



## NORTH EAST DISTRICT

### *"The Shofar"*



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## UNIT NEWS & SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Suamico UMW participates in Project Patricia**

**The Need:** Having adequate period protection is something women in America rarely have to think about. Project Patricia recognizes that many girls and women in less fortunate countries have nothing to use during “that time of the month.” Often school-age girls are confined to their beds for that week, missing so much school they are either unable to graduate, or eventually drop out of school.

**Meeting The Need:** Project Patricia sews cloth washable, reusable maxi pads for women and girls of menstruating age in African countries. Each woman and girl receives a kit containing five pads and a waterproof storage bag. Project Patricia works with individual missionaries and mission groups to carry and distribute the kits. Project Patricia also partners with Hands on Africa to distribute kits.

**How is the Gospel Shared Through Project Patricia?** Meeting the physical needs of women and girls in Africa opens a door for meeting their spiritual needs and educational needs.

Each kit contains a bookmark in an African dialect or in English, setting forth the Gospel in a clear and concise manner. Distributing kits opens doors for missionaries to share the Gospel. Distributing cloth pads also provides a platform to teach women and girls about personal hygiene and God’s plan for sexual purity.

The UMW of Suamico United Methodist Church in Suamico, Wisconsin joined this mission by making washable pads early in 2016. The project has been so successful in our group, that we now have a regularly scheduled day each month, the first Tuesday of the month, to gather in the fellowship hall for fellowship and sewing and cutting.

We invite ladies of all denominations to join us in our mission. We begin our day at 9:00am and break for lunch about noon. After lunch we work until 3:00pm. The ladies are free to come and go as their schedule permits. They do not need to stay the entire 6 hours. We have jobs and conversation for everyone. Bring your sewing machine and/or fabric shears. Join us.

Our lunch consists of a main course provided by one of our ladies. Others attending may choose to bring a salad or dessert to pass. Coffee and lemonade are provided throughout the day.

We invite ladies of all denominations and skills to come and join us.

Some of the materials we welcome as donations are: 100% cotton fabric, (preferably not flannel), gently used cotton terry towels, PUL and also cash donations. Cash donations are used to defray the cost of shipping and supplies for the project.

For additional information go to: [www.projectpatricia.org](http://www.projectpatricia.org) This site also provides the pattern and instructions. Or you may contact Judy Schroeder on behalf of UMW Suamico [jmschroeder@netnet.net](mailto:jmschroeder@netnet.net) Or phone 920-822-3782, Together We Can Make a Difference

## **Covenant, Fond du Lac UMW**

We have been making sanitary (washable) pads for 4 years, and send them to the African children, who are not allowed to attend school during their menstrual cycle.

We use cotton sheets and towels. Our church and community help us, providing old sheets and towels. We have sent over 10,000 pads for our mission project.

They are shipped to Kansas City and distributed by a missionary. Last January they were sent to an orphanage in Haiti.

We also purchase packages of panties to send along with the pads. Our different circles donate to this mission project.

Cathy Morris, Mission Coordinator

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:** Connie Meyer, President, St. Luke United Methodist Church UMW

St. Luke United Methodist Church, 623 Ontario Avenue, Sheboygan, will hold a cookie walk and Christmas Bazaar from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on November 19.

The United Methodist Women fundraiser will feature Christmas cookies, crafts, American Girl items, baked goods, a Christmas good-as-new shop and vendor booths. A soup and sandwich lunch will also be available.

Wesley United Methodist Church, 823 Union Avenue, Sheboygan will be hosting their annual Christmas Tea on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Guest speakers for the event will be Jodee Stahmer & Baci from Hundenuche Haven Senior Toy Fox Terrier Sanctuary.

These are just examples of the dedicated works toward missions. We want to thank all the units for their accomplishments, so send me your report and it will be published in our next issue. Check out "Special Mission Projects" on pages 25 & 26 in program book.

### **SPECIAL REMINDERS: DEADLINES**

Units 2017 Officer report - November 15<sup>th</sup>

Mission Task Unit report - December 1<sup>st</sup>

Both forms are in our Presidents Packs.

