



Jubilate

Heartland District United Methodist Women

SPRING 2013

Notes from President

Greetings to my UMW Sisters!

I hope all your units are off to a good 2013. We as a Heartland District UMW Team will work to help you in any way that we can. First to inform you if you don't already have the dates, Mission u (previously SOCM) has changed dates. There was a conflict with the hotel. The date is now Monday through Thursday, July 22-25 and the Overview Day is Friday, July 26th. The location in Wausau is the same as last year, which worked out very well.

We are going to try for one year to go without Clusters. We will have some coverage of the Mission u studies at our Heartland District UMW Annual Gathering Sept. 21st at Wausau First UMC. We will have them in some form of break out groups. We are going to try to strengthen "Sister Unit" contacts with telephone calls and sending you information. We are hoping you will really try to get to our Annual Gathering since it is about as central as we can arrange. We are searching for ways to connect with all of you and yet not stress our District Officers so much. We would like input from all of you as we work to have good connections with each of you locally! Please share all of the information in the *Jubilate* with all of your local unit UM women! Let's work together with Love for MISSIONS! God Bless each of you!

Sue Claflin, Heartland Dist. UMW President
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Email: dcsc2129@charter.net

New Year Greetings from your Vice President

It is still not too late to set some goals or resolutions about what you want to accomplish in

your units during 2013. Programs are the first things we plan around. Sometimes it is overwhelming to find a program idea that is creative and new. Don't be discouraged. Women who are committed to the purpose of United Methodist Women enjoy the fellowship of each other. Reaffirming our purpose and exploring what we can do, is a good place to start. That should include looking at the Program Resource Guide prepared by United Methodist Women staff in New York. It would be unfortunate if we don't use this resource in our units because our pledges, in part, help to create this program tool. In addition we should be checking the UMW website for information from our regional missionaries. From time to time there will be other reports on important topics. *Response* and *New World Outlook* are a must if we want to know what our mission dollars are doing here in the US and around the world. It is a good idea to include a brief report at each meeting about something from these publications.

There are some district and conference events that you should be thinking about. The spiritual growth retreat was well attended last year. Hopefully, there will be even more of us this April when we meet at Pine Lake. Those of you who want to make bookmarks again this year for the VBS program in India should get them to me by April 20. Incorporating a Bible verse on the bookmark is a good challenge for students who are learning English. Vacation Bible School brought many children from the tribal areas into a setting where they could experience Christianity. Missionaries are in regular contact with the children and their families, and Christmas celebrations occurred in about eight locations. I suspect many of the adults who attended are a bit mystified about the story of Jesus' birth. It will be interesting to see how Christianity evolves in these areas.

It is also not too early to start thinking about Mission u. It would be good to have representation from each unit attend either the 4-

day or 1-day event. The studies are so relevant to UMW concerns. If you get the study books early, you will find the information well organized and complete. This will enable you to do programs or studies in your units even if you cannot attend Mission u. I don't want to discourage anyone from attending Mission u. But I recognize there are situations where work and family responsibilities are not compatible with attending Mission u. Nevertheless, the program resources are available so studies can still occur within units.

September seems like a long way off, but the Heartland District annual gathering will be in Wausau on September 21. If you have something you would like to incorporate into that meeting, please let me know.

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Thank You, Secretaries

I want to thank all of you for collecting and sending all your information about local officers. Because you were so quick to respond, the Heartland District yearbook has been printed for Heartland Board members, and the information has been sent on to the Conference Team. Thank you so much.

If at some point during 2013 your local officers change phone, address or e-mail addresses, please send that information to me. I will send it on to the district and conference leadership teams. It's necessary to have correct information for sending the Jubilate and other district information. You are the connecting link between your local UMW and the district team. We appreciate you.

I think in most local units you are the only officer recording the history of your unit. Your meeting minutes are a record for the future of UMW activities, programs, pledges, etc. Your minutes are not only important in 2013, but will be important to the future also. Never say "I'm just the secretary." Because you are a very important

part of your local's life, you need to proudly say "I'm the secretary!"

Thank you for all you do.

Carol Anderson, Heartland District Secretary
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Treasurer's Report

Nancy Hoffmaster has completed her term as Heartland District Treasurer. We are grateful to her for her dedication to her job and to her local treasurers. During 2012 Heartland District sent \$48,428.96 to the Wisconsin Conference in the 5-Star categories. Heartland District had pledged \$57,000. 20 local units will receive 5-Star recognition for 2012.

