

Chippewa District
United Methodist Women

Newsletter

The WEAVER



May 2013



THE PURPOSE

The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Greetings From Your President

Spring and summer are active times...time to plant and produce new things.
...a good person produces good deeds and words season after season...
Mathew 12:35 (The Message)



I hope to see you all at Mission u (formerly School of Christian Mission) in Wausau July 22-25 or drive over for an Overview Day on July 26th. Let's study, worship and learn together (see more information and registration in this issue). Prepare yourself then share with those in your community.

We will be studying *The Roma of Europe, Living Sacramentally, Walking Justly and Poverty*. Reach out to new women, especially young women. Give them support such as child care, scholarships and rides to events -- go the extra mile! Young women are our future leaders. Mentor them and love them!

Season after season we learn about the problems in the world and we study the Bible--- then we act to develop a supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

If you have any questions please call me at 715 635 7045 or email me at missionbillie@gmail.com.

Billie LaBumbard
Chippewa District President

I think that no matter how old or infirm I may become, I will always plant a large garden in the spring. Who can resist the feelings of hope and joy that one gets from participating in nature's rebirth?"

- Edward Giobbi -

District Vice President

Well, spring is here, winter is past and so is our District Spring Day of Enrichment. For those of you who couldn't make it, unfortunately, I feel you missed a very informative and spiritually filled day. However, onward and upward!

I know we are entering that very busy season of spring and summer. I do hope you will not slight your local UMW meetings. I know how easy it is to hurry over those, we may feel "less significant" and "far away" from our meetings. I do hope you will pay particular attention to what you are saying as you recite our Purpose. When we know something, it is so easy to say words. We need to engage our brain to think of its meaning. Let it hold us to the important and meaningful activities that we select. Let's use some of the devotions from our program book, *Living the Heart of God*, as you come together. I particularly like "*Lord We See You*" and "*Preparing Our Priorities*". And, too, use the Prayer Calendar regularly. Prayer is the most important thing we can do for the people we love. And holding up those fine hardworking missionaries and groups are so important as we ask God to be present with them and guide their work to success. And as we remember and read about each of these people or groups, we learn more about what our money is doing in God's world. AND are you reading some of those wonderful UMW books? We can become inspired and learn so much from them!

Happy Spring and Summer and happy reading and praying!!!

Evie O'Neil

Interim District Treasurer

My goodness! I thought that I would be writing this in nice warm spring weather but we have snow again, with much more being predicted for tonight. By the time the *Weaver* is out Spring Day of Enrichment will be over. I so hope that many of you were able to attend and that you found it very enjoyable. I think it will be a great day.

In the packets your unit received at the Spring Day of Enrichment I put a sheet with the guidelines for achieving your 5 Star Awards. Would you please be very sure that your treasurer gets this. I would like all of you to read or discuss it and make sure your treasurer keeps track of the information. The Chippewa District is still in need of a treasurer. Won't you please give this some consideration? I said "no" more than once when I was asked. I just didn't think I could do it. But I have actually enjoyed doing it and so might you. I would be happy to help get you going with it. Please contact the Nominations committee if you are interested or you can call me at 715-246-2442. Being a member of the District team is really a lot of fun.

Our Mission Resource has moved to GA and I think they are doing well. But it would still be a good idea to get those Special Mission Pins ordered early to be sure of receiving them by the time you need them. I think we can make our pledge to the conference this year.. . but remember we have to think **un-designated** giving. The designated monies are important too, but they don't count towards our pledge.

Thanks for all your hard work, you're wonderful. God Bless you all!

Karen Langer,
Interim District Treasurer
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Secretary

Spring, don't you just love it. New beginnings. Get your local UMW people moving.



It was a long winter in Wisconsin. I lined my kitchen window sill with bright colored flowers to encourage spring to arrive. I did see 5 robins on my lawn April 8 and the next day it snowed.