### **Conference Reminder:**

Ellen Eastman, Editor

Read the latest issue of:

"Catch the Vision" available for your viewing at: [www.wisconsinumw.org](http://www.wisconsinumw.org)

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## *President's Message*



Another year is almost over. The gathering on Sept 24<sup>th</sup> was a success. We had 80 in attendance representing 20 local units. As always we learned a few things we can do better next year. Our speaker, Breanna Ileanne, pastor at Trinity United Methodist Church in Madison, spoke to us about what millennials can teach us about mission and action. She pointed out they may not be in our churches but they are active in the community. Millennials are people born after 1980. Millennials want to be more hands on doing what Christ would do. They are spiritual, just not religious. How do we at our local churches reach millennials? We have to be more visible in the community with our mission work. Also we need to call them and ask them for help in our mission projects. How can they volunteer if they do not know what we are doing? Be prepared when you talk to them to explain who you are helping and why. Most of all we need to build relationships with them. Learn what they think is important and listen to them. The District Superintendent spoke on Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Circles during our officer training time. I had 16 presidents in my class and we had a very good discussion about organizing your year of mission projects and programs.

Starting in November we would like to invite all local presidents to our team meetings. Our November team meeting is at Faith UMC in Brillion. We begin our meeting at 9am. We meet quarterly at different locations through-out the district. Try to attend the one closest to you or attend them all. You are welcome one and all. We are hoping to improve communication with our local units by eliminating one step in the communication process.

Each fall units need to send in their new officer lists, even if your officers have not changed. Be sure to update their addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses. All this information will be in the 2017 Yearbook.

Membership will be recorded on-line at national again this year. If you have a problem with this. contact your sister from the district team and she will assist you.

Your Mission Task form needs to be filled out and sent in by Dec 1<sup>st</sup>.

Have a good rest of the year, and remember your district sister is always eager to hear from you and help in any way.

Yours in Christ

*Sandra Klein, President*

*Secretary's/Editors notes:*



Welcome to “The Shofar” for the North East District United Methodist Women.

Next article deadline date: December 15<sup>th</sup> for **January**. **Congratulation “label savers”!!**  
**North East District sent 3,088 Campbell’s Labels for Education and 1,259 General Mills Box Tops for Education! REMEMBER, 2017 WILL BE THE LAST YEAR FOR “Labels for Education”**  
**Reminder: News and Promotion: Let the District Units know what is going on.**  
“The Shofar” and [www.northeastdistrictumw.org](http://www.northeastdistrictumw.org) website are great places to inform the district of different activities, a “mission project”, “special meeting with a guest speaker.”  
Send information to: [jan@northeastdistrictumw.org](mailto:jan@northeastdistrictumw.org)

*Jan Stanko, Editor*

## *Spiritual Growth*



Since I was a lower elementary teacher for thirty-five years, I thought it appropriate to share this with you.

### **The ABC’s of Faith**

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|---|-------------------------------|
| Accept Christ   | Nurture the Faith of Children |
| Be Kind   | Open Your Heart               |
| Count Your Blessings  | Pray Constantly               |
| Dive into God’s Word  | Quell Rumors                  |
| Express Thanks  | Reciprocate Love              |
| Forgive One Another   | Seek God’s Will               |
| Give Freely   | Touch Some One’s Grief        |
| Harm No One   | Understand Differences        |
| Imagine Heaven  | Value Truth                   |
| Jettison Anger (if jettison means to throw out or to discard) | Win Souls for Christ          |
| Keep Confidences  | X-ray Your Motives            |
| Love Truly  | Yearn for Peace               |
| Master Sin  | Zealously Support Your Church |

During our Annual Gathering, I held an officer training on “spiritual growth”. One question that was asked was- “What materials are available to help make different prayers?”

Together we told about using Response magazine, our UMW Program Book, and various devotional materials. I gave out materials on “The 12 Spiritual Disciplines: Essential for Spiritual Growth”. These disciplines include prayer, meditation, fasting, study, simplicity, submission, solitude, service, confession, guidance, celebration, and worship. I’m available to help you; let me know how I can be helpful to you.

Mark your 2017 calendar for our district retreat on April 7 & 8. Barbara Dick will be our retreat leader.