Our new treasurer is Penny Elmore from the Black River Falls United Methodist Women. Penny can be reached at N4545 Seantleton Rd., Black River Falls, WI 54615, 715-284-5670 or 715-896-1962.

Her email address is:
pennyelmore1962@gmail.com.

Treasurers, expect a note from Penny soon.

Nominations

The Heartland District United Methodist Women Officers' Team works hard to serve our members throughout the District. Even though the District is very spread out, we try very hard to have members from the whole area on the team. Right now we are really in need of members willing to serve on the nomination committee.

This committee is extremely important. If we don't have good people willing to fulfill the duties of the individual officers, our local units will be left without the support each needs. Please consider serving on this committee. The work of this committee relies on those of you who have

“been around a while.” ☺ You know so many women throughout the District and also know who would make good leaders. Much of the work of this committee is actually something that you can do from your own home. Phoning women and talking to them about serving on the District team is something you can do even if you no longer like to drive or if even if you no longer are able to serve as an officer yourself. If you are a young mother working outside the home or not, you also could make phone calls while waiting for children to be done with practices, etc.

Please pray about what you could do to help and give Sue Claflin, Heartland District President, a call or email to let her know you will do what you can: 715-358-0343 or 715-612-4877 or dcsc2129@charter.net

Program Resources

There have been some changes for Program Resources. The Resource Center is now in Atlanta not Dallas! You can still reach the Resource Center by calling the toll free number: 1-800-305-3857. You also can go Online to the Mission Resource Center to order. If you have any difficulty, just call the number above and ask for assistance. Besides books and program helps, resources available include charts, posters, CDs, DVDs, Bibles, photos, promotional and education items that can be downloaded, etc.

Use these web sources for your UMW needs. You will be amazed by the materials available for a click with your mouse. ☺

United Methodist Women website: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org Check here for the latest news and information about UMW members, programs and initiatives.

Downloadable promotional and educational materials and the Mission Resource Center e-store are available.

UMW Online: www.umwonline.net This site is the social networking for United Methodist Women

Facebook: www.facebook.com/UMWomen Sign up for regular posts that will appear on your home page.

Twitter: www.twitter.com/UMWomen If you tweet, follow us and become a part of the continuing conversation around faith, hope and love in action.

YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/UMWomen Need a video for a presentation? You'll find it on YouTube. Check out the video resources available by following the link. New videos are posted often!

Flickr: www.flickr.com/photos/UMWomen Need a photo for your newsletter or PowerPoint? Follow this link and you'll find terrific images illustrating the work of United Methodist Members.

If you have questions, please feel free to give me a call at 715-284-9655 or email me at chornby@centurytel.net, and I will try to get you the help that you need.

Carol Hornby, Secretary of Program Resources

Education and Interpretation

I have received Reports from 27 of the 33 units in the Heartland District. I have not received any Mission Today Report from Almond, Amherst, Merrill-Wildwood, Plainfield, Port Edwards and Tomahawk for 2012. Could you please respond.

If you do not have a copy of the criteria please let me know. Of the 27 units reporting 21 became Mission Today Units for 2012. I do appreciate hearing from all of you whether or not you have achieved the criteria to become a Mission Today Unit. Many of your units have done a variety of things and I personally think the UMW boards of each local should look at the criteria now and decide which ones you are going to try to achieve.

Enclosed in this issue of the Jubilate is a copy of the criteria plus an information sheet on which you can put any of the things your unit is doing in your community, or nationally or internationally.

We can give each other ideas. Please see that all your officers get a copy of the criteria. Your

report for 2013 is to be turned into me by December 1, 2013.

Also if you have a church newsletter or a UMW bulletin board it would be great if you would post all your criteria. That would give all your members a chance to do something. Who knows what hidden talents are in our locals? Hopefully some of you are planning to participate in the Pine Lake Retreat and/or the School of Christian Missions this summer---and all can get involved in the Reading Program. Get a Copy of the approved books from the Mission Resource Center and then check in your public library to see if they have or they can get copies. Let's get involved in Mission and serve.

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Membership and Nurture

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you and your UMW units. My name is Cathy Christensen. I have just begun working with the Heartland District's Officers Team in the position of Mission on Membership Outreach and Nurture as of January 2013. I am very pleased and honored to have been asked to fill this position. I look forward to working with the other wonderful women that you have as your district officers, and I am excited about the opportunity serve and get to know all of you at the local unit level, as well as supporting those at the conference level, too.

