



# NORTH EAST DISTRICT

## *"The Shofar"*



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## President's Message



“Happy Spring!” Sisters of United Methodist Women!  
It has been a very difficult long and worrisome winter.

Hopefully, spring is just around the corner and we'll have wonderful days filled with sunshine bringing forth budding trees, greening grass, gorgeous flowers in bloom and the return of God's feathered friends bringing their methodical songs!

**MOVING FORWARD**..... Our 2019 Retreat at Lake Lucerne is May 3 - 4<sup>th</sup>, reservation deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>, more information in Sandra Klein's letter.

**OOPS at bit backward**.... Shopko is closing very soon and our “grant” will not be available, however, we still have the WI Foundation Grant and we will be applying for two additional grants from Walmart and Kimberly Clark.

**FORWARD: WILL YOU HELP??** We would like to have units that have crochet or knitters to make baby sweaters for the 100 Layette kits. We need to know who you are, your unit and how many you will make. Completed sweaters or sets (sweaters, booties & hats/caps) will be needed at our 2019 Annual Celebration at Sheboygan: St. Luke's on September 21<sup>st</sup>. CONTACT ME for more information.

**“150 YEARS and FORWARD: The Program Book 2018-2019** has great monthly programs that support and remind us of the greatness of United Methodist Women and what has been accomplished over the 150 Years in Mission.

What did your unit do to Celebrate 150 Years in Mission?? Or are you planning something special for UMW Sunday? Please send your information and we will publish in the next SHOFAR!

**FORWARD:** Your District Team will be working toward some interesting things in the next few months and will be introducing them to you at our Annual Celebration.

**YOUR DISTRICT** is here to help your unit?? My phone and email are readily awaiting to hear from you if you need assistance or share your blessings, or contact your Team Sisters.

*1 Corinthians 13:13*

*And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.*

Blessings, peace and grace to our Sisterhood,  
Jan Stanko, President  
[jan@northeastdistrictumw.org](mailto:jan@northeastdistrictumw.org) 920-524-2067

*Vice-President*

Unfortunately, this position is open. If you hear the call  
.....Contact our Nominations Chair Gwen Gibson at 920-221-5314 or 920-903-8780  
[gwengbsn@yahoo.com](mailto:gwengbsn@yahoo.com).



**Secretary** Ellen Eastman

North East District Secretary

715-526-5030

Eastman54166@charter.net



**Treasurer: Greetings from Rogene, NED Treasurer**

I would like to thank everyone for your patience with me, your new District Treasurer, during this transition. Everything seems to be going along very smoothly. Remittances are arriving with correct forms and in good order. As a local treasurer, if you have any questions as to how things should work or how to report them to me, please feel free to **call me at 920-682-0235 or email me at [rogenemoore@ymail.com](mailto:rogenemoore@ymail.com)**. If I don't have an answer for you immediately, I will find out and get back to you as quickly as possible. I believe in open lines of communications and hope we will all be able to work together to make our United Methodist Women a stronger united group. Enjoy the spring season!

God Bless, Rogene Moore



**Communications: Editor**

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PROVIDE YOUR MEMBERS WITH COPIES OF "SHOFAR"???

We need to increase communications within the North East District. I'm sure we can count on your assistance. Thank you for the sisters that have subscribed to the "Shofar" for 2019.

**A QUICK REMINDER:** We enjoy publicizing your events and mission endeavors.

The deadline for all the Shofars are on the inside cover of "Sisterhood of Grace" 2019 Yearbook.

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**Program Resources**

**Books on Parade: What book has gained your interest?**

Let us know and we'll list your review in our next issue of "Shofar"

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## *Spiritual Growth ...* News

We are planning a retreat at Camp Lucerne May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Our leader will be Rev Tina Itson. Our theme is "Finding Rest in an Anxious World."

