



NORTH EAST DISTRICT

"The Shofar"



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UNIT NEWS & SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ripon Immanuel UMW: What started out as collecting diapers at the December meeting of the Immanuel United Methodist Kononia Circle, grew to a project for the entire congregation. The IUMW held a "Diaper Drive", challenging the entire congregation to collect a total of 5,000 diapers from January through March. The challenge was accepted and the goal was EXCEEDED, collecting a total of 5,103. The diapers were delivered to Traded Treasurers/Ripon Community Food Pantry, who in turn distributed them to families in need.

First picture is Julie Elliott and Amy Pollesch from Traded Treasurers with the last delivery of 800 est. diapers. Second picture is a group of UMW posing with the diaper display during a recent meeting. Third picture is the display located in the Narthex/Fellowship Area of Immanuel. Thank you, Deb Kaiser



Lakeshore United Methodist Women are doing a canning project this year. We can regular dill pickles and pickled beets. This has been a popular item in our community and a profitable one for our United Methodist Women. While canning the pickles there are many stories shared and we get to know each other better.

We begin the end of July and do this for 3 or 4 Tuesdays. We do get help from some of the men of the church and anyone who would like to learn and help us with our project. We are always looking for canning jars as they are not always returned. If you would like information about this project please contact: Sandy Klein at dsklein6303@gmail.com

BRILLION FAITH UMW/UMC are hosting **REV. PAUL WEBSTER, JULY 10TH, 5:30 Chicken Dinner, Program 6:30.** (dinner RSVP's: Jan Stanko, 920-524-2067 or jestanko@charter.net)

Rev. Paul L. Webster, commissioned in 1992 serves at the Mujila Falls Agriculture Centre in Kanyama, Zambia. Paul's work as a rural economic development specialist serves the needs of poor, rural people.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Team Meeting: August 5th,
Kaukauna UMC 9:00AM

NED ANNUAL CELEBRATION/Workshops
September 16th at Kaukauna UMC

DEADLINES:

Annual Gathering Registration September 2nd.

Gathering Forms: August 5th.

Reading Program Report
Memorials for Units
Local Mission Project

Conference Reminder:

“Catch the Vision” :www.wisconsinumw.org

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President’s Message

Dear United Methodist Women

I read an article in Response magazine about women’s work. Someone has been telling us from the beginning of time what our role should be. Jesus trusted not only the voice of women but their ability to know how to share the good news.

United Methodist Women – Trust your understanding and your voice. We are changing through education and developing as leaders. You are growing spiritually and changing communities through service. Keep reading books and learning about our world. Come to Mission u and learn about the covenants in the Bible, our missionary conferences, and climate justice. I challenge all of us to share what we learn and put it into action. Think about this when asked to volunteer your time at food pantries, a homeless shelter, or take part in a sewing project.

This time of year, those of us that plant gardens are watching them grow and hoping to have some fresh vegetables soon. I am hoping each unit is busy working on their special mission project. Did you send in what you plan on doing to Ruth Wiersma your Education and Interpretation coordinator? Her e-mail is jwiersma@new.rr.com. The results of your project should be sent to her also by August 5th.

See you soon at Mission u

Sandra Klein, President

dsklein@lakefield.net

910-553-3460

Vice Presidents Message

2017 Fall Celebration and Workshop

Our North East District Fall Celebration and Workshop is scheduled for September 16, 2017 and will be held at Peace United Methodist Church, Kaukauna. Make sure you have this date reserved as we have some interesting speakers scheduled.

Our theme this year is "We are His servants! Servant Leaders." It is based on John 13:1-17 where Jesus instructs His disciples on how they should behave and how they should lead to bring new disciples to believe in Him.



Our main speaker will be Sue D'Alessio, our District Superintendent. She presented at our At Large Session at our 2016 Gathering. The evaluations were so positive and many respondents asked if she could be our main speaker for 2017 - and yes we do read every evaluation! She is excited about being our speaker and I am excited about being able to hear her.

