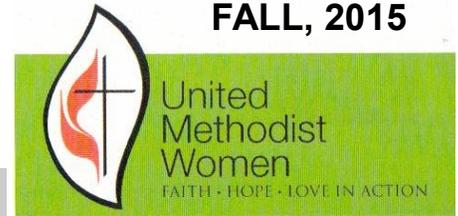


Capital Comments

FALL, 2015



Keeping Capital District United Methodist Women Informed

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Capital District Annual Gathering



**Saturday, September 26, 2015
at Madison Bethany UMC**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello, "Capital" District United Methodist Women,

YOU ARE INVITED! To a PARTY/ CELEBRATION/ANNUAL GATHERING!

As many of you know, the Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Church now has five districts. United Methodist Women will have five districts beginning January 1, 2016. Some of your churches are in the South East District and some are in the South West District. If you are not sure which district you are in, check with your Pastor, or see page 11.

Yes, for now 'til December 31 we still call ourselves Capital District, as our UMW calendar goes from January to January. We, your District and Conference leadership, have been preparing budgets, slates of officers, setting dates for 2016 and so much more in preparation for our transition, all to be presented at our Annual Gatherings for your **VOTES**. Yes, you are **INVITED!** Please plan to attend.

You might have thrown a "moving away" party or a "retirement" party. I think of our Annual Gathering, this year, like those. We are "moving" on to South East District or South West District and are "retiring" Capital District. We plan to celebrate the past and make plans for the future. **Let's PARTY!**

Please find in this issue the Annual Gathering registration forms, other forms that need to be sent in to your district counterpart, and much, much more.

See you at the party!

**PARTY AT THE LAST "GREAT CAPITAL DISTRICT"
ANNUAL GATHERING, SEPTEMBER 26th at
MADISON BETHANY, MADISON, WI!
"WELCOMED BY GOD, WELCOMING ALL"!**

Dayle McGarvie, Capital District President
608-752-1173 or dmc10s@charter.net

VICE PRESIDENT: WELCOMED BY GOD, WELCOMING ALL!

Our last **Capital District** Annual Gathering is Saturday, September 26 at Bethany UMC, 3910 Mineral Point Rd., Madison.

Use the enclosed form on page 6 to register for this event. Check-in begins at 8:15am, and lunch is included. At check-in there will be a chance to sign up for workshops, shop at program resources, check out the displays and visit with old and new friends.

We will be retiring our Capital District by honoring our journey together from 1998 until 2015.

Shanti Samuel will be joining us to accept a mission recognition pin from the Capital District on behalf of her husband **Rev. Sam Royappa**, for his whole hearted support of United Methodist Women.

We will also have important information about our new districts that will help us all through this time of transition.

For those with special dietary needs there is refrigerator space for food you might want to bring.

Our keynote speaker this year is **Deb Pattee**, Associate Professor of Education Studies at UW-Eau Claire, and also Coordinator for Spiritual Growth for Heartland District. Her topic will be on White Privilege in our Society. This is not about playing a blame game and pointing fingers, it's about becoming aware of how we interact with those who are not familiar to us.

There are positive and negative stereotypes. Because I am part of a bi-racial family, my husband and I together brush up against this world view in new situations.

Steve is a quiet person and I am more gregarious. Often when my husband and I are standing together, I will be asked, "What country does your husband come from?" while he is standing next to me! I now say he is Polish from

South Milwaukee, because that better describes his cultural heritage. These are little mistakes that can be easily forgiven. But imagine how you would feel if the stereotype that you live under is not so generally positive, no matter how many of your generations have lived in the state.

For those who wish to explore the topic further and ask questions there will be a follow-up discussion group during our workshop time.

THERE WILL BE INFORMATIVE AND INTERESTING WORKSHOPS

Other workshops include **Laughter Yoga**, highlighting the positive health effects of having laughter as a regular part of our lives. **Emily Ford** will be presenting a workshop on the new **2016 UMW Reading Program books**. She does a great job of presenting the books, and will also show us how to take part in the reading program. The books are diverse and cover many topics in spiritual growth, justice, and community building and reflect our United Methodist heritage.

