

# SOUTH EAST SPECIAL EDITION

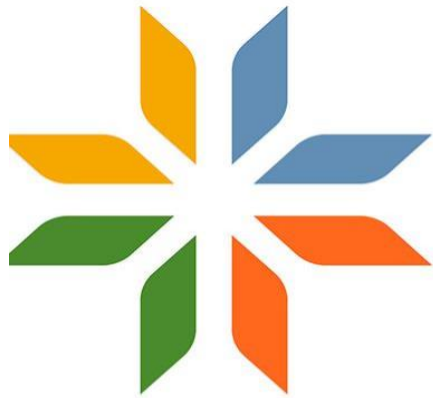
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Blue means faith, green means sisterhood, orange stands for action and yellow is the light of Christ. We are always in the light of Christ.



United  
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in Faith

## PURPOSE

The organized unit of United Women in Faith 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.

**Communications:** Since we do not have a South East District Communications Coordinator, I, Marie Garnhart, have served as editor of this newsletter. Since I do not have the soft-ware nor the skill to do the type of newsletter we have had in the past, you are receiving this newsletter electronically as a word document. If you need any forms printed, and you do not have printing capabilities, hopefully, someone else from your unit or possibly your church secretary can print what you need. I will be mailing paper copies to persons without e-mail.

## From the South East District President

Dear United Women in Faith South East District,

As I sit writing to you: I am listening to the arrival of all the Spring birds; I'm hearing the lawn mowers running and watching the landscapers at work around the apartment complex where I reside. God is at work and we should take the time to thank God for all that is good in our world.

Local units are busy with Spring salad luncheons, rummage sales and all things to work for in God's kin-dom.

There is a survey for every unit or all access group convenor. It comes from Katrina at the National Office. Please fill it out as it will help the National Office see where the local units need help.

I hope you have circled the dates for Mission u on your calendars. It will be on Zoom and in person at Baraboo. See the registration forms in this newsletter.

I'm looking forward to seeing you around or at Mission u. Have a very Blessed Summer.

Diane Quade

SE District President

608-752-9397

## Nominations

We are in need of new officers for the 2024 South East District Team:

**Vice President:** (Most important duty is planning the Fall Annual Gathering)

**Social Action:** Interest in advocating and educating on social issues.

**Membership, Nurture & Outreach:** Update local unit officer info database

**Treasurer:** Receive funds from local units, pass on to conference or use for administrative costs of the district.

**Nominations chair and committee members:** help recruit officers

**Please contact Muriel Smith-Gross if you might have interest in any of these**

**Positions:** [imgrossey@gmail.com](mailto:imgrossey@gmail.com), 414-213-6066

**From your Vice President**  
([smgarnhart@gmail.com](mailto:smgarnhart@gmail.com), 414-427-5770)

Dear United Women in Faith,

Summer is almost here, and we all need to make our summer plans. Here is the latest on past and upcoming United Women in Faith events.

**Conference Mission Action DAY, April 15<sup>th</sup>:**

Here are some statistics for this ZOOM + watch-party event:

There were 145 reservations (90 on paper and 55 registered on-line)

56 of those registrations were from the South East District

Watch Party attendance in SE District (as far as recorded):

Elm Grove Community UMC – 6 persons

Waukesha First – 7 persons

Blessed Hope West Allis – 6 persons

Whitewater UMC – 21 persons

**Next Event: Mission u (In-person or on-line)**

The flyer and registration forms for both virtual and in-person Mission u are included in this newsletter. In case you have seen earlier fliers, note the change in location and also the different price for the motel. Fri. night costs more in Baraboo, because it begins the week-end and Baraboo is a popular tourist site. But Thurs. night costs a bit less than in Mauston.

**Scheduling details of the In-person event: July 13-15, 2023 are in the flyer. But I point out that Thur. evening supper is on your own and Sat. lunch also, perhaps on your way home.**

Virtual classes begin at 6:30 with worship & plenary, then two sessions per night ending by 9:00.

**Annual Fall Gathering:**

Get this important event on your calendar. It will be in-person and on zoom hosted by West Allis First UMC on Saturday, Sept. 23. Our Keynote speaker will be Rev. Ellen Rasmussen who is one of the teachers from Mission u. She has been the pastor at Brown Deer UMC., but moves to Oshkosh in June. The flyer and registration form will be in the Fall newsletter. It will be from approximately 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. and will conclude with communion.

Also, save the date, **Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>** for an officer training opportunity from **6:30-8:00 on ZOOM.**

I hope you all have a great summer and that I will see some of you at Mission u in Baraboo.