April 6, 2013, a group of us carpoled to Tomah to take in Social Action Day. WOW, it was absolutely AWESOME. If you didn't get there, go online to www.wisconsinumw.org. It's right there on the home page. We had the best speakers (and lunch). Don't miss it next year. I have already put those words in action. Awareness is so important. Today's devotional says this: *Jesus told Simon to row out to deep water and cast his nets.* Why would Jesus do that? Jesus wanted to make a strong disciple of Simon. Simon had already heard the words of Jesus and may have experienced a change in his heart. *Simon said "Because you say so, I will let down my nets".* And what happened? *They caught so many fish that their nets nearly broke and filled two boats to over flowing!* Luke 5: 5-7. *Jesus said to Simon "There is nothing to fear. From now on you'll be fishing for men and women". They pulled their boats up on the beach, left them, nets and all, and followed him.* Luke 5: 10-11.

Today my local UMW group is going on a field trip to Feed My People. We will be packaging food for the hungry.

Step out in faith,
Judy Albricht
Chippewa District UMW Secretary

Education and Interpretation Coordinator

I would like to extend a big HIGH FIVE to the 29 local UMW units that met the qualifications for becoming a MISSION TODAY UNIT! However, two of those units turned in the completed form late and did not receive a certificate. The rest of you should have found your certificate in the Spring Day of Enrichment packet. Fourteen units reported, but did not qualify (thank you for sending it in anyway and reporting the criteria that you DID complete). Sixteen did not send in a report - come on, do it this year!

Here are the five items most often completed: 37 units made their pledge, 32 units had at least one person subscribe to the *Response* magazine, 30 units used two programs from the program book, 29 units had a *Response* Moment during their meetings and 24 units earned the Five Star Award. These are all important to do to fulfill our UMW pledge.

The least reported items were: using the Charter for Racial Justice program, becoming a Green Unit, holding a Mini Spiritual Growth Retreat and only one person belonged to the United Women's Action Network.

I was pleased to see that we did a tiny bit better than last year at working on the Mission Today Criteria and I hope many of you learned more about our UMW missions by using them. I think that sometimes we leave these reports until the end of the year and when we fill them out we forget some of the things we did earlier. Perhaps you can assign one person (E&I, secretary, members) to bring the form to each meeting and check off the criteria as they are completed. Let's add to the number of Mission Today Units this year!

Ruby Getting

Nominations

Happy Healthy Spring 2013 to ALL of You!!!!

Hello everyone. You will be reading this in May, however, as I write, it is actually the week just following Easter Sunday. I have just seen my first two Robins of the season and I look forward to thinking about planting outside as soon as possible.

The Nominating Committee of your Chippewa District UMW team has been trying very hard to complete our 2013 and 2014 slate of officers. As you know, we need a **Treasurer for NOW - 2014**. Karen Langer is still doing an excellent job as Interim Treasurer, but we need someone that will step in, as Karen has served 4.5 years already.

Also we need to fill the following positions:

President 2014-2015, Secretary 2014-2015 and six people who will join the Nominating Committee. This is a 2, 3, 4 year commitment to be worked out with the Nominating Chairperson at the time you say "yes".

I have said this before, but it is sooooo true. ALL of you have been given gifts from God and we will welcome those gifts with open hearts and arms. We have an awesome team of warm, loving, nurturing and faith-filled women. You are really missing something special to not be a part of the team. We also have "job-training" for free!!!

Please take time to pray about stepping forward and saying "YES". We really need you.

Questions? Call or e-mail us and we will gladly do our best to answer.

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Suzanne Heabler,
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Strength lies in differences, not in similarities.
- Stephen Covey -

Social Action Coordinator

I attended the Social Action Day held in Tomah on April 6th. Pastor Heather Brewer of Bloomer UMC talked about human trafficking. Because borders from Mexico into the United States have become more effectively patrolled, the new areas for bringing people into or out of the country, could be through Canada. She called the Canadian border "porous", meaning people can get through with little or no inspection. State Highway 53 is only one route across the border that people may be taken against their will. Trafficking isn't just across borders but also occurs within states, within cities, anywhere people are held against their will.

Look into the following websites for more eye-opening information:

Wisconsin Department of Justice: Human Trafficking: State statute 940.302 (for a very thorough definition of Human Trafficking)

Polaris Project/ National Trafficking Resource Center or call 1-888-373-7888.

NHTRC@POLARISPROJECT.ORG

www.PolarisProject.org

Jean Kissack
Social Action Coordinator



Program Resources 2013



Anyone for part-time work on the District Mission Team? I am a part-timer for Program Resources this year and would like to “job share”. The exciting news is that the nominating committee has someone for 2014, but if there is a woman in the Chippewa District who would like to see what the job is like and help with the Fall Gathering in New Richmond in September, let me know.

