

Chippewa District  
United Methodist Women

Newsletter

# The WEAVER



February 2014



## THE PURPOSE

The organized unit of the 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.

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## From Your President



**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL** from your president!

We have a brand new year in front of us- a clean slate. And a chance to improve ourselves and to improve our relationship with God. So many times as I have looked ahead I get so enthusiastic about improvements that my list gets far too long. There are so many places that I fall short and I want to cover them all at once. I have learned, however, that with so much I lose track of them and I get bogged down and pretty soon all of my good intentions have slipped by the wayside. This year I am going to limit my selections and try very hard to see each of my improvements grow throughout the year. I am going to try to finish the Bible Reading and study of the whole Bible (which I had for last year) and I am going to try to be a good and responsible president of our Chippewa District United Methodist Women. All of you can help to keep me on track!!!

We have had so many blessings this past year and I want to mention especially the blessings of the ladies who came forward to fill some of the gaps in our team--Janet Knutson who took on the position of secretary, Robin Peterson who is our new treasurer, Annette Pederson and Terry Giles who stepped into a vacancy on the nominations team and Barbara Bender who came back to the team as historian. My deepest thanks to these ladies who found it in their calling to work with us....And my thanks goes to the rest of the team who signed on for another term. Thank you all! You know God does provide and we all give to Him our deepest thanks and praise always.....

We still do need one position to be filled-- Vice President. It is my prayer that the Lord will lay it on the heart of one of you out there to take on this very worthwhile work as we endeavor to do His will.

I look forward to a very rewarding and fruitful year for all of us as with the help of the Holy Spirit we work to bring inspirational and worthwhile programs and speakers to our two gatherings this year. With your prayers and attendance AND with God's help, it will be good!

God bless..... *Evie O'Neil*  
District President

**Our Treasurer  
Hello, Everyone!**

I do hope you have all been blessed with a healthy and happy start to the 2014 year. What a JOY it is that God has provided us with this moment to "begin again"... "start anew"! Not only do we get this chance every year; but, every second of every day we have a new opportunity to bring Him glory while we lovingly carry out the work He sets before us.

My husband, Randy, and I live in Lewis, WI. We will be celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on April 15<sup>th</sup> and are planning a trip to Alaska in August to celebrate. We have no children; but, enjoy the company of 3 cats and 2 Springer Spaniels. I grew up in Irving, MI and graduated from Aquinas College with a Business Administration degree. I met Randy while doing my internship at Seven Pines Lodge in Lewis, WI. After moving to WI in 1988, I have enjoyed being employed as a teller at Bremer Bank for 8 years, and as a bookkeeper for 16 years at Wayne's Foods Plus and as a travel agent for 5 years at Sun Travel & Tan. I have just started a new job as Office Manager at Avion Accounting, Inc in Siren. I enjoy being an active member of the Lewis Memorial UMC and the Lewis community. My hobbies include gardening, hunting, reading, baking and anything crafty.

I am looking forward to being your new District Treasurer for the 2014-2015 year. I am a little fearful of the responsibilities and duties required of this position. However, I am trusting the Lord and you, my fellow UMW sisters, to help me with the job.

May God bless you with a loving heart, a sharing spirit, and willing hands to help our neighbors, wherever they may be.

*Robin Peterson*  
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**Greetings From Your New Secretary**

As a teen, I helped serve monthly "Ladies Aid" dinners in the EUB church in New Richmond. My grandmother was a charter member of that church. My mother was active in her "Rebecca Circle" in the newly formed United Methodist Church.

I became active in UMW after I retired in 1991 after 38 years of teaching elementary and middle school. I have been secretary of our local unit in New Richmond for many years. When I announced my resignation of that position, and asked for a replacement, a member spoke up and responded "I can do that." Wonderful words to hear!! God was surely present that morning!

I have three daughters. The oldest lives in Emmaus, PA, and is secretary for the Parkland Art League in Allentown. Another daughter is a Financial Assistant in the St. Croix County Nursing Home, and is on the New Richmond City Council. The youngest is a Literacy Coach at a Middle School in Cottage Grove, MN. Four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren complete my family.

