

Jubilate

North Central District UWF
Newsletter February 2023

President's Message

It is a cold and wintry day as I am writing this article. I attended Leadership Development Days recently by Zoom, and I am still basking in the Sisterhood and the wonderful worship services provided by the National Team.

Philippians 3: 12-13 (NRSV)

“Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead.”

This was one of the verses used for Leadership Development Days in January. United Women in Faith is building on our past and looking to the future. Our values remain the same: Faith, Action and Sisterhood. UWF has membership focus areas of Inspire- includes soul care, spiritual growth, transformative education and sisterhood connections; Influence- leadership and sisterhood connections; and Impact- racial justice, social justice, and climate justice. To learn more go to www.uwfaith.org.

Mission Action Day- on Zoom April 15 from 9 am- noon. Alexander Malchow, Faith In Place, will be a keynote speaker on climate justice. Registration information will be available soon.

The North Central District's Spiritual Retreat will be on Sat., May 6 at Pine Lake. The program will be on prayer. Pine Lake is a wonderful place to spend a day in May.

Mission u will be in person at Mauston UMC July 13-15 and on Zoom- June 20, 22, 27, and 29 from 6:30-9:30 pm. The study is Living in the Kin-dom. The study explores the Lord's Prayer as a spiritual practice for sacred transformation. Participants are invited to step away from our automatic recitation of the prayer and dive deep into the meaning of each line. I have found Mission u to be a safe space to interact with others and to grow my faith.

If you enjoy reading, you are invited to become a reading enthusiast. Go to United Women in Faith

Digital: <https://uwfaith.mn.co/feed> In the lower left hand side click under groups- reading enthusiasts. This group has quarterly on-line book club discussions. Books discussed are part of the UWF Reading Program.

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Books studied so far are: She Came to Slay, The Land is Not Empty, The Time is Now: A Call to Uncommon Courage, and A Knock at Midnight. It is great to interact with women from throughout the United States in the breakout rooms.

We are United Women in Faith and we believe that love in action can change the world.

Blessings in Christ,
Ruby Dow
NC District President

Meet the North Central District's UWF New Secretary

Bio- I am Julie Mieke, a recently retired nurse. I have previously served on the conference and district levels as President, Secretary of Program Resources, and nominations. I have also served as Dean and Assistant Dean of Mission U. I love missions and have had the privilege of participating in several national volunteers in mission trips and one international trip. I had dreamed of being a missionary since early childhood but due to several chronic illnesses have found God's calling in the day-to-day mission work of my community. I am the mother of two and grandmother of three. I look forward to serving as your new district secretary.

Sister Units Assigned for 2023

As the new year has rolled in, the district has assigned sister units. Each of the district officers would like to offer our service in working with your organization. It may be providing programming, attending one of your fundraisers, or any other thing you might need.

Carol Anderson- Berlin, Markesan, Mauston

Joan Burk-Miller- Mercer, Minocqua

Sue Loeffler- Rhinelander, Black River Falls, Tomahawk

Margaret Getzin- Almond, Port Edwards, Wild Rose

Carol Hornby- Alma Center, Tomah, Trempealeau, Rockland

Julie Mieke- Merrillan, Plainfield, Sparta, Wausau Wesley

Ruby Dow- Winding River, Norwalk, South Burr Oak, Wisconsin Rapids

Cindy Tyjeski- Wautoma, Antigo, Mattoon, Wausau First

An additional note, if you have a change in phone number or email address, can you please forward those to me so that you can continue to receive the Jubilate and get any information from the district and conference team to keep your United Women in Faith unit active and achieving our purpose?

Julie Mieke

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North Central District UWF Spring Retreat at Pine Lake Camp
Saturday, May 6, 2023

"PRAYER--Conversations with God"

Presenter: Julie Mieke

Julie has a solid background in all things UWF. She has taken on leadership roles at the District and Conference levels, serving as President, Secretary of Program Resources and on nominations committees. Julie currently serves as our North Central District Secretary. She also brings education experience, having served as Mission u Dean, Assistant Dean and study leader. Look for her at Mission u in Mauston leading one of the studies this summer!