Because I did not have a large book order for the Spring Day of Enrichment in Holcombe, it means more individual responsibility for all of you. As an experiment, I ordered 2 study books that will be used at Mission u in Wausau July 22nd – 25th. “*The Call: Living Sacramentally, Walking Justly*” arrived in just a few days. “*The Roma of Europe*” by Larry Beman, was on back order and arrived a couple of weeks later. I will also be receiving those same study books as part of my UMW Mission Sampler Subscription, but I wanted to see if it was easy to order from www.umwmissionresources.com – and it was.

I also wanted to be sure to have one copy of each study book as a sample for people to see at Spring Day. It is nice to see the size of the print and read a few pages before you order the book. While I was at the UMW mission resources website, I saw that there is a whole section of Downloads and Order Forms that includes 4 Mission study leader’s guides. In this same area is the United Methodist Women e-Handbook 2013-2016 that you can download & refer to it until the printed copy comes out this summer, or you can print off parts of it that interest you.

Please permit me to share 2 brief reviews. “*The Call - -*” is great for personal study and enrichment and because there are questions at the end of each chapter, it will be a good fit for groups as well. “*The Roma of Europe*” is a book with less words and more pictures and it is interesting to see how closely it ties into our previous studies of poverty, immigration and racial discrimination. If all of us could just accept each other as beloved children of God, what a wonderful world this would be.

May your world be full of blessings this summer through nature and through humanity.

Nancy Zabel

Secretary of Program Resources - pro tem
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Spiritual Growth Bloom and Grow



This morning I looked outside my kitchen window and *lo and behold!! I saw grass!* Well, it is supposedly spring after all! Now begins the time of year when we see things growing – flowers springing out of the ground, grass moving from brown to green and gardeners becoming anxious to sink their hands into the ground to plant bulbs and seeds so that sometime later they will witness color and life rising out of the earth.

However, there is other growth to be sowing, grooming and ultimately reaping at a harvest time yet unknown – our own spiritual growth! Our Bible has quite a lot to say about it. My favorite passage is found toward the end of chapter 5 and the beginning of chapter 6 in Hebrews. The writer, presumably Paul (who speaks of this many times in his letters), cautions us that it is time to leave aside the “milk” and take on more solid food. Milk is the basic training, much as our mothers prepped our bodies for growth by feeding us the basic food, milk, to nourish our bodies. But, to grow, our bones, organs and muscles need more than that and when we are ready, it is time to move on to the more solid foundation that will encourage our bodies to develop bones and muscles – solid food.

Much the same are our spiritual bodies.....if we don’t feed them beyond the baptism, the reality of the resurrection we have once again celebrated and the judgment to come, we are missing the maturing. We are still in elementary school. So, the maturing process requires the same thing that spring and summer and fall ultimately produce – RESULTS!

Results are achieved as Christians by gleaning

from this Word of God all that we can – acquiring an increasing bounty, gathering and informing ourselves of God’s expectations of us, assessing our gifts – those that will through us become visible to others-- and learning to use those gifts to the glory of God.

Jesus tells us to love the Lord our God with ALL our heart, mind, strength and soul. God needs our heart because He uses our LIVES. Our lives and the way we spend them are what keeps Christianity “growing”. God can’t reach the world without our lives. The lives of United Methodist Women reach the world through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. Let us, therefore, move on beyond the elementary to grow even stronger in our faith through study and working toward greater and greater RESULTS. Let’s plant, fertilize, bloom and grow, and produce color and life through our lives.

Growing with you,
Liz Dempsey,
Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Communications

Do you want to be my Friend?



It is time for our Chippewa District to have a Face Book site on the internet. I love the possibilities, but am a little weak on the know-how. One day in March, I sat down and experimented and I now have something on [facebook.com/chippewadistrictunitedmethodistwomen-wi](https://www.facebook.com/chippewadistrictunitedmethodistwomenwi) - I think. But I can’t really find it without stumbling around. Someone out there may need to help with a do-over. Can you really have a page with a title that long? Somehow, there are 3 “likes” but we are encouraged to get more. In the meantime, be sure to go to the conference UMW page or website www.wisconsinumw.org and see what wonderful things you might find there. I see our *Weaver* newsletter is there and I just printed off the April *Catch the Vision* conference UMW newsletter.

