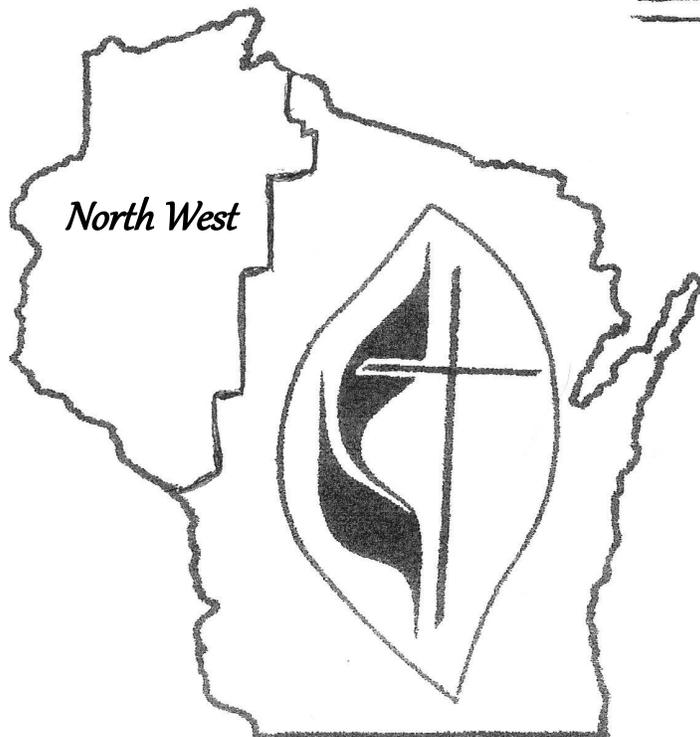


North West District
United Methodist Women

Newsletter

The WEAVER



February 2017



THE PURPOSE

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

From Our President



Here is a thought for your new year, 2017-- God gives you 12 month of happiness, 52 weeks of fun, 365 days of success, 8760 hours of good health, 3153600 seconds of joy! Follow Him and have a wonder-filled New Year! If We give our ears, eyes, and thoughts to God I know He will do the rest.

I know all of you ladies have laid out plans for your local units and are working hard to make them a success. I do sincerely hope that one of your plans is to attend our two District Gatherings--Spring Day of Enrichment on April 22nd and our Fall Gathering and Business meeting on September 16th.

THANK YOU ladies and I pray for your "booming" success. With God on your side, who can lose!

Considering your evaluations from last year's Gatherings we are planning for interesting and exciting speakers and activities for the coming year. Do plan to come to learn and become better acquainted with all of your sisters.

Because our district is so wide spread, we have come up with a plan to help the northern local units to feel more in touch. We are planning a cluster grouping in the northern area to offer something that they would be of interest and help for them. We are excited about this and ask of all of you to pray for its success.

I have met love, health, peace and joy. They are looking for a permanent residence for the year. I gave them your address and I surely hope they arrive safely..... HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Ernie O'Neil, pres.

If you have any suggestions or questions do contact me. I will try to help.
tel. 715 354 3197 email evio31@outlook.com

**Happy New Year
From Your Vice President, Terry Giles**

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Our Spring Day of Enrichment is coming up. It will be held at the Holcombe UMC on Saturday, April 22, 2017. Our theme for the day will be CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION. God has entrusted creation into our stewardship, not as owners but merely managers of His creation. How are we doing when it comes to caring for God's Creation? Spend the day learning how we can start doing a better job at taking care of what God has entrusted us to do.

April 22, 2017 is also Earth Day. Earth Day was started in 1970 and has continued to bring awareness for us to care for God's Creation. After attending Mission u last summer, the District Team decided to use the Climate Justice study from Mission u as our theme for the 2017 Spring Day of Enrichment. Later in the Fall we discovered that the date we choose for Spring Day of Enrichment was also Earth Day 2017. This was not a coincidence, it was in God's plan for us all the time. He provides us with everything we need, we just have to recognize how awesome He is in our daily lives.

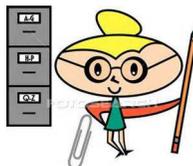
To go along with our theme for the day, we are going to have an Earth Day Fair at our Spring Day of Enrichment. We will have displays related to a variety of Earth Day subjects. I am asking that each of the units that attend our Spring Day of Enrichment bring an Earth Day Poster of some sort. (See more details in the Earth Day Fair article in this newsletter.) The posters will be displayed along with the rest of the posters brought by UMW members. I am anxious to see what you can come up with.

The next day, take your poster to church with you. Celebrate Earth Day with your congregation and share what you learned at Spring Day of Enrichment about caring for God's Creation. It is a simple way for you to draw attention to how we should be caring for what God entrusted us to do.

