

South East Special Edition



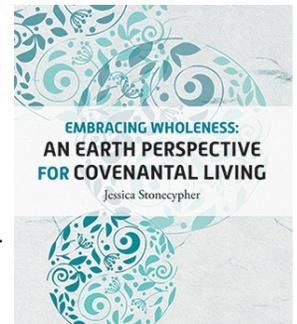
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

Spring finally has arrived to South East Wisconsin...and it brings exciting UMW events with it! First (as of this writing), comes our district's Spring Event, followed just a few weeks later by quadrennial National Assembly. This year, Wisconsin will be taking two busloads of women to Assembly, departing Thursday, May 17th and returning Sunday, May 20th. I'm eager to experience days of Christian education, growth, and fellowship – and I'm sure all the women who attend will return equipped with spiritual energy to share with everyone who was with us in spirit on our journey!

One of the things I expect I'll be doing on the long bus rides to and from Columbus will be reading the books for this summer's Mission u studies, "Embracing Wholeness" and "What About our Money?"

In addition to the mission studies, it's anticipated that one of the Choice Time and evening activities will include discussions on "A Way Forward", the UMC's exploration of possible directions for a way forward over LGBTQ inclusion in the Church. Information on the work and progress of the Commission on A Way Forward can be found at www.umc.org/who-we-are/commission-on-a-way-forward. It's imperative for each of us to inform ourselves and examine our hearts and minds on this important subject, participate in Conversations on A Way Forward (to be held later this year), and contact the Wisconsin conference's delegates to the Special General Conference (to be held in February 2019) so that our voices will be heard.



For UMW Sunday 2018, Conference UMW Spiritual Growth Coordinator Deb Patee has created thoughtful, creative and comprehensive resources. The subject is connected to the Mission u spiritual growth study on Wholeness. The resources are available for download at www.wisconsinumw.org/spiritual-growth.html.

It surely is shaping up to be a busy spring and summer for United Methodist Women! Blessings be with you!

Yours in Christ,

Gail

Summer 2018

MISSION U

DON'T MISS IT

REGISTER TODAY!!



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**Four-Days: Mon-Thurs, July 23th – 26th
Overview Day: Fri, July 27th**

GREETINGS FROM YOUR VICE-PRESIDENT, MARIE GARNHART

Dear UMW sisters,

Well, we were very fortunate that our surprising last taste of winter yielded to some good weather just in time for our Spring Enrichment Event. I hope that those of you who attended the event found it enjoyable and inspiring. And I want to thank the unit at Wauwatosa Avenue UMC for their generosity and hard work in hosting this event.

Our next event, the Annual Gathering, will take place on the southern end of our district at Janesville Cargill UMC on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Our keynote speaker will be Rev. Wesley White, whom I heard at the Capitol District 2017 Annual Gathering. I was very impressed and therefore invited him for our Fall event. The theme of the event will be "Sacred Spaces: Encounters with God and Neighbor" the national theme for this year. The event will as usual include singing, worship, lunch, a brief business meeting, and services of Memorial, Installation of New Officers for 2019, and the acceptance of unit pledges for 2019, and of course lunch will be provided. The flyer for this event will appear in the fall newsletter, but mark your calendar now.

Speaking of the year 2019, it will mark the 150th anniversary of United Methodist Women, though back then the name of the organization was different. My mother belonged to WSCS (Women's Society for Christian Service) But the goals were much the same, in supporting mission, supporting and nurturing each other, and serving God in our units, our churches and our communities.

I will be attending Mission u this summer, and hope to see some of you there.

Have a great summer, everyone!

Your Vice President, Marie Garnhart

SAVE THE DATES.....



South East Annual Gathering
October 6, 2018
Janesville Cargill UMC
Keynote Speaker: Rev Wesley White,
a WI Delegate to "The Way Forward" Commission.

Wisconsin Conference UMW Annual Gathering
Friday October 19-20 at Waukesha First UMC
This year's theme will be:
Sacred Spaces: Encounters with God and Neighbor.

In Memory of.....

At our South East District Annual Fall Gathering, there will be a memorial celebration for all of our UMW women who have been called into heaven this past year between October 2017 and August 2018. Please help us remember them by submitting the form below (make copies if necessary) for each woman we need to remember.

