

# WINN-D

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Winnebago District United Methodist Women Newsletter

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## **CHANGE – IT IS COMING!!!**

Most of you know by now that the Wisconsin Conference is changing from 8 districts down to 5 districts. And, of course, this will affect the United Methodist Women. Change is not always easy as most of us know. We have something that we like and we don't want to see it change in any way. But being United Methodist Women we adapt as we have always done.

Winnebago District and Nicolet District are coming together in 2016 to become the North East District. Neither of our districts is going to be exactly as we were before. Winnebago District is losing 2 units on our southern border – Columbus and Fall River – to the South West District, and 4 units on our western border – Wautoma, Wild Rose, Markesan and Berlin to North Central District. Nicolet District will gain some units on their southern border including 3 churches in Sheboygan - Sheboygan Falls Church, Waldo and one other. There will be the blending of our two districts with officers and all other aspects. We will be working on getting things ready for January 1, 2016 when we become the North East District.

Because we, as the North East District, will need to make a budget for ourselves and a pledge to the Conference United Methodist Women, we need to know from each unit what your pledge for 2016 will be – and we need to know this by **May 15, 2015**. So please get your units together and decide what your pledge will be to the new district. You don't need to do your entire budget this early – just your pledge to the new district. Please send or email this amount to our Winnebago District Treasurer, Bev Kimble, 105 Queens Way, Fond du Lac, WI 54935 or email her at [bev5@yahoo.com](mailto:bev5@yahoo.com).

**Coming Up** – two events that you will want to attend.

April 11<sup>th</sup> at Peace UMC in Kaukauna will be Mission Action Day. See flyer in this newsletter.  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Fond du Lac: Covenant will be the **Winnebago/Nicolet Districts Spring Retreat**. Judy Vasby will be leading our time with the theme of “Be Transformed.” Look for the flyer in this newsletter for further information.

Lots of exciting things going on this year and you won't want to miss out on a single one. I look forward to greeting you.

Mary Trettin, Winnebago District President



## Notes from the District Secretary

Greetings to ALL Secretaries,

Happy New Year! I sincerely hope that your holiday season was truly blessed. Ours was. I am glad, however, to be moving forward into the New Year of 2015.

I had the pleasure of meeting several of you at the Winnebago District Meeting this last November. It was so nice to put a face to the names of the unit secretaries. I noticed 2 things in particular. First is how *very nice* you all are- just the sweetest people! Second was *how dedicated* to UMW you all are. It was a pleasurable meeting for me- hopefully for you also.

Here are the reminders for the upcoming year.

**Please send me ANY changes to your UNIT roster- email changes, address changes, etc.**

**Have a GREAT year in UMW. YOU are important!**

Sincerely,

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## PROGRAM RESOURCES

*"What refuge is there for the victim who is oppressed with the feeling that there are a thousand new books he ought to read, while life is only long enough for him to attempt a hundred?"*

*Oliver Wendall Holmes, Sr.*

There will be two opportunities to purchase Reading Program Books this year. I will have 2015 books at the Retreat in May. I will have 2016 books (hopefully!) at the Fall Annual Gathering. If you purchase books at both events you are that much closer to the thousand new books that Mr. Holmes mentions!

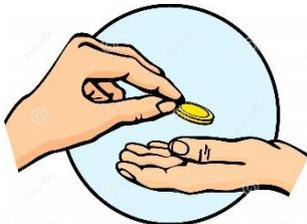
Happy Reading!

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## Reading Program



## TREASURER'S REPORT



Did that little creature see his shadow? There seems to be conflicting opinions about that. Seems he got a little aggressive when one of our mayors tried to get an answer from him.

Whether we have an early spring or a late spring will affect the members of Winnebago District very little. As you know, we do have some new and exciting changes coming, however, with the redistricting that is planned. For the most part, Winnebago District and Nicolet District will merge. We look forward to getting better acquainted with members of Nicolet. Redistricting does not take effect until January 1, 2016; so we have all year to plan for it and the fun opportunities it will provide.

