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Greetings,

The Psalmist says: Fire and hail, snow and clouds; Stormy wind, fulfilling His word. (Psalm 148:8) After a fairly quiet start to the winter season, surely we are in the season of snow...and cold...and a lunar eclipse! All speak to the wonder of His majesty over the earth and heavens. I don't know about you, but for me, this is the time of year when I prefer to be indoors, enjoying the beauty of snow and clouds through the window! I can think of at least one perfect indoor activity for UMW this time of year – going online to https://secure3.convio.net/umw/site/SPageNavigator/Census_2018.html to enter your unit's 2018 census report. If you'd like assistance, please contact any member of the South East District Mission Team or our Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator Gail Bixler. The 2018 census report is due to be completed by March 30. Elsewhere in this newsletter, please find the registration form for our SE District Spring Enrichment Event to be held on April 3rd at West Allis First UMC. Vice President Marie Garnhart has lined up dynamic presenters, who I'm sure will be interesting and engaging. I hope to see many of you there! As always, there's so much to pray for. Right around the time you're receiving this newsletter, the Special Session of the General Conference will be meeting to receive and act on the report from the Commission on a Way Forward based on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops. Let's all keep our delegates in our prayers as they do the important spiritual work on the direction of the United Methodist Church.

Yours in Christ, **Gail Nelson, President SE District, gailmarienelson@gmail.com**

ATTENTION, ATTENTION

District and Unit Presidents and Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinators (MNO)!! Are you working on the Census 2018 yet? The database is open and our DEADLINE to complete membership data entry is MARCH 30TH. Our task is to record online each Wisconsin Conference unit's membership and answer the questions on our United Methodist Women (UMW) National website at this link www.unitedmethodistwomen.org. To access the database CLICK on the LIME GREEN BUTTON labeled Census 2018.

If you choose not to find joy in the snow, you will have less joy in your life but still the same amount of snow.

**Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate;
only love can do that.**

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

What's Inside this Issue?

- * Info/Registration for Mission Action Day
 - * Info/Registration for Spring Enrichment Event
 - * Information for Mission Opportunities
 - * Mission Today Criteria
 - * What is a Sister Unit?
- And much, much more!

From the Vice President

Hi UMW sisters,

On this snowy day that I am writing this, I'm hoping that April 13th will be a beautiful spring day for our first district event of 2019. West Allis First is a great facility and they have a very hospitable unit. We have two interesting speakers with very different topics and formats. But they have in common that they are both very inspiring women, whom we are very fortunate to have as presenters for this event. See the flyer in this issue and please register early. This event is in the northern part of our district and the 2nd will be at Delavan in the southern part of the district. No matter what we do, some of us have a long drive. But if you can carpool, the drive itself can be a pleasant time for fellowship.

Our morning presenter for the Spring Enrichment Event is from the Brookfield mosque. I heard her presentation when I participated in the Bishop's Interfaith Bus tour last summer. I was so impressed that I invited her to speak to us. When I heard her presentation last summer, I found that her enthusiasm for her faith inspired me with more enthusiasm for my own faith. So though this is a departure from tradition, I think you will be glad for this opportunity. She will try to answer questions we might have about living Islam in Wisconsin and will help us understand her faith so that we can all be good neighbors. So you are invited to submit questions you might have in advance to me by e-mail at smgarnhart@gmail.com. I've already been collecting some questions from some of my church contacts. I'll present these questions to her when we meet in March to talk about the presentation. There will of course also be a chance to ask questions on site as part of the presentation.

Our afternoon presenter is well-known to some of us, as she is a certified lay speaker who has preached in various churches of the district. She has also done spiritual growth retreats. So her presentation will have more of a spiritual growth retreat format. It has not been decided yet whether we will stay in the sanctuary which has the best speaker system or will try sitting around tables in the fellowship area.