Please send their names
by August 15 to:

Marie Garnhart
7835 W. Canterbury Ct.
Franklin, WI 53132
414-427-5770
smgarnhart@gmail.com

In Memoriam from _____ (unit name)

Name: _____ Additional information: _____



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 creative, supportive fellowship and To expand concepts of mission
through participation in the global ministries of the church

Nominations

Hello UMW Sisters

The nominating committee is working on the slate of officers for 2019. As of this writing, president, treasurer, communications and education for mission have been filled.

We still need a person for nominations. This person is elected for a 4 year term and may be chairperson for 2 years. One of the biggest responsibilities is to find people from diverse backgrounds to fill office positions as needed.

The other office that needs to be filled is membership, nurture and outreach. This officer needs to make sure that the district is reporting 100% of membership of the district units. The other responsibility is preparing a memorial service for the annual district meeting that includes members who have passed away since the previous annual meeting.

If anyone is interested, please let us know. Or if you know anyone who might be interested, let us know (remember to get their permission first).

Blessings to All

Mary Garvens, 2167 S 80th St, West Allis,
Wi 53219, 414-327-5305

Social Action

Our Conference Mission Action Day on April 7 helped remind us of our call to work for racial justice, especially here in the Southeast District, and to educate ourselves about climate change issues that have direct impact on us, such as water distribution and quality. As I indicated in the last newsletter, I have created a list serve to send out action alerts when appropriate. Please let me know if you are not on it and would like to be, or if you would like your name removed.

Thank you.

Suzy Clarkson Holstein
Social Action Coordinator



Our Logo

The cross and flame are ancient symbols of the church and appear on The United Methodist Church emblem. The cross reminds us to follow in the steps of Jesus in our lives. The flame originates from Pentecost and resonates- even

today - in Paul's words to Timothy:

"I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God which is within you." - 2 Timothy 1:6

As United Methodist Women, we give our gift of God with others through mission.

Our emblems reminds us of our [PURPOSE](#) of growing in our understanding of and willingness to participate in the global ministries of the church. The overall fluid and free flowing shape of the emblem suggests change and mobility. Our foremothers were advocates for change; change and growth continue to be at the heart of United Methodist Women's sisterhood and mission.

What does it mean to be a United Methodist Women member?

United Methodist Women is a community of women committed to mission. Membership provides many opportunities, including the following:

- Prayer, Bible studies and spiritual retreats;
- Hands-on missions in local communities;
- Mission education experiences;
- Leadership development / training opportunities;
- Opportunities to support work with women, children and youth;
- Partnership with women in mission in the country and around the world;
- Advocacy for social justice issues, including those pertaining to the environment, domestic violence, immigration and the many other concerns that impact the lives of women, children and youth.
- Engagement in racial justice issues.

Hotel Mead and Conference Center

451 East Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin

Directions

If coming from the south:

- Follow I-39 to Exit #153
- Exit on Co. B, turn right toward Plover
- Go straight on Hwy 54 to WI Rapids.
- Turn right on Baker Street
- Turn left on 8th Street
- Turn right on East Grand Street (There is a Shell station on the corner.)
- Soon, you will see Hotel Mead on the right.

If coming from the north:

- Follow I-39 north to Exit 136.
- Turn left on Highway 73 and follow 16 miles to Highway 13.
- Turn right and follow 13/73 approximately 6 miles into WI Rapids; continue on 8th Street.
- Turn left onto East Grand Street. (There is a Shell station on the corner.)
- Hotel Mead is on the right side of the street in less than half a mile.

Mission u registration forms for Overview Day and Teens can be printed from <http://www.wisconsinumw.org/mission-u.html>

Why Mission u?

Engaging Studies

The 2018 studies are:

- *Seeking Health and Wholeness*
- *What About Our Money? A Faith Response*
- *Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church*

Worry-free Accommodations

The event takes place at the Hotel Mead & Conference Center in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

- Air Conditioned rooms, plenary and classrooms.
- Meals served in the main dining area.
- Indoor pool and whirlpool.
- Outdoor sitting area.
- Elevators for convenient accessibility.
- Child care provided.

Fellowship, Worship & Fun!

- Plenaries and worship take place in the main ballroom.
- Crafts, puzzles and resources are available.
- A variety of displays are just outside the main ballroom.
- Videos are shown nightly.
- District gatherings take place during one evening.
- One evening is also set aside for a guest speaker.
- Communion is served the final day of the event.

Join us!

