

Chippewa District  
United Methodist Women

Newsletter

# The WEAVER



May 2011



## THE PURPOSE

The organized unit of the 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.

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### From Your President

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

It is warm today and I just walked around our land trying to decide where to plant some new spruce trees and bird-friendly shrubs. We are moving our little cabin to overlook the pond. What a wonderful place to relax and enjoy God through nature.

I am so thankful that I can pause to relax and enjoy.... This is new to me! I see life differently now since I have taken an oil painting class. Schedules mean less, colors and interesting shapes mean more.

*"This is my Father's world". . .*

May your summer be blessed. See you at School of Christian Mission.

*Billie LaBumbard*

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### Our District Vice-President

Greetings to all of my UMW Sisters

Today I would like to share with you a most inspiring experience that I had. I visited The Creation Museum near Petersburg Kentucky. Here Kenneth Ham laid out, in life size, the historical events as found in the Bible, with an explanation as to how it all happened.

First is a contradiction to the age of the earth. Have you added up the generations of people from Adam and Eve as listed in Numbers? It figures that the earth is 6000 years old. Or is the earth, as Carl Sagen put it, "billions and billions of years old"?

My first visit was to a planetarium where God's whole universe was shown, in parts of course. It was awesome to see, in proportionate scale, how large and planned out it is.... Genesis 1:6 *"And God said "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters....."*, Genesis 1:8 *"And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day."*, just to get a small idea of how vast the firmament is, its fine tuned relationship to each piece, the balance and rhythm is awesome.

We experienced Noah's Ark and realized the ridicule he took from all of the others who called him crazy. It was eye opening to fathom how large the Ark was... 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high! It housed about 40,000 animals. And to realize the force of the flood, Genesis 7:11 *"....the same day all the fountains of the deep broken up and the windows of heaven were opened ."*, imagine a rain and flood of water like that. Anything we can think of would be miniscule in comparison.

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The part that really made me think was after the animals, Noah and his family were inside, God closed the door. No more would enter. I picture all of the people on the outside who now realized that Noah was right and God is supreme, but it was too late. It brought my mind to Judgment Day and how, at that instant, it will be too late if we have not prepared before.

There was so much to feast one's eyes on and expand one's mind. We spent a whole day there and could have used more time. There is so much there. If you are looking for a great and inspiring place to go and spend with the Lord, I would highly recommend it!!!

God bless.... *Evie O'Neil*

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### **District Secretary**

Spring Day of Enrichment was a good, relaxing & informative day. Good food, music and speakers. For those of you who were not able to make it to Spring Day of Enrichment I have mailed (mid-April) your unit packets out to your unit president. A Spring Day of Enrichment program was included in your packet. On the backside of the program are dates for our upcoming events. Hope you can join us then.

God Bless everyone with a beautiful summer.

*Judith M Albricht*

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### **District Treasurer**

Happy Spring to all

I, who am always cold, was out today without a sweater and did it ever feel good! I am sure you are all enjoying it too!

I sure hope that many of you made it to the Spring Day of Enrichment in Rice Lake April 9th. It really was a great day. I put a couple of remittance forms in your packets for your treasurer. Please be sure that she gets them. They are important, as you need to put one with any remittances you send to me. If you keep one blank, you can use it to be copied whenever you need to send in a remittance.

I think we are off to a pretty good start this year towards making our \$70,000 pledge to the conference. Please remember that only the Mission Giving amounts, at the top of your remittance form, goes towards the pledge. So we need to go heavier in those areas. They are Pledge to Missions, SMR pins, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory and the World Thank Offerings. The section below is called Mission Plus Giving and while that is also important it doesn't count towards the pledge. The 5 lines in the Mission Giving Section at the top are also the areas that count towards your 5 Star Awards.

This year I am hoping to have all of you earn your 5 Star awards. Wouldn't that be great? You just need to be sure to put part of your giving in each of these areas. Please contact me if you have any questions and I will be happy to help.