Terry Giles

VP North West District UMW
715 431-0420 (cell)

GREETINGS FROM YOUR SECRETARY



As I write this message, snowflakes are falling gently to the ground in a beautiful movement. As each snowflake falls it joins others in a soft landing. Each one is unique in its pattern. No two are alike, yet all come from the same source. This was first discovered by a farm boy in Vermont in the 1870's. Wilson Bentley started drawing sketches of the remarkable designs of snow crystals using an old microscope, but the snow melted before he could finish. He later added a bellows to the microscope, and in 1885, was the first person to photograph a single snowflake. In his lifetime, he recorded over 5,000 images, finding that NO two were alike!

So it is with followers of Christ. We all come from the same Creator, yet we are all different. In God's plan, He has chosen to bring a variety of people together into a unified whole, and He has gifted us in various ways. Paul writes: "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone, it is the same God at work."

Thank God for the unique contribution you can offer as a UMW member as you serve and help others to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the Church.

Janet M. Knutson
P.O. Box 12
Star Prairie, WI 54026
715.248.3231

District Treasurer



Thank you, Gals! Your contributions made it possible for the North West District to achieve our 2016 Mission Pledge to the WI Conference. In fact, we went over our pledge of \$50,000 by contributing \$54,805.24 towards Undesignated Giving! WOW!! Another \$5,622.03 was contributed toward Designated Giving. God bless you all for your faithfulness and generosity! The District's Pledge to the Conference remains at \$50,000 for 2017. We can achieve this goal, again!

Twenty Five units will receive the 5 STAR AWARD for 2016. However, there are several units who did a wonderful job of contributing toward the District's Pledge to the Conference but who did NOT receive the 5 STAR AWARD for their efforts. I am hoping these guidelines will help as you plan your giving for this year.

Mission Giving is Undesignated Giving. In order to earn the 5 STAR AWARD there must be a contribution in all 5 categories of Undesignated Giving: PLEDGE TO MISSION, SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION, GIFT TO MISSION, GIFT IN MEMORY, & WORLD THANK OFFERING. The cards for Gift to Mission and Gift in Memory are only \$5 each. Using just one of each will satisfy those 2 categories.

When we make our Pledge to the Conference each year, only the 5 categories of Undesignated Giving counts toward our Pledge. It is nice to designate some of your giving but please remember if you designate too much of it we won't make our Pledge to the Conference.

Thank you for all that you do for your community and United Methodist Women!

God's Blessings,
Robin Peterson
3487 120th St.
Frederic WI 54837
715-653-2382
rlhula@yahoo.com

Program Resource



Dear North West Readers,

I really have not read many 2017 books yet this year. I have been reading all the books necessary to prepare for facilitating the Mission u Geographical Study on the Missionary Conferences of the UMC, Redbird Missionary Conference, Alaska Missionary Conference and the Oklahoma Missionary Conference. Look for the study book when it becomes available.

SOOOO keep reading! Share books, use e-reader books, buy books for your church library and read them before donating them, use the public library, give book reports at your unit meetings. Read *response* and *New World Outlook*. Have fun!

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missionbillie@gmail.com
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Temporary Address:
707 2nd Street
Shell Lake, WI 54871

Membership Nurture and Outreach

I am not new to the team, but I am new in this position. I had just previously been the historian. Since Rita Stearns moved up to be the new Conference Membership Nurture, and Outreach Coordinator, I was asked to take her position. I hope I will be able to do this, as membership is now all on line. Rita assured me it isn't that hard. She offered to help me begin. We have been in contact before, and will again in February. With declining membership, let's strive to get others involved. My wish for each of you is a Happy, Healthy New Year.

With pleasure to serve, *Barbara Bender*

Intuition: Spiritual Growth

Beth Richardson the Editor of "Alive Now" magazine quotes Henri Nouwen from a speech he

gave in Nashville, TN in 1991:

'The spiritual life starts at the place where you can hear God's voice. Where somehow you can claim that long before your mother, father, sister, brother, church or school touched you, loved you and wounded you- long before that, you were held safe in an eternal embrace. You were seen with eyes of perfect love long before you entered into the dark valley of life.'

So what if I do not acknowledge that God has spoken out loud to me? Am I permanently separated from the "spiritual life"? The last line of the above quote gave me an idea about the answer. Imagine that you can go back to the time when you were in your mother's womb and could hear her voice, her singing, and maybe even music in the background. You knew without a doubt that you were in a safe, secure place with pure love enveloping you. God's eternal embrace would continue from the womb and also extend out into the world after you are born. That mumbled voice of your Mom can also be like God's voice. It can give clear guidance even if it is not loud and bellowing. God's voice can be soft or unspoken and guidance can be non-verbal... a nudge so to speak. "Do this... go there..." a gut feeling or intuition.

One definition of intuition is "inner guidance without evident rational thought or proof". Couldn't this be the soft voice of God?