I pray that God will guide us through 2014 as we work together to fulfill the UMW Purpose.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Chippewa District Secretary  
*Janet Knutson*

## Reading Program News From 2013



Greetings to all United Methodist Women in the Chippewa District; it is time to share the reading reports from 2013.

Superior Faith is the best read church with 10 readers who qualified by reading at least one book from each of the 5 categories from the lists of the most recent 5 years. Congratulations! Following close behind are Eau Claire Lake Street and Barron with 9 readers each, Holcombe had 7, and Grantsburg and Mondovi had 6 each. It is such fun to receive the reports in December and to think of our friends all over the district who are discovering some of the lives, adventures and ideas contained in the recommended books.

Our congratulations also to the individuals who have achieved the 4 star rank by reading at least 20 books: Suzanne Heabler, Bev Maser and Lena Thompson from Eau Claire Lake Street, Terry Giles from Grantsburg and Barb Wall from River Falls. We thank you all for reading and encouraging other readers by sharing books you enjoy.

Now we can reveal the top ten most read books. Most of the titles are from the 2013 program, but a couple of them are from previous years and well worth reading.

*"ONE SIMPLE ACT" had 35 readers*  
*"I AM HUTTERITE" 25*  
*"PLAIN WISDOM" 21*  
*"THIS WILL BE REMEMBERED OF HER" 21*  
*"THE POWER OF HALF" 18*  
*"I AM NUJOOD 18*  
*"THE BOY WHO HARNESSSED THE WIND" 17*  
*"OUTCASTS UNITED" 17*  
*"RELUCTANT PILGRIM" 14*  
*"EVERY DAY IS A GOOD DAY" 12*

Billie LaBumbard is now the Secretary of Program Resources, but I will still be reading. See you in Shell Lake April 12<sup>th</sup> for Spring Day of Enrichment.

*Nancy Zabel*

## Program Resource Secretary



I am your new Secretary of Program Resource. Lon (my husband) and I met with Nancy and Bill Zabel to get some training about my responsibilities. Please have patience with me as I enter the learning curve for this new position. If you have questions my number is 715-635-7045 and my email is [missionbillie@gmail.com](mailto:missionbillie@gmail.com).

### PROMOTING READING

Some of the suggestions that I have seen on the web page:

<http://umc.org/umw/programs/readingprogram> are the following:

- Join the Reading program online or through your local unit.
- Start a reading group.
- Present book reviews at UMW meetings.
- Take reading programs books to retirement communities or nursing homes and read them to the residents.
- Let others know about the books on the reading program.
- Honor those who participate.
- Develop displays to encourage reading in your church.

*Billie LaBumbard*

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*"The more you read  
the more things you know.  
The more that you learn  
the more places you'll go."  
-Dr. Seuss*

## **Nominating Committee**

Rita -Chairperson

Happy New Year and many blessings for 2014. The nominations committee has managed to complete our district team except for the vice-presidency. The offices of Social Action, Membership Nurture & Outreach and Communications Coordinator will all be open the end of 2014. We will be asking those now residing if they wish to continue or need to find someone new. It is great we now have six persons on nominations.

During the past few years, I have been President of my local Bloomer UMW, holding positions in my local church for librarian, outreach and nurture, lay representative to annual conference, leader of a bible study. I have enjoyed working with the Chippewa district in nominations, especially with Suzanne. I also keep busy with my grandchildren's activities and doing some traveling. Keep me in your prayers as I begin my job of Nominations Chairman; all advice accepted!!

Thanks,  
*Rita Stearns*  
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[ritast@charter.net](mailto:ritast@charter.net)

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Annette

Greetings to my UMW sisters!  
I was excited to be asked to join the nominating committee of the Chippewa District UMW. I attend a small country church and have been involved in its activities my entire life. I remember attending "ladies aide" with my mother as a child and I have been active in UMW for many years. When I worked full time I helped start an evening circle of four women to keep us involved. Since I now only work part time, I take a more active role in our afternoon meeting group. I am currently the treasurer and spearhead the reading program. Our unit is small with 6-10 members attending our meetings. Thus, I understand the challenges faced by the small units of our district.