Wishing you blessings,

Marie

## PROGRAM RESOURCES – GAIL BURGESS

The first South East District Reading Program Book Discussion via ZOOM was a success! We discussed THE BOOKWOMAN OF TROUBLESOME CREEK, an Education for Mission book, and viewed videos on the Pack Horse Library Program of the 1930's and the Blue People of Kentucky.

Our next book will be FIREKEEPER'S DAUGHTER by Angeline Bouley. It is one of our Nurturing for Community books. We will be meeting, via ZOOM, on Tuesday, May 30 at 4:30 pm. (The first session lasted about an hour.) If you would like to join us, contact Gail Burgess at [hb53104@aol.com](mailto:hb53104@aol.com).

Future books will include THE FOUR WINDS by Kristin Hannah, WHAT IS GOD LIKE? By Rachel Held Evans and ON THE COME UP by Angie Thomas.

### **2023 Remaining Calendar South East District UWFaith. (Note changes !)**

**May 15:** Articles for "South East Special Edition", summer issue (if done electronically)

**May 30:** (Summer issue should arrive)

May 21-26: VIM opportunity at Pine Lake

June 20, 22, 27,29: ZOOM Mission u (4 evening sessions) 6:30 worship 7:00-9:00 class

July 13-July 15: 3-DAY IN PERSON MISSION U at Mauston UMC (Rev. Ellen Rasmussen and Rev. Scott Walters)

**July 16:** Articles due for "South East Special Edition" Fall issue of newsletter. (Should arrive by Aug. 23)

Aug. 18-20: Pine Lake Conference Team meeting (district president incl.)

**Aug. 26:** South East District Team Meeting 8:45-noon at West Allis First UMC

**Sept. 23:** South East District (Dual) Annual Gathering in-person at West Allis First and on ZOOM

Oct. 13-14: Conference Annual Gathering at Eau Claire UMC

**Oct. 26:** 6:30-8:00 p.m. Officer training on ZOOM (for both local and district officers)

Nov. 4: Conference Mission Team meeting probably on ZOOM

**Nov. 11:** South East District Team Meeting 8:45-noon, Zoom or location TBD

# Mission u 2023



**LIVING THE GOOD NEWS**

**Reflecting God's Love**

## Wisconsin Conference United Women in Faith-Mission u 2023

Join us at Mission u as we explore the good news and what it means for our lives! Jesus' teachings in the Gospels proclaim the good news of the kin-dom or reign (*basileia*) of God. In fact, Jesus mentions the kin-dom 90 times in the Synoptic Gospels! What does the Bible tell us about God's *basileia* and why do we call it the kin-dom? For Jesus, the kin-dom was not simply something to talk about but something we could live and experience. From the Lord's Prayer to the beatitudes to the parables, this good news is at the heart of Jesus' preaching, teaching and ministry. Come! Let's explore together the heart of Jesus' good news and what fresh vision it offers us as we seek to be in mission today.

**Our 2023 Mission u will offer the following curriculum available on our e-store by January 2023:** *Living the Kin-dom: Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation* by Riva Tabelisma (Adult)

**Join us June 20, 22, 27 & 29 for Live Zoom Mission u and July 13-15 In Person Mission u will be held at First United Methodist Church Baraboo/hotel-Best Western Inn-Baraboo. The registration forms are attached. The in person tentative daily schedule is listed below.**

In Person Mission u -Thursday July 13, 2023		
Registration	3:00PM	6:15PM
Singing	6:15PM	6:30PM
Plenary/Worship	6:30PM	7:45PM
Study #1	7:45PM	8:45PM
In Person Mission u - Friday July 14, 2023		
Early Morning Devotion	8:00AM	8:15AM
Singing	8:30AM	8:45AM
Plenary/Worship	8:45AM	9:45AM
Break	9:45AM	10:00AM
Study 2 & 3	10:00AM	12:00PM
Lunch Break	12:00PM	1:30PM
Study 4 & 5	1:30PM	3:30PM

Study 6	4:00PM	5:00PM
Dinner Break	5:00PM	6:15PM
Climate Justice	6:30PM	8:30PM
In Person Mission u Saturday morning-July 15,'23		
Early Morning Devotion	8:00AM	8:15AM
Study 7 & 8	8:30AM	10:30AM
Break	10:30AM	10:45AM
Closing Worship	10:45AM	12:00PM

Live Zoom Mission u-June 20,22,27&29, 2023				
Zoom	Tuesday	Thursday	Tuesday	Thursday
June	20	22	27	29
Time	6:30-9:00PM	6:30-9:00PM	6:30-9:00PM	6:30-9:00PM

## ZOOM Mission u 2023 Registration Form

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH  
June 20, 22, 27& 29, 2023 6:30-9:00PM

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***Living the Kin-Dom: Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation by Riva Tabelisma is the book for this class. Purchase it at [www.umwmissionresources.org](http://www.umwmissionresources.org) or call 888-409-8137. You must purchase your own copy.***

A zoom invitation will be sent to you one week prior to the first class session.

