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Coulee District UMW**(((ECHOES)))****VOLUME 2, ISSUE 3****AUGUST 2014****From the President's Pen**

Hello! Where has the year gone? Time seems to go by faster and faster, but United Methodist Women continue to progress forward to accomplish their mission of helping people around the world and at home. The programs presented this year were meaningful and informative. Clusters were in May this year with the topic "Elder Abuse". All three groups had excellent speakers and gave us relevant information to pass on to other UMW members.

Mission u in Wausau was attended by six Coulee District officers. The study topics this year were: Roma of Europe, Church and People With Disabilities, and How is it With Your Soul? Our team members said each topic was interesting and the study leaders did a good job of presenting the material. We all came away more informed and thoughtful.

The Coulee District UMW has two more events coming up. One is the Annual Celebration, which will be held at Benton, WI, on September 13. The registration form is in this newsletter. The other event is Day of Enrichment which will be held at Viroqua, WI, on November 1. There is no registration for Day of Enrichment.

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Social Action

Hello, United Methodist Women!

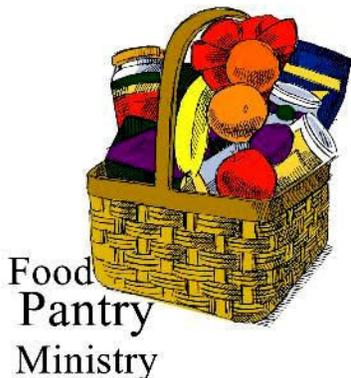
What is Social Action? I am sharing some examples that came mainly from Response Magazine.

1. In the 21st Century, there are more slaves on earth than at any time in the history of the world.
2. At least 80% of humanity lives on less than \$10 a day. Most of our children around the world live in poverty.
3. In Carol Stream, Illinois, UMW make plastic mats from plastic bags for homeless veterans in Chicago.
4. Different churches each week bring their VBS programs to the Rosa Valdez Early Childhood Learning Center in Tampa, FL.
5. My Daughter's Place in Liberia, Africa, gives young women affected by 20 years of war an economic beginning and also counseling and education in reproductive rights and family planning.
6. UMW Nation Missions along with the US-Mexico border provide hospitality for women and children fleeing Central America.

All of you are supporting these social Action efforts with your Pledge to Mission and other mission giving offerings. You are also doing social action when you give to local food pantries and clothing distributions.

Keep up the great work you are doing.

~Jane Prouty, Coulee District Social Action Coordinator



Making Life Better

By Carol M. Lange, Spiritual Growth Coordinator

I visited with a friend at the grocery store last week. We talked about the generosity of folks who gave of their time and money during the clean-up following the tornado in Platteville. We continued the conversation about other “acts of kindness “ in our community. She said that her motto is “Whatever makes life better.”

I’ve thought about her comment many times lately, and ask myself, what have I done that makes life better for someone? Acts of kindness lift spirits and deepen an awareness of our relationships. What have you done lately to make life better? Greeted someone with a smile? Called a friend to let her know you are thinking about her? Written a friendly note? Sent a card to wish someone a happy birthday? Given a contribution to UMCOR or a mission project? Whispered a prayer for someone or for world peace? It is something to think about.

Also, I need to mention that we will remember our UMW sisters who passed away between September 2013 and August 2014 at the memorial service at the Annual Celebration. Each one will be remembered with a white carnation that members from your unit may take with them. A form on which to indicate the member of your unit who passed away is contained in this newsletter. I will send a follow up letter to unit presidents in a few weeks.

I’ll see you at the Annual Celebration.

Carol



From the Vice President’s Pen

Here we are again, time for Annual Celebration September 13th. Please preregister for this event so we can give the church a lunch count. I am looking forward to seeing all of you there. This year the Benton UMW has graciously excepted to host our event. I am looking forward to hearing our keynote speaker, Pastor Bill Busch from Richland Center Peace and Trinity UMC. He plans on speaking on a mission trip that he and others went on to Honduras. They are also planning two more trips which he will be talking about in one of the afternoon breakout sessions. The District team will be talking about two of the classes from Mission u at the second breakout session. The third session will be “Imagine No More Malaria”. Nicole Wilkin will be leading this. You will be able to pick two of the three twenty minute afternoon sessions.

Day of Enrichment will be Nov 1st at Viroqua UMC. The speaker will be Dorothy Wetterlin. There is no preregistering, just come that day and join us. Lunch will be provided by the district team. Dorothy is a member of Church Women United and will be speaking on Honduras. Come and find out more interesting details about this area and how you can help.