Next time you are feeling confused about something, rest a while and pray "Thy will be done"... then ponder your gut feelings as they arise. You are not just acting impulsively. Impulsive action is coming from your big ego. Ask "What would Jesus do?" for a good confirmation. I find that "Gut feelings" are often inspired by the voice of God. You may not hear a voice speaking but a clear thought will come..."Call Alice now, she needs your prayers" ". "Take chicken noodle soup to Nancy"... the important part is to take action now, not wait and think "Do I really need to do that"?

Jean Kissack,
Spiritual Growth

Joy blooms where minds and hearts are open.
- Jonathan Lockwood Huie ~

Education and Interpretation Coordinator

A new role confronts me and I want to be here to support you and your unit and to respond to and answer your questions.

Helping you understand Mission Today tasks is one of those reports you and I will undoubtedly work together on later this year. Please feel free to call me as the year progresses when you are not sure you understand those. If we can do that throughout the year, the year-end reporting will be less confusing for you and me.

In the Methodist Church and within this United Methodist Women's organization, we are all about being in "connection" or "connectional". So, in this edition of The Weaver we will provide a listing indicating your "sister" on the North West District Team. So, as this New Year 2017 begins, "connect" with your "sister".

If you have special needs or requests, please feel free to "connect" with me and I will do my very best to provide the needed support. You are no doubt experiencing the same challenges that our churches everywhere are experiencing. Once again, here to, the fact that we are a "connectional" organization, ensures that we can be a great support to one another.

Your North West District Team is looking for new ways to assure that you can take advantage of programs and resources of the United Methodist Women. Don't forget to share with one another in your unit, the newsletter, the *response Magazine*, and any of the information that the Team sends out to you.

We know that many of our units cannot get to Mission u or informational conferences we have. Your "sister" and I can help you "connect" with those educational and informational resources so that you can truly accomplish the goals found in our Mission Statement.

May God bless all of the efforts of your unit in this year 2017. And remember to "CONNECT"!

Liz Dempsey
715-312-0268
Lizzied23@live.com

Weaver Editor



With the new year here, we also have new unit officers, which means a new mailing list for the WEAVER. This includes all Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers (these officers will be receiving the WEAVER at no cost). It is important that we have your correct address, so be sure to let me know if you change your address during the year. Anyone else in your unit who wishes to receive the WEAVER can get it at a suggested donation of \$3 a year, just give me a call or send me an e-mail.

The WEAVER is also on the WI Conference UMW website, so you can always look at it there, along with past issues.

Marion Strandberg
pstrandberg1367@charter.net

Social Action

Hi, I am Laura Ida and will be serving as Social Action Coordinator on our District team. I am a member of the River Falls United Methodist Church where I serve as Lay Leader and also enjoy other various positions. I am a retired teacher, having taught learning disabled children for 20 years, and 4th grade for 15 years. It has been my delight to be on staff at River Falls UMC as Director of Christian Education for the past two years. I am a certified Spiritual Director, and serve as Spiritual Director for our WI Conference Faith Alive program and am a member of the Conference Spiritual Formation Team. I have had the privilege of belonging to several UMW units in WI as our family moved through the years. I have always had deep respect for our UMW units and the important ministry they provide. I was Vice President of our Wausau First Unit and appreciated the privilege of serving as a Study Leader and Compassionate Listener at Mission u.

My family joys include two adult children, son Paul and daughter Marie, her husband Jordan, as well as two grandsons, Leyton and Lawson. I look forward to wonderful adventures with you, the time is ripe for Social Action!

Laura Ida

Nominations

2017

HELP
WANTED!



Another year is upon us! I always like to spend a little time at the beginning of a new year reflecting on last year as well as anticipating where the new year can lead. The nomination committee was very grateful for the wonderful women who volunteered for the District Team this year. As we look ahead to filling positions for 2018, we know that we have some big shoes to fill as our president, secretary, treasurer, and program resources will be completing their terms. There are also still openings on nominations. I know there are women out there considering joining the District Team. Maybe you are hesitant to take a district office thinking it will take away from you local unit. I myself thought that but being a member of the District team has been a bonus for me. Not only have I met a great bunch of women, I have been inspired, challenged, introduced to new ideas and given new opportunities. Please contact me if you would like more information.

God's Blessings, *Annette*
Chairperson
715-878-4203

Nominating Committee

Greetings in 2017.

My name is Laurie Church. I live in Barron and I am a life time member of the First United Methodist Church. I am a member of the UMW, past president and now I serve as co-chairperson of our library. I also serve as chairperson of a circle.

I am a retired teacher, but still do substitute work. I volunteer at our local food pantry and I am a member of our local music club.

I was recruited to serve on the nominating committee and I pray that I can encourage others to serve on the District team too. This is my second time on the team and my past experiences were wonderful!