We will also have training time together. We will divide our training into topics of paper work / keeping records / treasurer duties in your unit, and program / UMW resources, unit or circle activities. Nomination training will meet separately to discuss issues that relate to building a unit team. If you are not a leader in your unit but have an interest in the topics being discussed, feel free to be part of these trainings and learn more about what UMW can do for you.

Your task will be to decide which two workshops to sign up for.

Think about promoting this event to everyone in your church, especially those who are involved with other mission activities. This is an educational event for everyone interested in mission.

Finally, please come, enjoy yourself and be part of this final event for our Capital District.

Registration forms are on pages 5 & 6 and are due to the registrar by Sept. 10, 2015.

Yours in Christ (and see you in September!)

Karen Mayeshiba,

Capital District Vice President

United Methodist Women educate everyone for mission and Make It Happen!!

SOCIAL ACTION — RELIGION IN YOUTH LESSENS DRUG USE

When adolescents perceive religion as important in their lives, it may lower rates of cigarette smoking, heavy drinking, and marijuana use, according to a study that tracked urban adolescents from middle school through high school.

Researchers from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine found that the perceived importance of religion was particularly important for teens who were facing a lot of life stressors. These findings are reported in the March issue of Addictive Behaviors, published by the American Psychological Association.

WHEN RELIGION IS MEANINGFUL, YOUTH HALF AS LIKELY TO USE DRUGS

Those adolescents who view religion as a meaningful part of their life and a way to cope with problems were half as likely to use drugs than adolescents who didn't view religion as important. And this held most true while facing hardships, like having an unemployed parent or being sick themselves. The effect of religiosity was not limited by ethnicity, as comparable effects were for adolescents from all of the ethnic groups in the study.

This is known as a "buffering effect," from the concept that something about religiosity serves to buffer the impact of adverse circumstances, said the researchers.

“THESE BUFFERING EFFECTS COULD BE OCCURRING...

...because religiosity may influence a person's attitudes and values, providing meaning and purpose in life. It could also help persons to view problems in a different way. Besides offering coping techniques, being involved with a religion can also create more healthy social networks than adolescents would have if they got involved with drugs to find social outlets."

This research was supported by the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Importance of religion was determined by responses to simple statements, such as, "To be able to rely on religious teachings when you have a problem", or "To be able to turn to prayer when you're facing a personal problem".

For more info, the full text of this article is available from the APA Public Affairs Office or at http://www.apa.org/journals/adb/press_releases/adb17124.html.

EXCERPTS FROM: The Albert Einstein College of Medicine; The American Psychological Assn.; Back to the Science of Mental Health, About.com (Health's Disease and Condition content reviewed by their Medical Review Board).

Elaine Frietsch Social Action Coordinator

MUJILA FALLS AGRICULTURE CENTRE news snips

We have a new tractor and mower (thanks to a single sizable donation), and are currently using it to harvest our napier grass.



We are then chopping it and making silage that will keep our cows milking through the long dry season.

The tractor is also very helpful in compacting the silage so that it will cure better and last longer without spoilage.

The Tshala Mwengo Memorial Forest (marked by two new signs) will be a living memorial to the life of one who heard God's voice and said, "Here I am, Lord. Send me."



A new sign to replace the one toppled by termites two years ago.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH—GRACE FOR THE CHANGES



"Happy are those who obey His decrees and search for Him with all their hearts."-Psalm 119:2

Attending Mission U this summer was a little bittersweet for me. I met some of the officers for the new South East District. We had a little get-together in our room for those who were present from the greater Capital District. As we go off to our new districts, we realize we will all have to be flexible and maybe learn to do things 'a new way'. All of us sisters in UMW understand that we work together to love God and serve our neighbor. I feel blessed to have worked with so many inspiring women on our team. Thank you all.

We have the last Capital District Annual Gathering coming up in September. I hope to continue to learn what it means to love God and serve my neighbor through our purpose to be a

community who knows God, to be in a creative and supportive fellowship and to expand our concepts of mission. The shape of our UMW emblem is symbolic. Fluid and free flowing, the shape suggests change and mobility (from the 2015 Wisconsin Conference UMW yearbook).

May God grant us the grace we need to support each other in all the changes we face in our future.