Tell us your ideas for Facebook. Will you become a Friend? Will you encourage other women you

know to become a Friend? It would be good to have conversations about books in the reading program like Stacy Ganzer did in the *Catch the Vision*. It would be good to talk about what our church women are doing for activities. We could have philosophical discussions about the studies. We could advertise happenings in our churches. Tell us your dreams.

On to something I know more about - books. The last order we had from the new mission resources in Georgia was very small. The good news is that they are operating and you can order what you need by calling 1800-305-9857 or check the site www.umwmissionresources.org.

One of the many resources they have on the downloadable page is a Mission Giving brochure. It clearly explains the 5 channels of Mission Giving (remember if you are a 5 Star unit then you can check off number 13 on the Mission Today list). If you are confused already, I will just repeat what our district treasurer has said. Many of our United Methodist Women groups miss getting the 5 Star Award because of the Gift to Mission category – and it is so easy to do. Every local treasurer who sends \$5.00 to the district treasurer for one of the Gift to Mission cards, accomplishes that point of the “star” for the year. The cards are so nice to have for a special “thank you” or “congratulations”. Most of our groups send money for the other 4 points each year: the Pledge, Special Mission Recognition, World Thank Offering and the Gift in Memory to honor a deceased loved one or someone who has touched your life in a special way, but it is easy to forget that one little \$5 extra card. Think of it as a bonus that will make someone very happy to receive it and at the same time let them know that you care. You can purchase as many \$5.00 cards as you wish, but they only count toward that category in the year they are purchased.

Time now to wrestle with Face Book once again. I just saw an article in the paper that said it is very popular so it must be manageable. I’ll get some help and see you on the web.

Nancy Zabel,
Communications Coordinator,
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MEMBERSHIP NURTURE AND OUTREACH



As the new Mission Coordinator for the Chippewa District of United Methodist Women I had a first time challenge to learn the responsibilities of my position. I began by reviewing Sharon's helpful information that she had passed to me from her years of experience in MNO.

Early in January Local Membership Census Forms for 2012 began to arrive in my mailbox, forms that each UMW unit in the Chippewa District was to complete, giving our District a count of the membership in each unit. According to the Discipline of the United Methodist Church there is to be an organized unit of UMW in each local church. I gathered and recorded the information from these forms and sent a compiled report to our Conference Coordinator of MNO. A BIG *"Thank You"* to each of you and your unit for completing this annual census and allowing me to send our District results to the UMW Conference officer in a timely manner.

An annual census for each unit can be a "good thing", not just a quick labor intensive counting and recording. It provides us the opportunity to prayerfully consider our membership and how we might encourage women of all ages to be part of our unit.

Membership – United Methodist Women is open to any woman who indicates her desire to belong and to participate in the global mission of the church through United Methodist Women – taken and printed from page 13 of the January 2013 *RESPONSE* magazine (an excellent publication and program resource) entitled "Committed To Mission". Consider the women in your church and your community. Do they fit one of these categories mentioned? Can they affirm and support the United Methodist Women's Purpose and become involved in the organizations mission? Then...

INVITE THEM – pray for them and encourage them.

ASK THEM – to commit their prayers, time and financial gifts.

THEN –as a member they can participate in the **Joys of Membership!**

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Weaver Editor



Look – we're all smiling, despite the weather!

It may have been snowing outside while we held our Spring Day of Enrichment in Holcombe, but we are like the post office – neither rain nor snow can stop us. We still had a great day of learning, spiritual growth and fellowship with a wonderful group of ladies!

Our District Team at Holcombe:



Bottom row (left to right):

Judy Albricht, Marion Strandberg, Evie O'Neil, Karen Stimeling

Middle row (left to right):

Mary Beede, Donna Cochran, Suzanne Heabler,
Billie LaBumbard, Karen Langer

Back row (left to right):

Barb Bender, Jean Kissack, Liz Dempsey

See you all in September at the Annual Gathering in New Richmond!

Marion Strandberg

Despite the forecast, live like it's spring."