Jesus said, *"Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."*  
*Matthew 11:28*

Join us for over-night or come on Saturday. Registrations are due by April 15<sup>th</sup>. The Registration form is included in this newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me.

Sandra Klein, Spiritual Growth for NED  
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## *Education & Interpretation*

I had bi-lateral knee surgery in November. For a couple of months because of necessity and choice I dropped my normal volunteer/"people" activities. When I was ready to start getting involved again, God's weather patterns helped me decide "MAYBE NOT" to many outings and the ice situation.

I have been reminded so many days, hours, and minutes that it is for God and me to work out my time activities. What can I do? What would God have me do? What can I accomplish? What energy do I have to get this work in process or finished?

As I was reminded working recently with a friend, sometimes forcing oneself to a task is the most difficult part. The task itself may be fairly easily or shortly be accomplished. It is the getting started and doing things that is so difficult. To Do lists are helpful, but if you never start the working steps----how is the task going to ever be finished?

For almost 150 years, United Methodist Women have been involved in mission work that includes study, prayer, and ACTION. We need to read, talk about, listen to others, pray, and understand what our mission work can be and be about it with God's help. We need to be sensitive to our fellow human beings. What are their needs, concerns, and interests? How can we help others often? How can the Bible help us to understand how we can better live out our Christian faith in our world today? What would Jesus do? What do I need to be doing? What can I do every day? Every week? Every month?

All of us only have the "here and now." God isn't hindered by time and space or "weather" or a "human body." We are, but we need to be about using who we are and what we have for God's "mission work" in our lives as United Methodist Women have been working for "missions" for 150 years.

Ruth Wiersma  
Education & Interpretation NED  
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On February 21<sup>st</sup>, I took part in a Webex (an online video conferencing service) about the School to Prison Pipeline with Emily Jones, Executive for Racial Justice with United Methodist Women.

She talked about a 4- year-old boy who when asked why he wasn't in school replied, "because I was expelled". We heard about a 16-year-old black girl, who was expelled. She felt she was being disrespected cause she is a woman and she is black. She was expelled for one week for "talking back" when she expressed her opinion and how she felt.

We learned that the United States has the highest percent of its citizens incarcerated. 67% per 100,000. That is much higher than Russia! That it hasn't always been that way. Started increasing in the 80's and 90's and really increased in the 2000's.

She said that the longer a child stays in an institutional setting, like youth prison, the higher the chance that a young person will reoffend. We know it is not working, so why do we continue this practice?

White girls are suspended out of school at a rate of 2%, while rates for African American girls are 12%. Roughly 6 times the rate of white girls. The rate for Black boys is 20% and white boys is 6% (2011-2012)

Students who experience out of school suspensions are 10X more likely to drop out of school than those who do not. This is from the American Academy of Pediatrics 2013.

How can we commit to interrupt the School to Prison Pipeline?

We must change the zero-tolerance policy, support community youth, teach your church, pray, close abusive youth prisons. Fight institutional racism, address implicit bias, listen and learn, study scripture, support families going through difficult times.

We need to try to move key decision makers such as school boards, superintendents, and principals. You will have to attend school board meetings and listen and speak up. Need to focus on an individual school or school districts.

Recommended reading: *Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools* by Monique Morris and *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander and Samuel DeWitt

We should work with trustworthy organizations to find speakers who would share her/his testimonials, and experiences.

We could ask directly impacted youth, formerly incarcerated folks, and family members of impacted children/youth.

We closed with Scripture. *Jeremiah 2.0* "Thus says the Lord: Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for there is a reward for your work, says the Lord: *Jeremiah 31:15-17* "They shall come back from the land of the enemy: There is hope for your future", says the Lord: "Your children shall come back to their own country."



## *Membership: Nurture & Outreach*

The season of Lent brings with it an urgency to come closer to the suffering of our Lord. We, as Christians, look upon this time in the Christian calendar to ourselves take on some type of suffering also. For years in the early church, followers typically would "give up" something ...usually food they liked. Today some people still follow that practice where others like to focus on "doing more".