AMEN! Linda J. Whitelock,
Spiritual Growth Coordinator

A reminder for the memorial service at the annual gathering: All units, please send all names of members deceased since Sept. 2014 to Laura Pfeffer (Pfeffer.umw@gmail.com) by the end of August so that she can prepare a power point presentation. (See form below.)

By September 1, please send Laura Pfeffer the names (and photos, if available) of your UMW unit members who have passed away this last UMW year. They will be lifted up in the memorial service at the Annual Gathering. You may send the names by e-mail (Pfeffer.umw@gmail.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? _____



INTRODUCING DEB PATTEE, OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Deb Pattee is in her 12th year as the Middle Level Specialist in the Department of Education Studies in the College of Education and Human Sciences at the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire. She teaches courses in middle level education and diversity. She holds an Ed.D. in Critical Pedagogy from the University of St. Thomas. In her previous life she taught middle school in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She was also on Inter-Varsity Staff.

She has raised four kids - two girls and two boys, with her partner in life, Steve, and all four kids have turned out to be pretty cool folks! She attends the Whitehall Methodist Church and leads worship with her husband. She has been the UMW Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator for the Heartland District for the last two years. Exercise, nutrition and running are very important to her and her family.



Saturday, September 26, 2015
CAPITAL DISTRICT
 United Methodist Women

ANNUAL GATHERING

**Madison Bethany
 United Methodist Church
 3910 Mineral Point Rd.
 Madison, WI 53705
 608 - 238 - 6381**

**United Methodist Women -
 Welcomed by God,
 Welcoming All!**

Featuring:

Deb Pattee

Associate Professor of Education
 Studies at UW- Eau Claire

also **Lunch chat-table topics**



Registration, Coffee, Workshop Sign up &
 Program Resources available at 8:15 a.m.
 The Gathering begins at 9:00 a.m.

**COST: \$15 ADULT
 (\$20 at the door)**

\$8.50 TEEN/COLLEGE

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

*See Page 7

CHOOSE FROM 3 WORKSHOPS

**White Privilege in our Society
 Follow-up Discussion**

Deb Pattee, Keynote Speaker

UMW Scene

Gloria Carter

Laughter Yoga

Betsy Kennedy

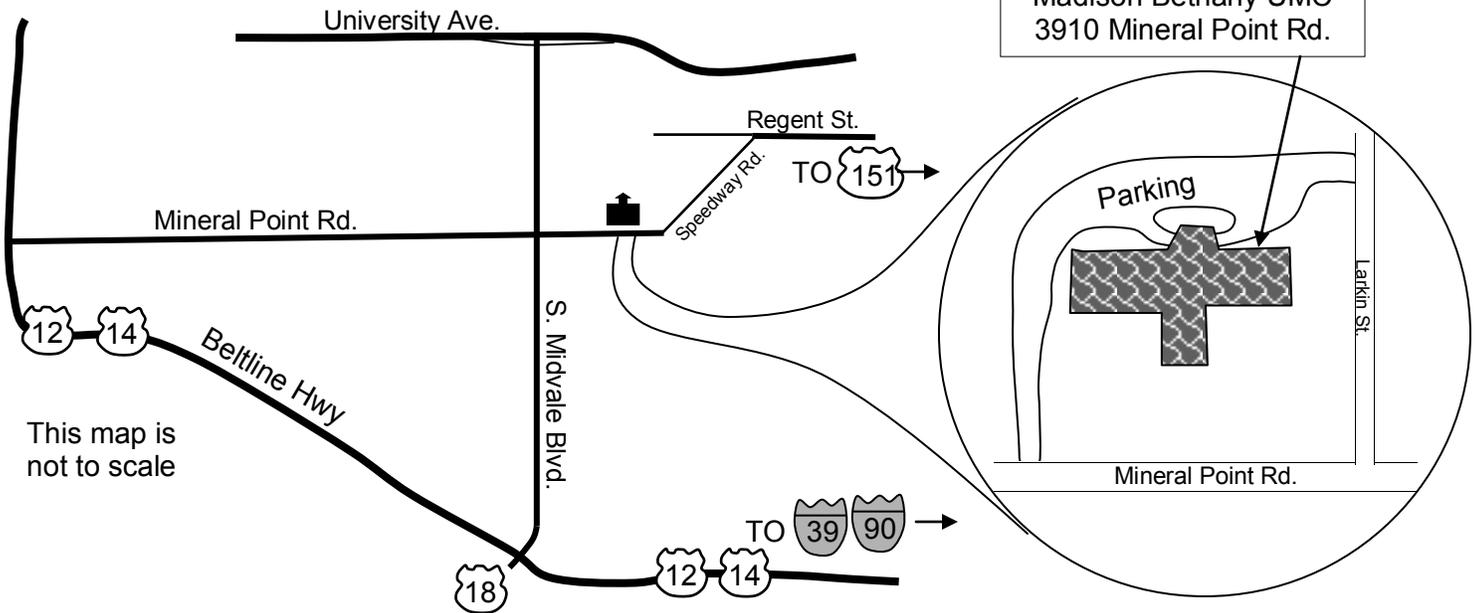
Book Talk (UMW Reading Program)