- Lilly Pulitzer -

Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women



MISSION U:

LEARNING TOGETHER
FOR THE TRANSFORMATION
OF THE WORLD

NEW NAME—CONTINUED LIFE-CHANGING LEARNING

Mission u: Monday-Thursday, July 22-25, 2013
Overview Day: Friday, July 26, 2013

2013 Mission Studies

Living Sacramentally, Walking Justly (2013)

This study offers tools to deepen spiritual identity, engagement in community and involvement in mission, looking at the sacramental understandings of baptism and communion and lifting up models of response to God's call. Stories of call and response are shared from a wide array of persons from different walks of life. Spanish and Korean versions will be available in May.

Roma of Europe (2013-2014)

This study will introduce you to the Roma, with an emphasis on Eastern Europe. You will discover their history up to and including the twentieth century. You can look into the ways they are treated in contemporary European culture. You will also be able to learn about their lifestyle and spirituality, and investigate ways the church and other organizations are working alongside the Roma.

Poverty (2012-2013)

Our Christian faith invites us to become agents of God's compassion and healing in a wounded world. Poverty is a human rights issue with grave impact on women and children. This mission study on poverty is designed to help participants recognize and claim for themselves the connections between Scripture, church tradition, compassion for the poor, social outreach and social justice.

Biblical passages remind Christians of their responsibility for poverty. The Wesleyan movement embraced this concern by creating community centers where people could access education, medical care or employment, and members of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations have continued this heritage and responded to the poor where they exist.

Young People (Teens ages 13-17 and Young Adults ages 18-26)

Middle school through college age young men and women will enjoy special programming, including the opportunity to join in mission studies; share in meaningful worship, recreation, team building and volunteering; and building friendships that last a lifetime.

YoMiCa (Youth Mission Camp—Grades 3-8)

Located at the United Methodist's beautiful Pine Lake Camp, this is an exciting event that also teaches about mission. The students will participate in typical camp activities, like swimming, arts and crafts, games and getting in touch with nature. In addition, the camp mirrors the adult classes by learning about mission. YoMiCa begins Sunday at 3:00 pm and culminates in a Friday afternoon presentation at 2:30 pm (July 21-26). Call Camp office with questions: 608-837-3388. See <http://www.wiumcamps.org/documents/MiddleSchoolCatalog2010.pdf> for more information and registration. Leaders: Tim and Kara Finley.

Westwood Conference Center • Wausau, WI

Who?

The Wisconsin **Mission u** is for everyone: women, men, youth, young adults, laity, clergy- *You!*

**What?**

The Wisconsin **Mission u** is where people of all ages come together to grow in understanding of the mission of the church in the current world context through study, fellowship, worship and fun.

*****LOCATION*****

Westwood Conference Center—Wausau
1800 Westwood Center Blvd.
Wausau, WI 54401
Exit I-39/29/51 at Exit 193 (Bridge St.)
715-847-9200
See larger map on page 4.

When?

Mission u:
Monday-Thursday, July 22-July 25, 2013
Friday, July 26, 2013
YoMiCa:
Sunday-Friday, July 21-July 26

Why?

Mission u is a wonderful time to learn about one of the precepts of the church: mission. Not only is it educational and fun, but it is a great vacation bargain!

How?

Register using the registration pages. Please fill in all the boxes. You may make as many copies of the registration form as needed. OR email your registration and save a stamp. OR go to www.wisconsinumw.org to register online.

Questions?

Contact the Registrar:
Arlene Trull
715-359-7756
email: aetrull@gmail.com

Wisconsin Conference Mission u

Four-Day Mission u

Monday, July 22–Thursday July 25

Registration 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Monday, July 22
Opening Plenary 10:30 a.m. Monday
Sending Forth 12:30 p.m. Thursday, July 26

Meals: Four-Day student meals begin with lunch on Monday the July 22 and end with breakfast (at the hotel) on Thursday, July 26.

Cost: Four-Day Students– registration (includes meals, hotel room for two and materials.)

-**\$310.00** (\$360.00 if received after June 24th) **double room.**

-**\$425.00** (\$485.00 if received after June 24th) **single room.**

Commuter: Registration: **\$175.00** includes meals (\$225.00 if received after June 24th)

Advanced registration is **REQUIRED**. No registrations will be accepted after **July 8th**. *Transferable but not refundable.*

To register, use form on page 3.