The At Large Session will be KenyaHelp - a North East District Mission run by members of 1st United Methodist Church, Green Bay, WI. This is a wonderful mission and the members of 1st United Methodist Church actually go there to visit with the children they are helping, talk with their parents and their teachers. They do a wonderful, multimedia presentation and are happy to answer any questions you may have. We will have a donation box for them on the noon lunch tables. Any money donated to them is well spent. It is a recognized "Advance" of the United Methodist Church.

Jackie Ackerman

“We Are His Servants - Servant Leadership”

The North East District United Methodist Women
Celebration, Leadership Workshops

Registration 8:30-9:00 A.M. Meeting Begins at 9:15 A.M.

Kaukauna Peace United Methodist Church

2300 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Kaukauna, Wisconsin 54130

Registration Form deadline September 2nd.



Name: _____ Email _____

Address: _____ Phone (____) _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code _____

Local Church and Unit Name _____

Check here if you are your unit's President or designated leader _____

List any Dietary Restrictions _____

Will Day Care Services be needed _____ (Safe Sanctuary Rules Followed)

Workshop Session to be attended: (Please check 1) (officer or representative)

President/Vice President _____ Secretary _____ Treasurer _____

Nominations _____ Social Action _____ Program Resources _____

Membership Nurture & Outreach _____ Education & Interp. _____ Spiritual Growth _____

At Large Session _____ (KenyaHelp program)

Please bring one canned food item for the local food pantry. A box will be provided where you register. Thank you!

Please include \$20 with your registration by September 2nd

Mail registration to Registrar: Carole Biddick, N1356 Lakeshore Road,
Kewaunee, WI 54216.

Treasurer's Message



NEW PHONE NUMBER: Please update your records with my new phone number. I have disconnected my land line and am now available only by cell phone: (920) 539-4434.

This is the last newsletter before the Annual Celebration in September so I have included the 2018 Pledge form, which should be brought with you to the Annual Celebration. If you are unable to attend please send it with someone who can represent your unit, or mail it me to me so I can receive it by September 1.

We will be giving out the **Five-Star Unit** Award Certificate for 2017 as well. In order to qualify for this award your unit must have sent in money from each of the five categories of giving: **Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, World Thank Offering.**

This award is given yearly, so if you don't qualify for 2017, set this as your goal for 2018!

Val Caldwell

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NORTH EAST DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
PLEDGE FORM 2018

In praise and gratitude for our many blessings,

We pledge \$_____ for Mission in 2018.

City and Name of Unit _____

Treasurer _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

**NORTHEAST DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
2018 ADMINISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT BUDGET**

Standing Committees	1,700.00
Communications/Newsletters	2,000.00
District Training and Annual Meeting	4,500.00
Conference Annual Gathering	1,600.00
Special Meetings/Retreat	1,000.00
Local Visitations	150.00
Special Mission Recognition, Gifts to Mission and Gifts in Memory	240.00
Officer Materials	350.00
Audit	300.00
Program Resources	200.00
Northcott Neighborhood House Donation	50.00
Contingencies	<u>100.00</u>
	<u>\$12,190.00</u>

Northeast District Pledge to Mission **\$40,000.00**

Secretary's & Editors notes:



Welcome to the second issue of our 2017 "The Shofar" for the North East District United Methodist Women. Next deadline date: **SEPTEMBER 15th for OCTOBER issue.**

Our **OCTOBER** issue of **SHOFAR** will be a great place to promote your fall and holiday events. Please consider placing your **FREE** info with date, time, location, and contact.

Jan Stanko, Editor (920-524-2067) jan@northeastdistrictumw.org

Program Resources



Our 2017 Reading Program is drawing to a close and your reading program reports are due to me by August 1st. Don't be sad, we can read 2017 books for next year! Unit officers please include your membership count so we can determine whether or not you earned the \$20.00 bonus for over 10% of your unit members participation. (report form page 8)

Some things to remember: Bonus Books-count as 2 books in Education for Mission or Social Action or 1 book in either of these 2 categories.

Youth and Children Books can be counted in the appropriate category for all reading plans.

Mission U Study Books can be counted: "Living as a Covenant Community" (Spiritual Growth), "Missionary Conference" (Geographic) and "Climate Justice" (Social Action) (including youth and children books)

Check out the list of Recommended Reading found on page 30 of the 2017 Reading Program Catalog. We can read books from 2012-2017 reading list. Questions contact me.