Emily Ford

PLUS OFFICER TRAINING - Look for the schedule at Annual Gathering
 Potential officers are welcome!

Ingathering items to bring with you to our Annual Gathering (all for Domestic Abuse Intervention Services in Dane Co. **(DAIS)**): size 5 diapers, plastic sippy cups, bath towels, school supplies, women's undies (all sizes), bras (all sizes), body lotion, body wash, chapstick, deoderant, loofahs, reusable shopping totes, flipflops (all sizes), socks (all sizes), Target gift cards, WalMart gift cards or feminine hygiene products.

Map to Madison Bethany United Methodist Church
 3910 Mineral Point Rd.
 Madison, WI 53705



This map is not to scale

From the western Beltline: Take exit 254 east onto Mineral Point Rd. The church will be on your left.
From the southern Beltline: Take exit 258 north onto S. Midvale Blvd. Turn right (east) onto Mineral Point Rd. The church will be on your left.

Coming south on I-39: Take exit 135 (151 west), follow it around the square and exit onto Regent St. going west. Turn left onto Speedway Rd., and then right onto Mineral Point Rd. The church is on your right.

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**CAPITAL DISTRICT United Methodist Women
 ANNUAL GATHERING: September 26, 2015
 REGISTRATION FORM DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2015**

Registration (snail or email) must be received by September 10 for discount price.

(Please Print)
 NAME: _____ PHONE: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 UNIT OFFICER: Yes ___ No ___ OFFICE: _____
 UNIT/CHURCH: _____

A REFRIGERATOR AND MICROWAVE will be available for any special diet items that you bring.

*CHILD CARE: Names & ages _____
 (Care is free with registration. Bring their lunch, or reserve lunch for \$7.00 each)*

<p><i>Make check payable to: Capital District UMW</i></p> <p><i>Reservations are transferable but not refundable</i></p>	<p><i>Send Form and Check to:</i> Donna Wold 4230 Mohawk Drive Madison, WI 53711 608-274-3483 <u>donnawold@gmail.com</u></p>	<p>Adult \$ _____ \$15.00</p> <p>Teen/College \$ _____ \$8.50</p> <p>Extra Lunches \$ _____ \$7.00 each</p> <p>TOTAL DUE: \$ _____</p>
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ANNUAL GATHERING SILENT AUCTION—LET THE BID WARS BEGIN!

Do you like silent auctions? If you like bidding wars, then this is for you!

We have 2 beautiful Capital District banners that we have displayed at our Annual Gatherings. You may have seen them, as they were made by ladies in the Capital District. These banners will be up for the highest auction bid at our Annual Gathering this year!

The banners will be displayed with a bid sheet nearby. The highest bidder(s) will be awarded the banner(s) prior to the closing worship. All proceeds from both banners will be given to the Legacy Fund, established by National Office of United Methodist Women to celebrate 150 years of mission work and prepare for the next 150 years.

Our donation to the Legacy Fund Endowment will lay a financial foundation for future generations of United Methodist Women.

Let's see how much we can donate to the Legacy Fund!