I look forward to seeing you in April! **Marie Garnhart, SE District VP, smgarnhart@gmail.com**

WHAT IS YOUR FAITH STATUS

I love acronyms, for they allow me to remember things such as, in grade school, I learned how to spell Arithmetic by saying "A Rat In Tom's House Might Eat Tom's Ice Cream" (Arithmetic). This is fun but also allows us to look at things differently. So with the word faith, we can look at it two ways. The first is **F**inding **A**n **I**sland **T**o **H**ide; this would allow us to cover up our faith and not let others see what we have to lean on; second is **F**ollowing **A**ll **I**nstructions **T**o **H**eaven which shows that we must rely on God to get us through the Highs and Lows of life.

Without my faith, I would not be writing this article for you because I would have given up forty years ago when life threw me a giant curve ball. But, by leaning on my faith and allowing God to work through my life I have been able to continually grow stronger in my faith. I know I would have reached a stronger faith time line if I would have turned over all my worries, troubles, concerns, and heartaches to God faster than I did. As I grow older I have learned that the sooner we hand over our negatives of life (or our lives totally) to Him, the easier life becomes. My faith has grown stronger through the years but it is not as solid as it should be, for I want to be in control and that is something that weakens our faith walk. The closer we walk with Him, the stronger we will be in our Faith. So follow all instructions to heaven and I will meet you there one day. God Bless!

Glenda McCracken-SE District Spiritual Growth Coordinator

United Methodist Women Purpose

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.

Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women

Mission Action Day



**Saturday
April 6, 2019**

Mauston United Methodist
Church
420 Suszycki Drive
Mauston, WI 53948

Theme: Racial inequality and trauma with opiates.

In-gathering Collection: Please bring diapers of any size.

Registration: 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. ● Sending forth: 2:30 p.m.

Registration is transferrable, not refundable.

FROM MILWAUKEE AREA (SOUTH): Take Hwy 94 towards Madison. Take 90/94/39 north. Stay on 90/94 to exit 69 (Mauston). Turn left onto Hwy. 82. Turn Left on N. Union Street (Hwy 82 and County G), Turn right onto east State Street (Hwy, 12). Turn left onto Division. Turn right onto Milwaukee Street. Turn right onto Suszycki Dr. Parking lot is on left side of street.

2019 MISSION ACTION DAY REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline for Registration: Friday, March 8, 2019- \$15 registration fee

Late registration-\$18- March 9-16, after March 16- fee remains \$18, lunch on your own.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/ZIP Code _____

District _____ Church _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Child Care needed for _____ child(ren), Age(s) _____ (I also understand that I am responsible for providing a sack lunch for each child or paying the registration fee of \$15.00 for each child in order to cover their lunch.)

Dietary or other considerations _____

Send form and **registration fee** to:

Janet Brockman, W6943 North Road, Mauston, WI 53948 • 608-847-7558 • brockman7558@frontier.com

Make checks payable to: **Wisconsin Conference UMW**

Yearbook Corrections

Happy New Year! I am Jane Henderson, Co-Secretary for the South East District. My job as co-secretary has been to produce the 2019 Yearbook. I want to thank everyone for submitting their unit officer information. The yearbook has been printed and copies have been sent to unit presidents. Please note that in the directory of district units, only two officers are listed due to publishing constraints. However, all of the local officer names that were submitted from your unit are now on the mailing list and each will receive the district newsletters.

When receiving your copy of the yearbook, please make the following corrections:

Page C: Address for Lisa Jones should be 6814 Kasota Court, Mequon, WI 53092. Phone and e-mail remain the same.

Remove Linda J. Whitelock from the Conference Committee on Nominations. She has resigned. Should be removed on Page 13, also.

Page 2: Karen Davis's address should be EAST Troy, not EAT Troy

Edgerton should be added as an active unit. Their information is as follows:

Pastor: Barbara Wells, 112 Albion Street, Edgerton, WI 53534, 608-884-6391, officeumc@gmail.com

President: Linda Geller, 2019 North Sumac Drive, Janesville, WI 53545, 608-756-1623, geller_linda@yahoo.com

Secretary: Darcie Drought, 1320 Meadow Lane Apt. 3, Edgerton, WI 53534, mike_darcie@yahoo.com

Page 15 (back cover): E-mail for Barb Taylor should be tayloc@centurytel.net (**NO R**)

Please submit any further corrections to me @hendersonj48@aol.com.

