



NORTH EAST DISTRICT

"The Shofar"



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President's Message

A few years ago, I was at a Conference annual gathering and Mary Trettin was talking about change. She was talking about our coins but it was also the theme for the presidential election that year.

One thing we can be sure of nothing stays the same. Change is always with us. We are constantly adjusting our plans to accommodate the changes around us.

Jan Stanko and I are doing our best to complete the ongoing treasurer's duties. It has been a learning experience for Jan and I but it is working. Our focus now is the fall and our annual gathering at Ripon Immanuel UMC. If someone from nominations calls you, give their request prayerful thought. Being on our team is an opportunity for spiritual and social growth. I have served as secretary, Vice President, President and also part time treasurer. I have learned a lot and met many wonderful friends along the way. I thank God I said yes when asked to serve. If I had said no I never would have met all the United Methodist Women across our state.

Romans 1:8 I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world.

See you all at our annual Gathering Sept 21st.

Yours in Christ

Sandra Klein, President

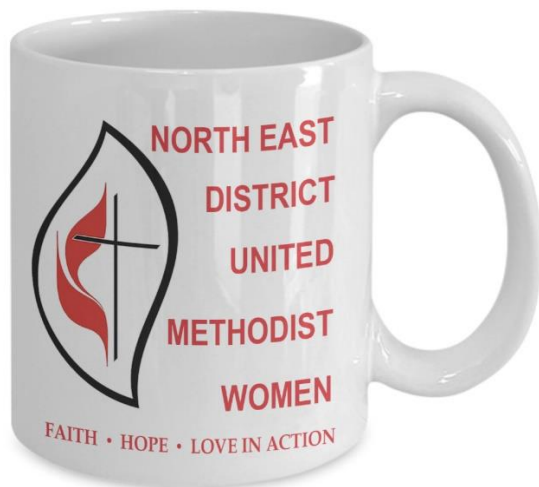
910-553-3460 dsklein6303@gmail.com

Vice-President's Message

Now is the time your VP has a lot to do. Time is approaching for **Our Annual Celebration and Workshops at Ripon UMC on the 22nd of September**. It will be a wonderful day and celebrating all you have done for missions, and our Reading Program during the year. The report forms needed for the Reading Program and Local mission projects are in this Shofar. **Your registration form located below my article.**

We have something special planned for all the sisters that do not have officer workshops. We will be packing "Personal Dignity Kits." The District has ordered all the items needed. If your unit would like to donate to help with this mission you can send us a check, **OR... WAIT A MINUTE...** We are having a fund raiser starting at our **Annual Celebration**. **Anyone that donates \$20.00 to our mission project will receive a specially designed coffee cup.**

It's safe for microwave, dishwashers, and recyclable. (in case you break it)



Remember: NEDET Meeting, August 11th at Ripon UMC, Unit representative welcome.

Conference Annual Gathering, October 19th-20th at Waukesha First UMC in Waukesha.

Jan Stanko, Vice-President

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COMMUNITY

September 22, 2018

Annual Day of Celebration and Leadership Workshops

Rev. Barbara Cook presents: "Life Together, Faith in Community."

North East District United Methodist Women

Registration fee \$ 20.00 deadline September 3rd.

Registration 8:30-9:00 A.M.

Meeting Begins at 9:15 A.M.

Ripon Immanuel, 401 W Fond du Lac St., Ripon, WI 54971

Name: _____ Email _____

Address: _____ Phone (____) _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code _____

Local Unit Name _____ Church _____

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

List any Dietary Restrictions _____

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

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

President/Vice President _____ Secretary _____ Treasurer _____ Nominations _____

Social Action _____ Program Resources _____ Membership N & O _____

Education & Interp. _____ Spiritual Growth _____

At Large Session _____ Assemble "Personal Dignity Kits", for Midwest Mission Distribution Center. (supplies furnished).

Collecting for the local food pantry and/or "Christian books for children and youth". Boxes will be provided where you register. Thank you!