TREASURER TALK: BRING 2016 PLEDGE TO ANNUAL GATHERING

I hope everyone has had a good summer. Continue to send your 2015 pledge money to the Capital District. The new districts for UMW begin in 2016. Please remember to send any money you want counted for 2015 to me by December 10th.

Please complete the 2016 pledge form included in this issue of Capital Comments, and bring it with you to the Annual Gathering in September. We will be collecting the pledges during the pledge service. If no one from your unit attends the gathering, you can send your

pledge to me if you are in the South West District, or, if you are in the South East District, send it to Andrea Hatcher, 2400 E. Bradford Ave, #807, Milwaukee, WI 53211-4171.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Gathering. I will have Gift to Mission cards for sale at the Annual Gathering. The cost of the cards is \$5.00 each.

Linda K Whitelock

Capital District Treasurer (608) 223-9161
6137 Dell Drive whitelocklinda@att.net
Madison, WI 53718

2016 PLEDGE TO MISSION

2016 Unit Pledge to Mission \$ _____

We also pledge our support of Mission u by sending \$ _____

Unit and City _____

2016 Unit Treasurer _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____ **E-mail** _____

Thank you for all you do for others in mission. Please bring this form to our District Annual Gathering, September 26 at Madison Bethany UMC, or mail it to Linda Whitelock or Andrea Hatcher (see above).

MEMBERSHIP NURTURE AND OUTREACH—100% AGAIN!! WOOHOO!

We did it again! Thank you, everyone, for all of your hard work counting and reporting your members. Capital District and Wisconsin Conference UMW had 100% reporting for the 2014 Local Membership Census. Our 27 units reported a 2014 membership of 1,081.

redistricting. For UMW it becomes effective January 1, 2016. What does that mean for your unit's 2015 Local Membership Census report? It means **NO CHANGE to whom or where** you send the report this year. Capital District still reports all units that began 2015 and ended 2015 as Capital District. If your unit files paperwork in 2015 to go inactive, you still send that paperwork to me as well. So far no unit has requested that paperwork.

As you all know by now, the Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church is



REMEMBER THESE THINGS:

2015 Capital District Local Membership Census REPORTS ARE DUE TO ME after December 31, 2015.

YOUR BEGINNING NUMBER FOR 2015 MUST MATCH YOUR ENDING NUMBER IN 2014.

For example, if your unit reported 41 members on December 31, 2014, your beginning count for January 1, 2015 must be 41 members.

I will: Send your January 1, 2015 unit membership number (= ending number in 2014) to the person who sent your form last year or to your president before the end of 2015.

Make an electronic version of the Census form available to those who have email and a paper copy to those who do not.

Work with the Capital District Annual Gathering team to assure forms get to the correct unit person IF THE FORMS ARE DISTRIBUTED at our Annual Gathering.

The due date and my address will be on the forms. Please contact me if you have questions.

AFTER THE END OF 2016, please send your 2016 LOCAL MEMBERSHIP CENSUS to your new district (South East or South West) Membership Nurture and Outreach coordinator.

It has been a joy to work with all of you over the many years I've served as your Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator. Thank you so much for being part of my journey. As we go into 2016, I pray that your unit will continue to put Faith, Hope and Love into Action. Together we can make a difference in the lives of women, children and youth here and around the world.

Be sure to read about the 2015 Annual Gathering on pages 2, 4-6. The Capital Comments Newsletter can also be found online at our Wisconsin Conference UMW website. The URL is <http://www.wisconsinumw.org/capital-comments.html>

Sue Plasterer, Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator, Capital District
608-274-0275 seplasterer@charter.net

SUPPORT NORTHCOTT NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE WITH LABELS!

It was good to see some of the Capital District officers at Overview Day last week! We certainly received some interesting information about this year's studies, and it was fun to sing

together, pray together, and feel connected to the mission work that we all so passionately support.



Remember to bring your labels to the Capital District Annual Gathering on Sept. 26.

