



United
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in Faith

Mission Matters

SW District UWF Newsletter
March/April/May 2024

President's Message

Jeremiah 29:11

*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,
plans for your welfare and not for harm,
to give you a future with hope. NRSV Bible*

Hello Wonderful South West District United Women in Faith (UW Faith) and Friends!

My March 2023 Mission Matters article focused on change. What was true then is still true in 2024. Life is full of change! Our 2020 postponed United Methodist General Conference will convene from April 22-May 3 in Charlotte, NC. What changes will be decided there? Our Wisconsin Annual Conference will vote on redistricting at our Annual Conference in June. Our UW Faith "corporate" offices moved from Riverside Drive, NYC to the United Women in Faith, Church Center for the United Nations, NYC. Sally Vonner became our new General Secretary/CEO. Technical changes are here as our National organization continues changing the website and publishes more resources on the Digital Platform. None of these changes occur without seeking God's help as we plan and work together. What doesn't change--God's love for us even in the midst of all the changes.

In mid-March our South West Leadership Team met to nurture each other spiritually and continue planning events where we can all connect and share. We were reminded that our Conference Social Action Day will be held via Zoom on April 13th.

The theme is: "Ending Mass Incarceration and Improving Treatment of Incarceration Impacted Women."

Final plans were made for South West District's April 25th Spring Retreat at Platteville. The theme is "United Women in Faith-We are Leadership."

Information about these events is in the January/February *Mission Matters* newsletter and in this newsletter. Work continues on our SW District Annual Gathering scheduled for September 14th at the Portage UMC and our Day of Enrichment to be held on November 9th at the Dodgeville UMC. Stay tuned for more information in future Mission Matters about those events.

**We Believe Love in Action Can Change
the World!**

Did you know there are other ways for connecting with each other? Several leadership team members are District Members and are launching a new unit that anyone can join. Membership in the United Methodist Church is not required. What is required is to believe in the PURPOSE of United Women in Faith. The plan is for the group to use UW Faith online and print resources. I'm excited to be part of this new endeavor. By the time you read this the first meet up of the group will have been held via Zoom. District officers will be connecting with their District sister units with more information. Contact them if you haven't heard from them about these opportunities. Please see the Unit Sisters list elsewhere in this Newsletter.

The coming changes can excite or overwhelm us and sometimes both at the same time. With God's help and our faith I believe the new possibilities presented by United Women in Faith and our church will make change possible and not overwhelming. Jeremiah 29:11 about God's plan for us is for our welfare and not harm but for hope. How can the presence of a small, yellow crocus amongst the dry, dead grass of winter not be the sign of hope for the season to come? Surely it is a sign of God's promise.

Blessings to all,

Sue Plasterer, President, South West District United Women in Faith

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Education and Interpretation Notes

Mission Today Reports: Thank you to the seven UWF units who have sent in their 2023 reports of their Mission Today efforts and activities.

Please send in your unit's report form, even if your unit may not have completed all of the areas on the form. It is important to hear from you, to understand what programs and activities you are doing and to share with each other.

There are many UWF resources available at <https://uwfaithresources.org/> to help you learn and to share with your unit digitally including the Daily Prayer Guide, CONNECT, Thrive, and much more. Have a meeting where a member shares how to access the digital resources they find at the UWF on-line sites such as the Wisconsin Conference UWF: <http://www.wisconsinumw.org/> There are back issues of Mission Matters and Catch the Vision newsletters and information about UWF around the state. www.facebook.com/UFWWisconsin/ is another resource site.

United Women in Faith at <https://uwfaith.org/> has a great variety of resources available. The digital platform (previously known as the Mighty Network) can be joined for free at www.uwfaith.org/digital. You can be a part of the UWF Facebook-like community (no ads and is well moderated). Join the monthly Community Gatherings that use the Program Book with break-out groups to be in conversations with sisters of faith across the world.

The site provides links to join the podcasts at <https://uwfaith.org/resources/podcasts/>: FaithTalks- the twice monthly Thursday moderated programs are recorded live, and also archived for future availability on the website. I enjoy the diverse topics relevant to the mission of United Women in Faith and ecumenical presenters. There are many of these recorded podcasts that could serve as your unit's program material, i.e. the FaithTalks podcast discussion on "Prayer".