God's Blessings  
*Karen Langer*, District Treasurer  
715-246-2442  
kalang4@frontiernet.net

**Social Action Day**  
**Saturday, March 26, 2011**  
**Franksville UMC, Franksville, WI**  
**Love In Action:**  
**Exploring Infant Mortality**  
Reported by Donna Cochran  
UMW District Social Action Coordinator

Our day started out with the topic of a year long study on the rising rate of infant mortality in Wisconsin. Some of the reasons for the rise, they found, was because mother's could not make it to their appointments, sometimes race was the cause or maybe the right people weren't reaching out to enough people (a question I have asked myself). These were only some of the reasons.

Wisconsin has a Special Committee in our Legislature which has been appointed to study that topic. They were asked to study (taken from the wisconsin.gov website) :

- (a) the causes of infant mortality in Wisconsin;
- (b) evaluation of efforts that have been undertaken to address this problem in both the private and public sectors;
- (c) coordination of public health and Medicaid funding;
- (d) evaluation of infant mortality prevention programs that have been successful in other cities and states;
- (e) evaluation of the public health costs of not addressing the causes of infant mortality in Wisconsin; and
- (f) developing a strategic proposal, including any necessary legislation, to address infant mortality in Wisconsin, particularly disparities in infant mortality rates in different geographic areas of the state.

At our Spring Day of Enrichment, in Rice Lake, our Mission Outreach giving was for the Barron County WIC (Women, Infants, Children) program. We had a wonderful speaker, Nicole Thompson, a WIC nutritionist. She talked about the importance of teaching at risk Mothers about proper childcare and proper nutrition. I recommend that each UMW unit contact their WIC program in their area to find out what items are needed and what they can do to help keep this program going so we can reduce infant mortality. I, myself, will find out what the Medford UMW unit can do to help this program in our area. Together we can make a difference!

As each one of us prays what the Lord wants us to do, may God bless you richly.

*Donna Cochran*  
Social Action Coordinator



Faith is daring the soul to go beyond what the eyes can see.

## **Membership, Nurture and Outreach**

I am writing this early in April on a sunshiny day as the editor says I am suppose to have my article in by April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Have you noticed that when the sun is shining, a person seems to have more energy? I know that I seem to get more things done during a sunshiny day than a dark, rainy, dreary day.

In my last article, I told you that I would have the numbers for the 2010 Membership Report, which shows the Chippewa District with 62 units. There were no new units started and no units went inactive in 2010.

On January 1, 2010, the number of members totaled 1586. We gained 34 members and 33 members were removed by death. The number of members transferred out was 6 and 30 members were removed by choice. On December 31, 2010, our membership count totaled 1557.

Some of the units had notes on the Membership form they turned in, regarding questions that their unit had. I turned these forms over to your Chippewa District sister unit liaison who either has been or will be in contact with you. If you ever have questions about anything, please feel free to contact any member of the District Team. We all will help you to the best of our ability and/or refer you to another team member who can help you.

There are two units who are going inactive in 2011, because of non-participation, health problems and general inability to continue on. I beg each unit to prayerfully consider all alternatives before going inactive. Each unit contributes in its own way to your Church, community and the world. UMW is the caretaker and future aid to women and children of the world.

There are alternatives to going inactive: (1) Someone from the church can decide to be a District Member and receive all the information from the Chippewa District and Wisconsin Conference. (2) Your unit can become a cluster unit with another UMW unit in your area and/or charge. This way the work of UMW, in helping women and children of the world, can continue on. If your unit is having problems, please feel free to contact me by phone, mail or e-mail. I will visit your unit or, depending on your problem, refer you

to another member of the District Team.

Our Chippewa District Units do **SO** much for the women and children of the world. Please let us continue doing the mission work that our UMW foremothers started. As our purpose says: The organized unit of 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.**
- **To expand concepts of mission** through participation in the global ministries of the church.

And, as Jesus says in Matthew 25:40, "*I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers (sisters) of mine, you did for me.*"

Wishing all of you a safe, happy summer.

*Sharon J. Steinmetz*, Chair  
[sstein@bloomer.net](mailto:sstein@bloomer.net) 715-568-5215

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## **Education & Interpretation**

Happy Springtime! The wind is cool and there are a few piles of snow left, but with the birds chirping and the grass turning green, we can believe that our long, snowy winter is past.

