

Chippewa District
United Methodist Women

Newsletter

The WEAVER



August 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.

From Your President

“Enjoy the flowers blooming today!”

I just came back from a walk around our little farm. Daisies are blooming in many unexpected places. Perhaps I never noticed them because I was in such a rush. Today I am thankful. May your days be blessed as you pause to see the flowers. . . be thankful.

I need your prayers. My daughter, son-in-law and grandson are moving back home while they build a home on our farm. Prayers that all will go well and that God will bless this time together.

Have a wonderful time at School of Christian Mission in Stevens Point August 2-5 and drive in day August 6th. Come join the fun Wednesday night as Chippewa District does a skit. Join us! I have been reading about Haiti and eagerly anticipating the studies at SOCM. What a wonderful way to learn and then be able to share with your local unit.

I want to encourage you and your sisters to attend the District Fall meeting at Chippewa Falls Trinity on September 24th. We will be doing some special leadership training for your officers or anyone that wants to find out what the officers in the local units might do. A good place to ask questions. We will also be exploring the topic of nutrition for children as it relates to obesity and readiness for school. Us grandmothers can really help there. The second topic is about restorative justice and forgiveness. So come and learn with all of us. It should be an exciting day.

Psalms 121 “ *I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, The maker of heaven and earth.... The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.*” (NIV)

Billie LaBumbard



Our District Vice-President

I hope you all had a wonderful exhilarating Fourth of July Holiday. We truly have a country with a heritage to be proud of. I was thinking about how much our forefathers gave to produce this "fine land of the free and home of the brave". They loved freedom and the right to work and worship as they wished with the free choice for all. They felt so strongly about this that they were willing to risk all to attain it. Did you ever think of the price they would have paid had they not had the will and

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perseverance to be successful? Treason was punishable by hanging and I'm sure good King George would have delighted in that! I've been reading about the long hard struggle they endured -- and it was not over when the Revolutionary War was won. It was then they learned how many different ideas each state had about "their rights". It was a big job for those men sent to the Constitutional Congress, to get every one to see that they must all "pull together"..... and pay??? Minimal.

I think sometimes when we read about, or think about, our history we have a tendency to think it was easy--like just reading the words off of a page. I wonder if, were we put to the test, we would be able to stand firm and give our all. Maybe we, as Christians, need to be a little more vocal about the importance of our God and what is right. God gave them tremendous foresight to be able to set such a firm foundation for our unique country!

A belated Happy Fourth of July!!
God bless.... *Evie O'Neil*

From Your District Secretary

Time flies, it is time to get ready for next year already. The form to use for you local unit slate of officers for the year 2012 can be found elsewhere in this WEAVER publication. Please complete the form and mail it to me by September 15, 2011. You may bring it with you to the District Fall Gathering and hand it to me if you would like. Or e-mail to me at albricht@centurytel.net in a similar format. I look forward to hearing from each and every unit. If you have changes during the year please let me know as soon as possible. The list is in constant revision so the District officers can stay in contact with you.

Blessings,
Judith M Albricht

District Treasurer Hi Everyone!

Hope you are all enjoying the warm weather. Seems like it was so long in coming.

I am hoping to see many of you at the School of Christian Mission in August. I will be attending the 4 day school. Hope the weather is still nice then.

There is something that I would encourage you to watch for in the SOCM Program Resource Room. There is a new brochure out that would be good for you to have in your units. It is entitled "UMW Mission Giving" and it explains the 5 areas of Mission Giving. These are what your units must contribute to in order to receive the 5 Star Award. There is often confusion about this and so I am really glad for this new brochure.

About the Gift to Mission Cards. These sell for \$5 and are so nice to send. Greeting cards have become so expensive in the stores and these are really nice because your money not only remembers the person to whom it is sent, but the money will go to Mission. We have cards for: New Babies, Congratulations, Peace, In the Service of Christ, On Your Special Day, Thank You, Thinking of You, Happy Birthday and Christmas. Some of the cards are blank and others are not. They all tell the recipient that a Gift to Mission has been given in their name. Let your congregations know you have them as they might like to purchase them as well. If you need a card please just let me know.