4-Day Mission u

Monday, July 23, 2018 to Thursday, July 26, 2018

Or

Friday, July 27, 2018 for Overview Day



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Wisconsin Conference Mission u

July 23 – 26, 2018

Hotel Mead Convention Center - Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Adult Registration Form

Register for the event

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Name

Address, City, State, Zip

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email

District
(Circle one)

North West

North Central

North East

South West

South East

Class Choice

Circle up to two classes

Embracing Wholeness: An Earth
Perspective for Covenantal Living

What About Our Money?
A Faith Response

Missionary Conferences of The
United Methodist Church in the
States

Payment

Early Bird
Registration
Until June 1, 2018

Regular
Registration
Until July 1, 2018

Four Day Session
(Includes food and sharing lodging)

\$350

\$425

Additional lodging on Sunday night, includes breakfast
(Sharing a room with another)

\$70

\$70

Four Day Session
(includes food and private room)

\$465

\$540

Additional lodging on Sunday night, includes breakfast
(Private room)

\$115

\$115

Total

Special Dietary Needs _____

Send Registration to:

Make Checks Payable to:

Nancy Flath
R2170 County Road Q
Ringle, WI 54471

715-446-3252
njudyflath@gmail.com

Mission u

Early Bird Registration rate ends June 1, 2018 ~ Regular Registration ends July 1



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Adult Registration Form

Name

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_____ Attending Mission u for the first time (Check here if this is your first time to Mission u

_____ Scholarship (Check here to find out about Conference scholarships for Mission u
Also ask you local UMW unit of Church about scholarships that they may have.

Book Order

Check here to order your study books for pick up at Mission u Program Resources

Books are \$10 each. **OR** Order you books ahead and get them delivered to your home from
www.umwmisionresources.org or call 800-305-9857

_____ Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living

_____ What about Our Money? A Faith Response

_____ Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States

Photo Release

Photos will be taken at Mission u and could be used in material to promote this event.

I permit my photo to be used by Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women to help share
United Methodist Women with others.

Name (Print)

Sign

Date

Emergency Contact

Name

Relationship

Best phone number(s) to contact them:

Is this person at Mission u?

Spiritual Growth

What's the weather like where you are?

It seems the weather is the main topic these days, for we keep waiting for the Winter to close its curtains and Spring to open up to a new ray of sunshine and glory. We anticipate the sun each day, but until we see the rays and the thermometer go up we can't reach out to the new season that should be enveloping us. What if your whole life was gloomy, cold, damp, and uninviting day after day? That is how many in our communities feel. What about that neighbor next door who you very seldom see and when you do its a "how are you" kind of conversation; the kids who walk by you as you get the mail or newspaper out of the box-did you say "Hi" and "How was your day at school?"; what about your own spouse or family members. Have you spoken a good morning to them every day?

Well if we want Spring, then we must bring it out in different ways even when the clouds of snow are occurring mid-April. In Revelation 21:5 Christ promises that all things will be new again. *As surely as the sun rises, He will appear; He will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth.* – Hosea 6:3, NIV Yes Christ is coming back like a new Spring Day, with everything new for us to reap what our Heavenly Father has in store for us. We do not know when but we do know why, where, how, and what. Just like we want to get out and enjoy the beautiful days of Spring, do we want our friends, families, acquaintances and strangers to have the peace to know, that one day we will be taken to our home in glory and will not have to worry about the weather or anything else. Double check that you have the promise of this rapture as well as all you come into contact with. Spring the Good News on ALL and the change in each person will make the world a warmer/friendlier place to live. May God Bless and Keep you in His arms as your teacher, comforter, counselor, physician, and Savior. Go and spread the sunshine of Christ to all.
Glenda McCracken, Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Mission Action Day 2018 - Clean Water Actions

As a follow up to the 2018 Mission Action Day, here is a file with a condensed list of actions we can take to promote clean water:

Conserve Water

- Install low flow toilets or fill a plastic jug with water and place it in your toilet tank
- Take shorter showers or install water saver heads....or share a shower
- Place a bucket on the shower floor to capture "warm up" water and use this to water plants
- Turn off the tap when you don't need it
- Fix all leaks, stop all drips
- Only flush a toilet if you need to (if its yellow, let it "mellow")
- Wash your dishes in a full dishwasher rather than by hand

Educate:

- Learn about our relationship with the natural environment
- Engage in air quality, water and soil testing
- Listen to town elders—critical to understanding changes in the community and how it affects local way of life
- Raise awareness around the impacts of water pollution and access issues
- Be the Change: aim toward sustainable living such as recycling, taking public transportation, carpooling and gardening.
- Join an organization that is implementing environmental and climate related initiatives



Are you longing to go back to school?

Heil Funds can help you!

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.