During this Lenten season, we are again preparing to remember the death and resurrection of Jesus. What a sacrifice God made for each of us—giving His Son to die for all people! At Spring Day of Enrichment I had a display which said: Easter is "EGGS"actly a time for MISSION GIVING. I didn't mean for Easter time only, but it was appropriate for that day. We all know mission giving is an all year, all time thing. I know all of you are doing wonderful mission work. Keep up the good work! Start working on MISSION TODAY items and let's see if we can't qualify more than 35 units this year.

I would encourage more of you to attend School of Christian Mission at Stevens Point from Tuesday-Friday August 2nd -5th, or the Drive-In Day August 6th. More details are included in this Weaver.

In Mission,  
*Barbara Bender*

## Secretary of Program Resources



Reading Program titles from the SPR

Spring is a great time to buy books for summer reading. One of our members belongs to a prayer shawl group and she is enjoying "*Contemplative Crochet*". Another woman bought "*Palestine: Peace not Apartheid*" in large print and her husband will read it too. I bought "*Not Just a One Night Stand: Ministry with the Homeless*", because it is a book of 128 pages and the Social Action category is usually a tough one to fill. The more serious reason is that we now have a shelter home in our town and their board is asking for community members to cook supper.

One of my friends bought the intriguing title: "*If You Know Who You Are, You'll Know What to Do*". It doesn't seem like the list is very long, and yet when I see the marks by the titles I want to read like "*Half the Sky*", which sold out right away at Spring Day of Enrichment, "*My Sister the Father*", which looked like it might have some good thoughts and some humor and "*Disfigured, a Saudi Woman's Story*" which looked fascinating, I'll have to see if these books are available through our local library.

Nurturing for Community is an easy category. I have read "*Same Kind of Different as Me*" and highly recommend it. I have read 2 books that are geared toward youth, "*Slant*" and "*I Have Seen Him in the Watchfires*". The first book is concerning a Korean American adoptee and the second is a sequel to the civil war period novel "*William Henry is a Fine Name*".

If you are ready for books that are worthy of a book club discussion try "*Inheriting the Trade*" or "*The Late Homecomer*", You can probably find discussion guides or questions for either of those on the internet. I might have to try "*The Centurion's Wife*" because it looks like it might be the kind of story women have been requesting.

I didn't sell all of the School of Christian Mission study books, "*Haiti, Challenges and Hope*" or

"*The Journey; Forgiveness, Restorative Justice and Reconciliation*", but it may be that our women are all becoming connected with the "\$35 Deal", more formally known as the Mission Sampler. It is so easy to sign up by calling the Mission Resource Center at 1-800-305-9857 during regular business hours. Have your credit card ready. You may be too late for this year's offerings, but next year you will get them in a timely fashion and you won't have to pay extra postage.

Nancy Zabel

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### NEW AND UPDATED A Brand New Look

In case you haven't had a chance to go on-line and look at the United Methodist Women, Wisconsin Conference website, **it has a whole new look!** It is easier to use and to look up any information you may be searching for. The list of Conference officers is on there, there is a page for our younger UMW members, resource information is much easier to find and there are forms you can easily download to your own computer (forms such as the Mabel Heil Scholarship, Constitution and Bylaws, Wisconsin Conference yearbook and the Mission Today form).

It also has a page for Communications, with the Wisconsin Conference newsletter "*Catch the Vision*", this newsletter, "*The WEAVER*" and other District Newsletters on there. All are simple to download.

The Green Team has their own page too, with fun green recipes for you to look at and use.

Need answers about School of Christian Missions, that's the place to go! Need help with problems you may have, that's the place to go! Check it out, <http://www.wisconsinumw.org/>, you'll be pleased with what you see! Put it in your "favorites", so it is easy to find.

Marion Strandberg  
Communications Coordinator

*A hug is a great gift, one size fits all.*

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Our UMW Purpose states that we are a “community of women” and that we are charged to “develop a creative, supportive fellowship”. That is why our Nominations Committee keeps asking you to provide names of women who would be good additions to our District UMW Mission Team. Since the last edition of the *Weaver*, we welcomed Rita Stearns, from Bloomer, to the Nominations Committee. She has already proven to be a great asset to our team. Several more members are needed to make this a full committee.