I have been a United Methodist all of my life. I grew up and spent a large portion of my life in the Northern Virginia area, near our nation's capital, Washington, D.C. I have four children: three daughters, ages 28, 25, and 20; and one son, age 15. They all still live in Virginia. By my oldest two daughters, I also now have a total of three grandchildren: a boy, age 5, and a girl, age 21 months, by my oldest; and a girl, age 4, my second oldest.

I relocated to Tomahawk, Wisconsin this past summer, and was married to my wonderful husband, Allen Christensen. Many of you may already know Allen, as he is the Pastor at the Tomahawk and Spirit United Methodist Churches in the Heartland District, and he has been very supportive of the UMW organization and has attended several of your past events. He is truly the love of my life, as well as my best friend.

I am enjoying life in the Northwoods very much, and am absolutely loving and being nurtured by the beauty of creation as it is so magnificently displayed here in so many ways. I've always loved and admired God as the true Master Artist. It seems every day he delights and inspires me more, even on the grey days, and the days of shortened sunlight, there is something to take in, marvel at, and quietly consider. Inevitably, I find myself looking skyward and speaking to God, saying, "You, God, are Lord of all creation and *The* Master Artist of all time. Your works of awesome wonder move me, yet beckon me to 'Be Still and Know that You are God', my God, and I love you so very much! You are so good, all the time! Thank you for the blessing of one more day to take in the intricate beauty of all you have designed, all you have made for us. Your love is amazing. You stir my heart and feed my soul each day. Use me. Direct my path. Work through me. Speak through me. Let me reflect your light of love that burns within me. Help me shine the light of that fire in ways that will radiate to those around me, let them be warmed by your touch, your goodness, your mercy and grace, through me, and may my works and my life bring all the glory back to you. Thank you, Lord, for listening. Thank you, Lord, for everything!
In Jesus' name, Amen."

I'd like to thank Nancy Flath, for all her help and support during my transition period in to this District position. She has served the Heartland District well and has been a wonderful asset to me, and I am so grateful to her.

Again, I look forward to getting to know all of you better and I will do my best to serve God by serving you.

Your sister-in-Christ,

☘Cathy Christensen ☘

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Spiritual Growth

"Some people come into our lives and quietly go, others stay for a while and leave footprints on our hearts and we are never the same."
L. Vosicuil-Dutter

This quotation has been on my bulletin board for many years. I don't know where I got it, but it has meant many things to me throughout the years. Sometimes it reminds me of friends that I have neglected and things that I should have done and at other times it reminds me of those close to me and how important they are in my life. I feel that these are what God has provided me to make me the person that I am.

I would like to invite all of you to the spring retreat on April 20 at Pine Lake Camp. This will be a day to renew friendships and make new friends. Our leader for the day is Grace Cajiuat. Grace is now a part of the United Methodist Conference. She is part of the ministry staff and her area of work is with Multi Cultural Ministry.

The retreat will also give you a chance to peruse the books and written material that is provided through United Methodist Women. There are snacks provided when you arrive, and a wonderful lunch. Also you will have time to walk in the camp and reflect on the wonders of God's bounty. Plan on attending, it should leave a footprint in your heart. See you there.....

God's Blessing to all, Jean Dimmick

Greetings! 2013 looks to be another busy year. Our social action goals for this year were approved at the district meeting on Jan. 12th. They are as follows:

Social Action Goals 2013 Heartland District

- 1. Work on ways to help our members live a "greener lifestyle" in an effort toward saving God's earth.**
- 2. Continue to work for Peace and Justice**
 - A. Monitor and support immigration reform activities with UMW.**
 - B. Continue to educate and support the Women's Division work on domestic violence.**
 - C. Encourage members to attend Mission Action Day in Tomah on April 6.**

The topic of focus will be domestic violence. Please check out the UMW website as it has many resources available to assist us as we go forth in our study and action.
<http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/>.

There is a documentary called "I Believe You" that was shown in 2011 on ABC but has now been shown on NBC in September. We are encouraged to contact our local NBC affiliate to encourage them to show it again. This is a film that "explores the stories of women who have experienced abuse and the programs that faith groups have created to address their needs." If you are able to see this documentary there is a discussion guide that can be downloaded from the website.

Let me know if I can be of assistance in any of your social action needs. I can be reached at pennek62@hotmail.com.