God Bless

Deb L. Yanske

Coulee District Vice President



Malaria is a disease of poverty, accounting for over 200 million cases every year and killing one person every minute. For nearly two centuries, the people of The United Methodist Church have been working with our brothers and sisters in Africa – serving with the poor and creating solutions to these systemic problems. Building on the success of Nothing But Nets, a new program to fight malaria was created in 2008. This initiative, called Imagine No Malaria, is the extraordinary effort of The United Methodist Church to raise \$75 million by 2015 to end deaths and suffering from malaria in Sub-Saharan Africa. This life-saving campaign funds the distribution of insecticide-treated bed nets along with a sustainable, comprehensive approach of prevention, education, treatment, and communication.

To date, over \$62 million has been raised toward our denominational goal - \$40 million of which was raised in just the last year and a half alone. Through the efforts of the United Methodist Church and our partners, we have successfully cut the death rate from malaria in half in just the last eight years. We've made incredible change, and we aren't done yet.

This year, the Wisconsin Conference UMC has committed to raise \$1 million to support Imagine No Malaria by Annual Conference 2015. We hope each person, church, and community can find ways to get involved with this life-changing project. \$10 can save a life – how many lives will you save?

For more information about how to get involved, please visit the resource table or contact the Wisconsin Imagine No Malaria Field Coordinator, Nicole Wilken at nwilken@wisconsinumc.org or 608-837-7328.

Annual Celebration 2014 Keynote Speakers

Pastor Bill Busch and Melissa Sprecher of Richland Center will be speaking about their July 2014 Mission Trip to Comayagua, Honduras. On this trip a 5 day Free General Healthcare Clinic was offered as well as 4 days of VBS and Life Skills Training that worked with 6 Honduran Churches and 1 orphanage. Pastor Bill and Melissa will present pictures and tell stories on how this missional effort is helping bring hope into a country plagued with hopelessness.

In the Afternoon, conversation will continue on how Wisconsin United Methodist Church can make a direct impact on the lives of Hondurans in various practical and spiritual ways.

In the afternoon one of the breakout sessions will focus on the above topic: No More Malaria.

Coulee District Annual Celebration

September 13, 2014

Viroqua United Methodist church

Keynote Speaker ***Pastor Bill Busch***

Registration Fee \$10.00 Due by Sept. 5th

(After Sept. 5th – \$15.00)

8:30 am – Registration

9:15 am – Gathering & Singing

9:30 am – Morning Session

9:45 am – Keynote Speaker followed by business meeting

1:00 pm – Interest Groups (you choose 2 when you get there)

2:00 pm – Officer recognition – Elections/Officer Installation

Annual Celebration Registration – send to

Stephanie Weber E3937 Lake Rd. Hillpoint, WI 53937

Name : _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Unit _____ email _____

Remembering Our Sisters in Faith

Members Deceased Between Sept. 1, 2013 – August 31, 2014

Return Form to: Carol Lange, 625 N. 4th St., Platteville, 53818

Due September 5th – Names will be recognized at Annual Celebration

NO LATE NAMES WILL BE ACCEPTED - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name of Deceased Member of UMW _____

Unit Name _____

One or two sentences describing the individual

Attach a separate sheet for additional members or information

LOCAL UNIT HAPPENINGS!!!!

MONTFORT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Invite you to hear an update on the Mission work in Haiti
Speaker: Carla Slesch, daughter of Carol Demert
Date: October 9, 2014
Time: 1 p.m.

MONTFORT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Invite you to their Salad Luncheon
Date: October 29, 2014
Time: 12 Noon
Musical Entertainment

-Call Joy Bickford for information: 608-943-6269

LOCAL UNITS..SEND YOUR HAPPENINGS TO THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!!!

U.M.W. Local Unit's Officers Report – 2015

District

VERY IMPORTANT!!! Please return before November 1, 2014– see address below. Thanks!

Local Church Pastor

Church Address # of Members in Unit

Unit Meeting Day & Time

The elected leaders will take office on January 1, 2015.

Please show office year if different than Jan.1, 2015 – Dec. 31, 2015

Please list reason decline in membership if applicable: _____

Please print or type. Thank you!

President	Name		Phone	
	Address			
	City	State	Zip Code	
	Email			
Vice-President	Name		Phone	
	Address			
	City	State	Zip Code	
	Email			
Secretary	Name		Phone	
	Address			
	City	State	Zip Code	
	Email			
Treasurer	Name		Phone	
	Address			
	City	State	Zip Code	
	Email			

It would be very helpful if all local units could elect their officers for 2015 by the end of October 2014. ALSO, please include number of members and meeting time.

Thanks! Return by Nov. 1, 2014 to Jackie Rosenbaum, 27153 Maple Ridge Lane, Richland Center, WI 53581.