Another open position is that of Communications Coordinator. The duties include: working with the editor of our publications (Marion Strandberg), publicizing the activities of our Mission Team, helping, where needed, with training for local UMW officers and being present at District Team meetings. This person should have computer skills. Perhaps you have published the newsletter or bulletins for your church, or helped with publications for another organization. Then this is for YOU! Come and work with the wonderful, supportive, dedicated group of women who make up your Chippewa District Mission Team. And please help us, not only by submitting names, but also by praying that we can fill this slate of officers for 2012. We need your support.

*Ruby Getting*  
Nominating Committee Chairperson

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### **Bio on Rita Stearns**

I am a recent widow with 4 married children and 10 grandchildren. I am a retired social worker for nursing homes, a UMC member since 1967 and a UMW member since 1973. I was in social action for my local UMW unit, a lay leader to annual conference for three terms and I am currently on the lay leadership committee and nurturing and outreach for Bloomer UMC.

I am a past Sunday School teacher, member of the choir, an organist and a Webelos leader. My hobbies are music, reading and sewing/quilting.

*Rita Stearns*  
Nominating Committee

## **Spiritual Growth Coordinator**

This comes with Easter greetings, believing our able and dependable Redeemer for all the blessings thereof. We are most grateful for a very spiritually refreshing and rewarding time on April 9<sup>th</sup>. for our Spring Day of Enrichment, with the theme - "Finding Peace". I hereby encourage all of us to continue to look and hold on to the "Prince of Peace" in all of life's struggles and joys. We also need to hold all nations of the world in constant prayers before the throne of God's mercy that peace shall reign in all the channels and quarters of our world.

May I commend us all into the hands of the Almighty, who is able to keep our feet from falling, that this Easter season brings us the best from above. Also, praying for protection for all our families, friends and loved ones that will travel before, during and after the season. May we all experience the gift and love of family in a whole new way.

Happy Glorious Easter Time!  
*Shola Adedokun*

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### **An Instrument of Peace**

Lord, make me a channel of your peace:  
where there is hatred,  
may I bring love;  
where there is wrong,  
may I bring the spirit of forgiveness,  
where there is discord,  
may I bring harmony;  
where there is error,  
may I bring truth;  
where there is doubt,  
may I bring hope;  
where there are shadows,  
may I bring light;  
where there is sadness,  
may I bring joy.

Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort than to be comforted;  
rather to understand than to be understood;  
rather to love than to be loved,  
for it is in forgetting myself that I find:  
It is by forgiving that I am forgiven.  
~ Francis of Assisi -

# Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women School of Christian Mission



## All Things Made New

As followers of Christ, we hold fast to God's intention to bring hope and wholeness to the world through Jesus Christ.

Grace-filled, we long for a world that moves from brokenness to wholeness, from suffering to healing, from injustice to justice, from scarcity to abundance, from estrangement to reconciliation and from despair to hope.

As partners in God's mission, the transformation we seek today is that of taking what is broken and restoring it to fullness in the light of the Good News of Jesus Christ.<sup>1</sup>

Faith-filled, we believe that out of the rubble and ashes of devastation will come new life—a life of hope, a life of abundance, a life of joy for the journey.

*"And God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:3b-5d, NRSV)*

<sup>1</sup> Dana L. Robert, *Joy in the World? Mission in the Age of Global Christianity* (New York: Women's Division, General Board of Global Ministries, The United Methodist Church, 2010), 147.

**School of Christian Mission: Tuesday-Friday, August 2-5, 2011**  
**Drive-in Day: Saturday, August 6, 2011**

## 2011 Mission Studies

### **Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity (2010-2011)**

This study explores the theology of mission and evangelism in the twenty-first century context of Christianity as a world-wide religion. We are invited to look at why we are involved in mission and how we proclaim the Good News in Jesus Christ. What are the biblical mandates for mission? Does Christ call each of us to be his evangelist? The study gives us the opportunity to "catch up" with the changes in direction, goals, and methods of mission work in these 100 years.