South East District Treasurer's Report for 2018

Thank you and congratulations on your financial support of United Methodist Women in 2018. Our total giving for 2018 was \$91,034. The southeast district collected 130.4% of our budgeted amount for supporting our five categories of giving. (Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory and World Thank Offering) Our promise to the Wisconsin Conference of UMW for 2018 was \$65,000.

Our local units pledged \$70,565 and contributed 120% more than their pledges totaling \$84,764. District event collections and local units also contributed \$6,270 in designated gifts. (The local pledge and the district pledge differ due to timing. We make our pledge to the conference before our fall meeting when we receive the pledges from our local units.)

Our designated gifts supported the following: MissionU \$485, the Legacy Fund \$1,870, Northcott Community Center \$1,007, Harbor House \$167, United Methodist Children's Services \$167 and Stop Human Trafficking \$257. Our Call to Prayer donation was \$2,050. Other giving contributed \$267.

Linda Sather, SE District Treasurer

MABEL HEIL SCHOLARSHIP The Mabel Heil Scholarships are a result of funds from the will of Sarah Mabel Heil, a woman from Cuba City, Wisconsin. The first scholarships were granted in 1981. Since then more than 240 women have received help with their education. 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 December 1.

The application, along with requirements and instructions can be found on the United Methodist Women Conference Website: <http://www.wisconsinumw.org/forms.html>

Contact Person: Helen Robinson N2101 Cleghorn Road Waupaca, WI 54981
715-258-0973 email: pottshe@yahoo.com

Participation in the Reading Program

To participate in the Reading Program, select one of the four plans and when completed, report it to your local United Methodist Women secretary for program resources.

Plan 1: 5 Books Per Year

- One book from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
- Selections can be from all current reading lists if not included in previous reports.

Regular reading of [response](#) magazine.

Plan II: 10 Books Per Year

- Two books from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
- Selections can be from all current reading lists if not included in previous reports (including youth titles).

Regular reading of [response](#) magazine.

Plan III: 15 Books Per Year

- Two books from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
- PLUS 5 additional books from any category.
- Selections can be from all current reading lists if not included in previous reports (including youth and children's titles).

Regular reading of [response](#) magazine.

Plan IV: 20 Books Per Year

- Two books from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
- PLUS 10 additional books from any category.
- Selections can be from all current reading lists if not included in previous reports (including youth and children's titles).

Regular reading of [response](#) magazine.

The Reading Program is a study opportunity, but it should also lead to action. Here are a few suggestions to assist you:

*Pray. Books often raise concerns about people, countries and issues. Bring these concerns to God during your prayer time at home and at group meetings.

*Host a program. For example, a locally-sponsored program on climate justice could help the church and community explore ways to be better stewards of God's Earth.

*Organize. You and your group can contact the Office of Community Action to work on social action plans for your local group and church.

Action Suggestions

Encourage youth to read and review titles from the reading lists.

Form an action team to take action on an issue addressed in one or more books.

Start a reading group of adults and/or children or youth.

Present book reviews of Reading Program books at United Methodist Women meetings.

Take Reading Program books and issues of response to retirement and nursing homes and read regularly to residents.

Inform parents, grandparents and others with children and youth that books for children and youth are available through the Reading Program.

Let pastors, church leaders and Sunday school teachers know of the books available through the Reading Program.

Highlight large print and other special format books to include a wider variety of readers.

Honor those who participate in the Reading Program; present Reading Program certificates (PDF) to those who complete plans.

Show special recognition to units or individuals who complete Plans III and IV.

Develop displays to encourage book sales, especially around holiday seasons.