I have always been glad that UMW focuses on issues about children, as this is close to my heart. I coordinate our churches children program and I volunteer at a local school.

I am grateful for all the blessings God has given me and I hope I can help with this new "adventure". I look forward to working with the District Team and the units throughout the Chippewa District.

God's blessings to you all.

*Annette Pederson*  
715-878-4203

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Karen S.

After four years as the Wisconsin Conference Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator, I now, eagerly, have joined the Chippewa District Nominations Committee. With past experience on the District Team, I know the dedication to United Methodist Women is paramount. The 2013 Nominating Committee diligently worked to provide 2014 leadership. Prayerfully women have been encouraged to share their talents. As I write this quick bio for the WEAVER, I ask the reader to consider what she can do to provide ways to continue the work in the Chippewa District by praying, attending events, and saying "yes" to our asking for your talents that we recognize as your gifts.

So now, I am going to write a note to my son and family in New Hampshire, prepare for our local Study Group at church, help Bill write our belated Christmas notes and snitch some of the tempting Christmas candy. The latter has to be consumed so I can start a diet.

Blessings to you as together we serve God.

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*"Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day."* - Sally Koch -

### Terry

My name is Terry Giles and I have agreed to be on the District Nominating Committee. I am a member of Central United Methodist Church in Grantsburg, WI. I have only been involved with UMW for the past 2-3 years. At the local level I am officially the Vice President and this is the second year I have held that position. Unofficially, I am also the Secretary of Program Resources. I have been instrumental in getting our UMW involved with the Reading Program. In 2013 we had 6 women complete the program, an accomplishment I am very proud to be a part of. I am new to UMW and have lots to learn but I am looking forward to becoming more involved at both the local and district level.

Personally, I am a retired RN. My husband, Mike and I celebrated our 46<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in Jan. We have two grown children ~ Amy lives in Elk Mound, WI. and Craig is a Lt. Col. in the US Air Force stationed in Georgia. We also have one granddaughter, Elly, who will be graduating from Elk Mound HS this spring.

Each winter we “escape Wisconsin” by taking our 5<sup>th</sup> wheel and heading south for 8-10 weeks. We will be leaving around Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> and will return mid March when the “sap” begins to run. One of our hobbies is making maple syrup, so we have to get back to WI so we can continue that tasty tradition.

I love reading and while we are gone I will use my Kindle to read several books listed on the reading program. Technology allows me to keep up with my commitment to the reading program while I am away.

I am also an avid scrap booker. I spend lots of time on scrap book retreats with a special group of “scrappin’ sisters”.

By agreeing to be a member of the District Nominations Committee, I am stepping WAY outside my comfort zone!!! I trust that the good Lord has a plan for me and will help me find my way through this new challenge.

*Terry Giles*  
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### Karen L.

I have been on the District Team for ten years, going on 11, but when I accepted the position of Chippewa District treasurer 5 years ago I really wondered what I had gotten myself into. But I found that even at my age I could learn new things. I have decided that it was really one of the best decisions I have made in my life. The women on the team have been great and so have all of the treasurers in your units. So I want to thank everyone for both their hard work and the support that I have had.

I also would like to encourage you all to take a position if asked. You can do it. And you will so enjoy the friendships you will make along the way. UMW is a wonderful organization and the work they do is remarkable. We can all be proud that we have had a part in it. So again thank you all for your help and your friendship. I will now be a part of the nomination committee.

*Karen Langer*  
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### **Education and Interpretation**

The old year has passed and the new year has begun. It was a cold start, but I know my UMW sisters will warm things up with their ardent desire to help with God's missions.

I have been preparing my Mission Today Report for the conference, and I am pleased that forty-one of you sent in your forms last year. Of these, twenty-nine qualified as a Mission Today Unit! Some of the others were soooo close, just one item short, so I'm sure you will be able to qualify this year.