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Let's all work hard to get our pledges in. We are just slightly over 40% at this time. Let's try really hard to make our pledge this year!!

Enjoy the summer and we will look forward to seeing you at SOCM and also our Chippewa District Annual Meeting which will be held at the Trinity UMC in Chippewa Falls on September 24.

God's Blessings on you all,
Karen Langer
1254 200th Ave, New Richmond, WI 54017
715-246-2442
kalang4@frontiernet.net

Secretary of Program Resources



Why do we read this stuff? As a disclaimer, you should understand I have always enjoyed reading and fully support the idea of women learning through reading and discussion. However, some of the books in the reading program are a challenging read. A few years ago, I only read half of "*Children at War*" from the social action list, but I read enough of it to gain some understanding of how society can change when children are captured and brainwashed to become soldiers. The memory of that book has been helpful in reading "*This Child Will Be Great*" by Ellen Johnson Sirleaf from the 2011 new category Leadership Development. It was also amazing to see some parallels between politics in Liberia and politics in Wisconsin. It was good to read a chapter or two and then take some time to think about it. One of the messages to me was you must be dedicated to a cause and willing to make sacrifices if you want to be a leader.

It was a joy to read the June 2011 issue of the *Response Magazine*. "*The Peacemakers*" article in the Learn section talks about the Just Peace Center and encourages us to read the SOCM study "*The Journey: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice and Reconciliation*". I am reading the book now and believe that we can "experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ" when we practice forgiveness and reconciliation. This year is probably a good time to consider your role as peacemaker and what the possibilities would be for your church family to be a home of reconciliation.

In the Live section, they have responses from some young women. It is important and refreshing to hear their opinions and ideas. Yvette Moore writes an outline of our future UMW mentioning good words like flexibility and openness. The Bible study this time is "*Love Songs*" and it could be used as the basis for a terrific UMW program.

I always check the prayer at the end of the issue. This one says in part: "Grace that enables us To give And love And labor. Make us a blessing to one another. Bless us with your presence". Thank you Esperance Kayombo, for your beautiful prayer. Thank you women of all ages who are willing to share your voices of witness and ministry. Thank you to our leadership who makes such inspiration available to all of us who are willing to read or be read to, for putting *Response Magazine* together. God truly blesses us through your service.

Peace,
Nancy Zabel

Spiritual Growth

Greetings to all my sisters in Christ. Hope we all had a wonderful 4th of July - praise God for freedom in America and for those brave men and women that served and still serve our country!

As United Methodist Women, part of our goals is to be closer to Christ and be His representatives wherever we are - in words and deeds. One of the most common Biblical practices of all time - at the same time one of the more forgotten in our modern world is UNITY. Acts 2:44-47 says, "Now all who believed were together and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, divided them among all, as anyone had need". The result is that the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved by these acts of faith, yet it sounds like many of us find the practices of the earliest Christians as outdated and irrelevant. Let us continue to live our Christian lives with unreserved love and be steadfastly committed to the work of the Lord in our families, churches, communities and mission projects.

Therefore, my beloved sisters, stand firm, let nothing move you, always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain" I Cor. 15:58.

With great joy we look forward to a rewarding time at this year's School of Christian Mission. Happy summer to all - enjoy the supply while it lasts. God bless you and yours!

Shola Adedokun

Education & Interpretation

As I sit down to write this, the rain is coming down so that it is all soaking into the ground. After our record heat and windy days, it is such a joy to see the rain. It reminds me of the song "Joy Is Like the Rain". Fresh, beautiful raindrops, bringing life to the soil and turning everything green. I trust that there is much joy in your life—family reunions, picnics, travel, etc.

