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"The Shofar"



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The **Boxtops for Education** Program is changing! The newer boxes in the store tell us there is no more clipping! Soon we need to download the Boxtops mobile app and scan our receipt with our smart phone, when we have purchased General Mills products. The proof value, 10 cents each, will go directly to the school (Red Bird Christian School in Beverly KY), that you have chosen when we do the one time registration on line. Register & read more at www.btfe.com There are still printed proofs on some boxes in stores. We will continue to collect the printed proofs in the near future. The website says they will be honored. Kindly put any you have promptly in collection boxes at District or Conference events, or trim them closely and you can mail to Red Bird Christian School 70 Queendale Center, Beverly, KY 40913-2416. Learn more about Red Bird at www.rbmission.org

Thanks, Kay Waugh

JOIN US: SUAMICO METHODIST FALL HARVEST DINNER

SATURDAY, October 19th 4:00 - 6:30 PM -- 3266 Lakeview Dr., Suamico, WI 54173

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT DOOR

All Proceeds go to Missions

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"Shofar" and "Catch a Vision"

www.wisconsinumw.org (click on communications)

WHAT A SPECIAL CAKE ON SEPT. 21ST.





President's Message - October Shofar

What A wonderful day we had on September 21st at Sheboygan St. Luke!! Many that attended the event were dressed in 1863 - 2019 ladies-wear and many more wore their hats. A huge "congratulation" to the ladies from St. Luke, they did a wonderful job and made us all feel so welcome.

I am truly honored to hold the office as your president of North East District and it is very humbling to represent over 800 District Members. The NED Team is dedicated to doing whatever is necessary to help our units.

We were blessed with five WI Conference officers, Sue Plasterer, M N&O; Stacy Ganzer. Mission u Dean; Chelsey Ganzer Henry, Social Action; Kay Waugh and Rachel Benton, Nominations Committee. The Conference Officers joined our officers workshops and added a lot of information to the Units. Stacy Ganzer was also there with her camera and took some wonder pictures. (some I'll add in the Shofar) Sue Plasterer graciously installed our North East District 2020 Officers and after our 150 Years presentation she shared some information about "A Way Forward, Where Do We Go From Here?"

A "Special Note of Appreciation" to all the units that were so gracious to make baby sweaters, hats, caps, booties for our Layette Mission Project. The ladies prepared 125 kits plus 100 sweater sets. They were or will be delivered to Children's Services, The Crossings of Manitowoc, Harbor House in Superior and Christine Ann's in Oshkosh.

The North East District Team presented "150 Years in Mission" with members representing influential ladies over the past 150 years.

We will be sending out "President Packs" for Units that were not able to attend. Please take time to look over the Program Book, especially pages 26 - 32, which are all the forms your unit will need for submitting information we need. Also, in this mailing you will find Awards and Certificates for your Unit, if something is missing please contact me.

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NED 2019 Team



NED 2020 Team



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Graceful Giving in California
Celebrating Citizenship in North Carolina
Partnering with Eastern Congo in Texas
Native American Art in Oregon**

**2 articles: Fenimore Street United Methodist Women Celebrates 60 Years.
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United Methodist Women Demands and End to Child Detention
Working to Sop the School-to-Prison Pipeline**

ACT: Read: Books from the 2019 Reading Program, Program Book 2019-2020, Prayer Calendar 2020

October 17-18 marks 28th Annual National Observance of Children’s Sabbaths Celebration, with the theme “Uniting Hearts and Voices to End Child Poverty”.
More info at: childrensdefense.org/programs/faith-based/childrens-sabbath-celebration

Vice-President:

This position has been filled for 2020 by Linda Bartotto. *"Thank You Linda!!"*

Secretary Ellen Eastman



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Treasurer: **Wonderful FALL is here, enjoy! REMINDER:**

2019 Monies from units for credit must sent and received by December 15th.

Please make out checks to:

East District United Methodist Women or NED UMW

Also, remittance forms and checks should be sent to:

North East District Treasurer:

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Communications: Editor

We SEND electronic copies of the Shofar to All PRESIDENTS, SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS.