DEADLINE September 3rd to: Carole Biddick, N1356 Lakeshore Road, Kewaunee, WI 54216



Secretary:

Karen O'Leary, 920-901-7220 kjo926@att.net

Karen is improving and is in rehab for the next several weeks. Send cards to: Karen O'Leary c/o: Rehab at Shady Lane, 1235 E. 24th St., Manitowoc, WI 54220

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Membership, Nurture & Outreach

Hope you are enjoying summer, maybe your unit is taking a break and will be up and running in the fall. Does your unit have a great way to increase membership, if so please share with me.

Our membership reports filed were about 70% this year which is much lower than last year. The District Team discussed this and you will find a MEMBERSHIP FORM in your Presidents Pack and you will file it with me instead of doing the online registration. We hope this will increase our report numbers to 100%, or close.

Betsy Johnson,

[920-499-6425](tel:920-499-6425)



Program Resources

I can't believe we are looking at closing out another year of the UMW reading program. Local unit program secretaries please do not forget to get your unit readers completed forms and the summary sheet (**on next page**) to me by August 15, 2018 to be included in the Annual Celebration Program book. Do NOT FORGET to include your unit's membership count needed for possible District reward. Don't forget to take a tour of the Program Resource tables at Mission u. As always, I am here to answer any questions and look forward to seeing you at our Annual Celebration in September.

Blessings to you,

Sherrie Bekyir, 1404 Western Ave. # 17, Green Bay, WI 54303

sbekyir@yahoo.com 920-562-9438

North East District UMW 2018 Reading Program Report

Submit to Sherrie Bekyir, 1404 Western Ave #17, Green Bay WI 54303

Unit (full name) _____

Address (include full city/town) _____

Unit Member Count _____

Submitted By (include your contact info)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Please list your reader's names and plan read (Attach personal forms)

PLAN I (5 BOOKS) _____,

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PLAN II (10 BOOKS) _____,

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PLAN III (15 BOOKS) _____,

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PLAN IV (20 BOOKS) _____,

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NOTE: BONUS BOOKS COUNT AS TWO BOOKS



Spiritual Growth

The season of spring has come, and we wonder at the regrowth of existing plants, observe, or participate in the planting of new bulbs, seeds, seedlings. This season brings to us the lengthening of the sunshine hours which while warming the earth also warms both our bodies and our hearts.

New birth and rebirth from the warming earth has begun and we marvel at this growing time. Let each of us take time to not only view this springtime feast for the eyes, but also to give praise to Our Lord for the wonders produced by the earth and our own wonderings at the bountiful promise spring brings to the earth. The hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" repeats in its refrain "Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise."

Easter is being celebrated worldwide. The Lord is risen! As we enter the Eastertide season of the church may we continue our missions in our units, our communities, our district and beyond with the promise of the resurrection be expressed in all our actions, prayers, and service.

Blessings through missions for both the receivers and ourselves are multiplied in the joy of giving! Units that mission grow; churches with active units missioning at home and beyond grow.

In the Beatitudes these three verses remind us of work carried out by UMW missions – Blessed are the merciful... Blessed are the pure in heart... Blessed are the peacemakers... Matthew 5: 7-9. Continuing with verses 14 and 16: You are the light of the world. ... let your light so shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Missions throughout the UMW from the local church to the world bring that light through those deeds in mission work.

Charlotte – Freda Mattmiller, Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Cfmm_49@yahoo.com 920-385-0427



Social Action: Here is the latest from National.....

Dear United Methodist Women,

Three United Methodist missionaries are being detained in the Philippines, and your help is urgently needed to secure their release. Please [sign the petition in the embedded link](https://umcmmission.org/letthemleave) to urge the Philippine government to release our church's missionaries.

<https://umcmmission.org/letthemleave>

Please help United Methodist Women respond to this denomination-wide call to action by getting this word out in your units, circles and churches.

Thanks so much for your faithful action!