I'm looking forward to hearing Paul Webster on July 6th at the Turtle Lake UMC. It is wonderful what he has done and is doing at Mujila Falls. It is only one example of how our mission dollars are being spent. I hope you will find out when and

where Paul will be in your area so that you might also share in this work.

At our conference meeting in April, the state E & I committee made some changes to the Mission Today report for 2012. We hope it will be possible for more units to qualify. This will be in your packet which you will receive at the Fall Gathering at Chippewa Falls Trinity UMC.

I hope that you are registered for School of Christian Mission at Stevens Point from August 2-6th. It can only mean JOY! God is Alive. God speaks. He gives. He loves. He brings JOY, complete JOY, like the rain. Jesus said, "Your joy will be complete" (John 16:24).

Happy Summer!
Barbara Bender

Communications Coordinator

This will be my fourth and last year as Communications Coordinator, my 2 year 2 term is up, so it is time for someone else to take over with new skills and new ideas. However, I will still be around since I am going to continue on as editor of this newsletter. So, if you think you might like to give Communications Coordinator a try, but not too sure what the job involves or if you would qualify, give me a call, or e-mail me, and we can talk about it. I would be happy to help anyone who might be interested!

Marion Strandberg
715-723-1367
pstrandberg1367@charter.net

Salad Luncheon

By the
Birchwood Methodist Women

Tuesday, June 7th
Tuesday, July 12th
Tuesday, August 9th

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
Beverages50

Proceeds are used in mission projects.

Membership, Nurture & Outreach

At the time I am writing this article in the middle of June, we are getting some much needed rain. God's creation is looking so good outside with the green grass, the flowers blooming and the birds singing. We are truly blessed.

I would like to suggest that everyone read the article in the June 2011 *Response Magazine* on page 22. The title is "It's About Relationships". Tara Barnes, managing editor of *Response Magazine* talked with some young women in various parts of the United States about what attracted them to UMW. There were various answers - one lady attended a meeting on a day that her children were in school, another was invited by a long time member and another had attended a Mother-Daughter Banquet. The words "support", "encouragement" and "spiritual growth" were just a few of the terms used to describe being a UMW member. To each of us, UMW is another family that we can count on to be there for us and with us through all our daily needs.

Every UMW unit has a problem with recruiting new members as we live in such a "busy" world these days. As I have written previously, we have to start "thinking outside the box" to find ways to interest women of all ages in UMW. Later this summer I plan to send a letter to all the units again with some ideas for recruiting members and revitalizing our agendas.

Sometimes life as a UMW member is blue skies and sunshine but sometimes with thunder and high winds. One thing we do know is that God is with us at all times and only he knows what the future holds. God knows the works we do for women and children in his name. He will carry us through the storms of life (and UMW) each and every time. Hebrews 13:8 NIV says "*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever*".

Let us continue to do the mission work that our foremothers began and pass on the legacy to the younger women in our churches. **We can do it!!**

Sharon J. Steinmetz, Chair
sstein@bloomer.net
715-568-5215

2012 Committee on Nominations Report

Nominees for the Chippewa District UMW

President

Billie LaBumbard 2012-2013

Secretary

Judy Albricht 2012-2013

Chair Committee on Nominations

Suzanne Heabler 2012-2013 (class of 2013)

Education & Interpretation

Ruby Getting 2012-2013

Communications

To be named

Program Resources

Nancy Zabel 2012

Social Action

Donna Cochran 2012

Editor

Marion Strandberg 2012-2013

Committee on Nominations

(class of 2015) 2 positions open

Officers remaining in Office

Vice-President

Evie O'Neil 2011-2012

Treasurer

Karen Langer 2011-2012

Spiritual Growth

Shola Adedokun 2011-2012

Members Nurture & Outreach

Sharon Steinmetz 2011-2012

Historian

Deb Nelson 2011-2012

Assistant Historian-

Rachel Dorf 2011-2012

Committee on Nominations

Class of 2012 Mary Beede

Class of 2013 Suzanne Heabler -
(Chairperson 2012-2013)

