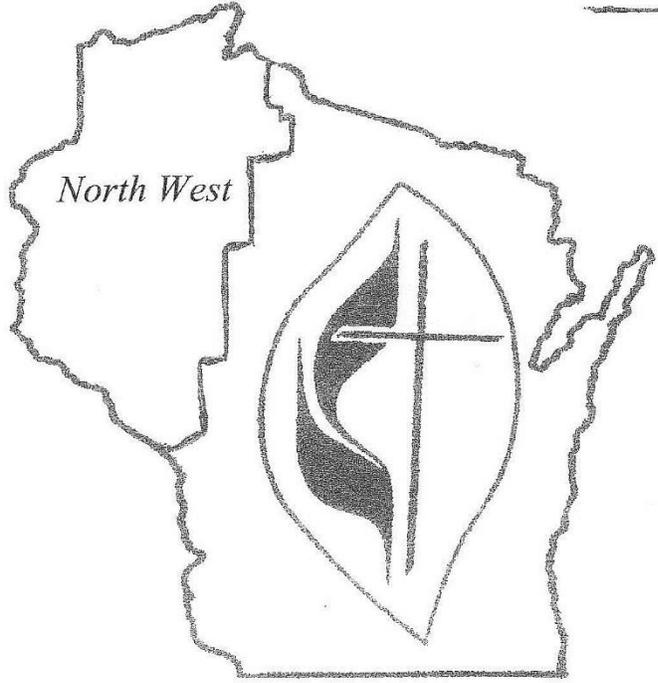


North West District  
United Methodist Women

Newsletter

# The WEAVER



AUGUST  
2022



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to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and  
to expand concepts of mission through  
participation in the global ministries of the church.



### **A message from our North West District Team's President.....**

**Liz Dempsey**

Our theme wraps around CHANGE. Change can be disturbing, or we can look at change as a challenge and work to make it work for us. Some of us may think that National has “hurtled” into change without reasonableness. However, as I talked with our Fall speaker, Deb Patee we knew and have understood the reason for change. But we question how many of our long-time members can operate in the changes. I am a virtual newcomer in United Methodist Women, now United Women in Faith. Having studied our Mission materials since 2010 or 11, I treasure that our outreach is spread around the globe and still has much to reach. **BUT WE ARE NOT DONE BY A LONGSHOT!**

As the United Methodist Churches struggle with addressing separation or not, we must move forward. The work on behalf of women and children across the globe is a treasure we cannot abandon.

The work that started in the 1860's by women of faith in the Methodist Church is “treasured work” that has carried the message of our need to share the message of Jesus wherever it is not being heard and to support women and children in their life and livelihood struggles is a work we cannot abandon. The angels of mercy and enlightenment in UMW, now UW in Faith, do not want this work to crumble and die.

**Absolutely not!** The Legacy Fund was one part of the effort to ensure that the work could go on. The other is clear.....we need to embrace changes that go with the times we are living in. And that is instant messaging through cellular and computers in our churches if not in our homes.

But that is not easy to achieve when many of our regions throughout our country don't have effective enough cellular capability and many of us do not have computer knowledge in those of us who prefer direct eye contact and those who cannot afford these new methods of communicating right in the home. Therefore, it will be our job **together** to find ways to keep us up to date, alert us to opportunities to share the vision and continue the work that we've been doing for years, whether that be in the basement of our churches working together on tasks that will allow our neighbors throughout the globe know that we care for them or coming to the church for the ‘zoom messaging’. So, let's give a shout to the word “CHANGE” and understand that it will

take our regions where we don't have the best of messaging capability and find ways to do THE WORK OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN OF OLD and THE WORK OF UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH!

Let us work together to make things **HAPPEN** in these instantaneous **TIMES OF CHANGE!** Join together in our North West District UM in FAITH Fall Gathering on September 17<sup>th</sup> at Barron UMC or join us via ZOOM on your computer.

Blessings, Liz

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**From the desk of our North West District Team's Treasurer...  
Annette Pederson**



United Women in Faith

Summer is finally here! I hope all of you have been able to enjoy this beautiful summer weather.

The Give page of the July/August response magazine reminds us of the Mission Giving symbol that was introduced in 1987. The symbol has been used to indicate programs and people supported by our Mission Giving.