Laurie

Mission Trip to Harbor House, Superior Wednesday June 28th, 2017

At our Annual Fall Gathering in Turtle Lake last fall, we had over 20 women indicate that they were interested in having the District Team try to put together a Work Day Mission Trip to Harbor House.

The plans have been worked out and Harbor House is excited about our interest in visiting their facilities.

So here are the plans: Everyone will be responsible for getting to Superior on their own the day of the event. There will not be a bus picking everyone up along the way. We will do our best to arrange for carpooling from a variety of areas throughout the district. If you are planning to go, have a van or larger vehicle and are willing to drive ~ let us know. Encourage a group from your own church to plan on going for the day and ride together.

We will meet in Superior around 9:00 am. In the morning we will tour the facilities. Barb Certa-Werner indicated, to save time, she could arrange lunch for us (each one will pay for their own lunch, she will make it available to us.) These arrangements have not been finalized, but they will be worked out.

After lunch we will help with a work project. Taking care of the kits from Annual Conference, sorting things that accumulate in the garages, work with some of the children if they are around in the afternoon, reading, playing games, etc. There should be a variety of things to do to help the staff at Harbor House.

We will head home about 4:00 pm.

There will be a sign-up sheet at Spring Day of Enrichment and we will contact those who indicated an interest last fall. If you are reading this in the WEAVER and will not be at the Spring Day of Enrichment, please contact me at the number below or for questions please contact:

Terry Giles
715 463-2400
gilesmt@grantsburgtelcom.net

**NORTH WEST DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
SPRING DAY OF ENRICHMENT
Saturday, April 22, 2017**

Holcombe United Methodist Church
27841 Co Hwy M
Holcombe, WI 54745
(715) 595-4967

Caring For God's Creation

Presenters

Deb Pattee – Climate Justice
Pastor Cathy Hamblin - Christian Decisions via Wesley

Mission Outreach

“The Lighthouse”

A housing & homeless shelter in Ladysmith, Wisconsin.
Read about this mission, and items on their wish list, on page 9 of this WEAVER.

Registration . . . 8:30am
Program 9:15am

Singing & Gathering . . . 9:00am
Sending Forth 3:00pm

Directions to Holcombe UMC

See page 9 of this WEAVER for directions to the church.



REGISTRATION

Deadline April 14TH

Registration + meal \$15 – **no refunds but is transferable**

Please attach names of all registrants to this form or copy form for each person. Please print names.

NAME _____ **UNIT** _____

FIRST TIME AT A DISTRICT UMW GATHERING YES ___ **NO** ___

Dietary Needs: early lunch/ special foods (specify) _____

Childcare: \$3 per child/max \$5 per family. Number of children _____ Ages _____
(Please bring a sack lunch for each child)

Registrations:

Make checks payable to:

North West District UMW (memo: registration)

Mail to:

Marion Strandberg
1101 Weather Ridge Rd.
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
715-497-5317

Mission Outreach Offering

Make checks payable to:

North West District UMW (memo: The Lighthouse)

Bring to Spring Day of Enrichment or Mail to:

Robin Peterson
3487 120th St.
Frederic, WI 54837
715-653-2382

Spring Day of Enrichment, April 22, 2017

Directions to Holcombe UMC

Holcombe is located on Hwy 27 between Cadott (at Hwy 29) & Ladysmith (at Hwy 8). **From the North** take Hwy 27 south to Holcombe, turn West (right turn) on Cty Road M, (be careful not to take Cty Hwy M to the left prior coming into town); go 2/10 mile, church is on the Left – see the Bell Tower prior to the driveway. **From the South** take Hwy 27 north to Holcombe, turn West (left turn) on County Road M, go 2/10 mile, church is on the Left – see the Bell Tower prior to the driveway

Mission Outreach

“The Lighthouse”

A housing & homeless shelter in Ladysmith, Wisconsin. There is HOPE for the homeless of this community. Rusk County Lighthouse serves families and individuals with emergency overnight stays, short term shelter stays and case management.

Wish List:

- bedding for twin beds (mattress covers, sheets, blankets and pillows),
- bath towels
- kitchen items (dishes, silverware, pots and pans, cups, glasses etc.)

The items need NOT be new, gently used are welcomed too.

Presenters



Dr. Deb Pattee – Climate Justice

Dr. Deb Pattee is in her 13th 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.

In her previous life she taught middle school in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She is passionate about middle level philosophy and students. She has operated an after school group now for eleven years called Ms Adventure Girls. They work on self-esteem, leadership, wellness and teaming.

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 two years and is presently the Conference Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth.

She has provided Breakout Session at Mission u and have been the keynote speaker at several District meetings throughout the state.

Pastor Cathy Hamblin – Christian Decisions via Wesley

Main point of her presentation: Taking a look at how we, as Christians, can make our decisions according to Wesley's Quadrilateral.

Participants will learn how our planet is threatened by an unsustainable, unjust and wasteful economic system in which we are all a part. We will discuss things that we might do to change things for the better!