Sincerely,
Karen Pennekamp

**WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
MISSION TODAY
LOCAL UNIT REPORT FORM YEAR _____**

Presidents of all local units are REQUESTED to fill out and send this form to your district Education and Interpretation Coordinator. EACH YEAR, *whether or not your unit qualifies as a Mission Today Unit*, please send it in by December 1. Please refer any questions you may have to your District Mission Team. Your gift of time and effort to fulfill this request is very much appreciated.

Please complete the form below and CHECK OFF the activities listed on the back of this sheet, which your Unit has completed this year, beginning in January. RETURN the form BY DECEMBER 1 to the District Education and Interpretation Coordinator.

Sharon Powell, 23448 Emperor Avenue, Tomah, Wisconsin 54660

NAME OF YOUR CHURCH _____
YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____

CURRENT NUMBER OF UNIT MEMBERS _____
NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES YOUR UNIT HAS COMPLETED _____
HAS YOUR UNIT QUALIFIED AS A MISSION TODAY UNIT? Yes / No

ACTIVITIES you have done during the year that you would like to share:

COMMENTS for the District or Wisconsin UMW Mission Team

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE MISSION TODAY UNIT

To become a MISSION TODAY Unit, your unit must meet eight of the following criteria including four of those marked with an asterisk (*).

1. Use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting to pray for mission workers and projects.*
2. The unit will make and meet its Pledge to Mission.*
3. The unit will add at least one new member to its roll.*
4. The unit will have at least one member subscribe to Response magazine.*
5. The unit will use two programs from the Program Book for United Methodist Women each year.*
6. The unit or circle will conduct at least one mission study a year.*
7. The unit will implement the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in at least one way during the year.* Some suggested plans of action:
 - a. Plan a unit meeting with a different racial/ethnic background, using programs from the Program Book.
 - b. Use Program plan for Charter prepared by the Conference.
 - c. Share worship service or meeting with speaker of another culture.
8. At least one member of the unit (other than a conference or district officer) will attend the Conference School of Christian Mission.
9. At least two members (other than a conference or district officer) will attend the District Meeting or Conference Annual Gathering.
10. The unit will have at least one person join the United Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information. Web address: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org.
11. Members will write or E mail to five persons listed in the Prayer Calendar each year.
12. The unit will participate in the Campaign for children in at least two ways. Possibilities for action:
 - a. Help sponsor a church or community program related to children and youth needs.
 - b. Sponsor a Children's Sabbath, promoted by the Children's Defense Fund.
 - c. Get involved with children in mentoring, tutoring and "big sisters" programs.
 - d. Write letters, e-mail, or call congressional representatives and/or others in Government regarding Government regarding children's issues.
 - e. Visit your local schools.
 - f. Attend a school board meeting.
 - g. Learn how our schools are funded.
13. The unit will be a Five star unit, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving.
14. Each unit or circle will include a Response magazine moment where an item from the magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
15. Have at least two people from the unit, circle or subgroup complete one of the Reading Program Plans and report on one of the books read; encourage all members to complete Plan One, have a book review program.
16. The unit will invite a district or conference officer, other than that of a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings during the year.
17. Make a pledge to care for God's creation and become a "Green" United Methodist Women unit (Get information on How to Become a Green Unit at <http://www.umwonline.org/environment> or contact Women's Division Community Action.
18. Hold a Mini-Spiritual Growth Retreat. See Program Book for Ideas.
19. Unit to contribute at least \$25.00 for School of Christian Mission.

*****These Guidelines to be used beginning year 2012*****

Registration Deadline - April 6

Church name _____

Name of person making registration _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Print name and address of person(s) attending for day only: (Use as many registration pages as necessary.)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

Fees: April 20 (Day) (registration, snack, and lunch) \$15.00

Total dollar amount \$ _____

Make checks payable to 'Heartland District UMW'

Mail to: Jean Dimmick

11596 Lakeland Drive

Arbor Vitae, WI 54568

Phone: 715-358-6917 Cell: 414-698-6687

E-mail: edimmick@charter.net

Spring Spiritual Growth Retreat
Heartland District United Methodist Women
Saturday, April 20, 2013

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.
Program: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Retreat Leader: Grace Cajuit

*“Relevant Servant...Connecting Cultures for
Christ”*

Mission Project for Retreat: The Board has chosen as a mission project for the retreat The Hmong House. Items needed include: paper plates and cups, paper towels, dish rags, dish towels, dish sponges, veggie and fruit cutting board (colored coded would be good), dish soaps, ziplock bags (any size), designated money donations (bag of rice, meats, veggies, fruits, drinks, transportation, etc.), and any kind of office supplies will help.