This page further reminds us how our mission giving is interdependent with people around the world, stressing we can accomplish more together.

Our district mission giving continues to come in slowly. Through the end of June, we have paid only 33% of our conference pledge. Continue to give what you can and contact me if you have any questions.

Annette

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**2023 Pledge to Mission  
North West District United Women in Faith**

THE \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT OF THE NORTH WEST DISTRICT UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH PLEDGE \$ \_\_\_\_\_ FOR 2023. WE REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF MISSION GIVING AND WILL ASK GOD'S HELP TO FULFILL THIS PLEDGE.

MISSION GIVING IS NEEDED TO MEET THE DISTRICT PLEDGE TO THE CONFERENCE.

Please bring this form to the Fall Gathering on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 or mail to:  
Annette Pederson

S11950 Hillview Road  
Eleva, WI 54738

\*\*\*\*\*This is your pledge for 2023. Do not send pledge money until 2023\*\*\*\*\*



## **A Message from our North West District Team's Social Action Coor.....Laura Ida**

Greetings United Women in Faith!

Ah Summer! I hope that you have enjoyed some moments of refreshment during this beautiful time of the year! As we see the beauty around us, and as flowers bloom and veggies and fruits ripen, we know that the time is always ripe for Social Action!

An always prevalent need in summer is our local food shelf. When school is not in session, food shelves normally experience a higher demand of need especially for young families. Consider buying some extra items or making a financial donation to a food shelf in your community.

As I write this article, there is another report of a mass shooting.... Deep breath.....prayers.....but what will our actions be? United Women in Faith tackle important but tough issues like these! At Assembly, Harriet Jane Olson, General Secretary of United Women in Faith, reminded us that we can partner with God to make God's vision and work a reality. That means ACTION!

This summer Harriet has offered her response regarding gun violence. I will share some of her thoughts with you. "We have lost children, adults, and family members to gun violence in recent weeks. Of course, these precious individuals are not the first. Despite a long litany of mass shootings and nearly 19,384 individual shooting deaths that occur across our country annually, our nation seems unable to generate the resolve to make a substantive response."

Harriet offers suggestions to us:

1. Make partnerships with statewide groups such as "Dignity in Schools." Despite gridlock at the national level, state work in this area can be powerful.
2. From our work on Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline, we know the answer is NOT to put more law enforcement personnel or weapons in schools. This is detrimental to young people and in recent horrific incidents, the presence of trained persons with weapons was not effective to save lives.
3. Remember that while mental health care is a critical need across our country, there is no correlation between mental health needs and mass shootings. Please do not allow our yearning for action be assuaged by setting up persons who need mental health care as villains. Rather, insist on adequate funding for counselors and mental health services in schools and communities.
4. Contact your senators and representatives to let them know that common-sense regulations to reduce mass murder is something that needs their urgent attention.

- Partner with organizations that have been working in this area for a long time and have evidence of things that work. Now is not the time to wring our hands, we know that raising the age at which it is possible to legally purchase and possess guns, conducting universal background checks, red flag laws, and limiting access to assault weapons have been effective.

Let's remember when we wonder if we can do anything that matters, that Jesus used a parable about yeast leavening the bread. This can suggest that each of our actions, no matter how small, can rise up like a loaf of bread, to help with critical work in God's Kin-dom!

Yours in Social Action, Laura Ida

*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God."*

----- Matthew 5:9

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**A message from our North West District Team's Membership, Nurture & Outreach Coord.....Cheryl Starr**

Greetings from Osceola!

It is July 15<sup>th</sup> as I write this article. Can you believe the summer is half over? It's hard to believe with the hot weather we've had, but there are hints.... we have had beautiful sunsets but I have noticed the sun is setting earlier, and school supplies are showing up in the stores.

In two weeks, I will be attending Mission U in Watertown. This will be my first in-person Mission U (and just my 2<sup>nd</sup> Mission U ever, since I did *Pushout* last year on zoom). I hope this will be my opportunity to meet some of you in person! I've heard positive reports from members of our Osceola UMW who are doing Mission U on zoom this year and I'm really looking forward to this opportunity to study Luke together with other women of faith!