SOUTH EAST DISTRICT SPRING ENRICHMENT EVENT

SATURDAY APRIL 13, 2019
West Allis First UMC, 7520 West Lapham St., West Allis, WI 53214

WORSHIP LEARNING FELLOWSHIP

Registration and fellowship begin at **9:00** a.m. and the day's events begin at **9:30**. Lunch is included and the day's events end by **2:30** p.m. Program resources will be open between 9:00 and 9:30 and between 12:15 and 12:35.

**The a.m. topic is Local Islam from a feminine perspective:
Our presenter is Mrs. Bushra Zaibak from the Brookfield mosque.**

Bushra was born and raised in Chicago. She is of Palestinian decent and was raised Muslim. She moved to the Milwaukee area almost 19 years ago after getting married. Bushra and her husband opened an independent pharmacy business in Milwaukee in 2011. By 2019, they have expanded to fifteen pharmacies within Milwaukee and the surrounding areas. Bushra served on the council of the Islamic Society of Milwaukee in Brookfield as the outreach chair for four years. She currently lives in Brookfield with her husband and three children. She is looking forward to meeting the United Methodist Women and sharing her faith and traditions with them.

The p.m. topic is Compassion: Our presenter is Dr. Julie Bryson

Dr. Julie Bryson is a native Wisconsinite, who returned to her hometown of Milwaukee after time lived in Ohio and New York state during her graduate training. Julie has served as a certified lay speaker in the United Methodist Church for the past 20 years and recently earned her certification as a Lay Servant. She has led retreats for the women of Brown Deer United Methodist Church, Kettlewood Retreats and her home church of West Allis, First. She very much enjoys preparing and delivering messages about the Good News as well as participating in spiritual formation activities. Julie earned her doctoral degree in clinical psychology and currently works in the Cancer Counseling Center/Health Psychology Clinic at Aurora St Luke's Medical Center in Milwaukee. When not working, Julie participates in caregiving for her elderly parents; she also enjoys reading, hiking, planting and reaping fresh tomatoes, and puzzles of most varieties. She is delighted to have been asked to participate in this spring enrichment event.

“Clothe yourselves with compassion...” Col 3: 12b
It is gift in this world of tweets and technological connections to truly be listened to, affirmed and supported. It is our call and, for many of us, part of who we are to offer this compassion to others. However, it seems we are not always good at being compassionate with ourselves. Through presentation, reflection and discussion, this session will invite, through the eyes of faith, consideration of ways to be kinder to ourselves and how self-compassion affects our ability to tend well to others.

2019 Spring Enrichment Event Registration Form

Deadline for Registration: April 5, 2019.

Send registration slip and fee **before** April 5 to:

Linda Sather
6529W. Fremont Pl.
Milwaukee, WI 53219

Make checks payable to: **South East UMW**

*If you miss the deadline or plan to attend without pre-registering, you **must bring your own lunch**, registration fee will be \$10.*

If you have special dietary needs, **please bring your own lunch** and pay \$10 instead of \$20 registration. A microwave and refrigerator space will be available for your lunch use.

Dependent care is available, if needed. Please indicate what your need is on the registration form.

We encourage earliest possible registration to allow planning time to ensure success for the day.

Getting There:
From either direction using I894 or I41/US45 take the Greenfield exit. Turn south on 76th St. to the corner of Lapham and 76th St.
Using Hwy 59/ Greenfield Ave. turn south on 76th St. to Lapham as above.

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Name _____

Local Unit: _____ Local office held _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Dependent Care Needs: _____ Ages of Dependents: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED - \$20 (lunch Included)
(please circle one)

\$10(I will bring my own lunch)

Women's Retreat at Lake Lucerne Camp

Join us for the Women's Retreat **April 26 - 28, 2019**, sponsored by Oak Creek Community UMC, at Lake Lucerne Camp and Retreat Center "**Come to the Table - All are Welcome**" as we participate in workshops such as Stamping, Welcoming Church, Cooking, Chimes, Bible Study, Nature Walk, Mindful Movement, Origami, and Photography. There will be devotions, worship and social time too. The cost is \$160 for 2 night's lodging, 5 meals and all materials.