#### **Of those reporting:**

- 37 made their pledge
- 34 have at least one member subscribe to *Response* magazine
- 25 include a *Response* moment to highlight a mission story
- 24 became a 5 Star unit for your mission giving
- 31 use the Program Book for at least two programs

**The least often checked were:**

- Holding a Mini-Spiritual Growth Retreat--3 (Birchwood, Clear Lake and Eau Claire Lake Street). Speak to them to get some ideas.
  - Belonging to UMW's Action Network—5
  - E-mail or write to 5 persons listed in the Prayer Calendar—7 (This is so easy)
  - Become a Green Unit--7
- Try to add at least one of these to your list for this year.

**HELP! HELP!** I received some requests for an officer visit (Webster, Superior Faith, Prairie Farm, New Centerville, Chippewa Falls - Trinity). However, one was on a pink Post-It Note that became detached during the paper shuffle. It was asking for a visit on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. If you requested a visit and are not on this list, please call, write or e-mail me. Thank you.

I noticed that all of you do a FANTASTIC job of supporting your local missions! This year, try to expand your mission circle to include more awareness and support for national and global missions by using the Mission Today Criteria. Lets keep working at it. Encourage your members and check them off one by one. I know we can all be Mission Today units. I know we can. With God's help, we can! Blessings for the New Year.

*Ruby Getting*  
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**Spiritual Growth**



**Hallelujah! A New Creation!**

During the recent Christmas season, I had the privilege to speak at a church in our district while their pastor was away following all the busyness of the church during Advent and Christmas Eve. While reading the scriptures in the lectionary my "heart" responded to the lectionary scripture of

Psalm 148 and the sight in the mind's eye following the reading of that was incredible. So, let me see if I can convey that to you in words. First one must look back to Genesis chapter 1--- **It's God's creation being born**--- so visualize these happenings: the universe is void and nothing but roiling waters.....now LIGHT is born and we have DAY and NIGHT.....next the waters are separated from a new creation called SKY or in the King James version HEAVEN.....now the creation of dry LAND with its trees and grass, fruit, sand .....then, to ensure continuous production, God creates lighting that gives the land SUN, MOON and STARS creating a cycle..... following which living SEA CREATURES and WINGED CREATURES of the air were brought forth to multiply.....and finally every kind of LAND CREATURE and a special creature in God's image called MAN and WOMAN to tend to and maintain the earth.

Praise is a key word in this series of Psalms so what does it mean to praise? Does it mean to thank? Does it mean to sing and dance? Does it mean, as with the wise men, to bow in homage while bringing gifts to pay homage?

In the last 2 verses of this powerful Psalm, God has raised up a HORN for his people - **THE NEWEST CREATION** – THE CHRIST, THE MESSIAH, THE EXPECTED ONE! **This is the creation above all creations.** There is no doubt for me that through this Psalm ALL OF CREATION pays homage (praise) to the greatest of all creations. So, imagine if you will day and night, the sky called heaven, the dry land and everything growing upon it, the lighting called sun and moon and stars, the sea and winged creatures, the land creatures and man and woman ALL BOWING DOWN TO OR LAYING PRONE IN HOMAGE TO THE ONE WHO COMES TO TEACH US WHAT WE ARE TO BE. **THIS IS GOD'S CREATION!**

*Liz Dempsey*  
Spiritual Growth Coordinator

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**"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant."**

- Anne Bradstreet -

CHIPPEWA DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
**SPRING DAY OF ENRICHMENT**  
**Saturday, April 12, 2014**

Shell Lake United Methodist Church  
135 Reinhart Dr.  
Shell Lake, WI  
715-468-2405

**SHARING THE GOOD NEWS**

Guest Speakers

**Tsuker Yang – Hmong House of Good News**  
**Pastor Cathy Hamblin – Bible Study on “Sharing the Good News”**

Mission Outreach

**Washburn County Food Pantry**

Please read page 9 in this WEAVER to find out more about this Mission and what donations are needed.