An important reminder: The end of June I sent out the information for the 2021 Unit Survey to all unit presidents in the Northwest District. If your President doesn't have email, I sent it to an officer that did have email. This survey is to be completed by August 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions about this survey, please contact me or Katrina Willis, our Wisconsin Conference Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator (608-658-3109 or [katrinav.willis@outlook.com](mailto:katrinav.willis@outlook.com))

In the meantime, I hope you are all creating some memories for Summer 2022. One of my favorite verses is Psalm 118:24, "This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it." Yes, rejoice and be glad in each day of summer: the beauty, the bounty from our gardens and the special times with family and friends.

Blessings, Cheryl Starr

**Women to be remembered during the Memorial Service at  
the Fall Gathering September 17<sup>th</sup>**

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM LISTING THE NAME/NAMES OF THE UNIT MEMBERS DECEASED FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2022. IF THERE ARE NO DECEASED MEMBERS FROM YOUR UNIT, STILL SUBMIT A FORM. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE USED ON THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT.

UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF

DECEASED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Please send by September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to:

Cheryl Starr  
411 River Street  
Osceola, WI 54020

*Remembering.....At our Fall Gathering, the following women were remembered and honored having passed from their earthly life to eternal life with God in His Kin-dom between the dates of September, 2020 through August 31, 2021. Please forgive my mistake for not printing this information earlier.*

**Barron:** Lois Amdall, Lois Anderson, Lois Anderson, Bev Busick

**Chippewa Falls Trinity:** Betty Leander

**Cumberland:** Jeanette Burner, Lois Meyer, Betty Zager, Marcy Knowlton

**Eau Claire Lake Street:** Lena Thompson, Rev, Sandra Hamilton, Dottie Carpenter, Diane Boetcher

**Exland:** Betty Bartlett

**Grantsburg Central:** Norma Kratchmer

**Holcombe:** Helen Wagar, Ruth Jiskra

**New Auburn:** Virginia Young, Ellen Mark

**New Centerville:** Mathilda Rudesill, Neoma Felde

**New Richmond:** Dorothy Bishop

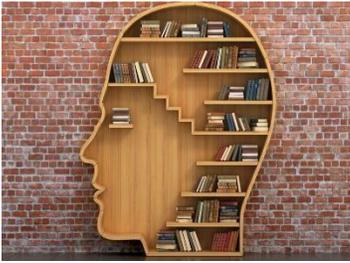
**Prairie Farm:** Darlene Wilcox

**River Falls:** Mary Van, Dorothy Webester

**Rock Elm:** Betty Olson

**Spooner:** Pearl Andrea, Muriel Mitchell, Florence Millard, Darlene Heller, Judy Andrea, Mavis Cook, Sue Staves

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**Inspiration to READ from our North West District Team’s Program Reading Coor.....Cherie Bingham**

Greetings to all of our North West District United Women in Faith!

I am writing this mid-July and, once again, I can’t believe how fast the summer is going. I am sure your days are going quickly as well, but I’m hoping you have taken some time to read a book, or listen to a Podcast, from our Program Resource selections.

We are nearing the end of our 2021-2022 reading program. Per the national Reading Program website there have been no updates to the program since February 2021, other than the books added to the 2021-2022 list mid-2021. The new United Women in Faith website is now at: **uwfaith.org**. There you will find headings for Podcasts, Response Magazine, 2022 Reading Program, Mission U Curricula, and Shop. Each category is following by a link to ‘Learn more’. This will take you to further information for each heading. Under the Reading Program heading you can find the reporting form, previous year Reading Program catalogs, as well as the 2021-2022 catalog. The 20212022 catalog includes information about the different book categories, bonus books, podcasts, etc., as well as criteria for Plans I-IV. While the new website is a ‘work-in-progress’, it is getting easier to use.

For the 2021-2022 Reading Program you could either submit a list for each year separately or a combined 2021-2022 report. Last year I received many 2021 lists, but if you didn’t get yours in you can report those books on the report for this year. If you did submit a 2021 list, then just report the new books read this year on your reporting form for 2022. Books from the 2017 through 2021/2022 list can be used. There is no information available yet on the 2023 program. Please send your Reading Reports to me by December 1, 2022. I would really like a phone number or current email address on the form, plus your name & address, in case I have questions or need to contact you. Mail them to me at:

Cheryl Bingham, 19474 234<sup>th</sup> Street, Cornell, WI 54732. My phone number is 608712-7820.

