



"Please share with your church."

Jubilate

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THE PURPOSE -
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.

FROM OUR DISTRICT PRESIDENT - - -

Your District Team misses you all during this difficult time and prays that you are healthy. It is important that we lift one another up in prayer and stay healthy.

With each day we see so many sad or disturbing news stories, but I encourage you to look for the evidence that Christ is with us every day. I am not talking about the biblical scale stories but the small things that are just as important to us.

While my husband was under hospice care, a friend arrived with a large package of food for us and another showed up one morning and started to clean up our garden. A neighbor was grateful for the stack of puzzles left on the curb for anyone needing a distraction from the news. Each day I walk my dog past a beautiful garden that is a tonic to my attitude as I face each day without my husband. There was a sidewalk birthday parade for a child housebound with cancer. There are so many examples of Christ-like behavior and God's love that we busily overlook - but I urge you to find at least one thing every day and you will soon see even more each day. Share them with me when we can again get together.

Until then, remember our support of missions is needed more than ever before. As Teresa of Avila wrote, "you are the hands and feet of Christ". Contact your sister district officer if you have any concerns and take advantage of the conference

UMW site at <http://www.wisconsinumw.org> and more sites listed under resources.

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FROM OUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH COORDINATOR - - -

Trusting in God and God's Promises -

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible."

—Hebrews 11:1-3 NRSV

One morning I noticed a monarch butterfly flitting about the milkweed plants next to our garage. I carefully checked under the leaves and found a tiny white egg case here, another one there. What a reminder of God's promise and care! We let the milkweed grow, having faith that the monarchs will return every summer to fulfill their part of the migration life cycle, and so it was.



Faith. How many times and in how many ways has our faith been challenged this year? Stay at home, avoid large groups, wash our hands, disinfect surfaces, wear a mask and observe the six-foot distance rule. We Zoom meetings, email, text, FaceTime and make telephone calls to stay in touch. Will we be able to come together again as before? I have faith that United Methodist Women will meet in our caring, supportive fellowships again. When and under what health-protecting measures, I don't know; but I believe that God will bring us close again.

So in that spirit of faith the North Central District Team has decided to hold the 2021 District Spiritual Growth Spring Retreat on May 1, 2021, at Pine Lake Camp. Mark your calendars!

God's blessings,

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FROM OUR DISTRICT TREASURER.....

For an unprecedented year, I can honestly say I am proud of our District units for doing the best they can under the circumstances. As of June 30th, we have paid \$15,493.47 or 31% toward our Pledge to Mission for 2020. While we won't be anywhere near the \$50,000 Pledge by the end of the year, whatever you give will be most appreciated by women and children around the world!

I received a successful completed audit for our 2019 financial records.

Because we won't be having a District Gathering this September, each unit will need to mail me their 2021 Pledge to Mission by November 30,

2020. A pledge form can be found on the next page in this issue of the *Jubilate* for your convenience.

As a reminder, unit monies must reach me by December 15th to be included in the financials for 2020. Monies received after that date will be held and posted in January, 2021.

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Local Unit Pledge to Mission Form

North Central District 2021

Local Unit/Local Church _____

President _____ Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Treasurer _____ Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

We pledge \$ _____ to UMW mission through North Central District for 2021.

We pledge \$ _____ to Mission u.

_____ Dated _____

(Signature of President or Treasurer)

Please mail by November 30th, 2020, to: North Central District Treasurer,
Joan Burk-Miller, 606 E. Cassidy Drive, Wausau, WI 54401

FROM OUR SECRETARY-----

Many units are not meeting in person but some are finding ways to stay connected or meet through zoom, team meets, etc.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and stay safe as we continue on through this pandemic.

We will once again mail to Unit Secretaries the "United Methodist Women Unit Officers for 2021" form in early fall with a return date of November 1, 2020. If your unit is not meeting and/or has chosen to keep officers "as is" for the upcoming year, please feel free to just email me at gatestlsm@aol.com and state your Unit Name and "as is for 2021" and I will update the District and Conference Records. If changes need to be made, please email me the changes or return the form to me at my mailing address.

