soon be arriving.)

This year everything will be under one roof: housing, meals, plenaries and classes. If you need to go back to your rooms throughout the day, you can simply walk there! This also means there will be more opportunities for sharing with old and new friends. The Mead has an outdoor courtyard and gazebo as well as an indoor pool and several cozy conversation areas.

Everyone will be invited to participate in the Tuesday Evening Program at Wisconsin Rapids UMC. It is just a few blocks away, so most folks will be able to enjoy the July weather as they walk the distance. We will also be sure that those wanting to drive/ride to the church also have that option. For those who enjoy walking – or running – we plan to have some neighborhood maps available. If anyone needs to run to a store while at Mission u, we are only 15 minutes (walking) from the Rapids Mall or a few shops on 8th Avenue South. If you have any questions about the upcoming Mission u, please feel free to contact me at hb53104@aol.com or 262-945-8578.



2012 Dean, Julie Mieke, and Assistant Dean, Dee Klawitter.

Dean of Mission u 2016
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Young Women doing crafts—2011

Who?

The Wisconsin **MISSION u** is for everyone: women, men, youth, laity, clergy- *You!*



What?

The Wisconsin **MISSION u** is where people of all ages come together to grow in understanding of the mission of the church in the current world context through study, fellowship, worship and fun.

SOUTH EAST DISTRICT 2016 UMW EVENTS CALENDAR

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Wisconsin Conference MISSION ACTION DAY Focus on Homelessness

April 2, Saturday, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm
at Columbus UMC, Columbus, WI

Spring Enrichment Event

April 30, Saturday, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm
at St. James UMC, East Troy, WI

Mission u (formerly School of Christian Mission)

July 25-28, Monday-Thursday, Four-Day School
July 29, Friday, Overview Day
at Hotel Mead and Conference Center,
Wisconsin Rapids, WI

South East District Annual Fall Gathering

October 1, Saturday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
at Waukesha Salem, Waukesha, WI

Wisconsin Conference Annual Gathering

Plus **“Girls’ night out”** for the young women of
Limitless, with an environmental theme
October 21-22, Friday-Saturday
at Lake Street UMC, Eau Claire, WI

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