Voices from the Field is an important UWF podcast available quarterly featuring national and international presenters connected to the mission of UWF and our mission-giving supported programs. Today's (3/19) podcast featured UWF scholarship recipients (current and past). These scholarships supported by our mission-giving and pledges are creating opportunities through education and are investing in the future leaders in communities for young women both in the United States and around the world.

The first Voices podcast I joined was about Ukraine at the beginning of the invasion by Russia. Regional Women NGO leaders shared how

their groups were responding to the needs of the people(in Ukraine and the refugee response efforts), and what issues they faced. Two of the women were on-line in Ukraine. Explosions could be heard in the background.

Response magazine is available both in print, digitally and offers podcasts. The March/ April 2024 issue has an Earth Day Bible study lesson around Psalm 77. There are many more ways to share your unit's mission projects and stories in this magazine. This is an opportunity to inspire others in mission.

The Day of Giving is March 23rd with the theme of "Faithfully Forward for the Day of Giving". This giving opportunity supports the Legacy Endowment Fund to support the UWF work of missions far into the future. Maps of the mission institutions supported by this giving are in this issue too. On-line giving is through uwfaith.org/dayofgiving

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SOCIAL ACTION!!

At our last SW District Leadership Team meeting I whined about not having much information to take action on. Well...be careful what you ask for! I now have access to a lot of material, condensed here. Do use some of the listed websites and take action on issues. It's usually painless to register and/or click on links to express your opinion on a variety of issues!

#1. The United Methodist Church long-delayed General Conference begins April 23 in Charlotte, NC. UWF will bring four resolutions to propose to the Conference to be included in the Book of Resolutions:

- observing a Children's Sabbath day
- protection for voting rights
- improving the status of women
- protecting the girl children

Details can be found at UWF General Conference Resolutions online.

#2. To register for UWF digital resources/platform you may go to uwfaith.org/digital. Lots of information there including podcasts for Faith Talks and Voices from the Field.

#3. Another resource for current issues information is the League of Women Voters of WI.

There are two constitutional amendments on the ballot for April 2 and the League website. LWWWI.org explains why voting NO on them both is necessary.

#4. April 22 is Earth Day with the theme of Planet vs Plastics, bringing attention to plastic's harm to humans and biodiversity. It just so happens that one of our partner organizations, Creation Justice Ministries, has an action alert on this subject: Urge Congress to Pass the Reduce Act!

“ Forty percent of the plastic produced each year is single-use plastic. The United States needs to take action to cut down on the amount of virgin plastic resin it produces and imports each year. This statistic shows we need to take action to cut down on recycled plastics or alternatives when creating single-use products as well as funding plastic waste reduction and recycling projects. The Reduce Act would put a fee on the sale of new, virgin plastic resin used to make single-use products. Beginning a wave of positive change, the passage of the Reduce Act would bring less pollution to God's creation.”

#5. May 5 is recognized as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women throughout the nation. It is estimated that 4 out of 5 Native women experience some form of violence in their lifetime. Native women also face murder rates more than 10 times the national average. May 5 is national Wear Red day to raise awareness of the issue. (Information courtesy of the US Dept. of Veteran Affairs)

#6. UMC Council of Bishops Support Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza! Following the Council of Bishop's call for a ceasefire in Gaza, contact your elected leaders today to stop the spread of violence, prevent further loss of life and support humanitarian efforts to alleviate the suffering! Go to the General Board of Church and Society website gbcsc@umcjustice.org and sign up to take action!

That ought to keep us all busy for a while and you'll feel so virtuous when you are informed and take action!

Suggestions for format change or different information for the social action page are welcomed!

Linda Huttenburg, SW District Social Action, jlhutten@charter.net

UPDATE ON GENERAL CONFERENCE

Heidi Careaga (National Finance Chair) who lives in our district, wanted to let us know she is preparing for the Deaconess consecration and attending her covenant group every other week. She will be at the General Conference from April 26 to May 3rd. **The Consecration service will be live-streamed on Monday, April 29th at 7:AM CT (8 AM ET), so tune in and pass the word!** She and Marie Severing will be representing the Wisconsin Conference. There will be 27 people being consecrated this time. Although it will be very early, maybe some women can have watch parties!

