

Chippewa District  
United Methodist Women

Newsletter

# The WEAVER



February 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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## Greetings From Your President



"O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!" Psalm 95: 1-2

My wish for each of you is to be healthy in body, mind, and spirit this year.

1. Music can lift your spirit and those that are feeling low or suffering. Moving with the music helps bring out our inner child---helps us experience joy!
2. Exercise is essential. Move the parts of your body that move without hurting. Exercise can also improve balance which may decrease your risk for falls.
3. Healthy foods/snacks keep us going with energy. Does your unit serve healthy snacks?
4. Journaling will help you be in the moment and record your actions and thoughts for future contemplation. You may want to journal your questions for God---and later consider the answers you have been given.
5. Relationships and fellowship may prolong your life. Nurture each other. Attend UMW meetings. Pray for, and help each other in Christian love. Be thankful for the gifts your friends bring.

I invite you to try some of the above healthy strategies.  
Nurture yourself, nurture your spirit!

*Billie LaBumbard*  
Chippewa District President

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## Our New District Vice President

Happy New Year to you All! May you have a great 2011 with many of God's wonderful blessings every day. When we think of New Years, we almost immediately think of those New Year Resolutions that we should make. "New Year Resolutions aren't so bad," the joke writer Ed McMannus said. "It doesn't make much difference what you resolve because you only need to worry

about it through February. Then you can give them up for Lent!"

New Years is an excellent time to begin anew. Out with the old habits and in with new and better ones.... eating better.....exercising more.... better living..... being more informed.....reading more..... watching worthless TV less.

I like this idea of being more informed and reading more, more of what really counts, like reading our Bible and spending time in devotions; listening to God. One must ask herself, "Is there anything more important, more lasting than the promises God has given us?". Days, months and years may seem a long time but indeed is very short when we think of eternity. That goes on forever. We cannot even begin to imagine how long that is. To me there is nothing more important than planning to be with my Lord for that time.

I am going to vow- not just to make a resolution that is forgotten or broken so easily-- to spend time everyday reading the scriptures, thinking about what they mean, and listening to God--letting Him speak to me.

Will you join me?

Your Vice president,  
*Evie O'Neil*

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### **Hello from your District Secretary**

I hope everyone has had a Merry Christmas and wish you all hope for the New Year. The message of Jesus Christ was sent out to all the people in my church congregation by our church Sunday School Christmas Program with such great hope and I hope each and every one of yours was as well. The children send the message out with such enthusiasm. May you let the Lord fill you with the Holy Spirit each and everyday in this New Year.

To the business of the year: I have received a great deal of local unit officer lists for the New Year-2011. However, I should have received a great deal more. If you have not sent your list of officers for this year-2011, it's not too late, you can still send it to me. Late is better than never. I would greatly appreciate that because it is most important that we have good, excellent is preferred, records. It is our best communication tool to keep us most effective in our purpose.

**Blessings,**  
*Judy Albricht*

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### **District Treasurer**



**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU!**

I hope you all had a wonderful "White Christmas". We sure have had a lot of snow already. My husband has been busy cleaning off the roof to open the vents.

We fell a bit short of making our \$70,000 pledge to the conference this year but we did pretty well. Our Mission Giving reached \$61,621.57 which is a little over 88%. In addition to that we had \$5,715.55 in Mission Giving Plus for a total giving in 2010 of \$67337.12 . You all worked hard to do this and we thank you.

I was pleased that many of you did contact me this past year with questions or needs. Please continue to do that. I think it makes it easier for us all and I enjoy hearing from you.

There are a couple of things I would like to see happen this year. I notice that some are either using the wrong forms or not using any at all. There are 3 forms that you should be using most often. They are the Remittance Form, The Special Mission Recognition pin order form, and the Gift To Mission Order Form. When using the Remittance Form the most common question is "where do we put SOCM, Harbor House, Northcott Neighborhood House etc? The answer is please put them on the Remittance Form under Designated Gifts. It starts on line 7 and there are several blank lines under Name of Project. Please put them there. If you need to have copies of the new forms please let me know. The forms can be kept blank and copied as you need them for use. But all money should be accompanied with a remittance form.

Also, when you send a remittance form it should only include what money you are sending with that remittance. It isn't necessary to include those contributions that were sent in earlier. I have a special sheet for each unit and every time you send me a check it is also recorded on your unit's sheet. So I can, at any time, look and see what you have already sent. I do make mistakes but this works pretty well. If you add things to the remittance form that were sent in earlier it gets very confusing because the forms add up to a different amount than the actual receipts received during that month.

As I sit here going through the books to see which units qualified for the 5 Star award in 2010, I can't help but notice how many of you could have qualified but didn't and that is sad as you did so well. Remember that in order to qualify you must have contributed to all five of the items under Mission Giving. Those are Pledge to Missions, Special Mission Recognition Pins, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory and The World Thank Offering. The Gift to Mission and The Gift in Memory are the main causes for some not to have received their award. You only have to spend \$5 in each of these areas to make it. The Gift to Mission cards are \$5 each and are a great way to send a greeting for a special occasion and I have found that people really appreciate getting a card that has money given to Missions in their honor. We have 9 different types of cards to choose from. The Gift in Memory cards are free and your treasurer should have some on hand when needed. You must contribute at least \$5 when using these. Tear the stubs off and give to the treasurer with the money. Then the person buying the card sends it to the family telling them that a gift of money had been given in honor of the deceased person. You should make these available to the congregation for their use. I would love to be able to have a year where I could fill out a 5 Star Award for every unit. That would be so nice.