### **Haiti (2011-2012)**

This study is an overview of the cultures that shaped Haiti's past and the ongoing legacy of colonialism, along with glimpses into the heart and soul of Haiti's people through pictures and Creole adages. It also includes the impact of the devastating January 12th earthquake in 2010. Although much focus is on the avenues available for those wishing to help the people of Haiti rebuild, the study's approach and perspective go well beyond the immediate need of recovery from the earthquake. According to Rev. Dr. Pierre, "The primary purpose of this endeavor is to encourage on-going exchanges of cultural understanding, mutual respect, and mission partnership between the people of The United Methodist Church and people of God in Haiti."

### **Coming Out On The Side Of Grace: Forgiveness & Reconciliation (2011)**

This Spiritual Growth study deals with the theme of how individuals, families, and communities are called to a life-long journey of practicing forgiveness, justice, and reconciliation in our relational lives. In a series of Bible studies, the book enables the participants to understand how systems and structures violate people's lives and how these structures can be transformed to be more just and more conducive to human and cosmic well being. The study aims to bring about personal and social transformation.

### **Young People**

Middle school through college age young men and women will enjoy special programming, including the opportunity to join in mission studies; share in meaningful worship, recreation, team building and volunteering; and build friendships that will last a lifetime.

### **YoMiCa (Youth Mission Camp—Grades 3-8)**

Located at the United Methodist's beautiful Pine Lake camp, this is an exciting event that also teaches about mission. The students will participate in typical camp activities, like swimming, arts and crafts, games and getting in touch with nature. In addition, the camp mirrors the adult classes by learning about mission. Yomica begins Sunday at 3:00 pm and culminates in a Friday afternoon presentation at 2:30 pm (July 31-Aug. 5) Call Camp office with questions: 608-837-3388. See <http://www.wiumcamps.org/documents/MiddleSchoolCatalog2010.pdf> for more information and registration. Leaders: Tim and Kara Finley.

**Ramada Inn and Conference Center • Stevens Point, WI**

**Who?**

The Wisconsin School of Christian Mission is for everyone: women, men, youth, laity, clergy- *You!*

**What?**

The Wisconsin School of Christian Mission is where people of all ages come together to grow in understanding of the mission of the church in the current world context through study, fellowship, worship and fun.

**Where?****Stevens Point Ramada**

1501 N. Point Drive  
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Exit I-39/51 at Exit 161 (it's on the right)

Toll-Free: 800-998-2311, local: 715-341-1340

See larger map on page 4.

**When?**SOCM:

Tuesday–Friday, Aug. 2-5, 2011—Week long  
Saturday, August 6, 2011- Drive-In Day

YoMiCa:

Sunday-Friday, July 31-August 5, 2011

**Why?**

School of Christian Mission is one of the best times to learn about one of the precepts of the church: mission. Not only is it educational and fun, but it is one of the best vacation bargains around!

**How?**

Register using the registration pages. Please fill in all the boxes. You may make as many copies of the registration form as you need. OR email your registration and save a stamp.

**Questions?**

Contact the registrar:

Chris Draxler

715-835-1402

email: [ldraxler@charter.net](mailto:ldraxler@charter.net)

# Wisconsin Conference School of Christian Mission Four-Day School

Tuesday, Aug. 2– Friday, Aug. 5

**Registration** 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Tuesday 2nd

**Opening Plenary** 10:30 a.m. Tuesday

**Sending Forth** 12:30 p.m. Friday 5th

**Meals:** Four-Day student meals begin with lunch on Tuesday the 2nd and end with breakfast on Friday the 5th

**Cost:** Four-Day Students— registration, room and meals,  
-\$295.00 (\$345.00 if received after July 1) for a double room  
-\$395.00 (\$445.00 if received after July 1) for a single room  
-Monday night: \$45.00 double room or \$85.00 single room.

**Commuter:** Registration \$165.00 includes meals. (\$215.00 if received after July 1)

Advanced registration is **REQUIRED**. No registrations will be accepted after July 18th. Transferable but not refundable.

**To register, use form on page 3.**

*Don't forget to order your book when registering. See page 3!*

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## Drive-In Day

Saturday, August 6th

**Registration** 8:15 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

**Opening Plenary** 9:00 a.m.

Overview of all three mission studies

Special tables at lunch for young people

Study books and reading materials available for purchase

Mission offering taken

**Sending Forth** 3:30 p.m.

**Cost:** Drive-In Day student \$40.00 (\$45.00 after July 1)

**Advanced registration is suggested** and is transferable but not refundable. To register, use registration form on page 4. Each person needs a separate form—photocopy as needed.