I would like to suggest that even if you do practice "giving up" that you also "do more".

Make Lent a time of growing in your faith as you intensely do loving acts. Say a kind word every day, forgive someone who may have wronged you, smile more often, hug a friend, say "thank you" to everyone, preform a random act of kindness....and the list goes on as you add your own loving acts.

These same acts will go a long way in making our UMW units strong and to grow. Thank you all for all your work in getting the membership numbers from your units into the electronic data base for the national membership count. We are doing "super" and are only five units away from 100%. We are working to get those five units counted before the March 30th deadline.

Hoping that all of you have a 150th anniversary program scheduled for your unit and/or church for this anniversary year of UMW. We have a lot to celebrate!! As always...any questions or anything that I can help with...call or write!!

Any questions, contact me:

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## *Nominations*

Gwen Gibson

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As your District Historian I find myself often traveling down memory lane. In so doing I dug through old booklets etc. I found a reminder of a Wisconsin Branch Convention of the Women's Society of World Service of the Evangelical United Brethren Church which I had attended at Camp Lucerne July 6-9, 1964. The booklet of Cabin Devotions contained daily meditations, one that I thought was timely in light of all that is going on at this time within our Denomination. Credits to Grace Noll Crowell, Copyright 1951 by Abingdon Press. "A Christian cannot hope to follow Christ, in the fullest way, without constant daily prayer and intercession. We as Christians should want to talk with God. We ought, indeed be a praying people. Do we pray as Christians? Do we live the prayer life? We ought to. The Lord expects us to. God's program of evangelizing the world cannot be accomplished in greater measure than His believing children pray and back up their prayers with willingness to go and serve wherever He leads them."

Individuals and the Church are weak or strong depending on their use of the gift of prayer.

As we are celebrating 150 years in Mission by United Methodist Women and its' predecessor organizations I found in the 1963 Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church the following excerpt from the Constitution of The Women's Society of World Service. "The scope of the work of the society shall be the needs and interests of women and the concerns and responsibilities of the church in today's world. The society shall foster spiritual growth, missionary outreach and Christian service."

Membership was open to any woman who was willing to participate in the work of the society through prayer, giving and service. So much for my trip down memory lane!! God's Blessings to all.

Thank you,  
Verna Lambrecht,  
715-745-6651 or [vernal@frontiernet.net](mailto:vernal@frontiernet.net)  
Historian of NED UMW

**Registration Form for North East District UMW Retreat**

**Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm – Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> 8am – 3pm**

**At Lake Lucerne Camp and Retreat Center**

**W6460 County Road YY, Neshkoro, WI 54960**

Registration begins Friday evening at 5:30. The fee for over-night is \$60.00, includes lodging, breakfast and lunch on Saturday and an extra \$12 if you would like supper on Friday. Please bring your bible and journal. Donations of personal hygiene products for Children's Services.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency and Contact info \_\_\_\_\_

Supper Friday Evening      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ \$12.00

Make checks Payable to **North East District UMW**

Mail Registration to Sandra Klein 6303 Riverview Dr. Two Rivers WI 54241

**Registration must be received by April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

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Registration for Drive-in Day, Saturday is \$30.00, includes breakfast and lunch. Registration starts at 8:00 AM with breakfast. Please bring your bible and journal.

