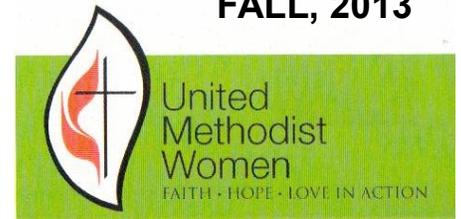


Capital Comments

FALL, 2013



Keeping Capital District United Methodist Women Informed

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Capital District + Annual Gathering



**Saturday, September 28, 2013
at Delavan UMC, Delavan, WI**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Capital District United Methodist Women,
WOW, how time flies! This is the last time I will be writing to you as district president. It seems like just yesterday I was starting. I have learned a lot about the mission of United Methodist Women. I have had the opportunity to visit several units, and made several new friends. Thank you all for your support, especially when I was just starting and trying to figure things out.

I hope you are coming to the Capital District Annual Gathering on September 28 at Delavan United Methodist Church. In addition to the workshops, officers will be able to get together and share ideas. It is also an opportunity to meet other women.

The Conference Annual Gathering is October 18-19 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Madison. The theme this year is "Living the Heart of God." The format will be different this year. The keynote address will be on Friday evening and workshops on Saturday. I hope to see you there.

Registration forms for both of these events are included in this newsletter. Please respect the hosts of both events and register before the deadline. If you register and are unable to attend an event, you can send someone else in your place.

Assembly 2014 is April 25-27, 2014 in Louisville, KY. I hope you will consider attending this event. Early registration ends November 30. The conference is putting together a package for transportation and hotel rooms, but you will need to register for the event separately. There will be more information at the district and conference annual gatherings this fall.

Blessings,

Linda Whitelock

Capital District President

Phone: 608-575-1517 Email: whitelocklinda@att.net



VICE PRESIDENT: WOMEN SPEAK - THE HEART OF UMW

This summer has gone by so fast. Now we are looking at signing up for this fall's Annual Gathering in Delavan. The ladies of Delavan are happy to have us as their guests. They are planning to host us with a catered lunch, so getting your registration in early will be very helpful.

"At the Heart of Our Church" is where United Methodist Women has been for me in my faith journey. Passing this heart to younger generations in the church has been a challenge for many units. Our keynote this year is "Women Speak - The Heart of UMW." It will be a panel discussion with women of different ages answering questions about their UMW experiences. Julia Mayeshiba, our Young Women's Coordinator, will moderate the discussion. During the workshop times, the panel will continue to talk about looking for intergenerational connections which reveal our

place at the "Heart of Our Church" to the women in our home church. Take time to invite and encourage women who are not part of your unit at this time to come and learn about the bigger picture of UMW and their denomination.

An invitation can make a difference!

A few years back my daughter-in-law and son, who had just moved back to Wisconsin, came to the Annual Gathering at Mt Zion UMC in Janesville at my invitation. My son was impressed with what he learned that day. The result is that he helped to restart a men's group at his church and they are hosting events. They also raised money, organized and packed over 140 health kits as a church activity for the annual conference this year. He learned so much that day at the gathering and brought it back to his church.

THERE WILL BE INFORMATIVE AND INTERESTING WORKSHOPS

Here is a glimpse of the other workshops that we will host at this year's gathering:

This is your chance to learn about the **11x15 Project** from David Liners, director for the statewide group WISDOM network that is working to reduce the prison population in Wisconsin by 11,000 inmates before 2015. A growing number of people have broken the laws in this state and are in prison. This project asks us to look at different ways to work with nonviolent offenders in order to keep them out of prison while restoring justice in our communities.

Book Talk, led by Emily Ford, is a fun way to learn about the books that are on the UMW book list. Discuss the books you've read and see what others think. If you love to read, find out more about how the book program works; this would be a great place to get started earning a reading certificate for next year.

"Grow Together"- learn about a project which brings mission to the grounds of the church. Finding affordable fresh vegetables is a challenge for many food banks. Amber Wolover, Deacon at Wellspring UMC in Madison, helped to create a garden to fill that need. Come learn about different gardening techniques and how to bring this mission to your church.

Mission u (formerly known as School of Christian Mission) has great studies to share in the unit and with your church, including **The Call: Living Sacramentally, Living Justly**. This workshop on that study, led by Sharian Foster from Lodi, looks at our denomination's sacraments and their meaning.

Women Speak - The Heart of UMW – this workshop is a chance to ask questions and discuss topics with the panel in more depth.