Barb Taylor
Northcott Representative

THIS IS ALL YOU NEED ↑

EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION—MISSION TODAY REPORTS

As you are completing this year's Mission Today report for your local unit, be sure to use the list with the title Mission Tasks for 2015. This list is brand new for 2015 and has "faith, hope, love in action" running down the left hand side of the sheet (see page 10). Please mail your completed form to: Marilyn Eyster, 122 East Cox Rd., Edgerton, WI 53534 by December 1, 2015. You may also email it to me at: marilyn.eyster@gmail.com

I look forward to seeing how each unit has chosen to carry out our UMW mission work.
Thank you. Marilyn Eyster, Capital District Education and Interpretation

Wisconsin Conference UMW
Mission Today Local Unit Report Form
Year: 2015

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 your District Team. **Return form by December 1st** to your District Education and Interpretation Coordinator Marilyn Eyster

Report on criteria used January through December 2015.

Name of Church: _____

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Criteria Completed (*Circle the numbers completed*)

FAITH 1 2 3 4

HOPE 1 2 3 4

LOVE 1 2 3 4

IN ACTION 1 2 3 4

Please report on any new criteria tried this year:

Comments:

**WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UMW
MISSION TODAY
Mission Tasks for 2015**

To become a Mission Today organization, please complete two (2) criteria from each category. Please try at least one (1) new criteria and report in fall of 2015.

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

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

to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ;

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

to develop a creative, supportive fellowship;

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

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

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1. Encourage all members to participate in the Pledge for Mission; give reports on where the money goes.
2. Involve all members in fundraising (think creatively).
3. Contribute to scholarships(UMW related) and Mission u. (\$25.00 or more).
4. Partner with a mission institution such as Northcott.

NOMINATING NEWS

I took the study “Created for Happiness: Understanding Your Life in God” at Mission u this year. What an awesome experience this was with a great teacher, great handouts and study book, and great students in the class.

We took a Happiness Survey, taking time to carefully answer the questions. The second question asked “What are the four things you are passionate about?” I listed Bible Study, praising God through song, community work and United Methodist Women. As I reflect on my answers, I am moved by the fact that God gives us all that deep great joy that is everlasting.

As we all move into a new District name, whether South East or South West, let us not forget the great joy we have been given, and let us share that joy with all we meet, as we let the world know we are Christians by our love.

The proposed team slates for 2016, including both the South East and South West Districts, can be found on page 12 in this newsletter. We have some work to do with Joy in our hearts! Please contact me with any questions regarding the South West Slate of Officers for 2016.

Thank you,
Mary Lainberger
Nominations Chair, Capital District

Capital District ends December 31, 2015

Due December 1, 2015. Please send your 2015 Mission Today report to Marilyn Eyster, 122 E. Cox Rd, Edgerton, WI 53534, Education and Interpretation Coordinator for the Capital District.

Due December 10, 2015. Please send your mission money for 2015 to Linda K. Whitelock, 6137 Dell Dr., Madison, WI 53718, Treasurer for the Capital District.

Due January 30, 2016. Please send your Membership Census form for 2015 to Sue Plasterer, 6813 Winstone Dr., Madison, WI 53711, Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator for the Capital District

South East and South West Districts begin January 1, 2016

Send all forms and mission money to the South East or South West District officers for the 2016 year—see tables below to determine which new district your unit is in.

Units from Capital District moving to:

South East District

Beloit – River of Life	Janesville – Mt. Zion
Cambridge – Willerup	Milton
Darien – Allens Grove	Orfordville – New Horizon
Delavan	Pleasant Valley
Edgerton	Sharon
Janesville – Cargill	Whitewater – First / La Grange

South West District

Arlington	Madison - Sherman Ave.
Brodhead	Madison – Wellspring
Lodi	Monona
Madison – Asbury	North Windsor
Madison – Bashford	Portage
Madison – Bethany	Stoughton
Madison – First	Waunakee – Crossroads

NOMINATING COMMITTEES PRESENT SLATES OF OFFICERS

Our 2016 slates for our new districts (South East and South West) are coming along nicely. The officers whose names are in bold print are up for election at our Capital District Annual Gathering. Some are new to the team, and some are taking a new office or starting a new term. The officers whose names are not in bold are continuing, and they will be reinstated at the Annual Gathering.

The slots with no names are open positions. Nominations may be made from the floor, providing the consent of the nominee has been obtained in advance, the nominee is eligible, and the name of the nominee is filed with the Capital District Secretary (Ginger Katzman) prior to the election.