Please forward our e-mail to all your members via e-mail or circulate printed copies.

We need to increase communications within the North East District.

A QUICK REMINDER: We enjoy publicizing your events and mission endeavors. The next SHOFAR will be in early January.... **Deadline for information from units are December 15th.** If you have any questions about what we will put in the "Shofar".

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

Hi everyone, Thank you for a great year in reading. I was amazed at the number of readers we had. Now we can start reading for 2020. We can read from the 2016-2020 lists. As before please let me know if I can help with questions or obtaining materials. I have added a great book for a program idea.

BOOKS ON PARADE:

Heartbeat of a Mother by Jane Rubletta

Many mothers experience the joy, laughter, and hope of parenting and yet are riddled with shame, doubt, guilt and anxiety because of their past and fear of the future for their children. Through discipleship and intimate fellowship mothers of all ages will enjoy diving into this six week group study that provides interactive vulnerability and truth. This study is designed for anyone who has had a mother or a child through childbirth or any means. Jane speaks worldwide inviting her audiences to find the love they've been looking for in the arms of Jesus.

Sherrie Bekyir, 920-562-9438, bekyirs@gmail.com



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Spiritual Growth

Dear Sisters in Christ,

At our Annual Celebration I spoke to you about three simple rules John Wesley said we should live by. Do no Harm, Do Good, and Stay in Love with God. Each day try your best to live by these rules. I am sure our sisters in 1869 tried to live by these rules also. They were being in mission TO the people of India, Japan and here in the states, but we have since learned to be in mission WITH the people around the world. That does not make what they did bad or diminish it in any way. We just have learned and in the future we will learn more. Please mark the May 16, 2020 on your calendar for our retreat and we will learn to pray and sing the Psalms. May 15 is Friday and we will have games and fellowship and prepare ourselves for the retreat on Saturday. It was wonderful to see all of you on Saturday at St. Luke in Sheboygan for our celebration and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours in Christ

Sandra Klein, Spiritual Growth for NED

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Education & Interpretation

The Annual Gathering happened on September 21, another school year is underway, and our churches have begun their fall schedules and events. Your Education and Interpretation District Coordinator as well as being a former educational career person would like to challenge you to select personal mission projects for the year and mission or spiritual topics that you will study and learn more about in 2019-2020.

One of my studies at Mission u last summer was Women United for Change 150 Years In Mission. If you haven't recently studied our UMW history, I suggest that you read about some of the women involved in UMW efforts over the years. The district officers made this a primary emphasis at our Annual Gathering. My other class at Mission u was based on the book, Radical Discipleship. The author used passages from the Gospel of Mark to encourage us to consider all the viewpoints of persons involved in a situation. For example, in the Mark record of the man who was lowered from the roof by friends to be healed by Jesus, we were asked to consider what the friends were feeling and thinking as well as the man being healed, on-lookers, and Jesus. I was made aware of the importance of being sensitive to others and their viewpoints in discipleship/missions with individuals that I am encountering in areas of my life. I encourage you to make some deliberate learning/reading choices in 2019-2020.

There were many examples of mission work projects at the Annual Gathering. Thanks to the efforts of many who knit and made crochet items, to Val and Bill for delivery and gathering work, and workers at the Gathering many families will be the recipients of these hours of efforts of mission work. I gathered information about some mission projects completed by our district unit and included these in the Gathering booklet as possible considerations by your units for mission work projects in 2019-2020. Many of you have on-going projects but perhaps you could consider member interests and add new projects as well.

I will be collecting your data on report forms included in the Gathering booklet. Notice the date change for the form that reports the mission projects being worked on by your unit and individuals. I have been so impressed by the many in our district who so seriously work for missions and do God's work here. Carry on!