A \$60 deposit must accompany your registration form, **registration deadline and final payment is due April 1, 2019**. Registration is limited to 60 participants and slots fill quickly so register soon. **Registration materials can be found at www.wiumcamps.org/retreats**

Questions contact Retreat Leader, Bonnie Clement at bonnieclement05@gmail.com.

Then the master told his servant, Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. Luke 14:23

A MISSION TRIP to Midwest Mission Distribution Center!

Our Whitewater Area Regional Ministry (**WARM**) is organizing a volunteer in mission trip to Midwest Mission Distribution Center (**MMDC**) in August (12-16), which is less than a five hour drive away (just south of Springfield, Illinois). We have reserved their dorm, which can handle 30 people if 14 of them are agile. They also have 13 RV spots, plus a deal with Baymont Inn and Suites in Springfield. The limiting factor here is that they may not have enough jobs for more than 30 people in their warehouses. As of now, we have 17 VIM's going, so we have some space left (including 14 dorm spots). **SIGN UP NOW** to be a missionary for a week (five days, actually). MMDC has jobs for everyone, from packing flood buckets or health kits to dismantling old school bleachers to make school desks – jobs you can do while sitting down to jobs where you are taking screws out of old bleachers while upside down and backwards. You get to work with old friends and new friends while making a difference in lives all over the world. If you think you might like to go, send me an email ([Mary Anne Gerlach, \[gerlaj@gmail.com\]\(mailto:gerlaj@gmail.com\)](mailto:MaryAnneGerlach@gmail.com)), and I will send you an email with an attachment containing information and a registration form.

United Methodist Women Gears Up for Second Annual Day of Giving March 23

United Methodist Women members and groups around the country are getting ready for the second annual Day of Giving on March 23, 2016, part of the organization's five-year 150th anniversary culminating in 2019.

A Day of Giving gifts go to **The Legacy Fund**, a permanent endowment that will support the mission outreach of future generations of United Methodist Women as they address the needs of women, children and youth of their day.

A Day of Giving will be a 24-hour giving festival. Members and friends may give:

Online at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund.

- By phone: 800-278-7771 ☐ (8 a.m.-6 p.m. EST, Monday-Friday).

- Text **Legacy150** to 41444.

- By check to Office of the Treasurer, United Methodist Women, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115. Write "The Legacy Fund" in the memo section

EDUCATION FOR MISSION

Let me introduce myself. I am Barb Taylor, your new Coordinator for Education for Mission. I am a member of First UMC in Whitewater, and in addition to being involved with UMW I serve on several church committees, volunteer with our University Lunch program, sing in the choir with our Praise Team, and am a substitute pianist/organist for several churches in the area.

I have always been interested in missions, primarily, I think, because the Presbyterian Church I grew up in was a very mission-minded congregation, so the importance of missions was instilled in me at an early age.

As your Education for Mission representative, I will try to promote mission opportunities in the District as well as the Conference. As your units are planning their 2019 programs, be sure to review the Mission Today criteria to ensure that each category is covered. Hopefully your unit will be able to achieve Mission Today status and be recognized at the Annual Gathering. Using several programs from the current program book will help to meet this goal.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the various District events.

Barb Taylor,

Education for Mission Coordinator, 262-495-8625, tayloc@centurytel.net

FAITH MISSION TODAY—Mission Task Criteria

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God....

1. Plan programs that encourage spiritual growth. (Program book, response magazine, etc.)
2. Create prayer partners with other church groups.
3. Pray using the Prayer Calendar at meetings
4. Organize the spiritual growth study from Mission u, possibly several evenings/weeks

HOPE to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ;

1. Take advantage of opportunities thru UMW such as Mission u, Spiritual Growth Retreats, Annual Gatherings and Mission day Action.
2. Set aside a time to go over the year's plans using Mission Today Mission Tasks.
3. Implement the Charter for Racial Justice program.
4. Present a mission study from Mission u, inviting church members.