Class of 2013 Judy Dorf

Class of 2014 Rita Stearns

Retiring Officers

Education & Interpretation

Barbara Bender 2008-2011 – 2 terms

Communications

Marion Strandberg 2008-2011– 2 terms

Committee on Nominations

Lorna Rinck 2008-2011-1 Term

Chair of Nominations

Ruby Getting 2008-2011 Chair 2010-2011- 1term

SATE OF OFFICERS FORM FOR LOCAL UMW UNITS FOR 2012

Local Church _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

Pastor _____ Zip code _____

Please print or type the information on this form. **Include all information requested** including the area code on phone numbers and email addresses if available. Please include your unit's meeting dates, times and places.

RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO : Judy Albright BY SEPTEMBER 15th OR AS SOON AFTER YOUR OFFICER SLATE FOR 2012 IS COMPLETED. THANK YOU.

PRESIDENT _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

VICE PRESIDENT _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

SECRETARY _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

TREASURER _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

MISSION COORDINATOR FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____ Phone _____

MISSION COORDINATOR FOR SOCIAL ACTION _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____ Phone _____

MISSION COORDINATOR FOR PROGRAM RESOURCES _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____ Phone _____

MISSION COORDINATOR FOR EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____ Phone _____

MISSION COORDINATOR FOR MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE & OUTREACH

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____ Phone _____

NOMINATIONS CHAIRPERSON _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____ Phone _____

UNIT MEETING DATES & TIMES (ALSO PLACE IF OTHER THAN CHURCH)

RETURN this COMPLETED form to Judy Albright by SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

Mail it to:



JUDITH ALBRICHT
CD-UMW SEC
N8354 County Road BB
Colfax, WI 54730
Or
E-mail: albricht@centurytel.net

The leaders who work most effectively, it seems to me, never say "I". And that's not because they have trained themselves not to say "I". They don't think "I". They think "we", they think "team". They understand their job is to make the team function. They accept responsibility and don't sidestep it, but "we" gets the credit. This is what creates trust, what enables you to get the task done.

- Peter Drucker -

**MISSION TODAY
LOCAL UNIT REPORT FORM FOR YEAR 2011
WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Presidents of all local units are REQUESTED to fill out and send this form in ...
EACH YEAR, *whether or not your unit qualifies as a Mission Today Unit*
Please refer any questions you may have to your District Mission Team.
Your gift of time and effort to fulfill this request is very much appreciated.

Please complete the form below and CHECK OFF the activities listed on the
back of this sheet, which your Unit has completed this year, beginning in January.
RETURN the form BY DECEMBER 1st to the District Education and

Interpretation Coordinator: Barbara Bender
328 8 3/4 St.
Prairie Farm, WI 54762

NAME OF YOUR CHURCH _____
YOUR NAME & ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____

CURRENT NUMBER OF UNIT MEMBERS _____
NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES YOUR UNIT HAS COMPLETED _____
HAS YOUR UNIT QUALIFIED AS A *MISSION TODAY UNIT*? *Yes / No*

ACTIVITIES you have done during the year that you would like to share:

COMMENTS for the District or Wisconsin Conference UMW Mission Team

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MISSION TODAY UNIT CRITERIA

To become a Mission Today Unit a unit must meet eight of the following criteria, including four of those marked with an asterisk (*):

1. Use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting to pray for mission workers and projects.*
2. The unit will make and meet its Pledge to Mission.*
3. The unit will add at least two members to its roll.*
4. The unit will have at least two members subscribe to Response magazine.*
5. The unit will use two programs from the Program Book for United Methodist Women each year.*
6. The unit or circle will conduct at least one mission study a year.*
7. The unit will implement the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in at least one way during the year.*

Some suggested plans of action: Plan a joint unit meeting with a unit of a different racial/ethnic background, using programs from the Program Book; develop bi-racial/cultural or multi-racial/cultural Koinonia groups; hold a joint Vacation Bible School; hold pulpit exchanges; share joint worship services on special occasions; encourage the church to sponsor a refugee family; etc.