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

Singing & Gathering . . . 9:00am  
Sending Forth . . . . . 2:45pm

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**Directions to Church:** See page 9 for directions to the Church.



**REGISTRATION**

Deadline April 4th  
Registration + meal \$15 – **no refunds**

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

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **CHURCH NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number** \_\_\_\_\_ **e-mail address** \_\_\_\_\_

**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:**  
Chippewa District UMW (memo: registration)

**Mail to:**  
Marion Strandberg  
227 Olive St.  
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729  
715-497-5317

**Mission Outreach Offering:**

**Make checks payable to:**  
Chippewa District UMW (memo: Food Pantry)

**Bring to Spring Day of Enrichment or Mail to:**  
Robin Peterson  
3487 120<sup>th</sup> St.  
Frederic, WI 54837  
715-653-2382 (evenings)

**Questions:** Call Evie O'Neil at 715/ 354-3197 or e-mail her at [evio31@outlook.com](mailto:evio31@outlook.com)

Spring Day of Enrichment – April 12<sup>th</sup>  
Shell Lake United Methodist Church  
135 Reinhart Dr.  
Shell Lake, WI  
715-468-2405

## DIRECTIONS

### **From the South:**

Take Hwy 53 to Cty Rd B (second sign announcing Shell Lake). Take a left (west) toward Shell Lake (pass the cemetery and WITC) to Hwy 63. Turn left on Hwy 63(South). Take Hwy 63 to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Merrith Drive (small sign with arrow pointing to the United Methodist Church on the right). The airport is on the left. The Church is about a block on your left.

### **From the North:**

Follow Hwy 63 through Shell Lake and past the park. Take Hwy 63 to 3<sup>rd</sup> St. and Merrith Drive (small sign with arrow pointing to the United Methodist Church on the right). The airport is on the left. The Church is about a block on your left.



## MISSION OUTREACH Washburn County Food Pantry

The Washburn County Food Pantry's wish list are items it does not purchase:

- cake mixes
- hamburger helper
- toiletries
- monetary donations (make checks out to: **Chippewa District UMW** memo: Washburn Food Pantry)
- laundry soap
- bathroom tissue

## GUEST SPEAKERS

**Tsuker Yang** – Director of the Hmong House of Good News

**Cathy Hamblin** – Pastor of New Richmond United Methodist Church



# Mission Action Day

## Saturday, April 5, 2014

Peace United Methodist Church  
2300 E. Wisconsin Ave.  
Kaukauna, WI 54130

### Human Trafficking in WI

- Presented by Pastor Heather Brewer, Bloomer/New Auburn UMC - WI Initiatives, what you and your church can do in response to Human Trafficking.
- Lieutenant Steve Elliott, Appleton Police Department -the local response to Human Trafficking.

### Elder Abuse

- Diane Mandler, Supervisor of Crisis Intervention and Adult Protective Services with the Outagamie Health and Human Services Department will speak on Elder Abuse.

Online registration available at [www.wisconsinumw.org](http://www.wisconsinumw.org)

*(cash or check for registration fee of \$12.00 will be paid at the door when registering online)*

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

*Registration is transferrable, not refundable.*

### 2014 MISSION ACTION DAY REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline for Registration: Monday, March 10, 2014

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 \_\_\_\_\_

When registering by U.S. Mail, send form and **\$12.00 registration fee** to (registration must be received by Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>):