Communications: Editor

UNITS and INDIVIDUALS: want a paper copy?? Send your: mailing address, your check to: North East District UMW for \$ 8.00 (4 issues) to: Jan Stanko, 620 Madison St., APT 3, Brillion, WI 54110.

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.

NEXT: Last issue for 2018 will be OCTOBER, deadline for information – September 15th. (this will be a great time to publish your fall and holiday events.)

A QUICK REMINDER: We enjoy publicizing your events and mission endeavors. The deadline for all the Shofars are on the inside cover of the yearbook.

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



Treasurer:

Sadly, Valorie Caldwell resigned and is no longer with us. We wish her the best and hope one day she will return to the District Team.

Due to this, Sandra Klein and I are covering the Treasurer position. We thank you for your patience with us.

I will be mailing your second quarter reports after June 30th. PLEASE check our records, if there are any differences please call me at 920-524-2067.

Please send forms & checks to: Jan Stanko, 620 Madison St., APT 3, Brillion, WI 54110

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NORTH EAST DISTRICT U M W 2019 UNIT PLEDGE FORM

In praise and gratitude for our many blessings,

We pledge \$_____ for Missions in 2019.

Name of Unit_____

Treasurer_____

Address_____ City_____

Phone_____ E-Mail_____

Your giving makes missions possible and fulfills our Pledge to Conference.

Also, don't forget to become a "Five Star Unit":

- Pledge to Mission
- World Thank Offering
- Special Mission Recognition
- Gift to Mission
- Gift in Memory

Bring Pledge to Annual Gathering -or- send completed form to:
Jan Stanko, 620 Madison St. APT 3, Brillion, WI 54110



Education & Interpretation

In 2016 North East District UMW officers worked on prioritizing our district goals. After discussions we selected five areas of emphasis: ***communications and connections; increasing attendance, supporting involvement, pledges and the reading program; meetings; membership with full slate of officers and encouraging new people; and missions with Social Action and Education and Interpretation support.*** These are to be worked on by our district with the support of local, state, and national organizations to expand mission concepts through participation in the global ministries of the Church as stated in our purpose.

We have found them to be worthy, albeit, lofty goals. Communications continues to be complicated by technology and individual physical lives, time and commitments. As our members age and time and commitments of younger people change, so our membership situations have altered. With a much larger area in our district's realignment, meetings, times and places have been changed. Membership and reporting and having willing workers continue to be challenges we face. Support of missions has been a goal of United Methodist Women since the organization began. In various ways, the district board continues to discuss, change, and work on these goals as the agendas and needs are presented.

As the district Education and Interpretation Coordinator, I recently was informed that some of our local units had not previously reported local mission projects they were involved with. The purpose of reporting local projects is so we are able to share project ideas at our annual gathering and thus help each other to use these ideas for support of continuing mission projects and/or consider adding new or additional mission projects at the local level for the coming year's local mission goals. Local units are encouraged to support local missions as well as district, state, national, and global mission projects of their choices. All are important to United Methodist Women in varying degrees of emphasis of time, money and talents. Our goal as a district with the support of local units is always to expand the concepts of mission through education and then participation. Attendance at Mission U, Assembly, District, State, and local events and meetings as well as reading RESPONSE and keeping informed about current issues help us all in supporting missions.

In order to report and share unit projects at the District Annual Gathering in September, I am asking all local units (whether or not you already reported projected plans) to record any and all mission projects you have been working on in your local units in 2017-2018 on the following form that is printed below. Please include local, district, state, national, and/or global projects you have been working on/supporting.

If you have any questions, please call me at 920-468-5562 or 920-321-4554; e-mail at jwiersma@new.rr.com; or write me addressed to Ruth Wiersma, 2515 Hillside Lane, Green Bay, WI 54302. Thank you in advance for your communications and on-going work for UMW missions.

NORTH EAST DISTRICT SPECIAL LOCAL MISSION PROJECT FOR 2018

Project Completion Form - file deadline August 1st

UMW UNIT: _____

Submitted by: _____

Unit Officer: _____ **Date:** _____

Name and description of your local mission project:

List any other mission projects your unit contributed to:

(We hope to publish your list of mission projects in our Annual Program Book to assist other units with suggestions they might use in the future.)