Your task will be to decide which two workshops to attend and sign up for them on September 28th at the Annual Gathering.

Also at Annual Gathering: training for local unit officers, information about Assembly 2014, and an In-Gathering for the Delavan Food pantry.

For more information about these, and how to submit names in memoriam, see page 4.

Registration forms are on pages 5 & 6 and are due to the registrar by Sept. 21, 2013.

With you in the heart of UMW,
Karen Mayeshiba,
Capital District Vice President

SOCIAL ACTION — MENTAL HEALTH UNDER SEQUESTER

ACROSS-THE-BOARD CUTS HURT THOSE NEEDING MENTAL HEALTH CARE

When Congress passed the Budget Control Act (BCA) last year it imposed immediate spending cuts to discretionary programs by more than \$1 trillion dollars. In essence, sequestration forces automatic, across-the-board cuts to nearly all federal defense and non-defense discretionary programs. These cuts will be disastrous to communities and individuals living with mental health and substance use conditions.

Cuts enacted by sequestration are estimated to reduce non-defense funding anywhere from 7.5 to 12 percent across-the-board. Given that one in every four Americans lives with a mental health or substance use condition and do not receive treatment, maintaining discretionary federal funding for mental health and substance abuse services is pivotal to ensure citizens have access to behavioral health care.

HOUSE GUTS FUNDING FOR PUBLIC HEALTH —10% FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE

The House appropriations bill would gut funding for public health agencies, including a 10 percent cut to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Adm. (SAMHSA). MHA has been a strong proponent of the Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF) because it is

critical to investing in proven prevention activities that we know work to reduce health care costs and keep Americans healthier, including suicide prevention efforts.

Excerpts from Mental Health America (MHA) www.mentalhealthamerica.net

WALKER TURNS DOWN \$2.4 BILLION, LEAVING GAPS IN MENTAL HEALTH CARE

Gov. Scott Walker and the majority party rejected more than \$2.4 billion in additional federal Medicaid funds in the recently passed state budget. Those federal funds would have helped fill critical gaps in access to mental

health care and would have helped pave the way for the recovery and self-sufficiency of thousands of Wisconsinites in need of mental health services.

VOLUNTEERS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We must be diligent in insisting that programs designed to treat those suffering from mental illness are supported. Not all of these programs are operated by government agencies. Many of them succeed through the efforts of volunteers and nonprofit organizations. Local chapters of the National Alliance on Mental Illness are great examples of how volunteers can make a difference. NAMI offers education, support and advocacy

on mental illness for families, friends, consumers and professionals.

This organization is there for those affected by mental illness. More information on NAMI can be found at www.namiwisconsin.org

Excerpts from July 21, 2013 article by Sen. Tim Cullen, D-Janesville

*Elaine Frietsch
Social Action
etfrietsch@aol.com*

MUJILA FALLS AGRICULTURE CENTRE news snips



Our students [learn] how to deliver a calf. Special thanks to Amon Mlotswa...

Three new students ... start with manure hauling 101.



Get the whole story on Facebook: www.Facebook.com/MujlaFallsAgCentre

Malaria kills more people in Africa than does HIV-AIDS.Over 30 United Methodists within our District died [from malaria] between Christmas and Easter....

SPIRITUAL GROWTH—HEARING THE CALL...

THE CALL: LIVING SACRAMENTALLY, LIVING JUSTLY

Our spiritual growth class at Mission u was one of the most thought-provoking classes I have ever taken. First we were challenged to study what our baptism and taking communion - our two sacraments - mean to us today.

Then we were led into meditating about our call as Christians. What does it mean to live sacramentally and walk justly? It includes doing our best to help the marginalized people around us. This includes people we know who are living in poverty.

In a recent TIME magazine, a French mayor, Gilles Bourdouleix, when seeing a caravan of Travelers, was quoted as saying, "Maybe Hitler didn't kill enough of them."

We also learned about the Roma - the gypsies of Europe. They are still marginalized and persecuted. Perhaps we have to take time to look at what we are doing as works of mercy.

Perhaps we need to take time in our schedule to make room for meditation and devotion and other practices of life discipline. Let me encourage you to share programs next year in your units. I look forward to seeing you at our Annual Gathering in September. May God bless the UMW and all they do.