Fees: Day fee for April 20 (includes,
Registration, snack, and lunch).....\$15.00

Registration Deadline is April 6

Child care is available with advance registration. Please list name and age. Bring a sack lunch for child (milk is provided).

Pine Lake United Methodist Camp
8 miles west of Westfield on County M
(Phone: 608-269-2720)

If you need to stay overnight you will need to make your own arrangements.
The Pioneer Inn in Westfield is a possibility. It is located about 8 miles from the camp
and has a restaurant on the premises.

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 first granted in 1981. Since then more than 240 woman 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 UMW 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:

1. Any member of Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women working to improve her education may apply.
2. Have all letters written (preferably typed) on one side of an 8 1/2 by 11 sheet of white paper using black ink.
3. All applications are photo copied for committee members.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. The schedule is: **First Semester:** apply by May 1, notify by June 1, check given by August 15. **Second Semester:** apply by October 1, notify by November 1, check by December 1
7. Application and two letters of recommendation must be postmarked no later May 1 and October 1 to be considered.

Contact person: Yvonne A. Firary
203 Greenwood Dr.
Rothschild, WI 54474
7153556133
yafirary@yahoo.com

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

Please Print

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____ Birth Date _____

1. Local Church:

Name & City _____

Pastor _____ UMW President _____

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 using an additional sheet:

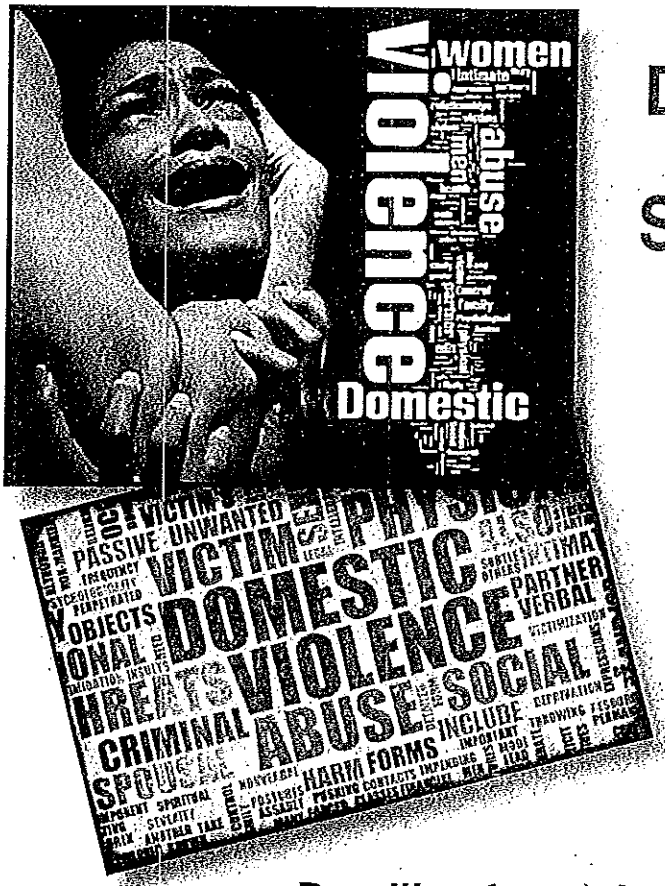
IN WHAT WAY DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A WORTHY STUDENT?

**6. Mail to: Yvonne A. Firary
203 Greenwood Drive
Rothschild, WI 54474**

**Phone 715-355-6133
Email yafirary@yahoo.com**

Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women
presents

2013 MISSION ACTION DAY



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2013

Tomah First United Methodist Church
1055 Butts Avenue, Tomah, WI 54660
608.372.4543

Registration begins: 9:30 am
Program begins: 10:00 am
Sending Forth: 2:30 pm

- Updates on Human Trafficking, Immigration and 11X15 WISDOM project.
- Please respect Tomah First UMC's registration deadline below.

Deadline for registration is March 29, 2013

Registrations are transferrable, not refundable.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR MISSION ACTION DAY: APRIL 6, 2013

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

DISTRICT _____ LOCAL CHURCH _____

- Check all that apply:
- Female Male Clergy Visitor
- UMW Member UMW District Officer UMW Conference Officer Missionary
- Child care needed for _____ children, ages _____
- Special needs _____



Wisconsin Conference



Registration \$11.00 per person, includes lunch.
Please make checks payable to: **WI Conference UMW.**
Mail to: **Karen Stimeling, 28719 303rd Ave., Holcombe, WI 54745**
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