SW DISTRICT UWF UNIT EVENTS

LODI UMC

April 10 - Book review and lunch 10:30 a.m.

Presenter: Bill Casey - Review of his book: CALLED - He gave them the word.

Lunch - Chicken Casserole and Salad (There will be books for sale)

April 13 - Social Action Day Watch Party - 9-12 over zoom (more info in this newsletter)

April 21 - UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SUNDAY - 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

Speaker: Linda Caprariello, Wisconsin Conference Spiritual Growth Coordinator

May 8 - Senior Moments presented by ADRC-Aging and Disability Resource Center Columbia County. Lunch at noon - Potato Bar

We would really like you to come and share our programs with us. It is great to have more attendees when we have a speaker. Please let us know if you can attend any of these events so we can be sure to have enough food for lunch. Contact Mary Ann Morack at mmorack1@yahoo.com or 608-592-4784

BETHANY UMC - Madison

May 4 - UWF Salad Luncheon - Noon - Fellowship Hall

Tickets will be \$12.00 and are available April 21 and 28 in the narthex. Tickets will also be sold at the door on May 4. Child care will be provided from 12:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Contact Linda Huttenburg for more information. jlhutten@charter.net

Our program for the luncheon will begin at 1:30 pm. It will be a presentation by Gail Ambrosius titled "Let There Be Chocolate!". And there may be samples!

Please join us as we enjoy good fellowship and support UWF missions!

FIRST UMC - Madison

April 13 - Social Action Day Watch Party - 9 - Noon over Zoom (more info p. 11)

Contact Person: Josie Gobel 920-988-0705 josiegobel@charter.net



NORTHCOTT NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE HONORED

Northcott Neighborhood House was awarded the DEAI Award at 2024 Governor's Dinner and Awards celebration at Geneva Resort on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. Northcott neighborhood House was awarded the Equity, Accessibility and Inclusion Award at the 2024 Governor's Dinner. Northcott won for its commitment to the community for organizing Milwaukee's Juneteenth parade and celebration for more than 50 years.

Northcott's Executive Director, Tony Kearney, accepted the award from Governor Tony Evers. Congratulations! Watch for Juneteenth information on the 52nd Juneteenth parade and events on Wednesday, June 19th.

MISSION GIVING MAKES MISSION HAPPEN

I have been thinking about my March article for some time. I have been spending a lot of time concentrating on preparing for a garage sale. I came across a 2021 Response magazine. It had a long article on National Mission Institutions. The title of the article was "A PLACE TO TURN". UWF has supported national mission institutions bent with challenges but do not stop the reliable sources of help and hope in their communities. I was happy to see our updated Mission Maps in the March/April 2024 issue of Response. I know you are all familiar with Northcott Neighborhood House in Milwaukee being the only National Mission Institution in Wisconsin.

In the March/April 2022 issue, it showed some of our giving: 195 scholarships totaling more than \$650,000 were awarded to students around the world. In the March/April 2024 issue, it showed a comparison to 2022: 496 scholarships totaling more than \$1.1 million were awarded to students around the world. Lives are made better by our giving!

IN THIS TOGETHER, Mary Ann Morack - mmorack1@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATE!

United Women in Faith South West District Annual Gathering

South West District Annual Gathering will be held on September 14th at Portage United Methodist Church. Our theme will be Breaking Bread Together (based on the 2024 Daily Prayer Guide). We will be celebrating all the ways United Women in Faith continue to be involved in Missions, including local, Conference, and National Mission institutions.

Details and registration forms will be available at our SW District Spring Retreat and in the next Mission Matters.

"For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." John 6:33

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Bennett, South West District Vice President

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Communication Coordinator

2024 Directory/Yearbook corrections/additions:

These are the corrections/additions that have been brought to my attention so far. Please email me with any others so I can update the SW District spreadsheet. Thanks! Ann Hill, SW District Comm. Coord. anniehill50@gmail.com

p.22 - Sue Plasterer - address is 6813 Winstone Dr.