Linda J. Whitelock - Spiritual Growth Coordinator

By Sept. 14, please send Laura Pfeffer the names (and photos, if available) of your UMW unit members who have passed away this last year. They will be lifted up in the memorial service at the Annual Gathering. You may send the names by e-mail (ljspence@aol.com) or by mail (W10132 Koltes Rd., Lodi, WI 53555) Thank you. Include information as indicated below:

In Memoriam from _____ (unit name)

Name: _____ Additional information?: _____

_____ Photo included? _____



MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ANNUAL GATHERING

OFFICER TRAINING – We will be having workshops to train officers for your unit positions. Come find out the latest from your district officers. We are gathering information packets for your units to use and bring back to your church.

ASSEMBLY 2014 IN LOUISVILLE, KY. Information and a display will be available. Wisconsin Conference UMW is putting together a bus / hotel package for attendees. Save money on registration by registering on line. We will have a computer and printer at the Gathering for your registration convenience.

IN-GATHERING PROJECT - DELAVAN UMC FOOD PANTRY. The church in Delavan sponsors a food pantry and they are requesting non-perishable food items. They have pasta, peanut butter, and canned vegetables in abundance; their wish list includes the following:

spaghetti sauce

tuna and other canned meats

canned fruit

mustard and ketchup

flour, sugar

baking mixes



Saturday, September 28, 2013
CAPITAL DISTRICT
 United Methodist Women

ANNUAL GATHERING

Delavan United Methodist Church
 213 South 2nd Street
 Delavan, WI 53115
 262 - 728 - 3644

United Methodist Women - At the Heart of our Church

Featuring:

Women Speak: The Heart of UMW

This keynote panel looks at UMW
and the creation of

intergenerational relationships;

Information about Assembly 2014

and Lunch chat-table topics.



**LUNCH
DISPLAYS
SPEAKERS
ELECTIONS
WORKSHOPS
INSTALLATION
MEMORIAL SERVICE
PROGRAM RESOURCES
UNIT OFFICER TRAINING**

Registration, Coffee, Workshop Sign up &
Program Resources 8:15 a.m.

COST: \$15 ADULT
(\$20 at the door)
\$8.50 TEEN/COLLEGE

CHOOSE FROM 5 WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOPS: (Sign up at the Annual Gathering)

Grow Together: Gardens as a food pantry mission: Amber Wolover

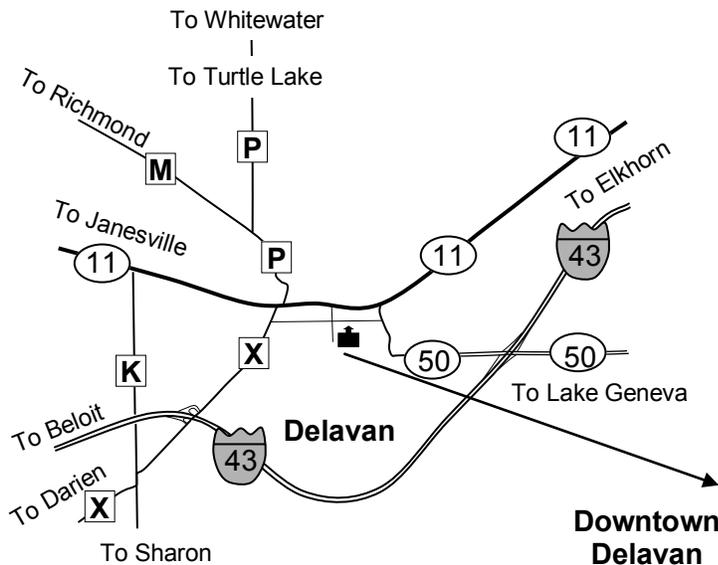
The Call: Living Sacramentally, Living Justly: Sharian Foster
A Mission u Study for Your Church

11x15 Project (to Reduce the Prison Population): David Liners

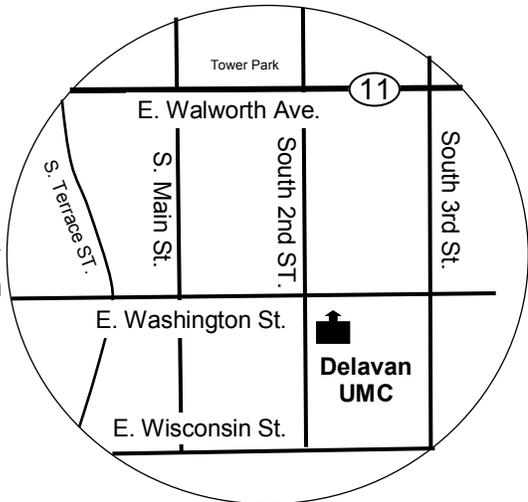
Book Talk (UMW Reading Program): Emily Ford