Earth Day Fair at Spring Day of Enrichment April 22, 2017

I believe every day should be Earth Day, a day when we take care of God's Creation. With the theme of our Spring Day of Enrichment being Caring For God's Creation~an Earth Day Fair is just the way we can bring attention to what we can do to care for the planet on which we live.

1. First, I am asking each of the UMW units to think about Earth Day and create a poster to bring to the District Spring Day of Enrichment. There is a wide variety of topics you can cover on this subject; air and water pollution, going green; manufacturing, landfills, the Green Church, chemicals used in farming, extinction of animals, recycling, etc. etc. etc. Use your imagination and put it on a poster.
2. The posters will be displayed along with the posters the District Team will be making. Tables will be provided, but if you use a 8 1/2 x 10 sheet of paper to copy something off the internet, please bring a table easel along to be used to display it. You can use tag board, but that will require a bigger easel. If you like, use the trifold presentation board for your poster.
3. If you can't find anyone willing to make a poster, talk with your Sunday School Teachers and see if the kids can't come up with something.
4. This is not a Poster Contest. It is just a way to get you to think about the subject of Caring for God's Creation before you come to the event.
5. If you have questions, please call Terry Giles, VP. My cell # is 715 431-0420. Leave a message, as I don't always have my cell phone with me. I'll get back to you.

By popular demand, here is the casserole served at the Conference Annual Gathering in Eau Claire -Lake Street.
Serves 10-12 people

Chicken Almond Casserole

5 c. diced cooked chicken	1/2 c. sour cream
2 c. diced celery	1/2 c. mayonnaise
3 c. cooked rice	2 TBSP chopped onion
1 (8 oz.) can sliced water chestnuts	2 TBSP lemon juice
2 (10 oz) cans cream of chicken soup	1 tsp salt
1 c. sliced almonds	1/2 tsp garlic powder
	3/4 tsp pepper

Topping: 1/2 c. sliced almonds, 3 c. crushed cornflakes, 2/3 c. melted butter

Mix together chicken, celery, rice, water chestnuts, soup, sour cream, onion, lemon juice and spices. Put in a greased 9 x 13 pan. In a separate bowl, mix together topping ingredients and set aside. Cover and bake the casserole for 45 minutes @ 350°. Remove the cover and spread the topping evenly over the top of the casserole. Leave the cover off and bake an additional 15 minutes @ 350°.

Recipe from Virginia Markin



Mission Action Day

Saturday, April 1, 2017

**Columbus United Methodist Church
222 S. Dickason Blvd.
Columbus, WI 53925**

Homelessness

- Kathy Metzenbauer, Juneau Co. Extension, Sea of Change- Juneau County Support, Education, and Advocacy
- Bruce Wallbaum, Occupy Madison- tiny homes
- Karen Andro, Director of Outreach Ministries, First United Methodist Church- Madison

Donations for afternoon activity to support First UMC's Outreach ministries for the homeless
1. material for tie blankets (twin size) 2. items for foot care bags: pair ankle socks (male or female), travel size talcum powder, travel size lotion, toe nail clippers

Registration: 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. | Sending forth: 2:30 p.m.

Registration is transferrable, not refundable.

2017 MISSION ACTION DAY REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline for Registration: Friday, March 10, 2017- \$12 registration fee

Late registration-\$15- March 11-17, after March 17- fee remains \$15 lunch on your own

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/ZIP Code _____

District _____ Church _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Child Care needed for _____ child(ren), Age(s) _____ (I also understand that I am responsible for providing a sack lunch for each child or paying the registration fee of \$12.00 for each child in order to cover their lunch.)

Dietary or other considerations _____

Send form and **registration fee** to:

Shirley Carpenter, 2711 North Biron Drive, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494-8804

Make checks payable to: **Wisconsin Conference UMW**

Driving Directions to Columbus UMC, Columbus

For Mission Action Day, Saturday, April 2, 2016

- FROM STEVENS POINT/WAUSAU AREA (NORTHWEST): Take 39/51 south to Hwy 16 east to Columbus. Hwy 16/60 is James St. Turn right on Dickason. Columbus UMC is on the corner of Harrison and Dickason Blvd.
- FROM MADISON AREA (SOUTHWEST): Take 151 north to Hwy 16 east. Hwy 16/60 is James St. Turn right on Dickason Blvd. Columbus UMC is on the corner of Harrison and Dickason Blvd.
- FROM MILWAUKEE AREA (SOUTH): Take Hwy 41 north to Hwy. 60 west Hwy 60 to Columbus. Hwy. 60/16 is James St. Turn left on Dickason Blvd. Columbus UMC is on the corner of Harrison and Dickason Blvd.
- FROM GREEN BAY AREA (NORTH): Take Hwy 41 south to Hwy 151. Hwy 151 to Columbus. Take Hwy 16 east. Hwy 16/60 is James St. Turn right on Dickason Blvd. Columbus UMC is on the corner of Harrison and Dickason Blvd.
- FROM LA CROSSE AREA (WEST): Take 90 east to Hwy 60 east. Hwy 60 to Columbus. Hwy 60/16 becomes James St. in Columbus. Turn right on Dickason Blvd. Columbus UMC is on the corner of Harrison and Dickason Blvd.