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FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH & PROGRAM RESOURCES MISSION COORDINATOR-----

Every UMW member should be counted in the upcoming membership census.

2020.

The 2020 Membership Census will be available online again. Each local unit needs to follow the connection on the WI Conference UMW website to complete the short census survey. You will need to enter your home church, your district (North Central), your president's name and contact information, your number of active members and the number of members lost in

Watch for more information later this fall or early next year on the website.

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If your church doesn't have a United Methodist Women Unit, you can still be a member of United Methodist Women - - - - - BECOME A DISTRICT MEMBER. Contact our President, Evelyn Schneider (2415 Oakwood Blvd.; Wausau, WI 54403 - Phone: 715-842-0296 — schneider.evelyn99@yahoo.com) for more information.

READING PROGRAM - - -

Once again the time is approaching for the recognition of all who have participated in the UMW Reading program. Please send a form (below) for each UMW member who has participated in the Reading Program for 2020 to: Suzanne Goldsmith, 501 Monroe Street, Black River Falls, WI 54615. Or you may wish to email your form to me at the following: suziegoldsmith@hotmail.com before **Saturday, September 5th**. I have received a few reports already. Thank you!
- Suzanne Goldsmith, Mission Coordinator for Membership Outreach and Program Resources

READING PROGRAM Report Form

I have completed the requirements for Plan _____ of the Reading Program for 2020. The books I've read are listed below. (Please print)

Name: _____ Unit: _____

Address: _____

MISSION EMPHASIS:

Education for Mission:

Leadership Development:

Nurturing for Community:

Social Action:

Spiritual Growth:

Additional books I have read to complete PLAN _____ of the Reading Program are:

_____ I have also read *response* and *New World Outlook* regularly.

READING PROGRAM PLANS:

PLAN I: 5 books each year, 1 from each category. Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports. Regular reading of *response* magazine.

PLAN II: 10 books each year, 2 from each category. Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports. Regular reading of *response* and *New World Outlook* magazines.

PLAN III: 15 books each year, 2 books from each category PLUS 5 additional books from any category. Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports. Regular reading of *response* and *New World Outlook* magazines.

PLAN IV: 20 books each year, 2 books from each category PLUS 10 additional books from any category. Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports. Regular reading of *response* and *New World Outlook* magazines.

FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT.....

Living in a hate-filled world - - -

Over the past several months of watching TV, social media, churches online, and even when I am out and about, hate keeps showing its horrible head.

The scripture that stands out to me is; "Don't be hateful to people, just because they are hateful to you. Rather, be good to each other and to everyone else." 1 Thessalonians 5:15 CEV

It's so easy to get caught up in the mob mentality. But what happens when we do that? We forget who we are standing for - Jesus Christ our Lord.

It does not matter the situation or the issue. Racism, politics, education, immigration, international students, the unwritten Illinois/Wisconsin go-home battle, along with many other issues will always be in front of us trying to divide God's people. Satan is having one heck of a party. I am not saying to not stand up for what you believe in, but I would like to know how many of us stand up for our faith.

Imagine for a minute being a part of the mob

when Jesus stood for trial. He had healed many, fed thousands, preached to the multitudes, and performed miracles. Instead of praising him, they yelled: "Crucify Him." How many of that mob had a close encounter with Jesus? How many of us have had a close encounter with the issues and situations we have today?

We need to remember His word is never changing and it is just as pertinent now as back then. Jesus modeled love, grace and forgiveness - but what are we modeling? The next time you take up "arms" for a cause, ask yourself if what you are doing is glorifying the one who made you.

Love in Christ,

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ATTENTION- - - - -

Due to the pandemic, there will not be a North Central District UMW Annual Gathering this year. If you have any questions, please contact your Unit's District Sister located on the last page of this newsletter.