8. At least one member of the unit (other than a Conference or District officer) will attend the Conference School of Christian Mission.
9. At least two members (other than a Conference or District officer) will attend the District or Conference Annual Gathering/Meeting.
10. The unit will have at least one person join the United Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information.
11. Members will write to five persons listed in the Prayer Calendar each year.
12. The unit will participate in the Campaign for Children in at least two ways.

Possibilities for action: Help sponsor a church or community program related to children and youth needs; sponsor a Children's Sabbath, promoted by the Children's Defense Fund; get involved with children in mentoring, tutoring and "Big Sisters" programs; write letters, email or call congressional representatives and/or others in Government regarding children's issues; Visit your local schools; attend a school board meeting; learn how our schools are funded; etc.
13. The unit will be a Five Star Unit, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving.
14. Each unit or circle will include a Response moment where an item from the magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
15. Have at least two people from the unit, circle or subgroup complete one of the Reading Program Plans and report on one of the books read; encourage all members to complete Plan One, have a book review program.
16. The unit will invite a District or Conference officer, other than that of a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings during the year.
17. Make a pledge to care for God's creation and become a "Green" United Methodist Women unit—information on How to Become a Green Unit is available at www.umwonline.org/environment or by contacting Women's Division Community Action.
18. Hold a mini-Spiritual Growth retreat; watch the video "Resurrection Road" and get the accompanying study guide "Resurrection Women".
19. The unit will contribute at least \$25.00 to Wisconsin Conference School of Christian Mission.

CHIPPEWA DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

**Annual Fall Gathering
Saturday, September 24, 2011**

Trinity United Methodist Church
201 W. Central St.
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
715/ 723-2806

Theme for the Day
Faith, Hope, Love in Action
- Forgiveness and Reconciliation -

Guest Speakers
Tim Wavrunek - Restorative Justice Coordinator
Amanda Schmidt - Nutritionist

Mission Outreach Offering
Harmony House in Chippewa Falls

See page 12 of this WEAVER for more information on this Mission and a list of items needed.

Special Entertainment

Registration . . . 8:30am
Program 9:15am

Singing & Gathering . . . 9:00am
Sending Forth 2:45pm

Directions to Church

See page 12 of this WEAVER or visit Trinity's website to look at a map <http://www.trinityumccf.org>



REGISTRATION

Deadline: September 9th

Registration + meal \$15 – **no refunds**

****free registration for anyone under the age of 30****

Please attach names of all registrants to this form or copy form for each person. Please print names.

NAME _____ **CHURCH NAME** _____

Under 30? _____ **Dietary Needs:** early lunch/ special foods (specify) _____

Childcare: \$3 per child/max \$5 per family. Number of children _____ Ages _____
(Please bring a sack lunch for each child)

Registrations

Make checks payable to: Chippewa District UMW (memo: registration)

Mail to: Karen Langer
1254 200th Ave.
New Richmond, WI 54017
715-246-2442

Mission Outreach Offering

Make checks payable to: Chippewa District UMW (memo: Harmony House)
Bring to Annual Gathering or Mail to Karen Langer

Questions: Call Billie LaBumbard at 715/635-7045 or e-mail at missionbillie@gmail.com

DIRECTIONS TO TRINITY UMC

Check out Trinity's website to look at a map <http://www.trinityumccf.org>

FROM HWY 53:

From the North go South on Hwy 53, take the 2nd Chippewa Falls exit Bus 29, turn left (east) toward Chippewa Falls, go approx 1.5 miles to stoplights, continue on for 1 block (past Burger King) and turn left on Island Street. The Church is one block on the left.