Ruth Wiersma, Education & Interpretation Coordinator
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It's September, when we think of children going back to school and college. So, I felt it was appropriate to share again with you highlights of this article from the United Methodist Women NEWS.

It is entitled *Holston Conference Addresses Human Trafficking*. I hope it will help us to be able to recognize the signs of modern-day slavery and learn how to help its victims.

We wonder, how do people get caught up in modern-day slavery? Richard Schoeberl, a former CIA agent who is now a Hope for Justice team leader in the U. S. office, explains that 100 minors are sex-trafficked each month. Seventy-seven percent of targeted girls are under the age of 13. He said that sex trafficking is a \$1 billion industry because it is easy to keep using people over and over again. Sex-traffickers manipulate people who are vulnerable. Youth who are run-aways, people who come from abusive homes, people who want to be loved and those who live in low-income areas are especially targeted.

Schoeberl explained a simple tactic that traffickers use to lure college students. The students are approached to attend a special party. They tell the students that their company is hosting a party, and they need people to fill in the space. They will pay them a couple of hundred dollars to go. Once the student arrives at the party they are trapped.

People are also turned into labor slaves. They are promised a better life in the U.S. only to find themselves in debt to those who brought them here. Once in the U.S. the trafficker uses threats, lies and physical abuse to keep them here. The victims feel that they don't have any choices. Often, they don't know they can get help.

Hope for Justice is one of several groups that help people escape human trafficking and then works on helping them overcome trauma. Our churches can help by intervening in existing conditions before someone is a victim of human trafficking. Examples are accessible health care, parenting and guidance classes, food programs for those who are struggling, housing options for those who are in need and school employees who are trained to recognize those who might become victims of trafficking.

All of these examples provide a better option as a way out of an already difficult situation, signs for which we should be vigilant in order to interrupt the trafficking situation.

My hope is that we all be more vigilant in looking for ways to spot and help victims of human trafficking.

Carole Biddick, Social Action Chair



Membership: Nurture & Outreach

We are always searching for ways to increase membership in our units. We know that people often want to be part of something that makes a difference...in the world and in their lives. We have the PERFECT answer...United Methodist Women. I believe that we need to be consistent in remembering our goals of supporting the needs of women, children and youth and reminding others of those goals. Continue to provide opportunities for education about these needs for ourselves and others. Highlight our successes for all to hear! It does take some work to achieve membership growth, but we UMW women can do it!

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Nominations

What a joy filled time we had at our Northeast Fall Celebration on September 21! We celebrated 150 years of women of the United Methodist tradition. Our history began with women's societies and councils from several branches of the Methodist church and other denominations to form what we now know as United Methodist Women.

Most important, is that after learning of the needs of women and children outside the US these women answered their "call" to support missionaries and missions. Mission organizations also realized there were needs of women and children in the United States. So, they answered the call of serving and supporting those who listened to the call to be alongside persons in many communities.

We, Northeast District UMW continue to respond to the call of being in ministry to women and children all over the world. We are thankful again, as a new year begins in 2020 for persons who have answered to serve as leaders in this awesome organization.

Gwen Gibson

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At 9AM. on September 6th I left home to travel 119 miles to Pine Lake Camp for the Archives Heritage Retreat. It was great to meet with friends and acquaintances from my days on the Conference UMW Team. Also, good to reacquaint myself with Pine Lake Camp and walk the trails of memories of times past.

Conference Historian, Sandy Kintner presented Wisconsin women in Mission and also the women of our predecessor organizations “Stepping Out of Their Place” to serve God by bringing women to the forefront of Christian Ministry. From the time of organizing for Mission in 1869 until today 150 years later women are still working for women, children and youth around the world. In 1873 Wisconsin sent the first Missionary, Susan Melvina Warner to serve in Mexico. We are privileged today to have Martha Boyer serving as President of our Conference UMW, whose grandmother was influenced by that Missionary.