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

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

## Driving Directions to Peace UMC, Kaukauna

### For Mission Action Day, Saturday, April 5, 2014

- FROM STEVENS POINT/WAUSAU AREA (NORTHWEST): Take 45/10 east. Continue on 441 to the County Road Oo/Northland Ave. exit. Take County Road Oo east (right). Turn right onto Rose Hill Road. Left onto E Main Street. Right onto Hayes Street. Left onto E Wisconsin Avenue. Church is on the left.
- FROM MADISON AREA (SOUTHWEST): Take 151 north to Hwy 41 north. Take the 55 Kaukauna (Delanglade Street) exit. Turn right onto 55. Turn right onto County Road Oo. Left onto Gertrude Street. Right onto W Wisconsin Avenue. Church is on the right.
- FROM MILWAUKEE AREA (SOUTH): Take Hwy 41 north. Take the 55 Kaukauna (Delanglade Street) exit. Turn right onto 55. Turn right onto County Road Oo. Left onto Gertrude Street. Right onto W Wisconsin Avenue. Church is on the right.
- FROM GREEN BAY AREA (NORTH): Take Hwy 41 south. Take the 55 Kaukauna (Delanglade Street) exit. Turn right onto 55. Turn right onto County Road Oo. Left onto Gertrude Street. Right onto W Wisconsin Avenue. Church is on the right.
- FROM LA CROSSE AREA (WEST): Take 90 east to WI Hwy 21 east. Take Hwy 21 east (toward Oshkosh) to Hwy 41. Take Hwy 41 north to 55 Kaukauna (Delanglade Street) exit. Turn right onto 55. Turn right onto County Road Oo. Left onto Gertrude Street. Right onto W Wisconsin Avenue. Church is on the right.

For precise directions and map, go to <https://maps.google.com> and type in 2300 E. Wisconsin Ave., Kaukauna, WI 54130 or visit [www.peaceunitedmethodist.com](http://www.peaceunitedmethodist.com).

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### Proposed 2014 Social Action Priorities for the Chippewa District

- 1) **HUMAN TRAFFICKING**- increase awareness of human trafficking down and up highway 53, put up posters in restrooms of gas stations along Highway 53 in our district.
- 2) **ROMA AWARENESS**- have discussions and bible studies in local units using the ROMA book.
- 3) **ENCOURAGE** local units that have sewing groups to make cloth Peri pads FOR PROJECT PATRICIA distribution site in Parkville, MO to be sent for distribution to girls in Africa. I HAVE LETTER OF EXPLANATION, ADDRESSES AND PATTERNS TO GIVE OUT TO INTERESTED LOCAL UNITS OR GO TO Project Patricia website.
- 4) **INCREASE AWARENESS** of needs of women and children in our district regarding ABUSE, NEGLECT and HOMELESSNESS.

*Jean Kissack*  
Social Action Coordinator

**NAMES FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE  
CHIPPEWA DISTRICT UMW FALL GATHERING**

**September 2013**

Those we hold closest to our hearts never truly leave us. They live on in the kindness they have shared and  
the love they brought into our lives.

~ Author Unknown ~

<b>Barron</b>	Betty Prine Mable Gardner	<b>New Richmond</b>	Alice Johnson
<b>Birchwood</b>	Verena Thomas	<b>Pleasant Valley</b>	Madelyn Ellis
<b>Bloomer</b>	Evelyn Gotham	<b>Prairie Farm</b>	Irene Miller 12/7/12
<b>Canton</b>	Cora Noble	<b>Rice Lake First</b>	Lucille Engrisch
<b>Chippewa Falls Trinity</b>	Pearl Gladwell 100yrs Grace Gilmore	<b>River Falls</b>	Donna Pearson Myrtle Stirrat Dorothy Romoser Constance Jean Robey
<b>Clear Lake</b>	Lillian Flanum	<b>Rock Elm</b>	Marjorie Miklain
<b>Downing</b>	Doris Smith	<b>Salem Iron Creek</b>	Inez Sipple
<b>Eau Claire Lake Street</b>	Jean Crowe Fern Wood Virginia Andersen Audrie Wilson	<b>Siren</b>	Glenna Hauger
<b>Glenwood City</b>	Lydia Ainsworth 103yrs	<b>Shell Lake</b>	Mabel Washkuhn
<b>Grantsburg Central</b>	Elsie Erickson Opal Hahlburg	<b>Spooner</b>	Jeanette Olson June Peterson Betty Spoolman Dorothy Strand
<b>Menomonie</b>	Lorna Rinck Alta V. Morgan	<b>Superior Faith</b>	Dorothy Scanlon Margaret Jordan
<b>Mondovi Our Saviors</b>	Ruth Loomis Esther Mock Almeda Latshaw	<b>Tainter</b>	Marion Hietkamp
<b>New Centerville</b>	Lorraine Turner	<b>Turtle Lake Parkview</b>	Helen Erickson
		<b>Webster Grace</b>	Marge Swedberg Hazel Myers