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Program Resources	Name		Phone	
	Address			
	City	State	Zip Code	
	Email			
Nominations Chair	Name		Phone	
	Address			
	City	State	Zip Code	
	Email			
Communications	Name		Phone	
	Address			
	City	State		
	Email			
Education & Interpretation	Name		Phone	
	Address			
	City	State	Zip Code	
	Email			
Membership Nurture Outreach	Name		Phone	
	Address			
	City	State	Zip Code	
	Email			
Social Action	Name		Phone	
	Address			
	City	State	Zip Code	
	Email			
Spiritual Growth	Name		Phone	
	Address			
	City	State	Zip Code	
	Email			
Other	Name		Phone	
	Address			
	City	State	Zip Code	
	Email			

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE MISSION TODAY UNIT (Revised 4/16/11)

**To become a MISSION TODAY Unit, the unit must meet eight of the following criteria,
including four of those marked with an asterisk (*)**

1. Use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting to pray for mission workers and Projects.*
2. The unit will make and meet its Pledge to Mission.*
3. The unit will add at least one new member to its roll.*
4. The unit will have at least one member subscribe to response magazine.*
5. The unit will use two programs from the Program Book for United Methodist Women each year.*
6. The unit or circle will conduct at least one mission study a year.*
7. The unit will implement the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in at least one way during the year.*
8. At least one member of the unit (other than a conference or district officer) will attend the Conference School of Christian Mission
9. At least two members (other than a conference or district officer) will attend the District Meeting or Conference Annual Gathering.
10. The unit will have at least one person join the United Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information. Web address: <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/act/network/>
11. Members will write or Email to five persons listed in the Prayer Calendar each year.
12. The unit will participate in the Campaign for Children in at least two ways.
13. The unit will be a Five Star unit, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving.
14. Each unit or circle will include a response magazine moment where an item from the magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
15. Have at least two people from the unit, circle or subgroup complete one of the Reading Program Plans and report on one of the books read; encourage all members to complete Plan One, have a book review program.
16. The unit will invite a district or conference officer, other than that of a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings during the year.
17. Make a pledge to care for God's creation and become a "Green" United Methodist Women unit (Get information on How to Become a Green Unit at <http://www.umwonline.org/environment> or contact Women's Division Community Action.
18. Hold a Mini-Spiritual Growth Retreat. See Program Book for ideas.
19. Unit to contribute at least \$25.00 for School of Christian Mission.

Unit Name: _____

We certify by signing of this form that our unit completed the following numbered activities and qualifies as a Mission Today Unit:

Write numbers completed here _____

Signed : _____ Officer signing form: _____

Date: _____

Return to Jackie Rosenbaum, 27153 Maple Ridge Lane, Richland Center, WI 53581 by November 1, 2014

Coulee District 2015 Slate of Officers

Office	Officer	Contact
President	Carol Lange	625 N. 4th St., Platteville, WI 53818 608-348-4588
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Treasurer	Stephanie Weber	E3937 Lake Rd., Hillpoint, WI 53937 608-415-8835 everglowingem-
Mission Coordinator:	Open	
Spiritual Growth		
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Nominations Com- mittee	Sherry Krause	See above

Treasurer's Checkbook

Hello Again!

Just a few reminders:

The District Annual Celebration is fast approaching in September and I encourage you to attend. Please fill out the 2015 Pledge to Mission forms in this newsletter and bring them with you. If you are unable to attend, or forget, they can also be mailed.

During the District Annual Celebration 5-Star Awards will be given. Your UMW can receive a 5-Star Award by generously donating to the five categories

of Mission Giving (Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, and World Thank Offering) Since I am new to this position I am really looking forward to making up the certificates and handing them out!

Our Pledge to Conference for 2014 = \$41,000; contributions received as of July 31st = \$15,012. I understand many units hold their fundraisers in the fall, so I am encouraging you to push yourselves during these critical fall months to

meet our goal.

With God all things are possible! When I recall, not so fondly, the bleakness of last winter and know life for so many people is the equivalent of that experience every day; I praise God for every check that arrives in my mailbox. Those offerings you send are like ingredients in our collective "UMW Stone Soup". It helps nourish the body and soul.

Sincerely and God Bless,

Stephanie Weber



Coulee District Team is looking for a few good women!!!

Join the team today! Many offices open! No experience necessary and lots of benefits :)

Contact Sharon Anderson for more details

We would like to personally thank each church that hosted Clusters this year!!

Also thank you each and every one of you who attended this informative event.

If you are a church interested in hosting an event in the future please contact a District Team member and let us know.