Contact person:
Helen Robinson
N2101 Cleghorn Rd.
Waupaca, WI 54981

715.258.0973
pottshe@yahoo.com



Instructions:

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

Rules:

- A. Any member of Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women working to improve her education may apply.
- B. All letters must be written (preferably typed) on one side of an 8 1/2 X 11 sheet of white paper, using black ink.
- C. All applications are photocopied for the committee members.
- D. Scholarships are awarded one semester at a time. To be considered again DURING a one-year period, you must send a letter asking to be considered. AFTER one year, you will need to fill out another form and secure new recommendations.
- E. If, in any given year, there is an increase of applications, these priorities will be followed: Women responsible for others will be favored. Women preparing to return to the employment field will be favored.
- F. The schedule is: **First semester** Apply by May 1, Notified by June 1, Check given August 15. **Second semester** Apply by October 1, Notified by November 1, Check given by December 1.
- G. Application and two (2) letters of recommendation MUST be postmarked no later than May 1 and October 1 to be considered.



**MABEL HEIL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Please Print

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone Number _____

Email _____ Birth Date _____

Local Church:

Name & City _____

Pastor _____

UMW President _____

Are you a member of United Methodist Women? _____

Activities:

In United Methodist Women _____

In your local church _____

In the community _____

Education: (Give year of graduation) High School _____ College _____ Other _____

School you will be attending _____

Have you been accepted as a student? Yes ___ no ___

Present (post high school) status:

Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior ___ Graduate ___ Other ___

Course of study _____

Family Status _____

Please answer the following question using an additional sheet:

IN WHAT WAY DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A WORTHY STUDENT?

Mail to: Helen Robinson
N2101 Cleghorn Road
Waupaca, WI 54981

Phone: 715-258-0973
Email: pottshe@yahoo.com

Program Resources

Recent events in our world only serve to strengthen my gratitude for relevant book topics included in the 2018 Reading Program. The values shared in the children's book *GROWING PEACE*, a story of farming, music and religious harmony, reflect the theme of Earth Day which is always in April. The bonus book *HOSPITAL PLANET* encourages using our faith for actions toward climate change. Racial and financial injustice are addressed in the following books: *DETAINED AND DEPORTED*, *TROUBLE I'VE SEEN*, *AMERICAS' ORIGINAL SIN*, *THE AMAZING AGE OF JOHN ROY LYNCH*, *PUSGOUT*, *BORN ON THIRD BASE*, and *WORKER JUSTICE ILLUSTRATED #2*. Who ever dreamed UMW would offer comic books, graphic novels, for electronic readers?

Those who attend the 2018 and 2017 Mission U study on the Missionary Conferences of the UMC, can appreciate the Native American offerings of: *FIRST WHITE FROST*, *MASSACRE AT SAND CREEK*, *AN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES* and *THREE FEATHERS*.

If you still need the NEW for the South East District Individual Reading report form, please call me. I will mail one for you to copy for your readers. I look forward to getting your report forms back by September 1st. Each Unit should be collecting the forms and checking for correct reading plans prior to forwarding them on to me. I look forward to seeing you at Annual Gathering on Saturday October 6th in Janesville at Cargill UMC. Valerie Holzman

READING PROGRAM PLANS

PLAN I

- 5 books each year.
- 1 from each category.
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
- Regular reading of **response** magazine.

PLAN II

- 10 books each year.
- 2 from each category.
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
- Regular reading of **response** and *New World Outlook* magazines.

PLAN III

- 15 books each year.
- 2 books from each category.
- PLUS 5 additional books from any category.
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
- Regular reading of **response** and *New World Outlook* magazines.

PLAN IV

- 20 books each year.
- 2 books from each category.
- PLUS 10 additional books from any category.

Selections from the current reading lists :

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram/plans. Regular reading of **response** and *New World Outlook* magazines.

Some of the older books may not be available at United Methodist Women Mission Resources. Other possible sources include the public library and Reading Program books already purchased by your unit. For books on previous reading lists go to: umwonline.org/groups/readingprogram

www.umwmissionresources.org
800-305-9857

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READING PROGRAM REPORT FORM—DUE AUG 15, 2018

TO RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE FOR COMPLETING A READING PLAN: Fill out the form on page 11 and give your form to your unit **Program Resources Officer**, who will check that you have completed the information showing that you have met the plan's requirements, and then she will send your report (along with other reader reports from your unit) to our South East District Program Resources **Valerie Holzman, 6425 W. Norwich #221, Greenfield, Wisconsin, 53220, vholzman@wi.rr.com**.