Julie is a retired nurse and case manager. She has two children and three grandchildren and is a certified lay speaker.

Come and join the conversations on May 6th!

- 8:30 Registration and refreshments
- 9:00 Gathering worship
- 9:30 Program with Julie Mieke Prayer--Conversations with God
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Program
- 2:30 Sending forth

Our mission focus collection will support United Methodist Children's Services in Milwaukee.

The camp address is: Pine Lake United Methodist Camp
W8301 County Rd. M
Westfield, WI

If you or a family member needs to contact us during the Retreat, call (715) 297-8531 (Margaret Getzin)

Registration deadline is April 21, 2023.

Mail registration to: Joan Burk-Miller, Registrar
606 E. Cassidy Drive, Wausau, WI 54401

Cost: \$20.00 (includes lunch)//after April 21st, \$25.00

Name _____ Unit _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Emergency contact _____

Special dietary concerns: _____

MONEY MATTERS FROM OUR DISTRICT TREASURER

We met 64.5% or \$29,061.63 of our \$45,000 Pledge to Mission for 2022. I consider that remarkable as of this past fall, some units had not yet met in person. To date 18 units have submitted Pledges to Mission amounting to \$19,394. In early January Pledge forms were included in the treasurer packets for the remaining nine active units.

At the September 2022 District Annual Gathering held in Tomahawk, a motion was made and passed reducing our District Pledge to \$40,000 for 2023 hopefully making it more achievable. This does not mean, however, that units should slack off on their giving. What we hope will happen is that we'll meet that pledge. Go Units!! You can do it!!

- Remember to have both Unit President & Treasurer as co-signers for your checkbook.
- Always remember to notify me with any contact changes – email, phone, address, etc.
- Never write checks to me personally.
- Legacy Fund donations are to be sent directly to national office.

Joan Burk-Miller, N.C. District Treasurer
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The Future is Now

Save the date: March 23, 2023

The Future is Now Step forward with faith, hope and love in action by giving to the Legacy Endowment Fund on Day of Giving, March 23.

WAYS TO GIVE

- Online at: uwfaith.org/dayofgiving
- By phone: 800-278-7771 (8 am-5 pm EST, Mon.-Fri.)
- Text: "ACTION" to 20503
- By Check to: United Women in Faith, Attn: Legacy 475 Riverside Drive, Ste 1500, New York, NY 10115

Write "Day of Giving" in the memo section.

Together we are building our Legacy!

Generous donors have already committed to matching a portion of our gifts received on Day of Giving 2023.

Learning to Have Patience

Patience may be a virtue, but it is also a skill I have yet to master. I team-teach the youth Sunday School class at my church with two other women, and we have from one to six students on any given Sunday. Last week we studied the Sermon on the Mount. We had three students, and it was a challenge to keep everyone on track and be patient with the process. As so often happens, our patience was rewarded by each youth sharing at least one nugget of teen wisdom based on their understanding of the Beatitudes.

When I work with others in my community of faith, like my co-teachers and UWF friends, I learn to be creative, to cooperate and be patient. We will see the 'good fruit' in God's time.

In the Daily Prayer Guide, Nora Asedillo Cunningham asks these questions: What are you creating in collaboration with others these days? What creative collaborations are you most proud of in your life?

May we be open to nudges from the Holy Spirit as we create and collaborate with our sisters in United Women in Faith.

Margaret Getzin
Spiritual Growth
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Social Action/Missions Update

My name is Sue Loeffler. I am NC District's Coordinator for Social Action/Mission Education. I am new to this position and welcome suggestions on how I can best serve your local unit.

I bring to your attention the following:

March 23, 2023 Day of Giving - "The Future is Now" campaign for the The Legacy Endowment Fund, to ensure that UW in Faith can put love into action.