We are grateful for those who have already said yes to the challenge of being part of an awesome team. If God calls you to join, contact Ginger, and she will get your name to the right place.

OFFICE	SOUTH EAST DISTRICT	SOUTH WEST DISTRICT
President	Cheryl Malko	Carol Lange
Vice President	Marie Garnhart	
Secretary	Muriel Smith-Gross and Jane Henderson	
Treasurer	Andrea Hatcher	Linda K. Whitelock
Mission Coordinators:		
Education & Intrepretation	Cathryn Luse and Mary Garvens	Stephanie Weber
Membership Nuture & Outreach	Linda Smeaton and Kemi Baiyewu	Sue Plasterer
Social Action	Wendy Wilson-Uhl and Yer Lee-Yang	Charlene Mingst
Spiritual Growth	Salud Rodeman and Linda J. Whitelock	Michele Hopp
Communication Coordinator	Mary Anne Gerlach	
Program Resources	Cherrie Hartley, Valerie Holzman, Margaret Miele Collins	
Youth Representative		
Nominations chair	Cheryl Mallow	Mary Lainberger
Nominations	Gail Nelson	Jane Prouty
Nominations	Julie Carter	Judy Loveless
Nominations	Kady Herr-Yang	Sandy Brewer
Nominations	Ruth Watt	Kay Putman
Nominations		
Northcott Representative		
Historian	Shirley Jackson and Marie Garnhart	Marjorie Lyford
Legacy Representatives	Fiona Odum and Seraphim Yang	
District Superintendent	Deborah Thompson	Scott Carlson
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October 23-24, 2015

**Wisconsin Conference United Methodist
Annual Gathering**



Welcomed By God: Welcoming All

Worship and Singing

Displays and Activity Tables

Training for District Leaders

Program Resources

Focus Groups

Friday Evening Speaker: Barbara Certa-Werner

Saturday Evening Speaker: Deanna Shimko

Lake Street United Methodist Church

337 Lake Street, Eau Claire, WI

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE ANNUAL GATHERING REGISTRATION

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE ANNUAL GATHERING OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN OCTOBER 23 – 24, 2015

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 5, 2015 at \$25 (includes Saturday lunch)

LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 12, 2015 at \$35 (includes Saturday lunch)

If you register after October 12 , 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 District level _____

Child Care:

___ Friday evening for _____ children, ages _____

___ Saturday for _____ children, ages _____

Please pick up your children and take them to lunch. Also, please provide a sack lunch for each child or include \$7.00 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)

___ 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

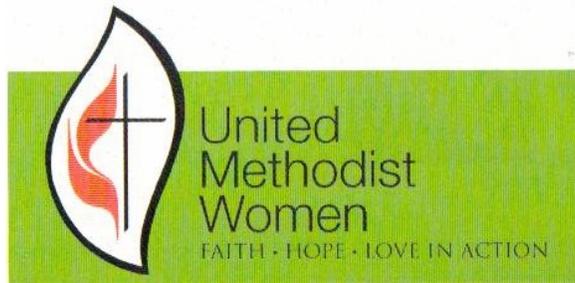
Phone: 715-446-3252

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 WITH YOUR REGISTRATION AND ATTENDANCE. LET'S BE PARTNERS IN GOD'S MISSION AS WE LEARN, WORSHIP AND GROW TOGETHER.

2016 Local Unit Elected Leadership



Local Church: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Pastor(s): _____

Zip Code: _____

Church 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, 2015** to:

Ginger Katzman, Secretary, Capital District
N8560 Cty Rd P
Whitewater, WI 53190

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

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: _____

2016 Local Elected Leadership (continued from page 15)

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!

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

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

715.258.0973
pottshe@yahoo.com



An application form is on the back of this page.

Instructions:

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

Rules:

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

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

Please Print

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____ Birth Date _____

1. Local Church:

a. Name & City _____

Pastor _____ UMW President _____

Are you a member of United Methodist Women? _____

2. Activities:

b. In United Methodist Women _____

In your local church _____

In the community _____

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

School You will be attending _____

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

Present (post high school) status:

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

Course of Study _____

4. Family Status _____

5. Please answer the following using an additional sheet:

IN WHAT WAY DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A WORTHY STUDENT?