BOOKS on PARADE "Called to The Fire A Witness for God in Mississippi; The Story of Dr. Charles Johnson by Chet Bush."

This book is an excellent read. It challenges you to question your willingness to be a witness for God. As the key witness to take the stand in the trial famously dubbed the "Mississippi Burning" case Dr. Johnson, a young preacher fresh out of Bible college, became a voice for justice and equality in the segregated South. Overcoming fear and adversity and offering clarity to the event that led to the Voting Rights Act of 1965, Johnson's story of love, conviction, adversity and redemption is a riveting account of a life pursuing the call of God and the fight for justice and equality. Will you answer God's call?

Sherrie Bekyir

sbekyir@yahoo.com or 920-562-9438

NORTH EAST DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
READING PROGRAM DISTRICT REPORT FOR YEAR _____

UNIT: _____ MEMBER COUNT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Submitted by: _____, e-mail/phone _____

Please fill in member's names in appropriate Reading Program Plan and attach their personal completed forms. Send information to Program Resources Coordinator by August 1.

PLAN I (5 BOOKS PER YEAR) _____, _____,

_____, _____, _____,

_____, _____, _____,

_____, _____, _____.

PLAN II (10 BOOKS PER YEAR) _____, _____,

_____, _____, _____,

_____, _____, _____,

_____, _____, _____.

PLAN III (15 BOOKS PER YEAR) _____, _____,

_____, _____, _____,

_____, _____, _____,

_____, _____, _____.

PLAN IV (20 BOOKS PER YEAR) _____, _____,

_____, _____, _____,

_____, _____, _____,

_____, _____, _____.

NOTE: BONUS BOOKS COUNT AS TWO BOOKS.

Please list any additional names on reverse side.



“Very interesting subject. I did learn a lot about Holy Week. Barb was a very good teacher and speaker. Barb was very knowledgeable about the Bible.”

“Very good questions for discussion. Great preparation for Easter.”

“This was my 1st time here (Lucerne) & I was greatly pleased with my experience.”

“Lake Lucerne is a good place; we should use our resources.”

These are some of the GREAT COMMENTS concerning our 2017 retreat at Lake Lucerne. I personally enjoyed this retreat; I believe this retreat was one of the best I’ve attended. Barbara’s sessions mostly scored (5) which was the highest available score.

We’ve discussed some of the problems that occurred and will work on these and already have some solutions. It was difficult having a map that showed all roads to Lake Lucerne but we’ll provide verbal directions from each direction. There was another group meeting at the lower level but we have the lower level reserved for next year. Some were distracted by the cooks preparing lunch, so next year we’ll have the program in the lower level and eat at the upper level. We’ll also provide you with directions to the dining area because it does get confusing when you enter the retreat property. Most of us that stayed overnight were especially happy to have the fellowship time in our cabins. It’s great to meet with old friends and make new ones. Having the next retreat at Lake Lucerne satisfies those that enjoy the overnight experience and it can also accommodate those that just want the “day only” experience. We hope next year’s retreat will be another great experience. We’ve even gotten Barbara’s input on our choice of retreat leaders.

Recently I purchased the book Embraced by God by Babbie Mason. This book is on our United Methodist Women reading list in the “Spiritual Growth” category. I didn’t purchase it just because it is on our reading list but also because I’ve recently completed two Bible studies by the author, Babbie Mason. The 1st Bible study is titled as her book-**Embraced by God** and the 2nd **This I Know for Sure** Taking God at His Word. I highly recommend both of her Bible studies; they come with a DVD and music. Some of you may already be familiar with her CD’s.

As in the past we will have a **Memorial Service** at our North East District Annual Day of Celebration. Included in this newsletter you will find a form (**deadline August 5th**) to send the names of your members that have passed away since our last day of celebration. (September 24, 2016) You may mail, email or call in your names. Please print names.

Cecil Schneider, Spiritual Growth Coordinator

920-863-2646, Kennethschneider2646@msn.com

Memorial Service Form (Please print.)