Women Speak: The Heart of UMW: The keynote panel discussion continues

Bring In-Gathering items for the Delavan Food Pantry—see details on page 4



Delavan United Methodist Church
213 South 2nd St.
Delavan, WI 53115
262 - 728 - 3644



✂ detach here _____

CAPITAL DISTRICT United Methodist Women
ANNUAL GATHERING: September 28, 2013

REGISTRATION FORM DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2013

(Please Print)

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

UNIT OFFICER: Yes _____ No _____ OFFICE: _____

UNIT/CHURCH: _____

INDICATE FOOD ALLERGIES OR SENSITIVITIES _____

REQUEST FOR CHILD CARE: Name & ages _____

(No registration fee, but bring own lunch)

TOTAL DUE: Registration [Adult (\$15) each + Teen/College(\$8.50) each] \$ _____

List any other names & information on a separate sheet

Make check payable to: **Capital District UMW**

Send Form and Check to:

Lorena Holman
504 N. Terrace St.
Delavan, WI 53115
262-728-3600

Reservations are transferable but not refundable

WE ALL STOOD UP TO BE COUNTED! MNO IS HAPPY!

Our Membership Nurture and Outreach Mission Coordinator reports the final update on our 2012 Local Membership Census. With the encouragement of our Conference Membership Nurture and Outreach (MNO) Mission Coordinator, Shirley Carpenter, we achieved 100% reporting from our 29 units. **Our units reported a total of 1,119 members to national for 2012.**

Chippewa District reported the most members--1,433. Second was Coulee District with 1,123, only 4 more than Capital District. As a result of everyone's hard work in 2012 we are set for our 2013 report. In addition, Shirley reported we have 261 units in Wisconsin Conference with a total membership of 7,455.

Thank you everyone for all of your effort to achieve 100% reporting for the District and the Conference!



Have you completed your sister visits for 2013? We have just a few months left this year to reach out. One idea we discussed at our MNO meeting at Mission U in July was the importance of our visits. It's one way to learn about the wonderful mission work that units are doing as well as the struggles they face. Did you know there is a process for activating new units and for units who are considering going inactive? A visit is a way to nurture our sister units in these areas and can be very helpful.

Please let me know if your unit would like a visit from your district sister - particularly if you've not been contacted yet.

Thank you everyone for making the UMW Purpose come alive in your unit. May Faith, Hope and Love guide your activities!

Sue Plasterer
608-274-0275
seplasterer@charter.net

WHAT'S NEW AT NORTHCOTT NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE ?

A group of eight UMW members from Whitewater Area Regional Ministry toured Northcott in June. Adriane Griffin met us and updated the group on what is happening there.

The construction training programs for young men and women are continuing to flourish. Fresh Start, which has been in existence for 10 years now, teaches those enrolled how to build houses (except for plumbing and electrical work), thereby giving them employable skills in the community. This program is of particular benefit for those who have been incarcerated and are now looking for jobs. Northcott also helps these individuals find work once they have completed the necessary job training.

The City of Milwaukee has recently allocated money to tear down some unsightly buildings in the area, and Northcott trainees are assisting in this process of deconstruction and rebuilding. Adriane noted that the atmosphere in the community has changed because more and more people are able to become homeowners and are taking pride in their own property.

One of the sad things we learned is that as of June 30 the Head Start program had to close. Because of the recent sequester of funds, the three Head Start centers, which served approximately 300 children, can no longer operate. In addition, this affects a number of support staff, such as teachers, aides, cooks, and office help. Northcott needs many prayers for help in providing other learning opportunities for the affected children and families.

Don't forget to bring your Campbell's labels to Annual Gathering!

Barb Taylor, Capital District UMW Northcott Representative



THIS IS ALL YOU NEED ↑

Whitewater/LaGrange Women visit Northcott and Hmong House



Northcott Neighborhood House—young men of Fresh Start work on a house.



After lunch at Hmong House of Good News, we all join together for a picture.



THANK YOU FROM HMONG HOUSE OF GOOD NEWS

Thanks to all who participated in the Mission u offering for Hmong House of Good News. At the end of the week, including Overview Day, you had donated \$1663.07! It broke down into these categories: Cook-\$81, Director-\$471, Food-\$266, Rent-\$116.07, Transportation-\$216, Not specified-\$513.