Child Care: Please contact the Registrar for information on child care.

Don't forget to order your study books when registering and pay when you pick them up at Mission u. See page 3!

Overview Day

Friday, July 26th

Registration 8:15 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
Opening Plenary 9:00 a.m.

Overview of all three mission studies.

Special tables at lunch for young people.

Study books and reading materials available for purchase.

Mission offering taken.

Sending Forth: 3:30 p.m.

Cost: Overview Day student **\$42.00** (**\$50.00** after June 24th)

Thursday night hotel cost, including registration: **\$136.00**

Advanced registration is encouraged and is *transferable but not refundable*. To register, use registration form on page 4. Each person needs a separate form—photocopy as needed.

Mission u 2013 (4-day) Registration

(Use **one form per person**; duplicate as needed. Please print and fill out entire form)

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone (____) _____

City _____ Zip _____

District _____ Local Church/City _____ Roommate: _____

Registration type (check only one): Adult Registration Teen (13-17) Young Adult (18-26)

Studies (Adults choose one or two studies; Teens and Young Adults choose only one class)

_____ **Living Sacramentally, Walking Justly** _____ **Roma of Europe** _____ **Poverty**

Check any/all that apply:

- Requesting handicap accessibility.
- Requesting a scholarship.
- I am laity requesting Advanced Layspeaking/Layservant credit.
- I am a pastor and wish to receive Continuing Ed. Credits (CEU).
- I am a First Timer.
- I am a commuter (paying the commuter fee from page 2).
- I would like a single room (paying the single room fee from page 2)
- I am requesting child care and have talked to the Registrar already.
- Special Dietary Needs _____

Total Payment (see page 2): \$ _____

Send full payment by June 24 to:

Arlene Trull
305 Becker Street
Rothschild, WI 54474
715-359-7756
aetrull@gmail.com

Make Checks Payable to: **Mission u**

If you need a payment plan, please contact our Registrar and make arrangements. We will gladly work a schedule out with you.

Please order a study book for me. (Place number of books requested on the blank. Pay at the event.)

_____ *Living Sacramentally, Walking Justly*

_____ *Poverty*

_____ *Roma of Europe*



Young Women doing crafts—2012

Scholarships: (contact Registrar for more information)

- + Available for first time attendees of Mission u.
- + Available for Young People.
- + Clergy Scholarships available for newly ordained pastors.
- + **Continuing Education Credits** available for pastors.
- + **Advanced Layspeaking/Layservant Credits** available for laity.



2013 Dean, Julie Mische, and Assistant Dean, Dee Klawitter.

Other Information:

- *Air-conditioned meeting rooms at the Westwood Conference Center and in the hotel rooms.
- *Handicap accessible meeting rooms.
- ***Hotel accommodations are included in your registration fee.**
- *Shuttle service between the Fairfield Inn & Suites and the Westwood Conference Center.
- *More information on mission projects, as well as a learning center with puzzles & crafts.
- *Choice Time activities.

Overview Day (Friday) 2013 Registration

(Use one form per person; duplicate as needed. Please print and fill out entire form)

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone (____) _____

City _____ Zip _____

District _____ Local Church/City _____

Overview Day includes worship, an overview of all three mission studies, an offering taken for Mission Giving, lunch and closing communion. Lunch will be provided in a room conveniently located at the Conference Center. Displays, Program Resources and the Learning Center will also be available.

Registration type (check only one):

Adult Registration Teen (13-17) Young Adult (18-26)

Special Dietary/Physical Needs _____

Total (from page 2): \$ _____

No refunds given, but substitutions will be accepted. A confirmation of your registration will be mailed or emailed to you.

Send full payment by June 24 to:

Arlene Trull
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Make Checks Payable to: **Mission u**