From the South go North on Hwy 53 over the Chippewa River Bridge and exit Bus 29, turn left toward Chippewa Falls, go approx 1.5 miles to stoplights, continue on for 1 block (past Burger King) and turn left on Island Street. The Church is one block on the left.

FROM THE WEST (via Interstate 94):

Take Interstate 94 East, exit Hwy 29 towards Green Bay. Go approx 12 miles to 90th St. Exit on 90th St., turn left towards Chippewa Falls, go approx 6 miles to stoplights, continue on for 1 block (past Burger King) and turn left on Island Street. The Church is one block on the left.

FROM THE EAST (via Hwy 29):

Take Hwy 29 to Bus 29, Hwy 178 towards Chippewa Falls. Turn right on W29, go past stoplights for a short distance then turn a slight right onto Hwy 124 North toward Chippewa Falls. Go over the Chippewa River bridge and follow Hwy 29 to the left (River St.). Go past the first stoplight one block to Island Street (by Burger King) and turn right. The Church is one block on the left.

MISSION OUTREACH – Harmony House

"Harmony House" is a shelter for homeless people (many come from abusive situations) and is located in Chippewa Falls. It is under the direction of Starting Points. They do not need items for the home itself, as much as items to send home with families when they leave the shelter. They send a "kit" home with the people to help them set up "housekeeping". Items suggested were pots and pans, silverware, kitchen towels, dish cloths, and pot holders. Monetary donations are also welcome.

OUR SPEAKERS

Amanda Schmidt

Amanda is a Nutritionist at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire.

Tim Wavrunek

Tim Wavrunek has been involved in working with families in many different "systems" areas for the past 20 years in both victim and offender focused services. Initially beginning as a volunteer during his undergrad work in Psychology at U.W. Stout he quickly realized that his future career was in the "people business". He became interested in Restorative Justice by seeing the continual shortcomings of the traditional criminal justice system and wanting to do something "different" to address ongoing victim needs as well as holding offenders to a higher degree of accountability. Tim has been the Coordinator of The Eau Claire County Restorative Justice Program for the past 6 years and continues to look for ways to spread the restorative philosophy throughout the Chippewa Valley.

Life is an adventure in forgiveness.

- Norman Cousins -

**Women to be remembered during the Memorial Service
at the Chippewa District UMW Annual Gathering September 24th**

PLEASE SUBMIT A FORM LISTING THE NAME OF THE WOMEN DECEASED FROM
SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2011. **IF THERE ARE NO DECEASED MEMBERS
FROM YOUR UNIT, STILL SUBMIT A FORM**, THIS WILL BE PART OF THE ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP REPORT.

Name of Unit _____

Name(s) of those to be recognized _____

Please send by September 6th to:
Sharon Steinmetz
2123 Priddy St.
Bloomer, WI 54724

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**2012 PLEDGE TO MISSION
CHIPPEWA DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

THE _____ UNIT OF CHIPPEWA DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST
WOMEN PLEDGE \$ _____ FOR 2012. WE REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF MISSION
GIVING AND WILL ASK GOD'S HELP TO FULFILL THIS PLEDGE.

MISSION GIVING NEEDED TO MEET THE DISTRICT PLEDGE TO CONFERENCE

Please bring this form to the Annual Gathering September 24th

or mail to: Karen Langer
1254 200th Av.
New Richmond, WI 54017

This is the pledge. Do not send Pledge Money until 2012

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**Mark Your Calendar
2011**

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
Sept 24– District Annual Gathering at Trinity UMC –
Chippewa Falls
October 21-22 – Wisconsin Conference Annual
Gathering - Black River Falls

**DEADLINES
2011**

Sept 9th – Registration for Annual Gathering due
Sept 6th – Send in form for Women to be
Remembered at Memorial Service at
Annual Gathering
Sept 15th – Slate of Officer Report for all units due
Sept 24th - Pledge to Mission Form to be turned in at
Annual Gathering
Dec 1st - Mission Today Reports due
Dec 1st – Reading Reports due
Dec 10th – Remittances from all Unit Treasurers due

Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women

Annual Gathering

“Our Partnership in God’s Mission”

Friday Evening & Saturday

October 21-22, 2011

Black River Falls United Methodist Church

100 N 4th St

Black River Falls, WI 54615-1230

Are you making plans in advance to attend the Wisconsin Conference Annual Gathering? If not, it’s time to put the event on your calendar!