FROM OUR NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE— - -

In some ways, summer 2020 feels normal. We are mowing our lawns, weeding our gardens and flower beds, enjoying beautiful flowers, juicy fruits and crisp vegetables. But in many other ways, summer has been far from normal – record-high temperatures, COVID-19 restrictions and racial unrest. We have been unable to go to church, to meet with our UMW friends, to attend Mission u, etc.

But we UMW members are resilient. We keep in touch by phone, e-mail and Facebook. We pray for understanding and courage to make changes. We pray.

Our Nominations Committee is also dealing with the abnormal. In 2020, without team meetings and without an Annual Gathering, the District will not be seeking or electing new members to the Leadership Team. But in 2021, we plan to return to normal. We will need women to step forward and become our district leaders. We will tap into

your skills, enthusiasm and love of UMW to lead our district forward.

One thing we ask – pray and pray often as you consider being part of the North Central District Leadership Team. We will be praying, too - that you are moved by the Spirit to lead in 2021.

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God 
Answers
Prayers

Please contact one of the members of the Nominations Committee listed below if you are willing to serve or if you want to suggest a member for the Committee to contact.

Carol Anderson - 715-284-2456, cmaeander@yahoo.com

Nancy Bugni - 715-623-7169, nbugni@charter.net

Nancy Flath - 715-446-3252, njudyflath@gmail.com

Carol Hornby - 715-284-9655, chornby@centurytel.net

PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!



Wisconsin Conference Calendar - 2020

Annual Gathering (Virtual): October 17, 2020, from 9:00am - noon

Check www.wisconsinumw.org for more information

North Central District Calendar - 2021

Spiritual Growth Retreat: May 1 at Pine Lake Camp

Team Meeting: May 1 following Retreat at Pine Lake Camp

Team Meeting: August 21 at Port Edwards UMC

Annual Gathering: September 18 at Port Edwards UMC

FROM OUR SOCIAL ACTION & MISSION EDUCATION MISSION COORDINATOR

This comes as no surprise, everything in each of our lives has changed. The way we work or don't work, our personal lives and all the days, weeks, and months we have stayed at home - and even the way we worship has changed.

Obviously all of our local, district and State meetings have been postponed and Mission u has also been postponed. My memories on Facebook reminded me of all the things we have done at Mission u – our studies, our youth and their studies, a fashion show, a drumming circle, worship, singing, celebrating UMW's birthday and this year everything came to a screeching halt.

What hasn't changed are the needs in our community, district, state, county and world. Mission work continues and so do their needs. I know this can be difficult, but if you can send any amount to support our Mission work, it will be greatly appreciated. Locally, I know the need for food as well as personal hygiene products and paper products has risen substantially. Support these needs as much as you can.

With the Stay at Home order, we all have had

additional down time. I would like to suggest taking a look at the books on the Reading Program list and finding something you might like. One of the books for a Mission u study is: Finding Peace in an Anxious World, edited by Erin James Brown. After all of the unrest going on in our country, another book that might be of interest to read is: So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo. Look thru the lists on the National United Methodist Women website and either purchase, borrow, or find them at your local library.

Praying for peace and good health,

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Keep checking the WI UMW Conference website for the latest information:
<http://www.wisconsinumw.org>

Let's all help give towards missions throughout 2020!
Take the opportunity to send your contribution to our District Treasurer during the year. Her address is Joan Burk-Miller; 606 E Cassidy Dr.; Wausau, WI 54401. **THANK YOU!**