Hwy 16/60 connects to Dickason Blvd. at corner where Library /City Hall & F & M Bank is located

For precise directions and map, go to <https://maps.google.com> and type in 222 S. Dickason Blvd., Columbus, WI or

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/United+Methodist+Church/@43.3383654,-89.0176549,17z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x0000000000000000:0xcbd73a5faa8d36a0>

visit <http://www.cbusumc.com>

If there is not a funeral, individuals may park in the funeral home parking lot across the street from Columbus UMC.

2016 READING AWARDS

Submitted by Billie LaBumbard – Program Resource Secretary

NORTH WEST DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN READING PROGRAM REPORT FOR 2016

Unit	Name	Plan
Barron	Kathee Yamada	1
	Deanna Keppen	1
	Laurie Church	4
	Marilyn Gilbertson	2
Bloomer	Shelly Yohnk	1
Canton	Michele Halvorson	1
	Arlene White	1
Chippewa-Trinity	Donna Kraemer	2
	Ruth Olson	1
	Shirley J. Woodruff	1
	Carole Frederick	1
	Marion Strandberg	2
Clear Lake	Joan Lillie	1
Eau Claire-Lake St	Beverly Maser	4
	Chris Draxler	4
	Lena Thompson	4
	Suzanne Heabler	4
	Pat Peterson	2
	Joyce Simpson	1
	Audrey Simonsin	1
	Julie Holzinger	1
Grantsburg	Carol Drohman	1
	Barb Loomis	1
	Pauline Kratchmer	1
	Mary McNally	2
	Luanne Martell	3
	Terry Giles	3
Holcombe	Elaine Sharp	1
	Ruby Getting	2
	Erma David	2
	Alice Troupe	1
	Cheryl Bingham	2
Knapp	Vira Mae Plumley	1
Lewis	Robin Peterson	1
	Kara BoyerAlden	1
	Lavonne Boyer	1
Mondovi	Iris Baudendistel	2
	Becky Davis	2
	Irma Fuller	1
	Kristi Schultz	1
New Auburn	Ilene Moos	1
	Barbara Plumber	1
New Centerville	Marlene Finke	1
	Barbara Wiss	1
New Richmond	Laurel Olson	1
	Kay Peterson	1
	Janet Knutson	2

Unit	Name	Plan
Pleasant Valley	Annette Pederson	3
	Hattie Chapek	1
	Arlene Green	1
Prairie Farm	Barbara Bender	1
Rice Lake	Sharon White	1
	Lisa Mink	1
	Arlene Hougas	2
	Nancy Zabel	3
	Adora Forward	1
River Falls	Majorie Shirmer	3
	Janet Leonard	4
	Sue Pierson	4
	Barb Wall	4
	Bernice Wolf	1
Spooner	Terri Reiter	1
	Mabel Mathison	1
	Mavis Cook	1
	Jean Kissack	1
	Lynda Hoyt	1
	Billie LaBumbard	4
	Cheryl Starr	1
	Jean Parker	1
Superior-Faith	Peggy Van Valkenburg	1
	Carol Larson	3
	Joan Goebel	2
	Barbara Porter	1
	Mary Manion-Bick	1
	Ellie Skelton	1
	Rev Barb Certa-Werner	2
	Jessie Westman	1

*If you turned your report in November, or after, and it is not on this list, please contact Billie at her cell number 715-939-0118.

AWARDS

MISSION TODAY TASK REPORT FOR 2016

submitted by Suzanne Heabler – 2016 Education & Interpretation Coordinator

Qualified-23

Birchwood
Bloomer
Bruce Federated
Canton
Clear Lake
Downing
Eau Claire Lake Street
Exland First
Grantsburg Central
Holcombe
Jim Falls
Knapp
Lewis Memorial
New Auburn
New Richmond
Osceola
Pleasant Valley
Prairie Farm
Rice Lake
Siren
Spooner
Tainter
Webster - Grace

Reported, however didn't quite qualify-6

Ashland First
Augusta
Balsam Lake/Centuria
Glenwood City
Rock Elm
Turtle Lake Parkview

Area of a District Member and no report needed

Chippewa Falls-Zion
Chetek
Montana/Independence
Pepin
Wheeler

Congratulations to all of you for your efforts to fulfill our UMW Purpose. Keep up the great work!!

The balance of the units in our district chose not to report or did not remember to do so. Hopefully they will be able to comply next year.