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

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

PROGRAM RESOURCES—READING LISTS DUE SEPTEMBER 7, 2015

As your Secretary of Program Resources, it's time to remind all secretaries of program resources to collect their participants' 2015 reading lists and send them on to me by Monday, September 7. Please send only those lists that fulfill a reading plan. Since our Annual Gathering is September 26, there is not much time to get all the lists, screen them and then make the certificates, so I would appreciate your cooperation in getting the lists to me as early in September as possible. Thank you very much.

Include the following on your lists:
book title, category and the year the book was on the list. Bonus books count as two titles as indicated in the brochure, and current adult Mission u study books count as one title.

Call or email me with any questions.

Lists may be sent by email or snail mail to:
Nancy Ramírez (Sec. of Program Resources)
95 South Ringold St. 608-757-0394
Janesville, WI 53545 nanoram49@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE 2015 READING PROGRAM.

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 2011-2015 lists.

Plan 1 requires 5 books read with 1 in each category + "response" Magazine

Plan 2 requires 10 books read with 2 in each category + "response" & "New World Outlook"

Plan 3 requires **completing Plan 2** plus reading 5 more books in any category.

Plan 4 requires **completing Plan 2** plus reading 10 more books in any category.

Books can be counted from this year's list and lists from the past five years (2010-2014).

MESSAGE FROM ANITA HENDERLIGHT



Greetings from South Sudan on a sunny, breezy, 72 degree morning! I'm happy in a short-sleeved dress. Many of my South Sudanese friends are bundled up in winter coats and hats.

South Sudan is simply and horribly "fragile." No day goes by without reference to the new civil war, fighting, and death. Yet hardly a day goes by without students telling me about their plans to stop the fighting, end hunger, and bring peace to their country. They remain ever hopeful.

I have posted on Facebook some photos of one of our very first sponsored students from 2008, Maila, who is in her final year at Catholic University. She will graduate with a degree in Agriculture and Economics. You are ALL invited to her graduation next May (2016)!

I wish you could have been with me on Tuesday. Maila was the speaker at our weekly Girls' Assembly. As she was giving advice to the current students, I recalled her freshman year of high school. She spoke only Arabic when she arrived. We did a lot of gesturing and pointing. Maila studied only English and Math for her first 6 months. Now you would never know that English is her second language! Her ability to communicate and passionately talk about the importance of education is a sight to behold! Maila's audience was hanging on her every word. The girls listened to her tell them to stay focused on their studies and not to be pressured by boys. She told them to join her in the field of Agriculture so that people in South Sudan would never go hungry again. She told them to be strong and to love one another.

Ladies, you can claim Maila as one of your daughters. Along with hundreds of other girls in South Sudan, you have been a strong force pushing her toward success. Thank you a thousand times over for your words of encouragement, prayers, and financial gifts to give our girls opportunities to succeed. Please continue to pray and to give. Please continue to have hope that South Sudan will soon become a peaceful nation filled with bright, productive, young professionals.

I hope to see all of you soon. If you can fit me into your schedules around the Packers and UW-Madison football games, I would like to visit you in the fall.

With thanksgiving and love, Anita, Yei, South Sudan

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CAPITAL DISTRICT 2015 UMW EVENTS CALENDAR

Capital District Annual Gathering

September 26, Saturday,
at Madison Bethany UMC, Madison, WI

Wisconsin Conference Annual Gathering

October 23 & 24, Friday-Saturday
at Eau Claire Lake St. UMC, Eau Claire, WI

Important Deadlines:

September 1: In Memoriam with photos to Laura Pfeffer
September 7: Reading Program reports to District Program Resources Secretary
September 10: Registration Deadline, Capital District Annual Gathering

October 1: Local leadership slates for 2016 to Capital District Secretary
October 5: Early Registration Deadline, Conference Annual Gathering
October 12: Absolute Registration Deadline, Conference Annual Gathering
(After that, it's bring your own lunch)

December 1: Mission Today annual report to Capital District E & I Coordinator
December 10: All 2015 monies to Capital District Treasurer