Blessings to each of you!

Cheri Bingham

The Reading Program Report form is on page 8 of the Weaver.

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# REPORT OF COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

(Send completed form to your secretary of program resources or equivalent according to your conference's schedules.)

I have completed the required reading for PLAN \_\_\_\_\_. The books I have read are listed on the reverse side.

LOCAL UNIT \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CONFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

NAME:	PLAN CHOSEN:	I	II	III	IV
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Leadership Development					
Nurturing for Community					
Social Action					
Spiritual Growth					
response					

Reporting Form  
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Wisconsin Conference UMW  
**Mission Today Local Unit Report Form**  
**Year 2022**

Presidents of **ALL local units**, please complete the form below even though you may not qualify as a Mission Today unit. Refer any questions to Barb Bender, E&I Coordinator, at 715-455-1471 or your district sister. **Return form by December 1<sup>st</sup>** to 328 8 ¼ St., Prairie Farm, WI 54762. Report on criteria used during the year 2022.

**Name of Church:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

On the back of this you will find the Mission Tasks for 2022 listed with a check box to be checked if your unit has accomplished the specific tasks under the criteria Faith, Hope, Love, and In Action. *There will also be a check box inside of a larger box where you can describe actions your unit took that you believe fulfill the criteria of Faith, Hope, Love and Action.* Many of your units undertake tasks that fit your locale and your membership more effectively. In order to count these undertakings as suitable to count as one of two tasks accomplished by your unit for consideration as Mission Today Award, describe them clearly. They will need to carry out the mission (purpose) of that criteria.

i.e.

**Faith:** must have the purpose *of strengthening faith in God and the personal relationship with Him while maturing and growing spiritually.*

**Hope:** must have the purpose *of increasing knowledge through attendance at personal growth educational gatherings, implementing and/or studying social action issues, as well as encouraging those outside of UMW to increase understanding and knowledge of social issues.*

**Love:** must have the purpose *of building relationships inside and outside of UMW.*

**Action:** must have the purpose *of service and mission tasks.*

Please report on any new criteria tried this year:

Comments:

**MISSION TODAY REPORT FORM – Tasks for 2022**

Becoming a Mission Today UMW means that you have completed two (2) tasks from each criterion: Faith, Hope, Love, and Action. Think outside the box; there may be things you did this year that fit the criteria. The box following each criterion allows you to explain something that you feel fit the criteria you find on the other side of this form. The challenge each year is to try at least 1 new criterion during the year.

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

- Plan programs that encourage spiritual growth. (occasionally used Program book or *Response* magazine)
- Create prayer partners with other church groups. (Prayer chains, World Day of Prayer, etc.)  Pray using the Prayer Calendar at meetings.
- Organize the spiritual growth study from Mission u, possibly several evenings/weeks.

*HOPE – to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ;*

- Take advantage of opportunities through UMW. (Mission u, Spiritual Growth Retreats, Annual Gatherings, Mission Action Day)
- Set aside a time to go over the year’s plans using Mission Today Mission Tasks.  Implement the Charter for Racial Justice.
- Present a mission study from Mission u, inviting church members.

*LOVE – to develop a creative, supportive fellowship;*

- Honor the organization’s leaders and member’s contributions with Special Mission Recognition pins.
- Encourage everyone to visit or invite visitors to/from other local UMW organizations.
- Publicize your events using newsletters, bulletin boards, Sunday bulletins, social media, phone calls, etc.
- Plan a year-end program to give thanks and celebrate your accomplishments.
  - Plan visits to former members or friends of UMW who are unable to attend due to illness or residing in rest homes, etc.

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

- Encourage all members to participate in the Pledge for Mission; give reports of where the money goes.
- Involve all members in fundraising (think outside the box)
- Contribute to scholarships related to UMW programs such as Mission u and seminar experiences.
- Partner with a mission institution such as Harbor House, Northcott, or UM Children’s Services of Wisconsin.

Eau Claire Lake Street Harvest Market

Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

9am to noon

Start your Saturday morning with coffee and a sweet roll, then shop for more treats and treasures such as items found in.....

Bakery, Candy, Pantry, Cards, Knit & Crochet, Woodworking and Crafts.