Westwood Conference Center

1800 Westwood Center Blvd.
Wausau, WI 54401
(715) 847-9200

Driving from the NORTH on US 51/1-39

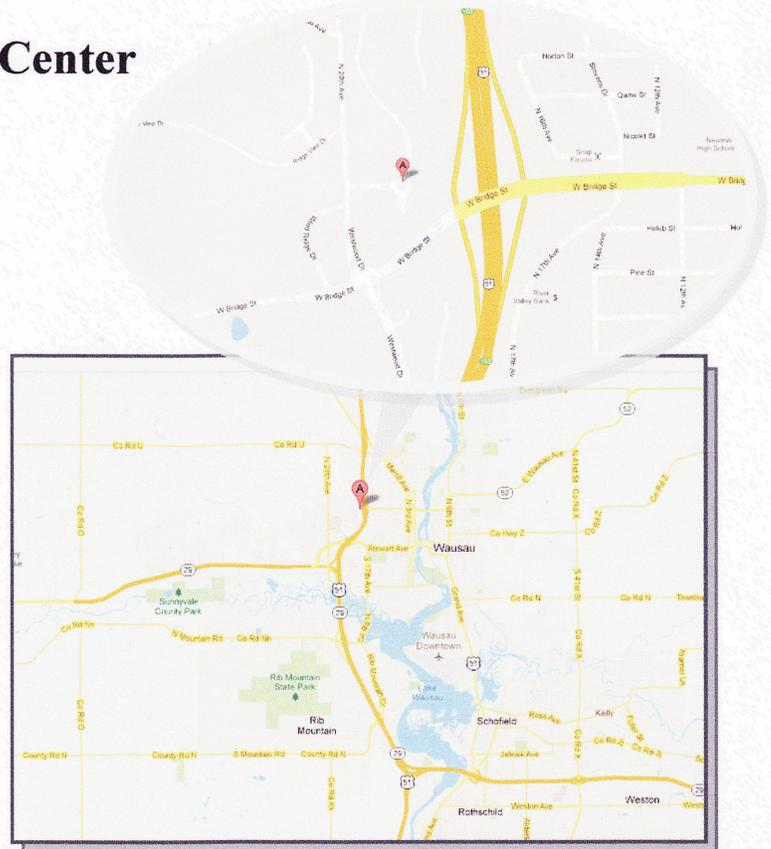
Take Exit 193 (Bridge Street).
Turn right at Bridge Street (0.3 mi).
Turn right at Westwood Drive (0.1 mi).
Turn right at Westwood Center Boulevard, follow and take right off of roundabout to continue onto Westwood Center Boulevard (427 ft). Visitor parking is on your left.

Driving from the SOUTH on US 51/1-39

Take Exit 193 (Bridge Street).
Turn left at Bridge Street (0.3 mi).
Turn right at Westwood Drive (0.1 mi).
Turn right at Westwood Center Boulevard, follow and take right off of roundabout to continue onto Westwood Center Boulevard (427 ft). Visitor parking is on your left.

Driving from the EAST or WEST on US 29

Merge with US 51/1-39 North.
Take Exit 193 (Bridge Street).
Turn left at Bridge Street (0.3 mi).
Turn right at Westwood Drive (0.1 mi).
Turn right at Westwood Center Boulevard, follow and take right off of roundabout to continue onto Westwood Center Boulevard (427 ft). Visitor parking is on your left.



IN MEMORIAM - LORNA RINCK

by *Billie LaBumbard*

We are, first and foremost, Sisters in Christ! We have been Lorna's sisters in Christ.

We have followed the purpose of UMW that says, we are an organized community of women whose purpose is to know God and experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

We have gone to meetings with Lorna (more than we can count). We have planned programs, planned and presented educational studies with her leadership at School of Christian Mission (now known as Mission U).

Together we have explored social action—just at the last Conference meeting Lorna spoke up for the issue of health care access, lack of health insurance and the high cost of medications. She urged us to keep this on our agenda for 2013 because it affects so many Americans.

Together we have explored immigration, poverty, human trafficking, and the high infant mortality rates in Wisconsin. Lorna, our sister in Christ, has helped Brenda Clark, our sister that runs the SERVE store at our District events. Lorna helped check us out and encouraged our buying Fair Trade item and even helped us do our early Christmas shopping. She always spoke to encourage reading of our recommended books. And she liked to help us purchase those books.

One thing I will say is Lorna attended required meetings. She was also known for being a little late sometimes, so we would give her an earlier time just to make sure she was there. Lorna showed her fellowship and love in making prayer shawls—all colors and intricate patterns that she gifted to many others that have served.

I just came from a Christmas party with Lorna and our Chippewa District Mission Team in Medford. Lorna was in a bright red sweater—all decked out, you might say. We had no idea that she was going to be with our Lord so soon. We sang hymns together and even played Christmas Bingo, then we took our caroling over to an assisted living facility that houses one of our member's mother and about 20 others.

