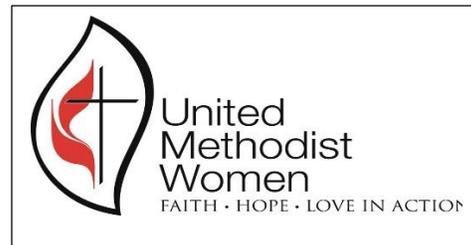




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President's Message



Happy New Year to all.

Are you ready for the changes ahead, have you changed all your labels to North East District, surprising how many places we have our old district name.

My favorite activity is reading the books from the reading program. A few years ago I read “Walk in a Relaxed Manner” by Joyce Rupp. In it, was a prayer to prepare for the writers’ long day walk across northern Spain:

“Guardian of my soul, guide me on my way today. Keep me safe from harm. Deepen my relationship with you, your earth, and all your family with your love within me that I may be a presence of your peace in our world. Amen”.

As we start a new year lets pray this prayer to help us with the changes ahead.

REPORTING YOUR UNITS MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS.... Deadline to file is February 28 and must be in the UMW National Office by that date. Be sure to **e-mail** in your membership numbers. The site is: www.unitedmethodistwomenpublic.sharepoint.com/

Then click on UMW Membership census 2015. If you are uncomfortable with this, ask for help from a District Officer or unit’s appointed sister.

I am looking forward to seeing you at:
Mission Action Day April 2nd in Columbus UMC at 222s. Dickerson Blvd. (see page 7 & 8)
April 30th our first North East District retreat Oshkosh at Algoma Blvd UMC at 1174 Algoma Blvd.

Gwen Gibson, returning this year from 3 years’ in Senegal, will be our leader. Registration forms are on page 4 of this publication and in our April edition. Be sure to keep those dates open. Enjoy the winter, the seasons all have their own special beauty.

President Sandra Klein

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Treasurer's news



Hello! I am your treasurer for the brand new North East District of UMW. I am really looking forward to developing relationships with all you Treasurer's out there. I belong to Salem United Methodist Church and I previously served as the Communications Coordinator and Program Resources for Winnebago District. My contact information: Val Caldwell; 318 Rose Avenue; Fond du Lac, WI 54935; (920) 933-3756; valcaldwell933@yahoo.com.

Val Caldwell

Secretary's/Editor's notes



Welcome to your January 2016 "The Shofar" newsletter for the North East District United Methodist Women. We will publish 4 times a year. Article deadline dates are:

- ❖ March 15th for **April**
- ❖ June 15th for **July**
- ❖ September 15th for **October**
- ❖ December 15th for **January**

Our newsletter and website are great places to advertise a "special event" or "special meeting with a guest speaker."

As soon as you have that information send it to me and I'll post it on our website, www.northeastdistrictumw.org, and in the next newsletter if date appropriate.

A note about sending and receiving.....

The delivery system of our newsletters will be e-mailed to (2) two selected officers and your Pastor and/or church office. If your unit prefers (1) one paper, mailed copy please let me know as soon as possible, please call me or e-mail your information. Churches without units will be sent an electronic copy if possible or mailed copy. We are making all efforts to be "eco" friendly.

Jan Stanko, Editor

Spiritual Growth



"A Real Treat!" The first North East District Retreat will be Saturday, April 30, 2016. The retreat this year will be a real treat!

Gwen Gibson, one of our own North East District members from Appleton will be giving it. Her topic will be **"Reflection of God's Women..... Women of Senegal ... Women of Wisconsin North East District."** She has just recently returned to Wisconsin after serving three (3) years as a missionary, along with her husband Bill, in Senegal.

The United Methodist presence in Senegal, a predominantly Muslim nation, began in 1989 through disaster relief efforts of (UMCOR) United Methodist Committee on Relief. The church, a formal United Methodist Mission was registered by the government in 1995 and is now engaged in organizing congregations and equipping pastors. Gwendolyn and her husband, William Gibson, also a missionary, are familiar with Senegal through volunteer service with Global Ministries' in Mission Together.