Gather up your friends and come to Lake Street UMC, 337 Lake Street, Eau Claire on the corner of Lake and 4<sup>th</sup> and support local and world-wide missions



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SAVE THE DATE.....SAVE THE DATE.....SAVE THE DATE.....

Conference Annual Gathering

Friday and Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Baraboo UMC

Theme: HEALING and JOY

More information and registration forms will be available at the Fall Gathering at Barron UMC September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022.



**Be informed message from our North West District Team's Education and Interpretation Coor.....Barbara Bender**

God is Good.....All the Time "No one is good.....except God only."

-Luke 18:19

God is Good!

Goodness is one of the many fruits of the Spirit – one of the many wonderful characteristics to be grateful for. God helps us even when we do dumb things; we just need to admit our mistakes and ask God for His help. This is Wisdom.

I trust that one of the decisions that your unit has made is to work on the goals for Mission Today and complete the form and return it by December 1, 2022. Let's all make an effort to get them back to me...100%!!! The reporting form is in this Weaver, pages 9 & 10.

**Soul Care from our North West District Team's Spiritual Formation Coor.....**

**Billie La Bumbard**



Bible study is like a shower...you rinse off the old and feel new and clean...

As we focus on the Parables, we expand our understanding of Jesus. We praise God for this opportunity. Phil 2:1-5.

*“Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort in love, any sharing in the Spirit, any sympathy, complete my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, being united, and agreeing with each other instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others. Adopt an attitude that was in Christ Jesus.”*                      *Philippians 2:1-5*

I have been reading the Yada Yada series by Neta Johnson. This is about a group of women, a diverse group, that attend an evening gathering, a bit like assembly.

They are divided into breakout prayer groups at that assembly.

They become a prayer group of about 12 women that continue to meet and pray for a year or more. One thing that I learned from them is that you can pray the Psalms. You can pray for praise, for lament, for healing or when feeling oppressed. And to pray when you don't know the word to say.

I have found many Psalms that are good for praying and fit the moment in my life. Soooo..... I got to thinking about praying the parables and the Psalms! Just free form prayers as they come to mind on my walk or wherever I happen to be at the time. An example might be....

“Lord am I like your fig tree? If so, I really need some fertilizer, some nourishment at this time. Don't cut me down yet, give me some time to bear fruit. Help me to grow in this garden that you have placed me. Thank you, Lord, for your grace. Amazing grace. Amen”

I have a few Psalms that I recommend for one-line prayers:

Psalms 100, 107, 121, 23, 138: 1-2 or 7-9 & 139 (pick a line or two and repeat them as prayer) In closing .....

“Let's pray... Lord Jesus help us this day to find new understanding of your Parables and to be willing to try praying the Psalms. Bless all our sisters in Christ. Help us as we try new ways to pray. Help us to pray the Psalms and use our new understanding of the Parables. Amen.”

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# Record Keeping from our North West District's Secretary .....Karen Leichtle



## SLATE OF OFFICERS FORM FOR LOCAL UMW UNIT FOR 2023

Local Church \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Please print or type the information on this form. **Include all information requested** including the area code, phone numbers and email addresses if available. Please include your unit's meeting dates, times and places.

**RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM BY October 1, 2022 OR AS SOON AFTER YOUR OFFICER SLATE FOR 2023 IS COMPLETED. THANK YOU.**

**PRESIDENT** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**MISSION COORDINATOR FOR SOCIAL ACTION**

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**COORDINATOR FOR PROGRAM RESOURCES**

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**COORDINATOR FOR EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION**

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**COOR FOR MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE & OUTREACH**

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**NOMINATIONS CHAIRPERSON** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT MEETING DATES & TIMES (ALSO PLACE IF OTHER THAN CHURCH):

**Please return by to:**

**North West District Secretary as soon as possible** Karen Leichtle

N 8207 9970<sup>th</sup> St., River Falls, WI 54022

kleigtle@comcast.net

715-425-8541

# EMBRACING CHANGE



NORTH WEST DISTRICT UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

2022 FALL GATHERING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2022.....9AM TO NOON

BARRON UMC, 145 MEMORIAL DRIVE, BARRON, WI

**We are asking each local unit for your participation in our theme of ‘Embracing Change’’. We all have experienced the pandemic, are experiencing fewer ladies participating in meetings and programs and encouraging younger women to join has been not too successful and now a name change!! We want to know what each local unit has done to stay connected, increase participation, welcome younger members and supporting missions through fund raising. Come to the Fall Gathering prepared with your ideas, attempts and suggestions to bolster us all in this time of Embracing Change.**