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and sacrifice. When pooled together, the total amount will keep Hmong House going for 2 weeks. Without your help, the elders would not have this wonderful place to come.

In addition, you collected enough Nature's Touch bottle caps and milk labels, as well as Glazer donut ovals, to total \$148 cash reimbursement from the Kwik Trip company. Thank you so much!
But please note, that program is ending on October 1, 2013.

KWIK TRIP PROGRAM ENDS SOON—COLLECT ALL THE LABELS, ETC. THAT YOU CAN AND BRING THEM TO ANNUAL GATHERING!

There has been no indication that Kwik Trip will continue it. SO - please make arrangements to collect all the Moola caps/labels and Glazer donut ovals that you can in Aug. and Sept. and get them to Judy Vasby by Saturday, September 28th, so that she will have time to count and ship them all on Monday, September 30th. Some districts can have women bring their Moola donations to their annual gatherings; other districts will have to figure out another way to collect the items. It can be expensive to mail

caps/labels/ovals, so try to send your collections with someone who is traveling to south central Wisconsin anyway and can connect with Judy in person. Thanks so much for your help. Here is contact information:

Judy Vasby
3000 Clearview Rd.
Cambridge, WI 53523
Phone: 608/576-0173
Email: vasby.umw@gmail.com

EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION—MISSION TODAY REPORTS

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

MISSION TODAY

LOCAL UNIT REPORT FORM YEAR 2013

Presidents of all local units are REQUESTED to fill out and send this form in EACH YEAR, *whether or not your unit qualifies as a Mission Today Unit*. Please refer any questions you may have to your Capital District Mission Team. Your gift of time and effort to fulfill this request is very much appreciated.

Please complete the form below and CHECK OFF the activities listed on the back of this sheet that your unit has completed this year, beginning January 1, 2013. Return the form BY DECEMBER 1 TO YOUR CAPITAL DISTRICT Education and Interpretation Coordinator:

Marilyn Eyster, 122 East Cox Rd., Edgerton, WI 53534.

Email: marilyn.eyster@gmail.com

NAME OF YOUR CHURCH _____

YOUR NAME & ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

CURRENT NUMBER OF UNIT MEMBERS _____

NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES YOUR UNIT COMPLETED IN 2013 _____

DID YOUR UNIT QUALIFY AS A MISSION TODAY UNIT? yes no

ACTIVITIES you did during the year that you want to share: _____

COMMENTS for the District or Wisconsin Conference UMW Mission Team: _____

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE MISSION TODAY UNIT

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.* Some suggested plans of action: ^Plan a unit meeting with a different racial ethnic background, using programs from the Program Book. ^Use Program plan for Charter prepared by Conference. ^Share worship service or meeting with speaker of another culture.
8. At least one member of the unit (other than a conference or district officer) will attend the Conference Mission u.
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.gbqm-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. Possibilities for action: ^Help sponsor a church or community program related to children and youth needs. ^Sponsor a Children's Sabbath, promoted by the Children's Defense Fund. ^Get involved with children in mentoring, tutoring and "big sister" programs. ^Write letters, e-mail, or call congressional representatives and/or others in government regarding children's issues. ^Visit your local school. ^Attend a school board meeting. ^Learn how our schools are funded.
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 Mission u.

****These Guidelines to be used beginning year 2012****

WISCONSIN UNITED METHODIST WOMEN GET PERRY SAITO AWARD

Rev. Perry Saito lived and taught non-violence and respect for all of life. Perry entered ordained ministry in the Rock River Conference. He served at churches in Chicago and in Wisconsin.

Perry's Christian faith, experiences in Japanese internment camps in California during World War II, and his help in founding the Fellowship of Reconciliation brought blessing to the Wisconsin Annual Conference. Perry was a

leading figure in justice and reconciliation ministries regarding peace, poverty, and people's rights.

Since Perry's death in 1985, Wisconsin United Methodist Federation for Social Action has given the Perry Saito Award in his honor, to recognize clergy and laity whose witness and actions reflect the values that Perry taught through word and example.

The 2013 Perry Saito Award was given to the United Methodist Women of Wisconsin for all their remarkable social justice ministries and missions. Dodie Smith and Ruby Dow, past and current Conference Mission Coordinators for Social Action respectively, accepted the award for the Wisconsin United Methodist Women. The award was on display at Wisconsin Mission u.