## 2013 Reading Program Awards

Plan 1 \* Plan 2 \*\* Plan 3 \*\*\* Plan 4 \*\*\*\*

### BARRON

Loretta Becker \*  
Laurie Church \*\*  
Marilyn Gilbertson \*  
Judy Hyde \*\*  
Nancy Kasper \*  
Deanna Keppen \*  
Linda Rogers \*  
Jean Strang \*\*  
Kathee Yamada \*\*

### BIRCHWOOD

Evie O'Neil \*

### BLOOMER

Rita Stearns \*\*\*  
Sharon Steinmetz \*

### CANTON

Michele Halvorson \*  
Rose Snyder \*  
Arlene S. White \*

### CHIPPEWA FALLS Trinity

Carole Frederick \*  
Donna Kraemer \*\*  
Marion Strandberg \*\*  
Shirley Woodruff \*\*

### DOWNING

Sharon Bundy \*  
Tammy Nelson \*

### EAU CLAIRE Lake Street

Rev. Sandra Hamilton \*  
Suzanne Heabler \*\*\*\*  
Julie Holzinger \*  
Ruby Maier \*  
Bev Maser \*\*\*\*  
Linda Mayer\*  
Florence Shepherd \*  
Audrey Simonson \*  
Lena Thompson \*\*\*\*

### EXELAND

Karen Skogen \*

### GRANTSBURG

Janet Dahl \*  
Terry Giles \*\*\*\*  
Barbara Loomis \*\*\*  
LuAnne Martell \*  
Kayleen Branstad \*  
Dorothy Sood \*

### HOLCOMBE

Mary Beede \*  
Erma David \*\*  
Elizabeth Dempsey \*  
Ruby Getting \*\*  
Elaine Sharp \*  
Karen Stimeling \*  
Alice Troupe \*\*

### LEWIS MEMORIAL

Kara Alden \*  
LaVonne Boyer \*

### MENOMONIE

Julie McNaughton \*

### MONDOVI OURSAVIORS

Iris Baudendistel \*  
Julie Brunsch \*  
Mavis Cook \*  
Becky Davis \*\*  
Linda Engen \*  
Irma Fuller \*

### NEW AUBURN

Barbara Plummer \*  
Donna Vigers\*

### NEW CENTERVILLE

Naoma Falde \*  
Ann Rudesill \*  
Matilda Rudesill \*  
Barbara Wiff \*

### NEW RICHMOND

Janet Knutson \*\*  
Kay Peterson \*

### PLEASANT VALLEY

Hattie Chapek \*  
Arlene Green \*  
Shirley Meyers \*  
Annette Pederson \*

### PRAIRIE FARM

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## FIVE STAR AWARDS 2013

Holy Trinity Balsam Lake / Centuria	Menomonie
Barron	New Centerville
Birchwood	New Richmond
Bloomer	Osceola
Canton	Pleasant Valley
Chippewa Falls Trinity	Prairie Farm
Chippewa Falls Zion	Rice Lake
Clear Lake	River Falls
Cumberland	Salem / Iron Creek
Downing	Shell Lake
Eau Claire, Lake Street	Siren
Holcombe	Spooner
Lewis	Superior Faith
Medford	Webster Grace

### Mission Today Awards 2013

The following local units qualified  
for the Mission Today Award

Ashland	Mondovi
Balsam Lake/Centuria	New Centerville
Barron	New Richmond
Birchwood	Osceola
Bloomer	Pleasant Valley
Chippewa Falls Trinity	Prairie Farm
Clear Lake	Rice Lake
Colfax	River Falls
Eau Claire Lake Street	Salem Iron Creek
Exeland	Shell Lake
Grantsburg	Spooner
Holcombe	Superior Faith
Lewis	Tainter
Medford	Webster
Menomonie	