This week, in my devotions, I was reading from Micah, in the Old Testament, where Micah, in about 750 BC, warns the people of all the bad things they

are doing. He tells them God will punish them. He asks all people to have faith in God's goodness and mercy and he predicts that someone like Jesus Christ (a leader) will come to lead people to God—the prince of peace—and he asks, what does the Lord require of us?

As our Sister in Christ passes on to her heavenly reward, we all come face to face with our own mortality. And I ask myself, what does the Lord require of me in the days that I have left here on earth? I am committed to follow a path that will allow me to do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with God.

I am thankful for the life of my sister in Christ, Lorna Rinck, and her faithfulness and I am thankful for our savior Jesus Christ.

As I prepare to celebrate His birth this Christmas season, I seek to follow Lorna's example to seek justice, to show love and to walk humbly with God until I too am privileged to meet Him in person.

I am pleased that UMW follows my ideals. It is a path that Lorna took and I have taken also—to do what is required of us.

As we reflect and prepare to celebrate His birth in a humble stable, in Bethlehem. May we do what the Lord requires of us until we are privileged to meet Him in person.

God bless you and be with you, our sister in Christ, Lorna Rinck.

I'd like to share a prayer that is found in our UMW program book:

"Lord, as I rise this morning, remind me that today may be the day that I see your face. And as I go about my work show me opportunities to serve you, and tonight when I finally lay down my head, remind me to thank you for the blessings of the day"

Eulogy written and given by Billie LaBumbard for Lorna Rinck, 2013 Chairperson of Nominations of Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women





MABEL HEIL SCHOLARSHIP Requirements & Instructions

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

Requirements: for scholarship consideration.

YOU must:

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

Applications: Please have all letters written (preferably typed) on one side of 8 1/2 by 11 sheet of white paper using black ink.

All applications are photocopied for the committee members.

Scholarships are awarded one semester at a time. To be considered for the following semester, you must send a request. A form will be sent with your check.

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

Schedule:

1st Semester: Apply by May 1; Notified by June 1; Check sent by August 15.

2nd Semester: Apply by October 1; Notified by November 1; Check sent by January 15.

To request a scholarship form:

**Yvonne Fiary,
203 E. Greenwood
Rothschild, WI 54474
715-355-6133
yvfiary@aol.com**

Application and two (2) letters of recommendation **MUST** be postmarked no later than May 1 or October 1 to be considered.

salad luncheon

By the
Birchwood Methodist Women

Luncheon Dates for 2013:

June 11th

July 9th

August 13th

Bring a friend & have a relaxing enjoyable lunch

at the
Birchwood United
Methodist Church
Beginning at 11:00 A.M.



MENU	
Salads.....	\$4.50
Barbeques.....	2.50
Desserts.....	2.00
Beverages.....	.50

Proceeds are used in mission projects

May you have
warm words on a
cold evening,
A full moon on a
dark night,
And the road
downhill all
the way to
your door.
- Mary Engelbreit



2013 Calendar



*The best thing about the future is that
it comes one day at a time.*
- Abraham Lincoln -



CHIPPEWA DISTRICT ANNUAL GATHERING

September 21
New Richmond UMC
New Richmond, WI

WI CONFERENCE ANNUAL GATHERING

October 18 - 19
Asbury UMC
Madison, WI

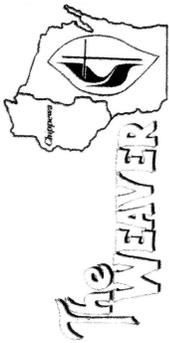
- May 12 – Mother's Day
- June 1 – TEAM meeting at Barronett Cabin
- June 16 – Fathers Day
- July 10 – Deadline for AUGUST WEAVER articles
- July 22 - 25 – Mission u at Westwood
Conference Center, Wausau
- July 26 – Mission u Drive-In Day at Westwood
Conference Center, Wausau
- August 10 – TEAM meeting at New Richmond UMC
- September 21 – District Annual Gathering at
New Richmond UMC
- October 18 - 19 – WI Conference Annual
Gathering at Asbury UMC,
Madison
- December 7 – Christmas TEAM luncheon at TBA

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