In the meantime, Winnebago District seems to be off to a slow start. We had no receipts in January, which is always a slow month; but this is the first year I've received nothing in the way of remittances. Maybe some of you had the same trouble I had - a hard time getting started on the new year. I felt as though I were sitting on ice and spinning my wheels. With the arrival of March perhaps we will be able to shift into high gear and accomplish good things. God bless all of you and your endeavors.

**REMINDER:** As Mary Trettin mentioned in her article, we need to have pledges for 2016 turned in to the district by May 15, 2015. This is necessary in order to facilitate the redistricting which takes place on January 1, 2016.

Bev Kimble

TREASURER'S YEAR-END REPORT 2014  
 United Methodist Women  
 Winnebago District, Wisconsin Conference

Receipts

Unit and District Giving:

Undesignated	\$33,789.35	
Designated	<u>4,726.04</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$38,515.39</u>

Remitted to Wisconsin Conference

Undesignated Giving:

Pledge to Mission	\$29,005.91	
Special Mission recognition	820.00	
Gift to Mission	491.00	
Gift in Memory	455.00	
World Thank Offering	<u>3,017.44</u>	
Total Undesignated Giving		33,789.35

Designated Giving:

Call to Prayer & Self Denial	\$ 1,580.94	
Supplemental Gifts	2,100.00	
Brighter Future for Children/Youth	215.10	
Mission u	230.00	
UMCOR	<u>600.00</u>	
Total Designated Giving		<u>4,726.04</u>

Total Remitted to Wisconsin Conference \$38,515.39

Winnebago District Giving:

Annual Meeting Offering: \$120.91		
Special Mission Recognition	120.00	
Gift to Mission	5.00	
World Thank Offering	<u>30.56</u>	
		\$276.47

## Membership, Nurture, Outreach

Do you have many visitors come to your church? Has your UMW established methods for helping these visitors feel welcome? Are the women invited to share in UMW activities and meetings? Do you have drivers that can pick up the new persons? NO visitors?? Can you think of someone in your neighborhood, town, or city who does not have a church home? There are a lot of 'unchurched' people according to statistics. Much of the time a person needs/requires a friendly invitation and someone to go with them to the gatherings. Please let me know of your successes.

**“Times are a changin’ ” and UMW in Wisconsin and Winnebago District will be affected.**

When church representatives gather in June to conduct the business of the church, WI Conference will reorganize into 5 Districts. Most of Winnebago and Nicolet districts' churches will compose the North East District. For UMW our restructure will take effect January 1, 2016. As new leaders are nominated and new groups formed, Local Coordinators of Membership, Nurture, Outreach will play an important role in recognizing potential leaders within their groups who could be of vital help in this transition. As you consider your local membership and fill out the 2014 membership report forms, please prayerfully consider this assignment as we commit ourselves to a challenging mission of strengthening our organization so we can fulfill our ministry of “*Love in Action for our members and women, youth and children.*”

Please stay informed by reading the *WINN-D, Catch the Vision, articles on the WI UMW Web site.* Plan to attend Mission Action Day in Kaukauna, the Spring Retreat at Fond du Lac Covenant and the Annual Gathering. Please contact me if you have questions.

Yours in Christ,

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\*\*\*Please note: The e-mail address for Rachel Benton is incorrect in the latest Wisconsin Conference UMW 2015 Yearbook. (The yellow one you may have just received). Her correct e-mail address is [bentonr1430@yahoo.com](mailto:bentonr1430@yahoo.com). There is a listing of 2015 Winnebago District Officers elsewhere in this newsletter that should be correct.  
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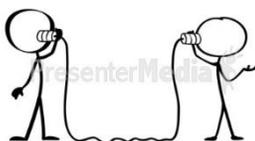
## COMMUNICATIONS

Welcome to 2015! How time flies when you are having fun! I am looking forward to this year – Retreat in May, Mission U in July, Annual Gathering – and all the opportunities for fellowship in between. The retreat in May will be at Fond du Lac: Covenant this year. There is a registration form and flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

Please pass along this newsletter to those who don't have e-mail. If you know of anyone that would like to receive it please contact me.