From the Milton UMW August newsletter

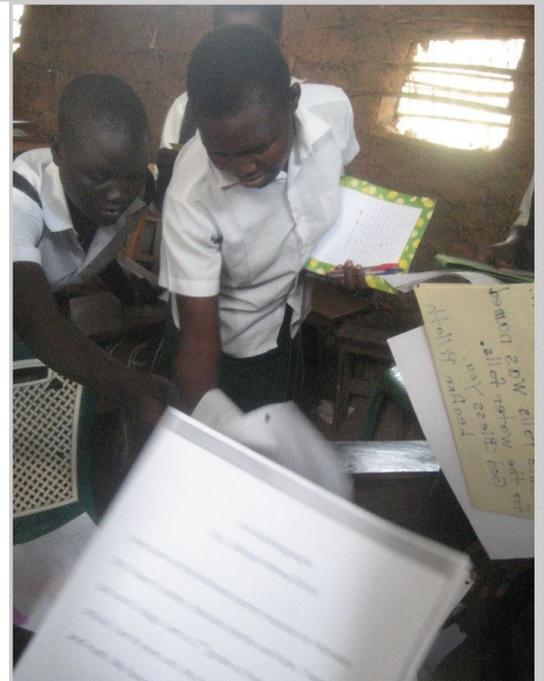
Students in South Sudan Receive Our Letters from Wisconsin

Anita Henderlight's students in South Sudan have received the letters from Wisconsin, including those from our Milton confirmation class, and will be writing their responses soon. Denise Baumgarten, teacher from Wisconsin who is volunteering this summer as a teacher at the school, will be bringing some of the responses when she returns to the US.

Others will be transported by Anita Henderlight when she returns to the states.



Girls in a school class show the letters received from students in Wisconsin. The UMC cross and flame symbol is visible in the letter head of one.



To view additional photos, look for Anita Henderlight on Facebook.

It's never too late to give. Visit <http://africaeli.org> to contribute securely online, or send checks to: Africa ELI, 1550 Centervue Crossing - #107, Knoxville, TN 37932, or through your church - Wisc. Conf. # 7951

Thank you, Friends!

LEGACY Women

Girls' Night Out

Friday night and Saturday

October 18-19, 2013

Guest Speaker: Marva Usher-Kerr, National Office
of United Methodist Women
Special visit from Wisconsin UMC Bishop Hee-Soo Jung.

Cost: \$5.00

Wellspring United Methodist Church
5702 South Hill Drive
Madison, Wisconsin 53705

Young women in 7th-12th grade are invited. Bring your Bible, sleeping bag (or blankets), pillow, and a change of clothing. Snacks provided Friday night. Breakfast and lunch provided on Saturday. Invite a friend and come have some fun!!!

Registration Deadline: **October 4, 2013**

For directions, visit Google: <http://goo.gl/maps/YZWDC>

LEGACY WOMEN GIRLS NIGHT OUT REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Age: _____

Local Church: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Send this registration form and payment to: Chelsey Ganzer, 159 E. 10th Street, Fond du Lac, WI 54937
Questions? Contact: ganzerchelsey@yahoo.com or jmayeshiba@yahoo.com

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE ANNUAL GATHERING REGISTRATION

Wisconsin Conference Annual Gathering of United Methodist Women Madison Asbury United Methodist Church 6101 University Ave. Madison Friday-Saturday, October 18-19, 2013 “Living the Heart of God”

Friday evening will begin with Keynote Speaker, Rev. Ouk-Yean Kim Jueng, Rockford District Superintendent of the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church.

On Saturday, we will continue *Living the Heart of God* through our work as United Methodist Women when we conduct the necessary annual business, praise God through worship, and participate in several mission focus groups.

Focus groups are:

- Four different “hands-on” work areas
- District Leadership Training
- Charter for Racial Justice (in Spanish)
- Serving the Earth
- Disaster Response

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 forms and other specifics will be available at **Mission u** in Wausau.

Registration

- EARLY REGISTRATION (before October 4th) the cost is \$25.00, which includes the Friday evening session that begins at 7:00 p.m. and lunch on Saturday. After October 4th, registration is \$35.00.
- Those who register after October 12th are welcome to participate in the programs, but 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 Fairfield Inn. 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: \$79.00 for Double Queen rooms
Will be held until September 18th

Fairfield Inn & Suites, Marriott
8212 Greenway Boulevard, Middletown
Phone # 608-831-1435
Price: \$89.00 for King rooms
Will be held until September 18th

**WISCONSIN CONFERENCE ANNUAL GATHERING OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
OCTOBER 18-19, 2013**

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 4, 2013 - \$25.00 (incl. Sat. lunch)

LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 12, 2013 - \$35.00 (incl. Sat. lunch)

*If you register after October 12th, 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.