2020 Wisconsin Conference UMW Virtual Annual Gathering

There have been many challenges for all of us this year. Due to Covid-19, it was determined that an in-person Annual Gathering was not feasible. A virtual Annual Gathering with the theme: "Walking in the Light: United for Justice" will be held on Saturday morning, October 17, 2020, from 9:00am - noon. A link to the meeting will be posted at www.wisconsinumw.org in mid-September, and will also be in the September *Catch the Vision*. Worship will be led by Keri Olson with the theme: "Feel the Light. Be the Light. (Lessons from COVID-19)." The message will conclude with a prayer for light. The keynote speaker will be Judith Siaba. Her message will be: "Justice for our Neighbors: Immigration." There will be a short break between the keynote speaker and the business meeting. There will not be a program booklet this year. Bios for the worship leader and keynote speaker; schedule for the day, and items for the business meeting will be posted at www.wisconsinumw.org prior to the virtual annual gathering. Pictures and short bios for the speakers are below.



Keri Olson is an inspirational author, speaker and blogger. She is an active member of the Baraboo First United Methodist Church where she currently serves as the chairperson of the administrative council. She follows in her late mother's footsteps as a member of the United Methodist Women.



Judy Siaba is a lifelong Methodist/United Methodist whose passion is seeking and advocating for God's justice for ALL people.

Judy was mentored by many women in the Northern Illinois conference and the North Central Jurisdiction, who helped her to develop her leadership skills and discover her gifts for mission. This led her to serve on the national level of Women's Division of UMW, including service as national vice-president of UMW. During these same years, Judy served as Conference Secretary of Global Ministries and was later elected as a director of the General Board of Global Ministries where she first heard about Justice for Our Neighbors. Prior to becoming Conference Secretary of Global Ministries, she served as Aurora District Lay Leader. Judy served 7 years on the board of Northern Illinois Justice for Our Neighbors, including the last two years as board president.

I hope that you will be able to join us for this virtual meeting. We are all learning to adjust to be physically apart during this pandemic.

---Ruby Dow, Conference Vice-President
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Mauston, WI 53948

MABEL HEIL SCHOLARSHIP

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.

Requirements and Instructions

Instructions:

Be a female member of Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women.

Submit a written answer to the question, "In what way do I consider myself a worthy student?"

Send the completed application form to the contact person by May 1 for the Fall semester or October 1 for the Spring semester.

Request that a letter of recommendation be sent to the contact person by the president of the local United Methodist Women or the pastor of the church.

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:

Any member of Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women working to improve her education may apply.

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 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.

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.

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

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 December 1.

Contact Person:

Helen Robinson; N2101 Cleghorn Road; Waupaca, WI 54981

Phone: 715-258-0973

email: pottshe@yahoo.com

**MABEL HEIL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Please Print

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____ Birth Date _____

1. Local Church:

Name & City _____

Pastor _____

Are you a member of United Methodist Women? _____

2. Activities:

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 question using an additional sheet:

IN WHAT WAY DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A WORTHY STUDENT?

Mail to: Helen Robinson
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Waupaca, WI 54981

Phone: 715-258-0973
Email: pottshe@yahoo.com

2020 Sister Units:

Our District Team Members have the pleasure of being the “Contact Sisters” for the following UMW Units. The District Team welcomes questions and/or invitations to assist the unit. The contact information is found in their individual articles in this newsletter.

Carol Anderson - Berlin, Markesan

Rose

Joan Burk-Miller - Mercer, Minocqua,
Rhineland

Angy Gouker - Norwalk, Trempealeau, Wautoma

Ruby Dow - Amherst, Winding River (New
Lisbon)

Carol Hornby - Alma Center, Tomah

Nancy Flath - Mauston, Plainfield, Wausau
Wesley

Evelyn Schneider - Wausau First, Wisconsin Rapids

Suzanne Goldsmith - Merrilan, Sparta

Arlene Trull - Rockland, South Burr Oak,
Tomahawk

Lynette Gates - Black River Falls, Cataract
Margaret Getzin - Almond, Port Edwards, Wild

Cindy Tyjeski - Antigo, Mattoon

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Return Address you want used

Bulk Mail

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RETURN ADDRESS REQUESTED

Address

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