Gwendolyn Gibson's field of work is early childhood education. She holds a Master's degree in child development from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Knoxville College (Tennessee) in sociology. She grew up and attended high school in Warrior, Alabama. Gwen's current home is in Appleton, where she is a member of Emmanuel United Methodist Church.

Her professional career began as an assistant Head Start teacher. She worked for years with infant and young-child programs in Arizona and Wisconsin, her professional trajectory being influenced by moves associated with her husband's work as a microbiologist. Gwen comes from a long line of United Methodist and Methodist parsonage families and is eldest of eight children. Her experience as an African-American child in the South influenced her belief that if all children of God walk together, change can come and end the inequalities of a segregated society. "I have always experienced God in my heart and my life," Gwen says. "I have always worked with families, children, and youth. Each position that I have held, and the volunteer work that I have done, always felt like a calling for me. God has called in different ways and at different times in my life."

During a visit to Senegal in 2011, she says her heart was filled with the Spirit of the Lord. "My husband would say things to indicate that this could be a place he would want to serve. Yes, I thought, this is something we could do. This thought grew in my soul and I knew that this was something he and I were called to do...Through Christ's presence in my life," she says, "my mission is to love each person; to be in relationship with individuals, and to be in discipleship."

She is returning to Senegal after Christmas for about three (3) months, returning to Wisconsin mid- March, and will share her latest news from Senegal. **Please MARK YOUR CALENDAR - April 30th**. This will be a real treat for everyone. We are looking forward to seeing all of you there!

Ceil Schneider, Spiritual Growth Coordinator

North East District Retreat

Saturday, April 30, 2016

Registration 9:00-9:30

Algoma Blvd. UMC Oshkosh

Retreat Leader: Gwen Gibson



***“REFLECTION OF GOD’S WOMEN...
WOMEN OF SENEGAL...
WOMEN OF WISCONSIN NORTH EAST DISTRICT”***

Retreat Registration Form

Deadline for registration: April 15, 2016 \$12

Late registrations \$15

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/ZIP Code _____

Church _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Dietary or other considerations _____

Make checks payable to “North East District UMW”

**Send form and registration fee to: Carol Biddick,
N1356 Lakeshore Rd., Kewaunee, WI 54126**

Program Resources



Hi! I'm Linda Bartotto, you new Program Resource Coordinator.

I am looking forward to my new position this year. As some of you know, I go to Waukau United Methodist Church. There are only 3 or 4 members in our UMW group, depending on the time of the year.

I will need you patience and understanding as I settle into this new office. Most of all, throw in a good dose of prayers.

I know I will be working with a great group of ladies and looking forward to it. Hope you had a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and hope Santa was good to you!!

God Bless, Linda Bartotto



Education & Interpretation

Happy New Year Everyone!

It's that time of the year when we start planning our Special Local Mission Projects. This will be the first year as North East District, I hope everyone has some good ideas for this year. Please fill out your SPECIAL LOCAL MISSION PROJECT forms and return them to me. The form is printed below, please print page 6 and return to me. Make sure you return the form to me by March 15th. The completion report form, which will be in the JULY NEWSLETTER and will be due on August 20th so I have time to compile all the information before the Annual Gathering.

I've also included the Mission Today Unit Tasks form (the one for 2016). Please take a look at it and if you have any questions about it let me know. The report form will be given to you at a later date.

Mission Action Day is one important way in which United Methodist Women put Faith, Hope and Love into Action. Join us on **Saturday April 2nd at Columbus UMC** as we work to understand and combat the issue of homelessness. This is a complex problem, but one which we can and MUST work to eliminate. Our neighbors are in need. Come and join us as we seek to be the face of Jesus to those who are in need.

Becky Joppich

Education & Interpretation Coordinator

NORTH EAST DISTRICT SPECIAL LOCAL MISSION PROJECT FOR 2016

UMW UNIT: _____

Project completion date will be August 15th, completion forms deadline will be August 20th and awards will be presented September 24th at UMW North East District Annual Celebration.