Name & Title of Person Filling This Form:

Local Unit Being Represented: -----

Member/Members That Have Passed Away:

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Please send me this information by AUGUST 5th, 2017

Ceil Schneider
P.O. Box 192
Denmark, WI 54208

Or

Phone: 920-863-2646 Email: Kennethschneider2646@msn.com



Racism

Have you ever had something in your life that you tried to overcome but it was so big that it loomed everywhere and could not be conquered? Perhaps racism is like that. It is here... in our lives. Recognizing this discrimination/bias is a real problem and the problem needs to be addressed today.

Racial bias or prejudice looms in all aspects of life. When we think of persons of color we often think of: failure, less intelligent, lazier, more aggressive, more prone to live on welfare, less responsible, family breakdowns. This is the tip of the iceberg. Racial bias is seen in increased difficulty and inequality in: job acquisition, salary, healthcare, education, and housing opportunities. My reading indicates that the constant stress of “bumping into” these biases or facts as it may be looms in the background of the lives of persons of color and can cause a negative daily stress which can indeed affect health.

I interviewed a gentleman of color who was about 35—40 years of age. He related 2 incidents he had personally experienced in his life.

This man grew up in a southern city. He was raised primarily by his mother and grandmother. He became a gang member to find a sense of “belonging”. He stated that the gang, which became his family, caused him to steal. If he did not do what they dictated, family or injury to self would result. He asked his mother to move out of the city to escape the gang or he felt he would be “lost”. He did spend time in prison for theft. He moved up north with his mother. His father did not come with them. He enlisted in the armed services. His grandmother died during his enlistment. He asked for a leave of absence to go to the funeral as she had helped to raise him. His request was denied. It was not wartime. A white serviceman was allowed to go to a funeral but he was not. Finally, he was given the time but the “cost” was prohibitive. He felt this incident was racially motivated.

Do we live with these inequalities? What does Jesus have to say? Perhaps the Golden Rule applies. “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you” or the commandment to “Love God with all your heart, soul and mind and your neighbor as yourself.”

First individual recognition and action. Then corporate. A poem from my youth comes to mind.

Look not for beauty nor whiteness of skin
But look for the heart that is loyal within.
For beauty may fade and skin grow old
But the heart that is loyal will never grow cold.

Be a friend!!

Chris Worrall, Social Action Coordinator

920-203-9888 worrallact@charter.net



Membership Nurture & Outreach

Summer time in Wisconsin, is a much anticipated season. A restful time from regular activities and a time for outdoor fun and family gatherings. Most of our local units and circles within UMW "take a break " from their regular schedule.

This summer I would like to suggest that during this " break" from meetings that we as individuals reflect on what UMW means to us and how we see the organization moving forward. Share these thoughts with me and I will see that they are shared with all of our units within the district.

To bring you up to date on our membership reporting, we did not reach 100% this year. I do believe that the electronic reporting process will get easier. To help us achieve the 100% goal, we prepared a worksheet to assist you, which will be placed in your Presidents Pack at our annual meeting. We encourage you to contact your district "sister" to help you should you have questions/concerns about the reporting process. Together we can achieve our goal!!

Enjoy these lazy days of summer. I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Gathering in September. God Bless

Betsy Johnson,

[920-499-6425](tel:920-499-6425) betsyjohnson58@gmail.com

Education & Interpretation



Working with the district team and those in local units who are working on mission tasks has reminded me how very generous United Methodist Women are in their giving of time, talents, money, and items to "hands on" mission projects. We are planning and working toward our fall district get-together.

The only state United Methodist Mission Project is the Northcott Neighborhood House, a non-profit organization in Milwaukee. They have pantry needs such as: foods, non-perishable; clothing; office supplies; socks and underwear for kids;, and hygiene products. At our last district board meeting we discussed how we might help them. It was agreed that at our yearly fall meeting we would like to ask those in attendance to continue to bring non-perishable food items for the local host church's pantry, and take an offering from those present for the Northcott Neighborhood House.

Continue to work on your local mission projects. (completion form pg. 13) We look forward to celebrating your deeds and successes at our fall district meeting as well as continuing to support the local church's pantry and the work of Northcott Neighborhood House. Blessings to you all in your efforts.