See you at retreat!  
Val Caldwell

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*“Without Communication there is no knowledge. Without knowledge there is no progress. Without progress we just remain stagnant and boring.”*



A Note from Carol Lahey

### YO-MI-CA

I was very upset to discover that I published an error in the *Mission u* flyer for 2015. In the article about YO-MI-CA, at the bottom of page 5, the dates are wrong. It should read: **Sunday, July 19 to Friday, July 24**. To have a child attend YO-MI-CA one must register the child through our conference camping program. I am sure they would give the correct dates, but I wish to give the right info to Moms ahead of time.

Thanks!

Carol

## SOCIAL ACTION

I attended an informative program which was a slide show by 5-stones. 5-stones is a non-profit organization for the primary purpose of raising awareness about the dangers and magnitude of sex trafficking in Wisconsin and networking with organizations that are already answering the call to fight sex trafficking. Human trafficking is modern day slavery. 300,000 children are exploited annually. The average age is 11--14 year olds. Can you imagine this fact! 27 million are trafficked globally. 5-stones purpose is to fight back through awareness, prevention, mobilization, community, and unity with like-minded partners.

FOR INFORMATION: <https://5-stones.org/>  
[www.facebook.com/fightthegiant](http://www.facebook.com/fightthegiant)

Sharon Kardoskee

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### *Human trafficking*

*Human trafficking is the trade in humans, most commonly for the purpose of sexual slavery, forced labor or commercial sexual exploitation for the trafficker or others; or for the extraction of organs or tissues, including surrogacy and ova removal; or for providing a spouse in the context of forced marriage. Human trafficking can occur within a country or trans-nationally.*

Reference: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human\\_trafficking](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_trafficking)

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## WOMEN IN MISSION CAN CHANGE THE WORLD



**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.

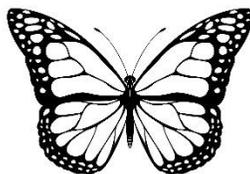
*to develop a creative, supportive fellowship;*

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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.

*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, Hmong House of Good News, etc.

*“BE TRANSFORMED”*  
Nicolet / Winnebago Districts  
United Methodist Women Spring Retreat



Saturday, May 2, 2015

Fond du Lac Covenant United Methodist Church  
20 N Marr St, Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Led by Judy Vasby, Past President of WI conference of UMW

“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.” Romans 12:2  
Registration begins at 9:00am – 9:30am. Our day will close at 2:30.

PLEASE NOTE: Bathrooms are NOT wheelchair accessible.

To get in the spirit of the day wear a butterfly!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 17

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

In case of Emergency call \_\_\_\_\_

District/Organization  
(Unit) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Childcare Needed ( ) No ( ) Yes, If yes # of children \_\_\_\_\_

**RETREAT COST = \$12.00**

Fee is transferrable, but not refundable

Send completed registration and payment to:

Sue Thompson  
1012 Pleasant Street  
Ripon, WI 54971  
(920) 748-5387

#### FROM THE NORTH:

1. Take US 41 South toward Fond du Lac.
2. Take exit #99/WI-23/Johnson St 0.1 mi/213 m
3. Take left ramp 298 ft/91 m
4. Turn left onto W Johnson St (WI-23 E) 1.7 mi/2.8 km
5. Turn right onto N Macy St 0.3 mi/525 m
6. Turn left onto W Division St 0.2 mi/290 m
7. Turn left onto N Marr St (US-45 N) 118 ft/36 m
8. Your destination on N Marr St (US-45 N) is on the left.