We will learn how to partner with God in mission with our keynote speaker, Rev. Robert Harman, leads us Friday evening and Saturday.

Rev. Harmon is a distinguished leader in the United Methodist Church, having served several congregations in the Northern Illinois Conference. In his early ministry, he marched with Martin Luther King, Jr. and witnessed King’s attempts to improve open laws. Global Missions became his focus, and he was appointed to serve as the chief administrative officer for the world mission program of the UMC’s General Board of Global Ministries.

He supervised mission workers in 70 countries and a \$21 million dollar budget. Rev. Harmon is a strong advocate for United Methodist Women and will share his vision for the future of missions for our church. He is retired in Danbury, WI and the Edgewater neighborhood in Chicago.

- **The Necessary Business and election of officers** for our organization is another important part of Saturday’s program.
- On Saturday afternoon we will have a **Mission Bowl Parade!** Although it won’t be quite as spectacular as the Rose Bowl, we will have ideas and inspiration for units, small and large. (Note that there are no workshop choices this year). Be ready for a fun learning time.
- **Spanish translation equipment** is available Saturday. We are able to obtain 35 headphones to accomplish this service.
- **Scholarships** are available to the first 25 people who indicate a need for one. (See registration blank to apply)
- **Teens** are encouraged to participate. Your special enthusiasm is welcome and appreciated.

Friday night Leadership Development is open to all who wish to attend. District officers are expected to attend. Local members may choose to attend or choose from other opportunities to be announced.

Of course, there are Program Resources to browse and purchase to keep you and your unit current on issues and programs. And there are displays to emphasize UMW mission work in our state and the world.

Registration time: Friday evening: 5:30 p.m. after a light supper.

Friday evening program: 6:30 p.m.

Saturday registration: 8:00-8:45 a.m. Sending forth planned for 3:00 p.m.

Wisconsin Conference UMW Annual Gathering

Black River Falls United Methodist Church

Oct. 21-22, 2011

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 8, 2011. Please PRINT. If registering for more than one person, copy form and complete a separate form for each person.

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please check all that apply: Female Male Teen (Teen only: Age _____)

First time attending UMW Member Clergy District _____

Child Care Needed for Friday evening—Ages of children _____

Child Care needed for Saturday—Ages of children _____

Mothers are asked to pick up their children and take them to the first lunch seating. Please provide a sack lunch for each child, or plan to pay \$9.00 lunch fee for each child.

Emergency contact information: Name _____

Relationship _____ Phone : Day _____ Evening _____

Please Check all that apply:

Registration for Friday only \$10 Saturday only \$20

Friday and Sat. \$25

Light supper on Friday (\$3.25 additional—served from 4:30-5:15 p.m.)

Scholarship requested (25 are available—awarded to the first 25 to make a request)

First lunch seating is requested Diabetic or other dietary limitations (please list): _____

Please make checks payable to: **WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UMW**

Mail to Registrar: Jean Hansen, N7284 County Rd. H, Camp Douglas, WI 54618

Phone 608-427-6551

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____



Driving directions to the church will be included in your confirmation letter.

Blocks of rooms are held until Oct. 1 at the following motels:

Super 8 @ \$64.99—715-284-3320

Best Western @ \$79.99—715-284-9471

Days Inn @ \$61.95—715-284-4333

All are located on Hwy 54 and the rate is the same for 1-4 people. Indicate that you are with United Methodist Women.

Some may wish to stay on Saturday night to attend the Mission Event in Eau Claire on Sunday. The same rate is available for that night.

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