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**Billie LaBumbard:** Lewis, Superior, Ashland, Sanborn, Odanah

**Donna Cochrane:** Cadott, Thorp, Holcombe, Hawkins

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**Nancy Zabel:** Barron, Turtle Lake, Prairie Farm, Birchwood, Osceola

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## MABEL HEIL SCHOLARSHIP Requirements & Instructions

The Mabel Heil Scholarship is made possible by earnings from a trust established for the United Methodist Women, Wisconsin Conference, to carry out terms of the will of Sarah Mabel Heil. It has now become a scholarship fund that will continue under the auspices of the Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women. There have been very few changes in the way it will continue.

### **Requirements: for scholarship consideration.**

YOU must:

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

**Applications:** 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 for the following semester, you must send a request. A form will be sent with your check.

**Priority:** Women responsible for others and returning to the employment field will be favored. All women applying will be considered if requirements are met on time.

### **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 January 15.

To request a scholarship form:

**Yvonne Fiary,**  
**203 E. Greenwood**  
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Application and two (2) letters of recommendation MUST be postmarked no later than May 1 or October 1 to be considered.

## Your **WEAVER** Editor



My goodness, time really does fly by and fast too! Here we are in 2014 already! Maybe it is time for a few reminders to help us keep in touch during the new year. Your **WEAVER** is an important tool for knowing what is going on in the Chippewa District and to keep everyone connected.

First of all, I hope all the units sent in their new officer list to our District Secretary. This is important because this list is where I get all my mailing label information. So, if it is not up to date, I sometimes get **WEAVERS** back in the mail and that costs the District money. Also, you won't receive important information about dates and gatherings going on in our District or Conference. This list is how we share information between all the units.

Next, if you would like to receive the **WEAVER** through your e-mail, please send me a note. If you were receiving it by e-mail, but didn't get it this time, please let me know. I, unfortunately, had one of those "oh gee, I wish that hadn't happen" moments! Coffee, a cat named Jack, a computer and clumsy fingers are not a good combination! So, as you probably have already guessed, with that combination the end result was not good! After it was all said and done, I ended up with a new computer, new software, lots of lost data and lost e-mail addresses (including all **WEAVER** e-mails). I have been able to find some **WEAVER** e-mails, but I know I am missing a few yet. If you happen to be one of those people, or know someone who was on the e-mail list, please let me know, so I can repair the damage done and get back to work.



Wishing you all a clumsy free New Year and I hope to see you all at Spring Day of Enrichment in April at Shell Lake UMC.

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## CALENDAR

"The future is a split second away."

- Ana Monnar -

### 2014

- March 1** – Team Meeting at Shell Lake UMC, Shell Lake
- April 5** – Mission Action Day at Peace UMC, Kaukauna
- April 10** – **WEAVER** articles due
- April 12** – Spring Day of Enrichment at Shell Lake UMC, Shell Lake
- April 25–27** – Assembly at Louisville, KY
- June 7** – Team Meeting at Spooner UMC, Spooner
- July 10** – **WEAVER** articles due
- July 28-31** - Mission u 4-day Studies at Westwood Conference Center, Wausau
- August 1** - Mission u Overview Day at Westwood Conference Center, Wausau
- August 9** – Team Meeting at Cumberland UMC, Cumberland
- September 20** – Chippewa District Annual Gathering at Cumberland UMC, Cumberland
- October 17-18** - Conference Annual Gathering at Asbury UMC, Madison
- December 6** – Christmas Team luncheon at TBA

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### 2014 Mission u Studies Westwood Conference Center Wausau, WI 4-day July 28-31

#### Overview Day August 1

Spiritual Growth: How is it with Your Soul?  
Geographic: The Roma of Europe  
Social Issue: The Church & People with Disabilities  
Youth: Disabilities

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- Japanese proverb -

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