Ways to Give: Online at: uwfaith.org/dayofgiving

By phone: 800-278-7771 or TEXT "ACTION" to 20503

By Check to: United Women in Faith, Attn: Legacy

475 Riverside Drive, Ste 1500

New York, NY 10115

Write "Day of Giving" in memo section

April 15, 2023 Social Action Day - Zoom presentation 9 am to 12:00 noon CST

The theme is **Faithful Climate Action** with speaker Alexander Malchow from Faith in Place.

Consider hosting a "Watch Party" at your church with possibly a breakfast or lunch. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite non members and friends to join you.

Details on registration through the conference or mail in will be coming soon. Cost is \$10 per participant.

**Contact Josie Gobel at josiegobel@charter.net by March 1st if you plan to host a zoom watch party.

2023 Reading Program - (see Nov/Dec issue of Response or go to uwfaith.org/read for listing of recommended books)

I am making a personal commitment to participate in the 2023 Reading Program. Will you join me?

The 2023 selections offer new information, experiences, perspectives and insights in our organization's areas of mission.

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Social Action/Missions Update Continued

Why not be part of this rich UW in Faith tradition of exploring, sharing and growing through reading?

VOTE !!!

The Wisconsin Primary is February 21. April 4 is the Spring Election.

Voting is our civic and social responsibility so please vote!

Sue Loeffler

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Nominations -- Your Time and Talents Are Necessary

The North Central District Leadership team needs a few good women! As this edition of the Jubilate goes to press, a number of team positions are still available. Can you help with any of these positions?

- Communications Coordinator who is responsible for two editions of the Jubilate.
- Coordinator for Membership Outreach who leads team building activities at team meetings and promotes the annual membership census.
- Nominations Committee members who will recruit candidates for future officer openings.

Just a Heads Up – The Nominations Committee will be looking for a treasurer candidate for 2024 – 2026.

Consider prayerfully where you could fit into this team.

Greetings from your District Vice-President

My name is Cindy Tyjeski. I am from the Wisconsin Rapids United Methodist Church in Wisconsin Rapids. I am also the local UWF President. This is my second year serving you as Vice-President. I encourage everyone to get involved by attending the District and Conference Annual Gatherings. If you would like to come but don't have anyone coming with you, reach out to one of the district officers, and we will help you feel comfortable and introduce you to others so you will make new friends. We all had to take the first step!

Do you feel like you would like to explore being on the officer team - you will be well supported as you serve.

Our Fall Gathering will be in Port Edwards, WI on September 16. More information will be coming

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2024

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2024

Communications Coordinator

Position Open _____

- Edits and distributes (e-mail and print) the Jubilate.
- Creates a Facebook page for the district.

2024

Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Margaret Getzin, Second Term

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2023

Treasurer

Joan Burk Miller

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2023

Coordinator for Member Outreach

Position Open _____

- Lead team building exercises at team meetings.
- Publicize and encourage local units to complete Membership Census.

2024

Coordinator for Program Resources

Candidate nominated.

2024

Committee on Nominations

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Carol Hornby

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Positions Open _____

- Secure candidates for office

Wisconsin Conference UWF Messages

From the Conference Spiritual Growth Coordinator...

Spiritual Growth Message '23

Greetings! I come before you with this, my own triggered memories of my mother, grandmother and aunts, who have come before me, leading and growing me in my faith! It was how I learned about the love of Jesus and His Word – all those Bible stories that grew me up, and how now, in January of 2023, that I have been invited to come before you in leadership. I'm sure that I'm not alone, with the many, many times along the way, where I struggled with personal trials and circumstances that created obstacles which stopped me in my tracks! But, once again, it was these women who grew me up, as well as my church family, pastors and counselors who encouraged me to stay strong. I will never forget two words that have kept me going all these years: "BE BOLD!" And so, in this new calendar year before us, I propose that we BE BOLD together, as we embark upon this journey as United Women in Faith throughout Wisconsin! And when we do come together, be it on Zoom or face to face, let it always be in prayer for one another, trusting in God's Spirit to lead us. Let us go forth boldly, in mission and service to do God's work!