PROGRAM RESOURCES—READING LISTS DUE SEPTEMBER 3, 2013

Turn-in date for this year's book lists is September 3, 2013.

This year's Annual Gathering is on Saturday, September 28th. There is not a lot of time between the list turn-in date and the day of our gathering, but I felt like extending the deadline until after Labor Day. On the lists, please include: book title, category and year.

Bonus books count as two titles and current adult Mission u study books (2013) count as one title in any category. Lists may be sent by email or snail mail to :

Nancy Ramirez (Sec. of Program Resources)
 95 South Ringold St. 608-757-0394
 Janesville. WI 53545 nanoram@att.net
 Call or email me with any questions.

The Reading Program

It is required that we read in all five categories: Social Action, Spiritual Growth, Nurture for Community, Education for Mission and Leadership Development. Leadership Development, the newest category, has selections listed in the 2011-2013 lists.

Plan 1 requires five books read with one in each category as well as reading "Response Magazine."

Plan 2 requires ten books read with two in each category as well as reading "Response Magazine" and "New World Outlook" magazine.

Plan 3 requires completing Plan 2 plus reading five more books in any category.

Plan 4 requires completing Plan 2 plus reading ten more books in any category.

Books can be counted from this year's list and lists from the past five years (2009-2013).

ANNOUNCING ASSEMBLY 2014: MAKE IT HAPPEN!

April 25-27, 2014 in Louisville, KY, at Kentucky International Convention Center

There is an optional pre-event Ubuntu Day of Service on Thursday, April 24.

Assembly is a time for study, worship and fellowship as United Methodist Women members and partners come together from all over the United States and the world.

The Biblical foundation is the feeding of the 5,000, found in Mark 6:30-44

REGISTRATION RATES:

Early online registration	Aug. 1 to Nov. 30	\$225.00
Online registration	Dec. 1 to April 1	\$260.00
Paper mail-in form	Aug. 1 to April 1	\$270.00 (for handling costs)
Ubuntu Day of Service	Until filled to capacity	\$50.00

ASSEMBLY
THEME:



The 2014 Assembly Offering will go toward **maternal health and environmental justice**. United Methodist Women sees these important issues as inextricably linked and critical for the thriving of women, children and youth, to further

our vision of a world in which mothers and children can be nourished by clean water, air and soil, in which food is free of dangerous chemicals and our health care systems provide equal care for all of God's people.

This information, and more, can be found on the Assembly website: www.assembly2014.org

NOMINATING NEWS

Our slate is complete for 2014. Continuing officers are Vice President **Karen Mayeshiba**, Secretary **Ginger Katzman**, Member Nurt. & Outr. **Sue Plasterer**, Educ. & Interpretation **Marilyn Eyster**, Program Resources **Nancy Ramirez**, Nomination Chair **Judy Loveless**, Nominations Committee **Nancy Hansen-Bennett** and **Jane DeSoto**, and Youth representative **Julia Mayeshiba**. These are the officers who will be reinstalled at the District Annual Gathering.

The officers in the next column are up for election at our District Annual Gathering:

(Some are new to the team, and some are taking a new office or starting a new term.)

President	Dayle McGarvie
Spiritual Growth	Linda J. Whitelock
Social Action	Elaine Frietsch
Treasurer	Linda K. Whitelock
Commun. Coord.	Mary Anne Gerlach
Northcott Rep.	Barb Taylor
Nominations	Anne Scott
Nominations	Sandy Brewer
Nominations	Ruth Watt

Judy Loveless, Nominations chair

TREASURER TALK: BRING 2014 PLEDGE TO ANNUAL GATHERING

In the fall our UMW units have very full schedules with our fund raising, Conference and District Annual Gatherings, UMW Sundays, etc. Please remember that when ordering Special Mission Recognition pins for your UMW Sunday or other recognition events, they need to be ordered early. Along with the regular remittance form I'll need one additional form. That form lists the recipient's name as well as the person to whom the pin should be sent. Let me know if you would like me to send you a blank copy of that form.