Submit DEADLINE: Completed form by August 1, 2018

Send to: Ruth Wiersma

2515 Hillside Lane

Green Bay, WI 54302 Or: E-mail to: jwiersma@new.rr.com



Nominations...

The Christian life depends on faith in Christ and a denial of self for the good of the community. It is a life in which thought and action based on love align and reflect the kingdom of God. We meet the challenge only by living in Christ's presence and reflecting Christ's light to the glory of God.

These are words authored by Gennifer Benjamin Brooks from the Disciplines Daily Devotional, 2017.

We are grateful for the sisters who met the challenge and will meet the challenge of serving in some capacity for all the district members.

We are thankful for all the sisters who wanted to serve but were unable to at this time.

If at any time you feel that you are being called to experience the joy of being on the NED executive team, please call Gwen Gibson, 920-903-8780

Gwen Gibson, Chairperson, gwengbsn@yahoo.com 920-221-5314

Please review the **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT** on page 13.

We greatly appreciate our sisters that are willing to join the District Team. We have 2 important offices open, Secretary and Treasurer. If prayer and your heart opens the door to join the team contact Gwen Gibson, Nomination Chair.

Proposed 2019 Slate of Officers for the North East District Executive Team

Office	Name	Address	Telephone/e-mail	Term
President	Jan Stanko	620 Madison St. APT #3 Brillion, WI 54110	920-524-2067 © 920-905-3199 Jan@northeastdistrictumw.org	2020
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Secretary	open			2020
Treasurer	open			2020
Communications	Jan Stanko	620 Madison St. APT 3 Brillion, WI, 54110	920-524-2067 Jan@northeastdistrictumw.org	2020
Program Resources	Sherrie Bekyir	1404 Western Ave. #17 Green Bay, WI 54303	920-562-9438 sbekyir@yahoo.com	2020
Spiritual Growth	Sandra Klein	6303 Riverview Dr., Two Rivers, WI 54241	920-553-3460 dsklein6303@gmail.com	2019
Social Action	Carole Biddick	N1356 Lakeshore Rd, Kewaunee, WI 54216	920-360-6255 cdbiddick@gmail.com	2020
Membership N & O	Betsy Johnson	2837 Jean Court, Green Bay, WI 54313	920-499-6425 Betsyjohnson58@gmail.com	2019
Education & Interpretation	Ruth Wiersma	2515 Hillside Lane Green Bay, WI 54302	920-745-6651 jwiersma@new.rr.com	2020
Historian	Verna Lambrecht	W2279 St. Highway 22 Gillett, WI 54124	715-745-6651 vernal@frontiernet.net	App.
Limitless Representative	Mia Haberl	N4293 Cty Road CC Shawano, WI 54166	920-434-7101 miahaberl@gmail.com	App.
Conference Representatives	Kay Waugh Rachel Benton	3596 Lobby Lane Suamico, WI 54313 1731 White Swan Dr. Oshkosh, WI 54901	920-434-7101 dalekay@att.net 920-231-7724 Benton1430@yahoo.com	2019 2019
Nominations Chair	Gwen Gibson	4524 W. Clayhill Dr. Appleton, WI 54193	920-221-5314 gwengbison@yahoo.com	2020
Committee:	Amy Genske	N5607 East River Road Brillion, WI 54110	920-418-1329 aegenske48@gmail.com	2020
	Linda Bartotto	1835 Main St., Oshkosh, WI 54901	920-303-0316 yammab@live.com	2020
	Ellie Buckley	1130 N. Westfield St.#3304 Oshkosh, WI 54902	920-312-2140 ebuckleyishere@gmail.com	2019
	Renee Binder	2732 North 10 th St. APT 4 Sheboygan, WI 53081	920-395-2799 Reneebinder4247@charter.net	2019

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