Our next presentation was given by Tony Kearney, project director for Northcott Neighborhood House. He took us from the beginnings in 1961 to the present time and a look at one of the Women’s Home Mission successes. Project “Fresh Start” trains young men to build & refurbish homes on Milwaukee’s Northside under the guidance of Contractors. Their motto is to “Save lives and build communities”. When they complete their 18 month course they go on to work for the Contractors who have trained them or other contractors looking for young help. They also get paid while training. Then another group of young men begin the course of training. The homes are Energy Star Efficient. 61 are completed and 16000 people have been served. They have a website if you are interested in more information.

A Drama, written by Sandy Kintner and portrayed by Barbara Dick and Rev. Jim Droste on Wilma Hampel and the founding of Northcott was both entertaining and educational.

Rev. Dr. Dan Dick, Assistant to the Bishop, reflected on “As it Was and Ever Shall Be— Women Lead the Church in Mission.” He took us through 5 points of Mission. Some interesting facts on the Temperance Union and its President, Francis Willard. “Women have had vision to serving the world”.

On Saturday a Workshop filled with information for Local Church Historians was held along with a power point presentation led by Brad Biddick on the preservation of Rock Church in rural Livingston, WI.

Conference Archivist, Lynn Lubkeman was available for anyone to share special moments from their churches history or ask questions.

A panel discussion and sharing of UMW experiences and history brought us to a close.

There will be another Archives Retreat in 2020 celebrating 10 years and I would recommend that anyone attending will not be disappointed.

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION:

October 1, 2019

To: North East District United Methodist Women

Hi Jan,

We received the layettes and sweaters last week from Sandra Klein. I want to personally thank you and the women from your congregation that helped to make this possible. Our Boutique Manager, Lori said, "wow Sue women spent a lot of time on this, everything is packaged so nicely". The sweaters I looked at were beautiful and right in time for fall. So, thank you one and all for blessing us at The Crossing and more importantly blessing the families in our community that will benefit from your hard work and generosity. May our good God bless you!

With gratitude,
Sue Tomasik

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October 4, 2019

**We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. – Winston Churchill**

Dear Jan Stanko and the Northeast District United Methodist Women's Group,

Thank you for your generous donation to Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services, Inc. (CADASI).

Your gift of layette kits will help to provide our clients with material assistance while staying at our safe and secure shelter, accessing personalized advocacy from our dedicated and skilled staff, and programs and services that empower survivors to move from crisis to self-sufficiency.

On behalf of the Board and staff here at CADASI, we truly appreciate your support and are so pleased to have you as a partner in our mission. Through your gift, together we can create a difference in so many lives impacted by domestic violence and ensure that our community is a safer place for all.

With deep gratitude,

Carly Hirsch, Volunteer Coordinator

Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services, Inc



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September 27, 2019

North East District United Methodist Women  
c/o Mrs. Jan Stanko

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the entire team here at United Methodist Children's Services of WI, Inc. (UMCS), I would like to convey our sincere gratitude to the North East District United Methodist Women for the incredibly thoughtful and generous donation of the infant kits and the knitted clothing. They are absolutely amazing - it is apparent how much time and effort you all put into making and packaging these items. Please know that we are deeply appreciative of your efforts and that we will make sure that these items are distributed to families in need over the coming weeks.

Thank you again for your wonderful demonstration of solidarity and commitment to the work of UMCS. Your support makes our work possible and motivates us with the knowledge that so many people care for and believe in the mission of UMCS. Please come by and visit us anytime you are in Milwaukee, and in the meantime we wish you good health, happiness and many blessings for you and your families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'William Schmitt'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'H' at the end.

William Schmitt  
Interim Executive Director

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**SPECIAL NOTE:**

The District has not delivered the **Layette Kits to Harbor House in Superior**. They will be picked up at our WI Conference Gathering on October 18 – 19.



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