LOVE to develop a creative, supportive fellowship;

1. Honor the organization's leaders and member's contributions with Special Mission Recognition pins. Don't forget community leaders
2. Encourage everyone to visit or invite visitors to/from other local UMW organizations.
3. Publicize your events using newsletters, bulletin boards, Sunday bulletins, social media, phone calls,
4. Plan a year end program to give thanks and celebrate your accomplishments

IN ACTION

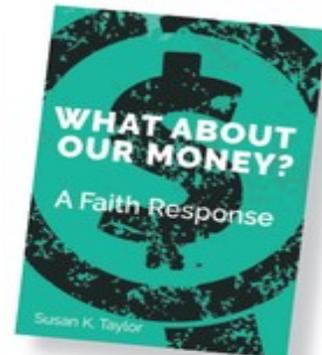
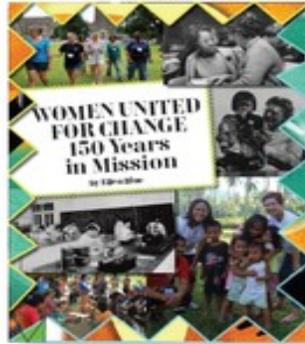
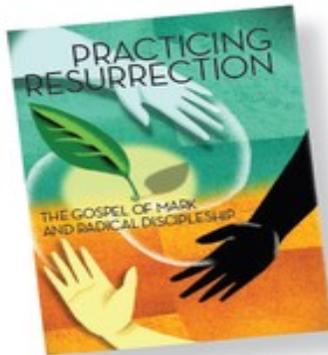
and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

1. Encourage all members to participate in the Pledge for Mission; give. Reports on where the money goes.
2. Involve all members in fundraising (think creatively).
3. Contribute to scholarships (UMW related) and Mission u.(\$25 or more).
4. Partner with a mission institution such as Northcott or Wisconsin Conference supported Imagine No Malaria, Harbor House, United Methodist Children's Services of Wisconsin Etc.

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



Registration forms and additional information can be found on the Wisconsin Conference Website: <http://www.wisconsinumw.org/forms.html>. Early Bird Registration rate ends June 1, 2019 ~

Registration ends July 1, 2019 no late registrations accepted

Why UMW Sisters? UMW sisters are District officers who act as helpful partners to their sister units. They are there for the occasional phone call from their sister units when questions arise, helpful when reorganization is needed and a source of information of all kinds. They keep our units connected with each other, the district and conference teams. UMW sisters are there to help with membership registration, officer training, program planning and even attend an event if you invite them. When we meet our UMW sister, we realize that we are no longer alone in our mission efforts. Please note your UMW sister when you receive your list. **We are happy to serve you.**
Chris Anding, , SE District Recording Secretary

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Social Action I know as women of faith, many of us have watched with dismay as the immigration debate has grown more and more divisive. Much misinformation has been spread, and I hope all of you have had the chance to read this article in the Jan/Feb. issue of Response magazine [Sanctuary and Separation](#). (if you go to the Response website, you can also listen to the article.) The article describes the “New Sanctuary Coalition,” and in Milwaukee, there is an active branch (it’s called the New Sanctuary Movement here.) I encourage you to find out about it and encourage your congregation to become a member. Here, it is affiliated with Voces de la Frontera, and you can contact them for more information. Just as in the article, there are weekly Jericho walks held in front of the ICE building in Milwaukee (300 E. Knapp) every Thursday at 9 am, and there are monthly prayer vigils as well. In addition, Voices is asking individuals and faith leaders to support the inclusion of “Driver Licenses for All” provisions in the 2019 Wisconsin State Budget. (Gov. Evers has included the provision in his budget proposal.) Please contact me if you’d like more information about either this campaign or the New Sanctuary Movement. As United Methodist Women, it’s time for us to demonstrate the radical hospitality God desires of us. **Suzy Clarkson Holstein**, clarkson@wi.rr.com