Another reminder: at the end of the year you need to close out your books and have your monies submitted by December 10.

"**United Methodist Women—At the Heart of our Church**," is happening at the District Annual Gathering on Saturday, September 28 at Delavan United Methodist Church in Delavan. I look forward to seeing you there. You need to bring your unit's **2014 Pledge to Mission** form (printed below) to this event. If you are unable to attend, please ask someone from your unit to be ready to present it during the pledge service.

Anne Scott, Treasurer
2561 Roanoke Cr
Madison, WI 53719

E-mail: ascott1167@aol.com
Phone: (608) 271-4831

2014 PLEDGE TO MISSION

2014 Unit Pledge to Mission \$ _____

We also pledge our support of the School of Christian Mission by sending \$ _____

Unit and City _____

2014 Unit Treasurer _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____ **E-mail** _____

Thank you for all you do for others in mission. Please bring this form to the Capital District Annual Gathering, September 28 at Delavan UMC, or mail it to: **Anne Scott**, 2561 Roanoke Cr., Madison, WI 53719

2014 Local Unit Elected Leadership

Local Church: _____

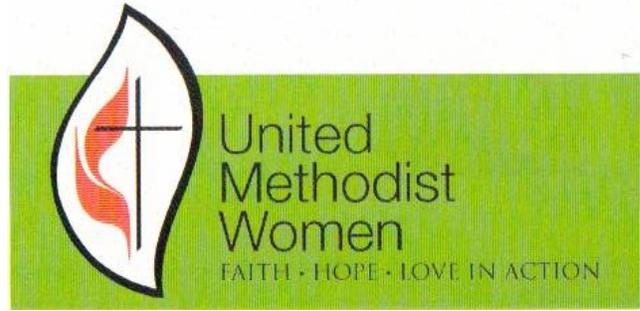
Address: _____

City: _____

Zip Code: _____

Pastor(s): _____

Phone: _____



Instructions: Please print or type the information requested in the blanks provided. Include telephone number(s) with area codes and email addresses if available. Add additional pages as needed (if you have co-leaders for a position). Please provide all requested information. **Complete and return form by October 1st, 2013.** Mail to:

Ginger Katzman, Sec, Capital District
N 8560 Cty Rd P
Whitewater, WI 53190

cell phone: (608) 642-2076
email: gingerkatzman@gmail.com

Reminder: Each unit must also send updated contact information for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary to the Service Center to ensure that resources and updates can be communicated to them. Completing this form only updates information for the District and Conference UMW.

President:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____ - _____ email: _____

Vice President:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____ - _____ email: _____

Secretary:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____ - _____ email: _____

Treasurer:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____ - _____ email: _____

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Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____
Zip Code: _____ - _____ email: _____

Mission Coordinator for Social Action:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____
Zip Code: _____ - _____ email: _____

Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____
Zip Code: _____ - _____ email: _____

Mission Coordinator for Membership, Nurture and Outreach:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____
Zip Code: _____ - _____ email: _____

Secretary for Program Resources:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____
Zip Code: _____ - _____ email: _____

Communications Coordinator:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____
Zip Code: _____ - _____ email: _____

Committee on Nominations, Chairperson:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____
Zip Code: _____ - _____ email: _____

Are you longing to go back to school?

Heil Funds can help you!

For the past 28 years the Mabel Heil Foundation has presented scholarships to over 230 women who were working to improve their education. Any female member of United Methodist Women is encouraged to apply.

To request a scholarship form, write to:
Yvonne Fiary 715.355.6133
203 E. Greenwood
Rothschild, WI 54474 yvfirary@yahoo.com



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.

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CAPITAL DISTRICT 2013 UMW EVENTS CALENDAR

Capital District Annual Gathering

September 28, Saturday,
at Delavan UMC, Delavan, WI

Wisconsin Conference Annual Gathering

October 18 & 19, Friday-Saturday
at Madison Asbury UMC, Madison, WI

Register for 2014 Assembly (online or by mail)

Assembly date, place: April 25-27, 2014 in Lexington, KY.

Important Deadlines:

September 3: Reading Program reports to District Program Resources Secretary
September 14: In Memoriam with photos to Spiritual Growth Secretary
September 21: Registration Deadline, Capital District Annual Gathering
October 1: Unit officer slates for 2014 to District Secretary
October 7: Registration Deadline, Conference Annual Gathering

December 1: Mission Today annual report to District E & I Coordinator
December 10: All 2013 monies to District Treasurer