p.26 - Arlington district unit is now Poynette

p.33 - Pastor Carlos' email = pastorcarlos@lodiumc.org

p.34 - Mary Ann Morack cell = 608 581-6353

p. 35 - Vice president is Carol Clingan

p.35 - Bethany email = bethanyoffice@bethanymadison.org

p. 38 - Nola Purcell email = dpurcell@tds.net

p.38 - Pat Gallus winter address = 35 Aquamarine Ave, Naples, FL 34114

p.42 - Virginia Hatfield email = ginnyhatfield87@gmail.com

SW District -UWF - Sister Units 2024

Unit District	Sister	Unit District	Sister
Arlington-Arlington (District Unit) (Now called Poynette)	Mary Baker	Madison - Heritage (District Unit)	Martha Boyer
Baraboo - First UMC	Mary Ann Morack	Madison - Sherman Ave. UMC	Linda Huttenburg
Boaz UMC	Carol Lange	Mazomanie - Midland UMC	Sue Plasterer
Brodhead UMC	Judy Loveless	Merrimac UMC	Eileen Bennett
Cobb UMC	Charlene Mingst	Monona UMC	Ann Hill
Columbus UMC	Josie Gobel	North Windsor UMC	Josie Gobel
Cuba City UMC	Sue Plasterer	Platteville UMC	Sue Plasterer
Dodgeville UMC	Alice Schellenberger	Portage UMC	Eileen Bennett
Fayette UMC	Charlene Mingst	Prairie du Chien UMC	Carol Lange
Fennimore UMC	Carol Lange	Stitzer UMC	Ann Hill
LaFarge UMC	Carol Lange	Stoughton UMC	Josie Gobel
Lancaster UMC	Sue Plasterer	Viola UMC	Eileen Bennett
Livingston UMC	Charlene Mingst	Viroqua UMC	Eileen Bennett
Lodi UMC	Eileen Bennett	Waunakee - Crossroads UMC	Mary Ann Morack
Madison - Bethany UMC	Mary Baker	Willow Valley UMC	Alice Schellenberger
Madison - First UMC	Linda Huttenburg	Wisconsin Dells - Davis Corners UMC	Alice Schellenberger

Sister units have been part of UWF for as long as anyone can remember. They started as a way to make a personal connection with other units. This became especially important as districts combined through the years. Sisters provided that personal touch - phone call, email, note - to see how things were going and to invite the sister unit to district events. The sister becomes a contact person who can answer any questions (or help find the answers) and makes sure the sister unit feels part of the district. As we face another merger (going from 5 districts to 4) it will become even more important to make sure the new units feel welcome.

(From Kay Putnam as told to Ann Hill)



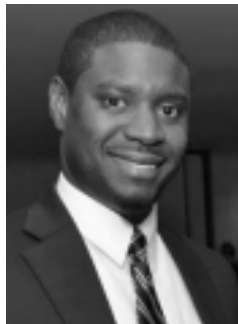
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SOCIAL ACTION DAY (VIRTUAL)

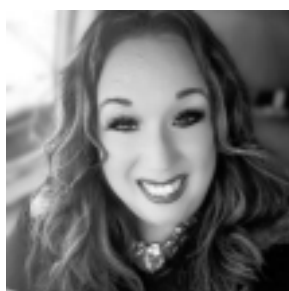
SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

9:00 am to NOON

“ ENDING MASS INCARCERATION IN WISCONSIN “



Hon/Rev Everett Mitchell (he/him) is a Dane Co Circuit Court Judge and Senior Pastor at Christ The Solid Rock Baptist Church. He is a fierce advocate for education, social justice and equity. Judge Mitchell also oversees Dane County's Drug Court Program and is committed to dismantling the Child Welfare to Juvenile Delinquency to Adult Prison Pipeline operating not only in Wisconsin, but also around the country. He earned a Master of Divinity and Master of Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a J.D. from UW--Madison Law School in 2010.



Peggy West-Schroder (she/her) is the FREE Executive Director and has been justice impacted since birth. Born while her mother was incarcerated she has made it her life's work to end mass incarcerations, fight for alternatives to incarceration for caretakers and assure that everyone has a beautiful birth story despite incarceration. She served as an elected member of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (2002 – 2018). FREE seeks visionary alternatives to the current systems of injustice and incarceration;

<https://freemvmt.org/>

EACH PERSON SHOULD REGISTER INDIVIDUALLY. REGISTER Online at:

<https://wisconsin-reg.brtaapp.com/UWinfaithsocialactionday2024>

OR you can register by mail by using the form below.