#### FROM THE SOUTH

1. Take US 41 North toward Fond du Lac
2. Take exit #99/WI-23/Johnson St 0.1 mi/213 m
3. Take left ramp 298 ft/91 m
4. Turn left onto W Johnson St (WI-23 E) 1.7 mi/2.8 km
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## **MABEL HEIL SCHOLARSHIP**

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

### **Requirements and Instructions**

#### **Instructions:**

1. Be a female member of Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women.
2. Submit a written answer to the question, "In what way do I consider myself a worthy student?"
3. Send the completed application form to the contact person by May 1 for the Fall semester or October 1 for the Spring semester.
4. Request that a letter of recommendation be sent to the contact person by the president of the local United Methodist Women or the pastor of the church.
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:**

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

Please have all letters written (preferably typed) on one side of 8 1/2 by 11 sheet of white paper using black ink.

All applications are photocopied for the committee members.

Scholarships are awarded one semester at a time. To be considered again DURING a one-year period, you must send a letter asking to be considered. AFTER one year, you will need to fill out another form and secure new recommendations.

If in any given year there is an increase of applications, these priorities will be followed: Women responsible for others will be favored. Women preparing to return to the employment field will be favored.

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

#### **Schedule:**

1st Semester: Apply by May 1; notified by June 1; check sent by August 15.

2nd Semester: Apply by October 1; notified by November 1; check sent by December 1.

#### **Contact Person:**

Helen Robinson  
N2101 Cleghorn Road  
Waupaca, WI 54981  
715-258-0973  
email: pottshe@yahoo.com

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

Please Print

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. Local Church:

Name & City \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of United Methodist Women? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Activities:

In United Methodist Women \_\_\_\_\_

In your local church \_\_\_\_\_

In the community \_\_\_\_\_

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

School you will be attending \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted as a student? yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

Present (post high school) status:

Freshman \_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Course of study \_\_\_\_\_

4. Family Status \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please answer the following question using an additional sheet:

IN WHAT WAY DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A WORTHY STUDENT?

Mail to: Helen Robinson  
N2101 Cleghorn Road  
Waupaca, WI 54981

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

## WINNEBAGO DISTRICT OFFICERS 2015

### President

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### Vice President

Open

### Secretary

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### Committee on Nominations

Chair – open

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Committee member #2 – open  
Committee member #3 – open

### Secretary of Program Resources

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Pledge to Missions 2015: \$32,000.00

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## MISSION COORDINATORS

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### District Superintendent

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## Comforting Children

### United Methodist Women in Wisconsin Collect Blankets & Quilts for Children

The Membership, Nurture and Outreach Team of the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Ripon, Wisconsin, challenged the church members and friends to make 100 fleece blankets and/or quilts within seven months for the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. The congregation "beat" the challenge by donating 101 blankets in six months. The blankets are given to each child when admitted into the hospital to help comfort them while going through procedures at the hospital and recovering in their homes.

Picture:

Deb Kaiser, Member of the Immanuel United Methodist Women delivered the blankets to the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Neenah. Rose Fochs, Community Relations and Volunteer Services Coordinator at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin-Fox Valley, accepts on behalf of the hospital.



## Dates for 2015

April 11 – Mission Action Day – Kaukauna: Peace

April 18 – Winnebago District Team Meeting at Ripon, WI at 9am

May 2 – Winnebago/Nicolet District Spring Retreat – Fond du Lac: Covenant

July 20 – 23 (Monday – Thursday) - Mission u @ Westwood Convention Center, Wausau, WI

July 24 (Friday) – Mission u Overview Day @ Westwood Convention Center, Wausau, WI

Topics: Happiness, Latin America, People with Disabilities

Oct. 3 – Winnebago District Annual Gathering @ Waupun UMC.

Oct. 23–24 (Friday Night – Saturday) Conference Annual Gathering: Eau Claire – Lake Street UMC



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