Retain for your information

Each person should register individually. Your fastest and most accurate way to register is online at:  
➔ <https://forms.gle/ScKL676aGzY7ok4m9> (Click on URL or Copy and paste it into browser) You may also register by completing the form below and mailing it to our registrar with your check.

**Registration: \$20.00 Registration deadline June 10.**  
**Make checks payable to Mission u. Mail along with the registration form below to our registrar:**

Registration transferable but not refundable.

A donation for our Conference pledge may be added to your registration fee and noted in the check memo.

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This will take the place of the offering we usually take during the event.

Name	District (Circle One) NW NC NE SW SE
Address, City, State, Zip	
Email	Phone
UWF unit, District Member or All Access Member	
I will sign in to zoom using my ___phone, ___smart phone/computer, or ___as part of small group. _____will be signing in for our small group. When we have breakout groups, as a small group we would prefer to: ___join a breakout group or ___be our own group Note: Joining a breakout group works best for groups of no more than three persons.	
<b>Check those that apply:</b> ___ Seeking Lay Speaker credit ___ Seeking CEU credit ___ New WI Clergy Mission u scholarship ___ Requesting Scholarship ___ First time at Mission u	

In Person Mission u 2023 Registration Form

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**Wisconsin Conference United Women in Faith  
In Person Mission u 2023 Registration Form July 13,14,15**

First United Methodist Church Baraboo  
615 Broadway St., Baraboo, WI 53913

Name

District (Circle One) NW NC NE SW SE

Address, City, State, Zip

Email

Phone

Please indicate: UWF unit, District Member or All Access Member

**Early bird registration is \$70. After June 1 the cost is \$85. Registration deadline is June 10.**  
**Send check made out to Mission u along with this registration form to our registrar:**  
**You may also register online.**

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Click or copy & paste this URL into your browser:



<https://forms.gle/H3Ce3TZWmRKCqNv57>

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**Lodging**-Participants are responsible for their own lodging reservations and their evening meal on Thursday night & Sat. lunch. We have set aside a block of rooms at Best Western Baraboo Inn, 725 W. Pine St, Baraboo, WI 53913. When booking, indicate United Women in Faith- mission u. The rooms will be available at the special rate of \$120.00 for Thursday night and \$220.00 for Friday night single or double occupancy. Rooms will be held for us until June 10 or until they have all been filled. The rooms include a free breakfast on Friday and Saturday mornings. Make hotel reservations by calling 608-356-1100.



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**Scholarships available to cover registration costs for one Mission u event:**

- The Gilpin Memorial Scholarship is available to everyone.
- The Nancy Rivers Scholarship is available for women under 45 attending for the first time
- Scholarships for Clergy given to newly ordained Elders, Elders transferred into the Conference & newly consecrated local Pastors.

**Check those that apply:**  Seeking lay speaker credit  Seeking CEU credit (for clergy)

Request Scholarship (See above)

First time at Mission u  New WI Clergy Mission u scholarship

Requesting a scholarship stipend to help offset the cost of child care up to \$25.00/day for the first (5) requests with registration (Please contact registrar for information.)

**Meals Provided:** Friday Lunch (indicate your preference)

Please check one:  vegetarian  gluten free  chicken salad  ham  turkey

Friday Supper: Spaghetti and tossed salad  regular  vegetarian  gluten free

Photos taken at Mission u could be used in material to promote this event. **Please sign below to indicate that you understand that your photo may be taken and used by Wisconsin Conference United Women in Faith to help share United Women in Faith with others.**

Name:(print) \_\_\_\_\_ Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** Please be sure we have this information in case of an emergency.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

2023 Wisconsin Conference Mission u--First UMC Baraboo, 615 Broadway Street, Baraboo, WI 53913

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**In-Person Three-Day Class**

**Thurs., July 13,** Hotel Check in: 3:00pm Registration: 3:00-6:15pm Gathering:6:15-8:45pm

**Friday July 14** 8:30am-8:30pm

**Saturday July 15** 8:30am-12:30pm