For questions please contact: Josie Gobel, 920-988-0705 or email

josiegobel@charter.net Please register by **April 9, 2024**.

Zoom link and additional info will be sent April 11, 2024.

Name: _____ Your church (if any) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

HOW WILL YOU BE JOINING THIS MEETING? (3 options)

Phone ___ Computer ___ Church Zoom Watch Party at _____

(See zoom watch party listings on next page)

Registration (suggested) \$10.00

Donation to Northcott Neighborhood House _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Make checks payable to: Wisconsin Conference United Women in Faith. Mail form and

payment to: Josie Gobel, 309 W Johnson St. Apt. 930, Madison WI 53703



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SOCIAL ACTION DAY (VIRTUAL)

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

9:00 am to NOON

“ ENDING MASS INCARCERATION IN WISCONSIN “

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

8:30 Sign on to Zoom. Tech check & Chat Rooms

9:00 Welcome Dr. Kathy Hartke-Moderator

9:05 Welcome Gloria Carter-WI UWF President

9:07 Devotion Linda Capraniello-Spiritual Growth Leader

9:15 Keynote Speaker -Hon/Rev Everett Mitchell

Dane County Circuit Family Court Judge and Senior

Pastor at Christ The Solid Rock Baptist Church

10:15 Break

10:35 “Personhood”

10:40 Speaker Peggy West-Schroder

“FREE” Executive Director www.freemvmnt.org

11:35 CALL TO ACTION Kathy Hartke WI United Women in Faith

Social Action Chair

11:55 Evaluations and Send-off Kathy Hartke

11:58 Closing Prayer Linda Capraniello

UWF SOCIAL ACTION DAY VIRTUAL WATCH PARTIES

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024 9 am - Noon

SOUTH WEST DISTRICT

Lodi United Methodist Church, 130 Locust St, Lodi WI 53555

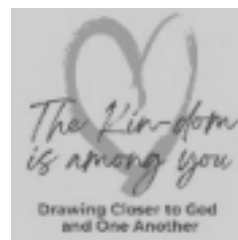
Contact Person: Mary Ann Morack 608-592-4784 mmorack1@yahoo.com

First United Methodist Church, 203 Wisconsin Ave, Madison WI 53703

Contact Person: Josie Gobel 920-988-0705 josiegobel@charter.net



WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
Zoom Mission u
Tuesday/Thursday evenings 6:30-9:00 PM
June 18, 20 & 25, 27, 2024



Registration cost: \$20 **Deadline to register is June 8.** A donation may be added for the Conference Pledge to Mission in place of an offering (note in memo line).

Online registration forms links can be found at <https://wisconsinmw.org/mission-u>
A Zoom link will be sent to your email address one week before class begins. Each person should register individually.

Personal Information (mark all that apply)

☐ 1st time attendee ☐ Age under 45 ☐ layperson ☐ clergy ☐ financial assistance

Request for CEU/Advanced Lay Servant credits

☐ CEU ☐ Advanced Lay Servant/Lay Speaker/Lay Minister

UWF members, please complete:

Unit: _____ District: _____ Conference: _____
All-Access: Y N

I will sign in to Zoom using my ☐ phone ☐ smartphone/computer, or
☐ as part of a small group, _____ will be signing in for our small group

When we have breakout groups, as a small group we would prefer to

☐ join a breakout room ☐ be our own group

(NOTE: Joining a breakout room is best for groups of no more than three people)

All: Submit registration email susanforrester@rocketmail.com Subject line:

06/18/2024 registration Or by mail Susan Forrester, Registrar
6817 Elmwood Ave. Additional contact information: 608-515-3258 (call or text)
Middleton, WI 53562

Make checks out to: Wisconsin Mission u

Registrations are transferable but not refundable

Name of attendee: Preferred Pronouns _____
Address, City, State, Zip
Phone: Message preference: <input type="checkbox"/> v-message <input type="checkbox"/> text <input type="checkbox"/> email
Email
Optional Demographic Information <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer not to answer If supplying Please circle or mark: Age: <input type="checkbox"/> under 19 <input type="checkbox"/> 20-45 <input type="checkbox"/> 46-55 <input type="checkbox"/> over 55 Gender: _____



WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Mission u Overview

Sat July 13, 2024 9:00-3:30

Winding Rivers UMC, New Lisbon WI



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**Join us at Mission u to explore the Good News of our Kin-dom and God's Reign.
We gather at Winding Rivers UMC for an overview of Neomi Fletcher's book *Welcome Home*.**

How can we incorporate Jesus' preaching and teaching into our daily lives?
God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit are with us always -- are we sharing the Trinity's love?