Name and description of your local mission project :

Describe activities your unit will be doing to support this project:

Estimate the number of members and hours your unit will devote to this project:

Submit forms by March 15, 2016 to:
Becky Joppich, E & I Coordinator
23 Circle Dr., Brillion, WI 54110
(or e-mail: angeleyesatfaith@gmail.com)
??Questions?? call me: 920-588-0006

Submitted by: _____

Unit Officer: _____

Date: _____



Mission Action Day

Saturday, April 2, 2016

Columbus United Methodist Church
222 S. Dickason Blvd.
Columbus, WI 53925

Homelessness

- Affordable Housing Panel- Martha Cranley, United Way Dane County; Judy Wilcox, former Dane County Supervisor; Wendy Schneider, Columbia County Renewal Unlimited
- Jerome Dillard, formerly incarcerated citizen- racial justice issues related to homelessness including the criminal justice system

Donations for Northcott Neighborhood House will be collected. Items needed are: Basketballs, footballs, copy paper, pens, staplers and staples, cleaning supplies such as Mr. Clean, toilet bowl cleaner, gloves

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

Registration is transferrable, not refundable.

2016 MISSION ACTION DAY REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline for Registration: Friday, March 11, 2016- \$12 registration fee

Late registration-\$15- March 12-18, after March 18- fee remains \$15 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 \$12.00 for each child in order to cover their lunch.)

Dietary or other considerations _____

Send form and **registration fee** to:

Shirley Carpenter, 2711 North Biron Drive, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494-8804

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

Driving Directions to Columbus UMC, Columbus

For Mission Action Day, Saturday, April 2, 2016

- FROM STEVENS POINT/WAUSAU AREA (NORTHWEST): Take 39/51 south to Hwy 16 east to Columbus. Hwy 16/60 is James St. Turn right on Dickason. Columbus UMC is on the corner of Harrison and Dickason Blvd.
- FROM MADISON AREA (SOUTHWEST): Take 151 north to Hwy 16 east. Hwy 16/60 is James St. Turn right on Dickason Blvd. Columbus UMC is on the corner of Harrison and Dickason Blvd.
- FROM MILWAUKEE AREA (SOUTH): Take Hwy 41 north to Hwy. 60 west Hwy 60 to Columbus. Hwy. 60/16 is James St. Turn left on Dickason Blvd. Columbus UMC is on the corner of Harrison and Dickason Blvd.
- FROM GREEN BAY AREA (NORTH): Take Hwy 41 south to Hwy 151. Hwy 151 to Columbus. Take Hwy 16 east. Hwy 16/60 is James St. Turn right on Dickason Blvd. Columbus UMC is on the corner of Harrison and Dickason Blvd.
- FROM LA CROSSE AREA (WEST): Take 90 east to Hwy 60 east. Hwy 60 to Columbus. Hwy 60/16 becomes James St. in Columbus. Turn right on Dickason Blvd. Columbus UMC is on the corner of Harrison and Dickason Blvd.

Hwy 16/60 connects to Dickason Blvd. at corner where Library /City Hall & F & M Bank is located

For precise directions and map, go to <https://maps.google.com> and type in 222 S. Dickason Blvd., Columbus, WI or

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/United+Methodist+Church/@43.3383654,-89.0176549,17z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x0000000000000000:0xcbd73a5faa8d36a0>
visit <http://www.cbusumc.com>

If there is not a funeral, individuals may park in the funeral home parking lot across the street from Columbus UMC.

North Central Jurisdiction Vice-President, Carol Holt Lahey:

The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the spirit.

— John 3:8

A Fresh Wind Blowing

United Methodist Women North Central Jurisdiction 2016 Quadrennial June 24— 26 Grand Rapids, MI

Watch the process as National Directors are elected. There will be guest speakers, creative worship, choice of six workshops, optional bus tour of museum and national UMW Mission site.

Online registration now open, go to: ncjumc.org

Early registration fee of \$150. (After May 13, registration will be \$195.)

Fee covers costs of program Friday through Sunday, all meals from Friday supper through Sunday breakfast including gratuities, and packet.

All meetings held at Double Tree by Hilton.

A special room price has been negotiated with Hilton.

Hotel reservation is your responsibility.

Come, Soar With Us!



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