Wisconsin Conference Annual Gathering of United Methodist Women
Madison Asbury United Methodist Church
6101 University Ave. Madison
Friday-Saturday, October 17-18, 2014
“A Calling For This Time”

Focus groups are:

- Four different “hands-on” work areas
- District Leadership Training
- UMW 101
- White Privilege
- World Federation of Methodists
- 11 x 15
- Rachel Gabler, Missionary
- Reading List and review of certain books
- Another focus group in the planning—Surprise!!

Scholarships

25 scholarships are available on a first-come first-serve basis. The scholarship covers registration for the event (your motel reservation is on your own).

Registration

EARLY REGISTRATION (before September 29th). The cost is \$25.00, which includes the Friday evening session that begins at 6:30 p.m. and lunch on Saturday. After September 29, registration is \$35.00. Those who register after October 10th are welcome to participate in the programs; however, you will need to make lunch arrangements at one of the local restaurants. Sorry, no exceptions.

Lodging

Blocks of rooms are being held at Country Inn & Suites and Residence Inn by Marriott Madison West. Please make your own room reservation by contacting one of the two hotels below:

Country Inn & Suites
 2212 Deming Way, Middletown
 Phone # 608-831-6970
 Price: \$89.00 for Double Queen rooms
Will be held until September 26th

Residence Inn by Marriott Madison West
 8400 Market Street, Middletown
 Phone # 608-662-1100
 Price: \$99.00 for Studio Suite
Will be held until September 17th

**WISCONSIN CONFERENCE ANNUAL GATHERING OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
OCTOBER 17-18, 2014**

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 29, 2014 - \$25.00 (incl. Sat. lunch)

LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 10, 2014 - \$35.00 (incl. Sat. lunch)

If you register after October 10th, you will need to make your own lunch arrangements for Saturday.
Please PRINT. If registering for more than one person, copy and complete a separate form for each person.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Church _____ District _____

Please check all that apply: Female Male Teen (Teen only: Age _____)

First time attending UMW member Clergy Guest (not a member of UMW)

Office, if any, you hold on the district level: _____

Child Care:

Child Care needed Friday evening for _____ children, ages _____

Child Care needed Saturday for _____ children, ages _____

Please pick up your children and take them to the first lunch seating. Also, please provide a sack lunch for each child or include \$7.50 for each child in the registration total.

Emergency contact information: Name _____

Relationship _____ Phone: Day _____ Evening _____

Requesting a scholarship (25 scholarships available, awarded to the first 25 to make a request).

Requesting First Lunch Seating.

Diabetic or other dietary limitations (Please describe): _____

Please make checks payable to **WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UMW**

Mail to Registrar: Nancy Flath, R2170 County Road Q, Ringle, WI 54471

Email: njudyflath@gmail.com

Phone 715-446-3252

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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

AS A COURTESY TO OUR HOST CHURCH AND PLANNERS, PLEASE BE PUNCTUAL. LET'S BE PARTNERS IN GOD'S MISSION AS WE LEARN, WORSHIP AND GROW TOGETHER.

Secretary's Notes...

This week, when I saw "lists of school supplies" and aisle after aisle of pencils, note books, ring binders, etc. I suddenly realized that summer is almost over! The highlight of my summer was Mission U, a truly wonderful rest for my weary body and soul. The two classes, "How Is it With Your Soul?" and "The Church and People with Disabilities" was exactly what I needed to bring peace to my soul and to heighten my awareness of the "unseen" disabilities and how to become an advocate for our brothers and sisters in the church. Women who attended for the first time, vowed to come back. One first timer who came to Overview Day will set aside time to attend the four day session next year. Thanks be to God!

Preparations by the District Mission Team 608-574-5236

are on the way for our District Celebration at the Benton UMC. The church is a wonderful historic church and the women are very gracious and are eagerly awaiting our arrival.....let's not disappoint them. Come join us for a day of fellowship, learning, good food and a time to renew acquaintances and make new friends. Be sure to make enough copies of the registration form in this issue of the ECHOES to pass around to all the women in your church.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Benton!

Martha Boyer
District Secretary
marta@mhtc.net

Coulee District United Methodist Women 2015 Pledge To Mission

The _____ Unit of the Coulee District UMW pledges
\$ _____ for the year 2015

Treasurer's name, Address, phone number _____

President's Name, Address, and Phone Number _____

Bring this Pledge form to the District Annual Celebration or mail to:

Stephanie Weber, E3937 Lake Rd., Hillpoint, WI 53937

COULEE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Return Service Requested



SAVE THE 2014 DATES:

DISTRICT ANNUAL CELEBRATION	September 13	Benton UMC
CONFERENCE ANNUAL GATHERING	October 17-18	Asbury UMC, Madison
DAY OF ENRICHMENT	November 1	Viroqua UMC