NORTH WEST DISTRICT UMW

5 STAR AWARD RECIPIENTS – 2016

Submitted by Robin Peterson – 2016 District Treasurer

Augusta
Barron – First
Birchwood
Bloomer
Canton
Chippewa Falls – Trinity
Clear Lake
Eau Claire - Lake Street
Grantsburg – Central
Holcombe
Jim Falls
Lewis Memorial
Mondovi - Our Savior

New Centerville
New Richmond
Osceola
Pleasant Valley
Prairie Farm - Faith
Rice Lake - First
River Falls
Shell Lake
Siren
Spooner
Superior - Faith
Webster - Grace

MISSION TASK CRITERIA FOR 2017

To become a Mission Task Unit complete at least 2 criteria from each category. Try a new criteria next year and report back at the fall of 2017 to see how you did.

Use these CRITERIA to help you complete the REPORT FORM.

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

1. Plan programs that encourage spiritual growth. (Use Program Book, response magazine, ...)
2. Create prayer partners with other church group(s)
3. Pray, using the Prayer Calendar at meetings.
4. Organize the Spiritual Growth Study from Mission u
Expand it for several sessions.

To experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ

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 Tasks.
3. Implement the Charter For Racial Justice Program.
4. Present a Mission Study from Mission u, inviting members of the congregation and other guests.

To develop a creative, supportive fellowship;

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 and/or invite visitors 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

1. Encourage all members to participate in the Pledge to Mission; report on where the money goes.
2. Involve all members in fund raising. (think out of the box)
3. Contribute to scholarships related to UMW programs such as Mission U and Seminar Experience.
4. Partner with a mission institution such as Northcott or United Methodist Children's Services.

**Women Remembered at the September 17th, 2016 UMW Annual Gathering
Memorial Service**

Ashland-----Marlene Parkhurst
Atlas-----Deloris Olson(dist member)
Augusta-----Betty Phillips, Opal Markham
Barron-----Ruth Otto, Beulah Jerry, Elaine Pitzrick
Bloomer-----Mildred LaMeere
Boyceville-----Margaret Palmer
Clear Lake-----Myrna Kuhn, Arlys Rose
Exeland-----Marian Baribeau
Grantsburg-----Emily Randolph
Holcombe-----Charlotte Begalke
Hudson-----Beverly Solsvig, Kay Wallace, Vivian Johnston, Helen Bakke, Norma Bicha, Betty Delong, Sherry Slininger, Betty Ross
Eau Claire Lake St---Betty Anderson-Moore, Vallie Huffman, Marlene Parkhurst, Wanda Bauer
Lewis-----Avis Ruud-Gabrysh
Mondovi-----Carol Bump
New Auburn-----Barbara Hanson
New Richmond---Mabel Arnquist
Prairie Farm-----Mabel Minor, Dorothy Flanagan
Rice Lake-----Betty Schlapper, Sylvia Wildes
River Falls-----Shirley Plumley
Rock Elm-----Marlys Churchill

Shell Lake-----Naomi Beardsley, Gina Lewis
Siren-----Annabelle Pearson, Marilyn Weschnefski
Spooner-----Ruth Rydberg, Mabel Perry, Ruby Spelbring, Bev Staves, Marie Hovey
Superior Faith---Millie Grimsrud, Mildred Ward(long-time UMW member of Superior Trinity)
Turtle Lake-----Bernice Hardina
Webster-----Beverly A. Johnson
Whitehall-----Janet Shanklin



Safely Home

*I am home in heaven, dear ones,
 Oh, so happy and so bright!
 There is a perfect joy and beauty
 In the everlasting light.
 All the pain and grief is over,
 Every restless tossing passed;
 I am now at peace forever,
 Safely home in heaven at last.
 There is work still waiting for you,
 So you must not idly stand,
 Do it now, while life remaineth . . .
 You shall rest in God's own land.
 When that work is all completed,
 He will gently call you Home;
 Oh, the rapture of that meeting
 Oh, the joy to see you come!*

Author ~ Unknown

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Barbara Bender-

Holcombe, Boyceville, Clear Lake, Tainter, Bloomer, Downing (6)

Billie LaBumbard-

Odanah, Ashland, Turtle Lake, Chippewa Falls - Trinity, Bruce (5)

Evie O'Neil –

Webster, District Superintendent

Jean Kissack-

Siren, Shell Lake, Grantsburg, Exeland, Lewis, (5)

Laura Ida-

Balsam Lake, New Centerville, Eau Claire Lake Street, Knapp, Independence/Montana (Dist. Member) (4) + Dist. Member

Liz Dempsey –

Barron, Superior, Pepin (Dist. Member), Chetek (Dist. Member), Thorp, Jim Falls, River Falls, Wheeler (Dist. Member) (6) + 3 Dist Members

Marion Strandberg –

Plum City/Ono, Pleasant Valley, Colfax, Elmwood, Rock Elm, New Richmond (6)

Terry Giles –

Hudson, Spooner, Osceola, Birchwood, Cumberland (5)

Laurie Church-

Glenwood City, Rice Lake, Menominee, Prairie Farm, Canton (5)

Each unit is assigned a District Officer as their liaison to the District. Each District Officer will contact her Sister units through either a letter, e-mail or a phone call to help her units with any questions and to keep them informed on news from the District and Conference.