# School of Christian Mission 2011 (4-day) Registration

(Use one form per person; duplicate as needed. Please print and fill out entire form)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Local Church/City \_\_\_\_\_ Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration type:**  Adult Registration  Young person Registration  Commuter  First Timer

**Studies** (Adults choose one or two studies; young people, choose only one)

\_\_\_\_\_ Joy to the World \_\_\_\_\_ Haiti \_\_\_\_\_ Coming Out On The Side Of Grace: Forgiveness & Reconciliation

Complete the following with the appropriate dollar amounts (see fees page 2)

	Adult	Young Person
Double Room	_____	_____
Single Room	_____	_____
Commuter (all meals, no lodging)	_____	_____
Additional lodging needed (Mon.)	_____	_____

Send full payment by July 1st to:

Chris Draxler  
2139 Walnut Ridge Dr., Eau Claire WI 54701  
Phone: 715-835-1402  
fdraxler@charter.net

Make Checks Payable to: SOCM  
UMW Wisconsin Conference

- Check if requesting a scholarship.
- Check if requesting a handicap room.
- Check if you are a First Timer interested in First-time Orientation.

Special Dietary/Physical Needs \_\_\_\_\_

Young Person Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_

- Please order a study book for me. (Place number of books requested on the blank)

\_\_\_\_\_ *The Journey: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice & Reconciliation*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *Joy To The World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *Haiti: Challenges and Hope*

If you need a payment plan, please contact our Registrar and make arrangements. We will gladly work a schedule out with you.



Teens doing crafts—2009

**Scholarships:** (contact registrar for more information)  
 + Available for first time attendees of SOCM  
 + Young Women Scholarships are available for full or partial fees  
 + Clergy Scholarships available for newly ordained pastors  
**Continuing Education Credits** available.  
 Contact registrar for more information



2011 Dean, Gloria Carter

## Accommodations and Meals:

- \*Air-conditioned hotel rooms and meeting rooms
- \*Handicap accessible hotel rooms (please request) and meeting rooms
- \*Each hotel room equipped with bathroom, hair dryer, towels, sheets, iron, iron board, TV, and coffee pot
- \*More information on many mission projects and learning center available with puzzles & crafts
- \*Exercise room, pool and hot tub available (Bring your suit, join the fun)
- \*Daily breakfast buffet featuring fresh fruits, muffins, pastries, cereals, juices, and coffee; eat when you want!  
(As long as you stay within the hours that breakfast is offered)
- \*Free Wireless Internet access in room and throughout public areas of the hotel

# Drive In Day 2011 Registration

(Use one form per person; duplicate as needed. Please print and fill out entire form)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Local Church/City \_\_\_\_\_

Drive-In Day includes worship, an overview of all three mission studies, an offering taken for Mission Giving, lunch and closing communion. Lunch will be provided in a banquet room conveniently located across the hall. Displays, Program Resources and the Learning Center will also be available. **Complete the following with the appropriate dollar amounts** (see fees on page 2)

	Adult	Young Person
Drive-In Day	_____	_____
Additional lodging needed (Fri.-Sat.)	_____	_____
Child Care needed, please list age of child(ren)	_____	_____
Young Person's Date of Birth	_____	Grade Completed _____
Special Dietary/Physical Needs	_____	

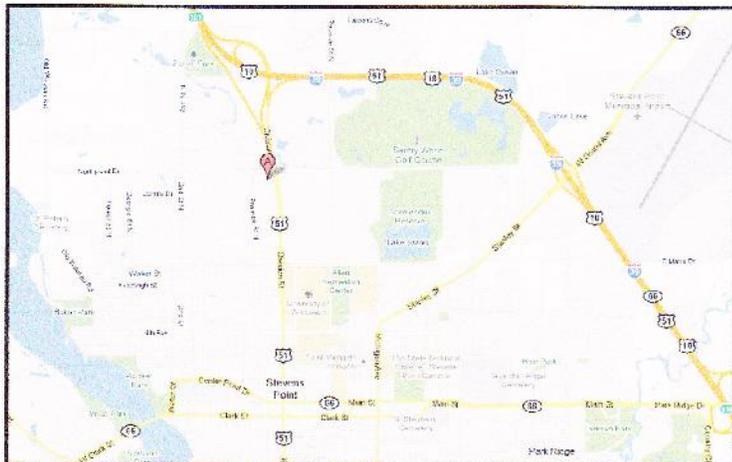
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 Phone: 715-835-1402  
 fdraxler@charter.net