Ms. Fletcher uses the image of home to explore how living in close proximity to the kin-dom
helps us make a home with God.

We are invited to develop practices for building healthy, welcoming communities
as a result of being anchored in the abiding love of God.
God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit are with us every day. We are teachable.

***Welcome Home* by Neomi Fletcher** Order your copy: uwfaithresources.org

Registration includes a build-your-own-sandwich lunch and individual folders for attendees.
(please provide your lunch if you have specific dietary needs)
The earlier you register, the easier it is for the WI Conference Mission u Team to prepare.
Thank you!

Suggestions for lodging (**you are responsible** for making the reservations and payment):
Nearby hotel: AmericInn in New Lisbon, 1702 East Bridge St, New Lisbon 844-684-9427
RV hookups: Winding Rivers UMC, N6774 Germantown Rd, New Lisbon
(608) 562-3811 <http://windingriversumc.com>

*Registration Scholarships are available.
Please provide your request for financial assistance on the registration form.*

Photos taken at Mission u could be used by the WI Conference UWF in materials to help promote United Women in Faith events and to share the UWF mission with others.

Please sign below to indicate that you understand how your photo may be used.

Name (print) _____ Signature & date _____

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Mission u Overview

Sat July 13, 2024 9:00-3:30

Winding Rivers UMC, N6774 Germantown Rd, New Lisbon WI

Register **before June 22** \$25

Register **before June 27** \$30 (**deadline**) assures lunch & class packet is provided

Register **after June 27** \$35 (**late registration**) you will need to provide you own lunch

Online registration forms links can be found at <https://wisconsinumw.org/mission-u>

Personal Information (mark all that apply)

☐ 1st time attendee ☐ Age under 45 ☐ layperson ☐ clergy ☐ financial assistance

☐ Childcare – please provide age(s), names are helpful

UWF members, please complete:

Unit: _____ District: _____ Conference: _____ All-Access: Y N

All: Submit registration email susanforrester@rocketmail.com Subject line: 07/13/2024 registration

Or by mail: Susan Forrester, Registrar

6817 Elmwood Ave., Middleton, WI 53562

Additional contact information: 608-515-3258 (call or text)

Make checks out to: Wisconsin Mission u **Registrations are transferable but not refundable**

Name of attendee: ☐ Will provide own lunch (recommended if dietary restriction) Preferred Pronouns _____

Address, City, State, Zip

Phone:

Message preference:

☐ v-message ☐ text _____

Email

Optional Demographic Information ☐ I prefer not to answer

If supplying Please circle or mark: Age: ☐ under 19 ☐ 20-45 ☐ 46-55 ☐ over 55 Gender: _____

Emergency Contact: Name _____

Contact's Phone/Cell: _____ **Relationship:** _____

Where to find Medical information for EMTs (registration form, bracelet, wallet, emergency contact, etc):

(Optional) health information to share with the Mission u Team for more timely health assistance
(diabetes, epilepsy, mental health concerns, asthma, etc.)



The workshop will be led by Rev. Dr Barbara Wells, a retired pastor in the Wisconsin Conference. Barbara is married and lives in Edgerton Wisconsin. She has served 2 churches in Maryland and 4 churches in Wisconsin. Barbara began her career in ministry after working for The Gallup Organization and organizations in education.

South West District UWF Spiritual Growth Retreat

United Women in Faith- We are Leadership

Retreat Leader:
Rev. Barbara Wells

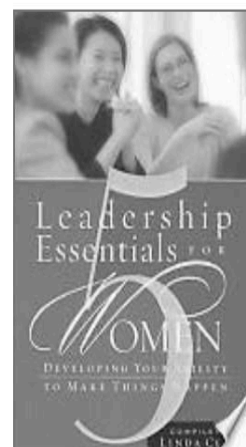
Saturday, April 27, 2024
Platteville UMC

1065 Lancaster St., Platteville, WI
8:30am - Check-in, coffee,
& breakfast repast
9:15am - 2:30pm, lunch included.

In-Gathering – We will be supporting the local mission “Platteville Food Pantry”. They are in need of non-perishable food donations. They also accept toilet paper.