Linda Caprariello, Spiritual Growth Coordinator

From Conference UWF President Gloria Carter

The Mission Motivation Committee of the Wisconsin Board of Global Ministries is planning a Mission ZOOM on

Saturday, February 25

in which we'll offer ideas for creating/amping up local church Mission Committees. Is there some way we could get the word out to local UWF's about this? UWF is a great supporter of missions, and this would be helpful to all interested in building interest in their churches...I can send the general outline of the day to share if you know of a way to get the info out to folks. You can contact Gail Burgess for more information: hb53104@aol.com.

Wisconsin Conference Officers 2023

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Spring Women's Retreat

April 28-30, 2023 at Lake Lucerne Camp and Retreat Center.

"Baskets full of Blessings"

Join women from across the state for a weekend of fun, relaxation, and learning. Each day features enriching workshop choices, devotions, nature walks and more. There's no shortage of fellowship, good food, and time to relax in nature.

Registration fee covers 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, 3 workshops, and all necessary materials. Registration forms are available now. All registrations have a deadline to register of April 1, 2023. Questions about this weekend can be directed to Retreat Leader, Bonnie Clement at bonnieclement05@gmail.com

Registration Info: Cost \$160 shared room or \$230 single room includes 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, 3 workshops, group activities, materials, and more.

- A \$60 deposit must accompany your registration or you may pay in full. Balance due by April 1st.
- Refunds after April 1st only with substitution.
- Vaccination or negative test required for attendance

Sending a big thank you...

...to Arlene Trull who was the editor of the Jubilate for many years. You will notice that her expert hand is missing this year. Arlene is enjoying some time away from the Leadership Team after many many years on both the District and Conference teams.

We look forward to seeing Arlene and visiting with her at retreats and Annual Gatherings.

Thank you, Arlene.

This issue of the Jubilate was compiled by

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Emailed copies of the Jubilate will arrive earlier than printed copies. Local officers without an email address will receive a printed copy via the US Post Office mail. Actual printing may take up to 10 days before mailing can take place.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at the email or phone above. Thanks, Carol Anderson

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:

- Be a female member of Wisconsin Conference United Women of Faith.
- Submit a written answer to the question, "In what way do I consider myself a worthy student?"
- Send the completed application form to the contact person by May 1 for the fall semester or October 1 for the spring semester.
- Request that a letter of recommendation be sent to the contact person by the president of the local United Women in Faith or the pastor of the church.
- 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 Women in Faith working to improve her education may apply.
- Please have all letters written (preferably typed) on one side of 8 ½ 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.
- Applications 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: Lucy Silvester, 373 15th Ave., Nekoosa, WI 54445
Phone: 715-325-2841
Email: loosesilva45@gmail.com

Mabel Heil Scholarship Application

Wisconsin Conference United Women of Faith

Please Print

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____ Birth Date _____

1. Local Church

Name and City _____

Pastor _____

Are you a member of United Women in Faith?

2. Activities:

In United Women in Faith _____

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 (white paper, 8 1/2 by 11 with black ink).

IN WHAT WAY DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A WORTHY STUDENT?

Mail to: Lucy Silvester, 373 15th Ave., Nekoosa, WI 54445

Phone: 715-325-2841

Email: loosesilva45@gmail.com

North Central District UWF

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Save These UWF Important Dates

North Central District 2023

Leadership Team Meetings: January 21
May 6
June 24

Wausau Wesley UMC
Pine Lake
Port Edwards UMC

District Events: May 6
September 16

Spiritual Growth Spring Retreat at Pine Lake Camp
District Annual Gathering at Port Edwards UMC

Conference Events:

March 1
March 23
April 15
June 20, 22, 27, 29
July 13 – 15
October 13, 14

Last day to register your Social Action Day Watch Party
Day of Giving
Social Action Day, Zoom, 9AM to 12 PM
Mission u, Live by Zoom
Mission u at Mauston UMC
Annual Gathering at Eau Claire

Please share this newsletter with your church and pastor.