Make Checks Payable to: SOCM  
 UMW Wisconsin Conference

No refunds given, but substitutions will be accepted. A confirmation of your registration will be mailed or emailed to you.

## Stevens Point Ramada

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## HAPPY 50TH NORTHCOTT!

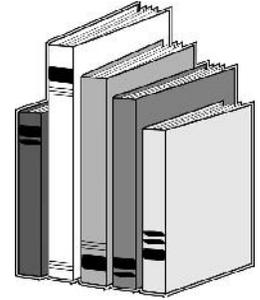
In honor of Northcott Neighborhood House's 50th anniversary, we are asking you to bring the following donation items to be collected at this year's School of Christian Mission:

- Cans or packages of **TUNA**
- **UNDERWEAR** (boy and girl) for children ages 3-5.
- Children's **BOOKS**

Put it all together and you have **TUB!**  
 So bring your donations and put them in the TUB for Northcott Neighborhood House!



## MABEL HEIL SCHOLARSHIP Requirements & Instructions



The Mabel Heil Scholarship is made possible by earnings from a trust established for the United Methodist Women, Wisconsin Conference, to carry out terms of the will of Sarah Mabel Heil. It has now become a scholarship fund that will continue under the auspices of the Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women. There have been very few changes in the way it will continue.

### **Requirements: for scholarship consideration.**

YOU must:

- Be a female member of Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women.
- Submit a written answer to the question "In what ways do I consider myself a worthy student?"
- Send a completed application form to the contact person and postmarked before May 1 or October 1.
- Request that a letter of recommendation be sent to the contact person by either:
  - the president of the local United Methodist Women or
  - the pastor of the local church.
- Request that a letter of recommendation be sent to the contact person from a church member who is not a member of your household and is not a relative.

**Applications:** Please have all letters written (preferably typed) on one side of 8 1/2 by 11 sheet of white paper using black ink. All applications are photocopied for the committee members. Scholarships are awarded one semester at a time. To be considered for the following semester, you must send a request. A form will be sent with your check.

**Priority:** Women responsible for others and returning to the employment field will be favored. All women applying will be considered if requirements are met on time.

### **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 January 15.

To request a scholarship form:

**Yvonne Fiary,**  
**203 E. Greenwood**  
**Rothschild, WI 54474**  
**715-355-6133**  
[yvfiary@aol.com](mailto:yvfiary@aol.com)

Application and two (2) letters of recommendation **MUST** be postmarked no later than May 1 or October 1 to be considered.





## MORE GREEN CLEANING RECIPES

### Laundry Detergent

1 cup soap flakes  
1/2 cup washing soda  
1/2 cup Borax

Soap flakes can be made by grating your favorite pure vegetable soap with a cheese grater. Mix ingredients together and store in a glass container. Use 1 tablespoon per load (2 for heavily soiled laundry), wash in warm or cold water.

This standard recipe can be adjusted for soft water by using 1 cup soap flakes, 1/4 cup washing soda and 1/2 cup borax. For hard water, use 1 cup soap flakes, 1 cup washing soda, and 1 cup borax.

Note: Borax should not be ingested.

*Tips:* Add 1/2 cup white distilled vinegar to rinse as a fabric softener. For a whitener, use hydrogen peroxide rather than bleach. Soak your dingy white clothes for 30 minutes in the washer with 1/2 cup 20% peroxide. Launder as usual.

**Disinfectant.** Mix 1/2 cup borax into 1 gallon of hot water to disinfect and deodorize.

### Floor cleaner and polish.

Add 1 cup of vinegar or a small amount of lavender oil to a pail of warm water. For vinyl or linoleum flooring, add a capful of baby oil to the water. For wood floors add 1/4 cup liquid castile soap and 1 cup vinegar to 8 liters warm water. For brick and stone tiles, use 1 cup white vinegar in 1 gallon water and rinse with clear water.