The theme of April’s meeting of the United Women in Faith is Leadership. Specifically, we will focus on leadership essentials for women, based on the book “5 Leadership Essentials for Women – Developing Your Ability to Make Things Happen” compiled by author Linda Clark.

Topics will include fundamentals of communication, group building, relationship skills, conflict and time management and will be linked with supporting scripture. Using the information gleaned from these topics will increase your ability to serve in your church, community and workplace.



Jesus lived in times of upheaval and fragmentation. When asked about who a neighbor is, he spoke of a person who’s presence in Jewish society was considered polluting. There was a broken and abandoned person left on the side of the road to die. That polluting person gave new life to a dying stranger. That polluting person also left money at an inn so that the stranger could receive more care and be able to heal before he went on his way. The neighbor (a Samaritan) defied fragmentation quietly because it needed to be done. That person was a leader. (KM)



South West District UWF
Spiritual Growth Retreat

**United Women in Faith-
We are Leadership**

Retreat Leader: Rev. Barbara Wells

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(Remove and Return Bottom Portion.)

Spiritual Growth Retreat Registration Form

Name -

Address -

Phone -

Church -

Email -

Food allergies and preferences:

☐ In need of Child Care (names and ages):

Enclose \$15.00 check payable to **South West District UWF** due April 12, 2024

☐ Separate check made to "Platteville Food Pantry" for in-gathering donation.

Send or email registration to-

Susan Schlager 255 E. Madison St. Platteville, WI 53818

Question? (608) 348-9575 smschlager@yahoo.com

North Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial Event - May 31 - June 2, 2024



It's time to get excited for our United Women in Faith North Central Jurisdiction Event 2024!

We will gather at the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel, 31 West Ohio Street, in Indianapolis, May 31st - June 2nd, beginning at 8:30 am on **Friday** and ending at approximately noon on **Sunday**. There will be an optional, pre-event Soul Care Retreat on Thursday, May 30th from noon until 9:00 pm.

GET TOGETHER!

What does it mean to answer the call to "love one another"? (John 13:34) Come GET TOGETHER! to

FEEL the joy when faith-filled women unite
DEEPEN our relationship with God

NURTURE our souls through the strength of our sisterhood
EXPLORE the power of love to make a difference

TOGETHER we can do more. **TOGETHER** we can be more.
TOGETHER the power of love in action can change the world.

SCRIPTURE: The following scripture will provide the biblical foundation for our journey together: *John 13:34 (NRSV)*
I give you a new commandment that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.



Keynote Speaker
Deaconess
Garlinda Burton

WHAT'S HAPPENING at GET TOGETHER! 2024?

Pray: Community Gatherings, Worship

Listen: Discussion Groups, Multi-Media Presentations

Learn: Workshops, Conference Displays

Engage: Breakouts, Action Opportunities

Celebrate! Saturday Night Fun Night!

Optional Soul Care Retreat: Focus on nurturing your mind, body and spirit while deepening your faith through spiritual practice and creating bonds of sisterhood (includes box dinner)



Music Director
Amanda Powell

SPREAD THE WORD! Please go to the United Women in Faith North Central Jurisdiction Event website, <https://www.umwncj.org/> for programming updates and the latest information.

Special guest, Grace Musaka, Regional Missionary, will share a global perspective. One example of a workshop will feature Shannon Priddy and Dawn Armstrong who will challenge us in "Let's Talk Legacy". Breakouts will offer opportunities for activities with your sisters, connecting with friends - old and new. We will be electing Directors and Alternates for the National Board of United Women in Faith as well as the 2024-2028 NCJ Leadership Team.

How can we embrace and include everyone in a divided world? How can we confront injustice? How can we grow within ourselves and our faith? The answer is always the same. We can do it TOGETHER.