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## REGISTRATION FORM

Please attach the names of all women from your unit attending the in-person event in Barron or copy this form for each individual woman to complete. Please print.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Local Unit** \_\_\_\_\_

First time at a Fall Gathering? \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Needs \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDCARE: \$3 per child/ \$5 per family Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_ **Registration**

**Fee of \$15 and Mission Offerings:**

Make checks payable to.....

North West District UMW (memo: registration or Mission Outreach offering) **Mail**

**Registrations and Mission Outreach offerings to:**

Annette Pederson  
S11950 Hillview Road  
Eleva, WI 54738

**OR** register by sending an email to Annette Pederson at.... [annettepederson@centurylink.net](mailto:annettepederson@centurylink.net) and bring your registration fee and mission outreach offering to the gathering.

**The Fall Gathering will also be presented as a ZOOM Event, if you would like to attend via a computer, click on the following link to register.** Here is a link to the registration form:

<https://wisconsin-reg.brapp.com/UMWNorthWestGatheringSept>

If you reading this on a hard copy and would like to participate in the Fall Gathering via a computer, please register by sending your name and the email address that reflects which computer you will viewing from to Chris at

[24x7gig@gmail.com](mailto:24x7gig@gmail.com), and I will register you using the link.

You will also need to send a registration fee of \$10 to.....

Annette Pederson S11950 Hillview Road Eleva, WI 54738

## Speaker: Deb Pattee

Deb is a tiny woman with abundant energy, enthusiasm, creativity, knowledge and a humble heart to serve others, always doing her best all for God's glory.

Many of you may recall Deb leading a Spring Day of Enrichment a few years back on the topic of "Taking Care of God's Creation". Deb has an excellent way of reaching inside our minds to start us thinking outside the box.... outside the normal expectations.

Or many of you will recall Deb when she was the Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women - Spiritual Growth leader. She led us with an uplifting spiritual, musical, prayer and meditation at one of the first virtual zoom events. Deb connected with each one of the ladies through the screen of our computers.

Deb is presently the Wisconsin Conference United Women in Faith - Vice President, which also means that she is partnering with the Dean of Mission u for 2022, and will then be the Dean of Mission u in 2023.

Now, at the North West District Fall Gathering 2022, Deb will be our guest speaker addressing the theme of "Embracing Change". The past few years, all local units were faced with change.... experiencing the pandemic is just the start of that change. Join us on September 17 as Deb embraces change and how we as United Women in Faith can move forward, strong women making a difference in our world by putting FAITH, HOPE and LOVE in ACTION.

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Schedule for the day.....

8:30am registration begins

9am – Welcome

9:15am Devotions

9:30am Business meeting

10:30am Brunch

11am Program – Deb Pattee

11:45am Mission Outreach – Pastor Joel

12:15 Discussion/Closing

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## Mission Outreach Speaker: Rev Joel Certa-Werner

A long-time pastor of Superior Faith UMC, Pastor Joel is now the pastor of the Elk Mound Trinity UMC. Pastor Joel has recently spent an extended period of time at the Mid-West Distribution Center, learning, receiving on the job training and gaining information on those little things we need to know to make our donations appropriate for the Distribution Center, especially during these times of critical needs. Pastor Joel will speak on his experience and share with us important information that will truly help in preparing for a donation collection. The Mid-West Distribution Center will be our Mission Outreach. If your local unit would like to make a financial donation, please bring your check to the gathering or send it directly to Annette Pederson at S11950 Hillview Road, Eleva, WI 54738. Please make checks payable to North West District

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**When I started as the editor of the Weaver, I received a list of names and addresses of more than 150 women. I tried my best to condense the list and I took off maybe 20 to 25 names. However, starting in 2023, my list of names will start at ZERO!!! I will add the names of the local unit's President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, as indicated, will receive the Weaver via US mail or via e-mail. The rest of you ladies will need to complete the form below for a hard copy of the Weaver or email me your e-mail address to receive the Weaver via email.**

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