**Oven cleaner.** In a spray bottle, mix 2 tablespoons liquid castile soap, 2 teaspoons borax and warm water to fill bottle. Dissolve completely. Spray on, keeping nozzle close to oven surface. Leave solution on for 20 minutes, and then scrub with nylon scrub pad and baking soda. (There are times when elbow grease is an important part of the recipe as well.)

**Scouring powder.** Combine 1 cup baking soda, 1 cup borax and 1 cup regular salt.

**Tub and tile cleaner.** Mix 1/4 cup baking soda with 1/2 cup white vinegar.



**15th Annual  
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**Saturday, May 7th  
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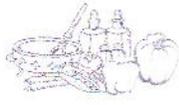
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# Salad Luncheon

By the  
*Birchwood Methodist Women*

Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

Bring a friend & have a relaxing enjoyable lunch  
at the **Birchwood United  
Methodist Church**  
Beginning at 11:00 A.M.



MENU	
Salads .....	\$4.50
Barbeques .....	2.50
Desserts .....	2.00
Beverages .....	.50

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## CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS

Labels for Northcott must include the UPC Code to be counted. Include the LABELS FOR EDUCATION symbol, also. (See sample at right.)

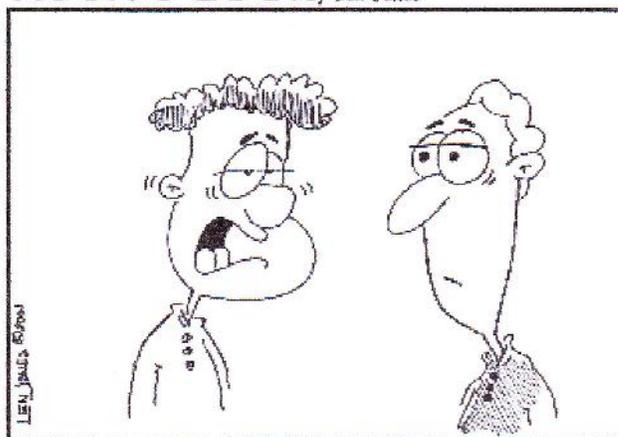


Northcott continues to save Campbell's soup labels to help purchase a 7-passenger van (they also currently have a 15-passenger van). They have collected 1,200,000 labels but still need another 300,000, so keep turning in those labels! They do not, however, save Box Tops for Education. Any of those they receive are given to a nearby school which uses them for educational supplies.

Save the labels and turn them in at our UMW gatherings. The Conference or District team will make sure they are sent to Northcott. Or send them directly to:

Northcott  
2460 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53212-2756  
Phone number: 414-372-3770

### ALTAR EGO. by Len Jones



"I was just fine with the concept of sharing my faith until Pastor said we actually had to talk to people."

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<http://www.wisconsinumw.org/> - United Methodist Women, Wisconsin Conference

<http://umwonline.net/> - UMW Online Community

<http://www.missionresourcecenter.org> – Mission Resource Center

<http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/give/missionmap/> - UMW Mission Map

<http://www.prayerquilt.org/> - Prayer Quilt Ministry – Prayers & Squares

<http://www.shawlministry.com/> - A Guide to Shawl-Knitting Ministry

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## Mark Your Calendar



### 2011

Don' count the days, make the days count.

May 8 - Mothers Day

June 4 – Team meeting at Prairie Farm UMC 9:30

June 19 – Fathers Day

July 10 – WEAVER articles due

August 2-5 – Four day SOCM at Ramada Inn Stevens Point

August 6 – Drive in day SOCM at Ramada Inn Stevens Point

August 13 – Team meeting at Trinity UMC - Chippewa Falls 9:30am

September 24– District Annual Gathering at Trinity UMC – Chippewa Falls

October 21-22 – Wisconsin Conference Annual Gathering - Black River Falls

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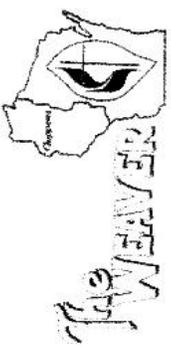
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