I John3:18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth

*Cecil Schneider, Spiritual Growth Coordinator*

## *Social Action*



### UMW Social Action: Sex Trafficking #3 Aug/Sept 2016

**Sex Trafficking:** *A modern-day form of slavery in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion.*

#### News Briefs:

- 9 arrested in NY sex trafficking case
- Oneida County Child Prostitution: Case moves forward
- Human Trafficking spreading through Wisconsin: rural and urban areas affected
- Chief Judge in Winnebago, Boone leads way for human trafficking court programs
- A raid at a Fox Valley motel revealed 2 girls-ages 14 and 17, being sold for sex. Perpetrators taken into custody

This list of cases could go on and on and on. It is a \$150 billion+ per year industry. 250,000 youth in the U.S. are at risk of sexual exploitation. Victims worldwide can *be ANY age, gender, race, religion or socioeconomic background.*

UMW-NE District has focused on this issue this year. **We’ve learned how traffickers work:**

- They observe the girls and find out what they need: (money, an older boyfriend, love, drugs, freedom from abuse etc).
- They gain the girls’ trust
- They introduce them to their “family”.  
(other girls whom the perpetrator traffics)

The girls are unable to leave the situation or their surroundings.  
Hopelessness sets in.            **Life expectancy after entry is 7 years.**

**We've learned what we can do:**

- ***Observe our surroundings and people:*** Are there houses that seem 'closed up' perhaps with electronic surveillance in an isolated location?
- Are people never seen leaving alone - only escorted?
- Do the living conditions seem poor?
- Are the individuals unable to speak to you alone? Do their answers seem rehearsed or scripted?
- Are there children working when they should be in school?

Call the police if ANYTHING seems suspicious.      Install the Redlight App

Support anti-trafficking agencies      Most of all: **Support Families!**

The VERY best thing we can do is to love and cherish our families and children so they look to their parents vs. traffickers. Spend time together. Stay in tune.      Protect your children:

- Be supportive, not blaming
- Make sure they hang out in groups
- Limit personal information they share on social media
- Ask questions
- Communicate frequently as a family
- Know who your children's friends are
- Be a trusted adult

**Keep your children FROM being trafficked!**      Sex Trafficking #4 coming in Nov/Dec.

*Chris Worrall, Social Action Coordinator*

## ***Membership Moments***

In this issue of the SHOFAR, I would like to share some thoughts from Norman Vincent Peale on getting people to like you. I think that some of these thoughts might remind us of some of the "little things" that we can do to encourage membership in UMW, The Church, or any group situation.

1. Remember names.... a person's name is important to them!
2. Guard against the impression that you know it all. Be natural and humble.
3. Be interesting in your programing
4. Create a comfortable situation
5. Never miss an opportunity to say thank you
6. Give something to people that will help them be stronger.

Another reminder that the membership count this year will be done electronically by each unit directly to the national office! Each contact person will receive an e-mail from the national office!

Good luck and keep up the good work!

God is Good,

*Membership Nurture & Outreach, Betsy Johnson*

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### *Nomination Committee*

United Methodist Women are called to work in mission, both here and around the world. There are times when we must take on a little more responsibility to get the work done. Without further help, we will not be able to continue to do the necessary projects we have enjoyed in the past. We are thankful and grateful to past United Methodist Women who have worked to get things done for nearly 150 years. Board positions are not difficult and provide great situations/activities to get to know women in your local, district, and state positions better and thus opportunities for fellowship and friendship.

That is why the nominating committee is thankful for several people who have agreed to help us continue the work of our district in 20016-2017 by filling positions as reported by our President Sandy Klein at the district gathering on September 24 and elected by those present. The last two years have been big transition years for United Methodist Women in our state. In combining districts, we have tried to maintain similar representation of our areas. It is not always easy to recruit members who will serve in district positions. Many contacts and phone calls were made.

We continue to offer invitations to United Methodist Women in our district to volunteer to be a part of our future work. Consider this need prayerfully. We want to be a strong district and be a force for mission. You may contact any of the nominating committee members or board members to volunteer to help us. It will be an experience well worth your time. Thank you in advance.

We read in Ephesians 2:9-10 (from Eugene H. Peterson THE MESSAGE) God does both the making and saving. He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.

*Nominations Committee, Ruth Wiersma, Chair*

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