Donations of personal hygiene products for Children's Services.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **North East District UMW**

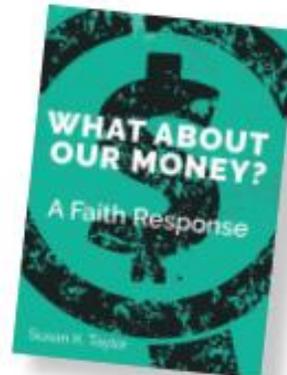
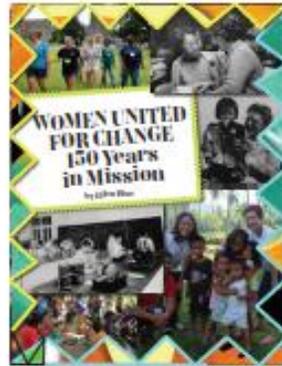
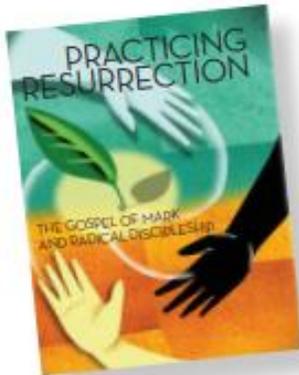
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# RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP—THEN AND NOW

## Join United Methodist Women at Mission u 2019!

Take a deep dive into the Gospel of Mark, the topic of money,  
and the inspiring story of women organized for mission.



### THIS YEAR, OUR STUDIES ARE:

**Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship**  
by Janet Wolf (Additional studies on Mark for children and youth also available.)

**Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission** by Ellen Blue

**What About Our Money? A Faith Response** by Susan K. Taylor

Be inspired. Be challenged. Respond to God's call.  
Continue the powerful legacy of compassionate service  
and passionate advocacy.

All are welcome!

**Location:** Hotel Mead and Conference Center

451 E Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin 54494

**Date:** July 22, 2019 - July 25, 2019



RESERVATION FORMS ARE LOCATED AT: [WWW.WISCONSINUMW.ORG](http://WWW.WISCONSINUMW.ORG)



## Adult Registration Form

4-Day registration begins at 8:15am with Singing and Gathering starting at 9:15 on Monday, July 22, 2019

Register for the event						(Page 1 of 2)
Name						
Address, City, State, Zip						
Home Phone		Cell Phone		Email		
District ( <i>Circle one</i> )	North West	North Central	North East	South West	South East	
<b>Class Choice</b>		<i>Circle up to two classes</i>				
Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship		Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission		What About Our Money? A Faith Response		
<b>Payment</b> <u>Registration is transferable, but not refundable</u>			Early Bird Registration Until June 1, 2019		Regular Registration Until July 1, 2019	
Four Day Session (Includes food and sharing a room with another)			<b>\$350</b>		<b>\$425</b>	
Additional lodging on Sunday night, includes breakfast (Sharing a room with another)			<b>\$70</b>		<b>\$70</b>	
Four Day Session (includes food and private room)			<b>\$465</b>		<b>\$540</b>	
Additional lodging on Sunday night, includes breakfast (Private room)			<b>\$115</b>		<b>\$115</b>	
Commuter Rate ~No Hotel Stay~ (Includes lunch & supper on Monday, 3 meals on Tuesday and Wednesday, and breakfast on Thursday)			<b>\$205</b>		<b>\$250</b>	
<b>Roommate</b>					<b>Total</b>	
<b>Special dietary needs</b>						
Send Registration to: Marilyn Eyster 122 East Cox Road Edgerton, WI 53534			608-868-3585 marilyn.eyster@gmail.com		Make checks payable to: <b>Mission u</b>	

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Name		(Page 2 of 2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Attending Mission u for the first time <i>(Check here if this is your first time to Mission u)</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Requesting a Scholarship <i>(Check here to find out about Conference scholarships for Mission u)</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Requesting a new Clergy Scholarship		
<input type="checkbox"/> Requesting a CEU (for Clergy)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Requesting a Lay Servant/Lay Speaker Credit		
<input type="checkbox"/> Requesting a scholarship stipend to help offset the cost of child care up to \$25/day for the first (5) requests with registration (Please contact registrar for information.)		
<b>Book Order</b> Check here to order your study books for pick up at Mission u Program Resources. <u>Books are \$10 each to be paid when picked up, do not include in registration fees.</u> <b>OR</b> Order your books ahead and get them delivered to your home <a href="http://www.umwmissionresources.org">www.umwmissionresources.org</a> or call 800-305-9857		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship, by Janet Wolf</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission, by Ellen Blue</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>What About Our Money? A Faith Response, by Susan K. Taylor</b>		
<b>Photo Release</b> Photos will be taken at Mission u and could be used in material to promote this event. I permit my photo to be used by Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women to help share United Methodist Women with others.		
Name (Print)		
Sign		Date
<b>Emergency Contact</b>		
Name		Relationship
Best phone number(s) to contact them:		
Is this person at Mission u?		