Come nurture your spirit TOGETHER Come join in worship TOGETHER Come make a difference TOGETHER

REGISTRATION will open Sept. 1, 2023

Early Online Registration closes	November 30, 2023 (Midnight EST)	\$225.00
Online Registration closes	April 30, 2024 (Midnight EDT)	\$265.00
Soul Care Retreat (optional)	Filled until capacity	\$75.00



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Mabel Heil Scholarship Fund Wisconsin Conference

Mabel Heil Scholarships are made possible by earnings from a trust established in the will of Sarah Mabel Heil, a resident of Cuba City, Wisconsin. Funds are awarded by the Heil Scholarship Committee of the Wisconsin Conference United Women in Faith and are invested in the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation. Any Wisconsin United Methodist woman working to improve her education may apply.

Available Funds:

- a. Funds will be invested in the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation, in a fund split 60 percent equity and 40 percent fixed.
- b. Funds available to provide scholarships for each semester will be calculated as 2.5 percent of the fair market value of the Mabel Heil Scholarship Fund as of the end of the month prior to the approval of Scholarships.

Eligibility Requirements:

- a. Must be a female member of the United Women in Faith and/or United Methodist Church in Wisconsin.
- b. Submit a written answer to the question, "In what ways do I consider myself a worthy student?"
- c. Letter of recommendation from either the president of the local UWFaith unit or from your pastor.
- d. Letter of recommendation from a church member who is not a member of your household and is not a relative. (Person writing letter on behalf of applicant is to send the letter directly to the contact person)
- e. All letters must be written (Preferably typed) on one side of an 8.5x11" sheet of white paper using black ink.

Application Procedures:

- a. Awarded for one semester at a time. To be considered again for any subsequent semester, send a letter asking to be considered.
- b. Graduate students may apply for each semester as long as they meet the other requirements
- c. Application and two (2) letters of recommendation OR RECONSIDERATION LETTER must be received by May 1 for the fall semester or October 1 for the spring semester. Checks will be disbursed by August 15 and January 15.

Application forms may be requested from this email loosesilv45@gmail.com or the address below or call: 715 325 2841

Obtain an application form and send to:

Mabel Heil Scholarship
Lucy Silvester
373 15th Ave.
Nekoosa, WI 54457

South West District Calendar 2024

January	February	March
20th - District Team Meeting 9 am - 12 pm - Zoom		16th - District Team Meeting 9 am - 12 pm - Zoom
24th - Mission Matters Due	1st - Mission Task Reports due	20th - Mission Matters Due
April	May	June
13th - Conference Social Action Day - Zoom or watch parties - Lodi UMC and First UMC, Madison 27th - District Spring Retreat-Platteville UMC	31st - June 2nd North Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial Event - Indianapolis	15th - District Team meeting - 9:30 am - 3 pm Prairie du Chien UMC 18 & 20, 25 & 27 Mission U - Zoom
		19th - Mission Matters Due
July	August	September
13th - Mission u Overview 9:00 am -3:30 pm Winding Rivers UMC, New Lisbon WI	3rd - District Team meeting 9:30 am - 3 pm Portage UMC	14th - District Annual Gathering - Portage UMC
	7th - Mission Matters Due	1st - Reading List Due 25th - Mission Matters Due
October	November	December
11th - 12th Conference Annual Gathering Eau Claire - Lake St. UMC	9th - District Day of Enrichment Dodgeville UMC	
1st - Officer List Form Due		10th - Pledge Money Due

Communication Coordinator- Ann Hill 2802 Maple Grove Dr., Madison, WI 53719 c(920)740-6843 Email: anniehill50@gmail.com	Send me items about your unit activities to include in our Mission Matters Newsletter.	Mission Matters Due dates: June 19, August 7, Sept. 25
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Mission Matters
SW District UWF
C/O Ann Hill
2802 Maple Grove Dr.
Madison, WI 53719



Calendar of Events 2024

South West District Events

Conference Social Action Day - Apr. 13 - via zoom or watch party
Spring Retreat – April 27 at Platteville UMC
North Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial Event - Indianapolis - May 30 - Jun 2
Mission u - June 18&20, 25 & 27
Mission u Overview - July 13 - Winding Rivers UMC, New Lisbon, WI
District Annual Gathering - September 14 at Portage UMC
Day of Enrichment – Dodgeville UMC, November 9

South West District Team Meetings

June 15 – Prairie du Chien UMC - Newsletter article deadline June 19
August 3 – Portage UMC - Newsletter article deadline Aug. 7
Sept. 25 - Last newsletter deadline