Ruth Wiersma Co-Coordinator E & I

NORTH EAST DISTRICT SPECIAL LOCAL MISSION PROJECT FOR 2017

Project Completion Form - file deadline August 5th

UMW UNIT: _____

Submitted by: _____

Unit Officer: _____ **Date:** _____

Name and description of your local mission project: _____

Describe activities your unit contributed to support this project:

List the number of members and hours that were devoted to this project:

Submit DEADLINE: Completed form by August 5, 2017

Send to: Ruth Wiersma
2515 Hillside Lane
Green Bay, WI 54302

Or: E-mail to: jwiersma@new.rr.com

Nominations...



We are attaching our Proposed 2018 Slate of Officers for the North East District Team. Has been a struggle, this year, we had devoted ladies from the Nomination Team working to fill our needed positions. Yes, it is the responsibility of this committee, however, we, our units can be a great resource for assisting the Nominations Committee. Unfortunately, we have listed the open positions below:

The Nominations Committee needs to fill the following positions for our 2018 term:

1. **SECRETARY:** computer skills needed with Microsoft Office and Word, taking minutes at all team meetings and district annual gathering, prepare and distribute to all team members, assist President with setting the agendas, be responsible for all written correspondence and retention of minutes, etc. for a four-year period. Prepare and send form to all units for complete list of their officers for upcoming year, forward needed information to Conference Secretary and Communication Editor. Compile all needed information to produce our NED Yearbook yearly, secure printing and distribution/mailings to NED Team, local unit Presidents, Conference Officers and Presidents from 4 other state districts.
2. **SOCIAL ACTION:** Gathering and distributing information about “Social Justice” interests and promote the Conference and District approved “focus for the year.”
3. **NOMINATIONS:** “the dreaded committee” needs 4 more to expand our area of units.

Please contact me: phone (920-766-5077), email (mftrettin@baycomwi.com) or one of the other sisters on the Nomination Team. I look forward to hearing from all willing to “test the water”.

Mary Trettin, Nominations Committee Chairperson

REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Proposed 2018 North East Wisconsin Executive Team

Office	Name	Address	Telephone/e-mail	Term
President	Sandra Klein	6303 Riverview Dr., Two Rivers, WI 54241	920-553-3460 dsklein6303@gmail.com	2018
Vice President	Jan Stanko	620 Madison St. APT Brillion, WI 54110	920-524-2067 jan@northeastdistrictumw.org	2019
Secretary	Pending	Nomination from floor		2019
Treasurer	Valorie Caldwell	318 Rose Ave., Fond du Lac, WI, 54935	920-539-4434 Valorie.caldwell933@yahoo.com	2019
Registrar	Carole Biddick	N1356 Lakeshore Rd, Kewaunee, WI 54216	920-360-6255 cdbiddick@gmail.com	2019
Communications	Jan Stanko	620 Madison St. APT 3 Brillion, WI, 54110	920-524-2067 Jan@northeastdistrictumw.org	2019
Program Resources	Sherrie Bekyir	1404 Western Ave. #17 Green Bay, WI 54303	920-562-9438 sbekyir@yahoo.com	2018
Spiritual Growth	Freda Mattmiller	145 N. Eagle St. #302 Oshkosh, WI 54901	920-385-0427 Cfmm_49@yahoo.com	2019
Social Action	Pending	Nomination from floor		2019
Membership N & O	Betsy Johnson	2837 Jean Court, Green Bay, WI 54313	920-499-6425 Betsyjohnson58@gmail.com	2019
Education & Interpretation	Jan Soyk	N3540 Mitchell Road Eden, WI 53019	920-979-7141 bjsoyk@gmail.com	2018
	Ruth Wiersma	2515 Hillside Lane Green Bay, WI 54302	920-745-6651 jwiersma@new.rr.com	2018
Historian	Verna Lambrecht	W2279 St. Highway 22 Gillett, WI 54124	715-745-6651 vernal@frontiernet.net	App.
Nominations	Committee:	(Needed: 4 more)		
	Gwen Gibson	4524 W. Clayhill Drive Appleton, WI 54193	920-221-5314 gwengbison@yahoo.com	2020
	Ellie Buckley	1467 Whitetail Drive Neenah, WI 54946	920-750-9730 Eleanorjbuckley1936@gmail.com	2019
4 members needed	Pending	Nomination from floor		

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