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Registration begins at 8:00 am with a small sideboard breakfast, singing and gathering at 9:00 sending forth approx. 3:00 pm

## Overview Day Registration Form

### Register for the event

Name			(Page 1 of 2)
Address, City, State, Zip			

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email

District

North West

North Central

North East

South West

South East

(Circle one)

Payment	Registration is transferable, but not refundable	Early Bird Registration Until June 1, 2019	Regular Registration Until July 1, 2019
		Overview Day	
Additional lodging on Thursday night, includes breakfast (Sharing a room with another.)		\$70	\$70
Additional lodging on Thursday night, includes breakfast (Private Room)		\$115	\$115
			<b>Total</b>

### Special dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Attending Mission u for the first time (Check here if this is your first time to Mission u)

\_\_\_\_\_ Child care needed ages \_\_\_\_\_ please provide a sack lunch for each child

Scholarships - Ask your local UMW unit or Church about scholarships that they may have.

Send Registration to: Marilyn Eyster 122 East Cox Road Edgerton, WI 53534	608-868-3585 marilyn.eyster@gmail.com	Make checks payable to: Mission u
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## Overview Day Registration Form

Name

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### Book Order

Check here to order your study books for pick up at Mission u Program Resources.  
Books are \$10 each to be paid when picked up, do not include in registration fees.

OR

Order your books ahead and get them delivered to your home  
[www.umwmissionresources.org](http://www.umwmissionresources.org) or call 800-305-9857

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### Photo Release

Photos will be taken at Mission u and could be used in material to promote this event.

I permit my photo to be used by Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women to help share United Methodist Women with others.

Name (Print)

Sign		Date
<b>Emergency Contact</b>		
Name	Relationship	
Best phone number(s) to contact them:		
Is this person at Mission u?		

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## Limitless Registration Form

<b>Register for the event</b>				(Page 1 of 2)
Name				Age
Address, City, State, Zip				
Home Phone	Cell Phone		Email	
District <i>(Circle one)</i>	North Central	North East	South West	South East
North West				

**Class Choice** The teen group class will study: Who do you say that I am? Meeting Jesus Through the Eyes of Mark  
*Select one morning class from below for your Mission u class*

*(Circle one class)*  What About Our Money? A Faith Response  Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission

<b>Payment</b> <u>Registration is transferable, but not refundable</u>	Early Bird Registration Until June 1, 2019	Regular Registration Until July 1, 2019	
Four Day Session (Includes food and sharing lodging with other teens)	<b>\$350</b>	<b>\$425</b>	
Additional lodging on Sunday night, includes breakfast (Teen must be accompanied by an adult at this time.)	<b>\$70</b>	<b>\$70</b>	
		<b>Total</b>	

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\_\_\_\_\_  Attending Mission u for the first time *(Check here if this is your first time to Mission u)*

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Book for the Youth Study “Who do you say that I am? Meeting Jesus Through the Eyes of Mark”  
will be provided by the UMW Limitless Team and be waiting for you at Mission u.

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*Name of young woman if under 18 years old*

Name (Print) <i>(of parent if young woman is under 18 years old)</i>		
Signature <i>(of parent if young woman is under 18 years old)</i>		Date
<b>Emergency Contact</b>		
Name	Relationship	
Best phone number(s) to contact them:		
Is this person at Mission u?		

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