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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:

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**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
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The Legacy Fund

United Methodist Women is celebrating its 150th anniversary by strengthening and passing on its mission inheritance with The Legacy Fund. The forward-looking permanent endowment will provide a firm foundation for generations of United Methodist Women to come as they engage in mission with the women, children and youth of their day.

The Legacy Fund's income will ensure a regular source of support for the core expenses of being in mission. It will provide for administration of United Methodist Women's grants, scholarships, mission personnel, membership nurture, leadership development as well as enable the organization to make needed technological updates of its data and communications operating systems.

The total program of United Methodist Women is mission. United Methodist Women service, advocacy and transformative learning opportunities equip members to be agents of change and promote the empowerment of women that is essential to address the root causes of so many conditions harming women, children and youth. The Legacy Fund will provide a stable source of support for core expenses of mission, and in doing so, it will free future generations of United Methodist Women to raise and budget their Mission Giving dollars in a different way that enables them to connect even more directly with women, children and youth.

Every member of United Methodist Women is invited to contribute to The Legacy Fund. **Any amount is welcome.** Consider commemorating the year United Methodist Women foremothers first organized for mission with gifts in increments of 1869—\$18.69, \$186.90, \$1,869, etc. Or you may want to honor United Methodist Women's years of service with gifts in increments of 150—\$15, \$150, \$1,500. Members are also invited to name The Legacy Fund in their will or as a beneficiary of an insurance policy or pension.

Gifts to the legacy fund can be made in several ways:

- **Online at** unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund
- **Phone: 800-278-7771** (8 am – 6 pm EST, M-F)
- **Text Legacy150 to 41444**
- **Check** made out to United Methodist Women, Treasurer's Office, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115. Write "The Legacy Fund" in the memo section.

March 23, 1869, eight women gathered at Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, Massachusetts, to organize for mission focused on the needs of women and children. They started the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, a predecessor organization of United Methodist Women, and through it raised money to send a woman doctor, Clara Swain, and a woman teacher, Isabella Thoburn, to India as missionaries to serve the women and girls of that nation.

Those visionary women left a legacy that has moved generations of women to engage in mission focused on the needs of women and children of their times for going on 150 years. In the 21st century, women still need to organize for mission. Make it happen with a gift to The Legacy Fund.

SAVE
THE DATE!
MARCH 23

2nd Annual
UNITED
METHODIST
WOMEN
DAY OF
GIVING



Join United Methodist Women members around the country on **March 23** for the **Second Annual Day of Giving to The Legacy Fund**, part of our five-year 150th anniversary celebration!

IT'S EASY TO GIVE!

- Online at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund.
- By phone: 800-278-7771 (8 am-6pm EST, Monday-Friday).
- Text Legacy150 to 41444.
- By check to Office of the Treasurer, United Methodist Women, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115.

Write "**The Legacy Fund**" in the memo section.

The Legacy Fund is a permanent endowment to support the work of future generations of United Methodist Women.



****To all North West UMW Local Units****

Please contact Barb Bender at obbender@chibardun.net or 715-455-1471 to report the following information: BY February 10, 2017!!!!

1. # of members end of Dec 2015
2. # of members died or gone away in 2016
3. # of new members during 2016
4. # of total members Dec 31, 2016

No other forms will be sent out and Barb will be entering your information directly into the computer. You will be called, emailed, or written to, several times if needed, to complete this information by March 2017. We are working for a 100% completion. Hope all had a good 2016 and have a better 2017.

Rita Stearns,
North West MNO Chair(until 1/1/17)



February 10 – Deadline for 2016 membership count

March 4 – Team Meeting at Holcombe UMC

March 23 - United Methodist Women Day of Giving

April 1- Mission Action Day Columbus UMC, Columbus WI

April 10 – WEAVER articles due

April 22 – Spring Day of Enrichment, Holcombe UMC

June 3 – Team Meeting at Prairie Farm UMC

June 28 – Mission Trip to Harbor House

July 10 – WEAVER articles due

July 24-27 Mission u 4-Day School Hotel Mead and Conference Center Wisconsin Rapids WI

July 28 Mission u Overview Day Hotel Mead and Conference Center Wisconsin Rapids WI

August 5 – Team Meeting at Barron UMC

September 16 – Annual Gathering at Barron UMC

October 19-20 Conference Annual Gathering Waukesha First UMC, Waukesha WI

December 2 – District Team Luncheon at TBA

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