I hope your units will all be represented at the Spring Day of Enrichment this year. It will be held at the Rice Lake UMC on April 9th. Watch the Weaver for the registration forms and information about the meetings. Stop by and introduce yourselves. I would love to be able to put your names with a face. God Bless you all!



*Karen Langer*  
Chippewa District Treasurer



## Program Resource Secretary



It is time for the annual Reading Program “Best Read” report. Taking first place this year was “THE SHACK” with twenty four people reporting. This book title is one of the recommended reading books that can be found on the back inside page of the 2010 catalog. These books are not available for purchase through the Mission Resource Center, but they can still be used in qualifying for the Reading Program. I hope that you remember to check with your public libraries for ownership of these books too, although I have heard from many of you that it is so much more convenient to own the book and have it readily available to share. The other titles listed in the back section of the catalog are the School of Christian Mission study books for the year. They will not be available through public libraries, but they are able to be counted toward Reading Program goals for the year they appear in the catalog.

Getting back to the best read titles: “ROAD OF LOST INNOCENCE” had 18 readers; “The UNDERTAKER’S WIFE”, 16 readers; “A LOVE AFFAIR WITH INDIA”, 15 readers; “THE OTHER GAME”, 14 readers (that was a bonus book that counted as 1 book in Social Action and 1 book in Education for Mission.) - - side note: you will find the explanations of bonus books on page 2 of the catalog - - There were 2 titles that had 13 readers: “HERE IF YOU NEED ME” & “MY TUMMY TALKED IN CHURCH TODAY”, “THEY POURED FIRE ON US FROM THE SKY” had 12 readers, “THREE CUPS OF TEA” had 11 readers and ”LONGING FOR ENOUGH IN A CULTURE OF MORE” had 10 readers. It is fun to see that not all of the best read books are from the 2010 list. Making “honorable mention”: AMISH GRACE, CARING FOR MOTHER, CHRISTIANS IN CONFLICT, ENRIQUE’S JOURNEY, A MONK IN THE INNER CITY, WALKING THE CHOCTAW ROAD, and WHO STOLE MY CHURCH, all had 8 or 9 readers.

I love getting reading reports in November, it is like a great Christmas Card. Thank you for your participation and remember – even if you do not qualify for the program, the books listed will immensely help in your understanding of what goes on in the world, or how we can be a part of change as we strive to understand God’s plan for our lives. May you be aware of God’s bountiful blessings in your life as the year unfolds. See you in Rice Lake, in April, for Spring Day of Enrichment.

*Nancy Zabel*

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### Our New District Assistant Historian

I am Rachel Dorf, turning 14 years old this month, on the 26th of January. I am an 8th grade student at Fall Creek Middle School. I have two brothers, Ryan, a sixth grader and Aaron, a 3rd grader. I am involved in student council and the forensics team and I am on the honor roll. I attend Augusta United Methodist Church and am on my first year of confirmation. Our family has been attending church there for at least five years.

I found out more about UMW this past year when my mom, Judy Dorf, and I attended the 4 day School of Mission. I loved the experience. I met new friends, raised money for the youth ministry, did some building activities and attended the "Love Letters of John" class. I had received so much warmth and kindness from the UMW ladies that I thought it would be wonderful to be a bigger and more involved part of this team.

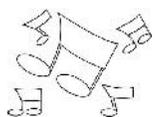
My hobbies include photography, facebooking and I am good with technology. I look forward to being on this team.

*Rachel Dorf*

## MISSION COORDINATOR FOR EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

Christmas gave us every reason to rejoice---- family celebrations, mission giving, and reflections on the real reason for Advent—the preparation and birth of the Christ Child.

Now we look forward to a new year with all sorts of plans and good intentions. Relying on God's help, let's trust the Lord for guidance. The Psalmist (Psalms 37:24) declares: "Though he stumbles, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with His hand". Admitting our waywardness, let's place ourselves in God's hands and seek His goodness for the New Year. God supplies the direction in His word. He leads us to glorify Him by serving others. We do this through our mission dollars. Your Mission Today reports show me that great things are going on in the Chippewa District. My telephone calls after December 1<sup>st</sup>, reminded many of you. Put it on your calendar to do the report in November; then it won't be late. Thanks to 31 units who had theirs in by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Results showed that 35 units qualified, 19 reported, but didn't qualify, and 8 units failed to send in the Mission Today report. Comments tell me that you like the 18 things recommended by the Women's Division, plus the 19<sup>th</sup> one which we added for the Chippewa District. I know it is difficult for some of you, but I applaud you for every effort you give. Do what you can—never give up. God bless you all.



Seeking guidance,  
*Barbara Bender*

## MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE AND OUTREACH

As I have been sitting here trying to compose an article for the Weaver, my mind has touched on several topics. My "Lunch Bunch" Bible Study Group has been studying the books written by James W. Moore, a Senior Pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas. We recommend his books to everyone.

The theme of UMW is faith, hope, and love (our new UMW logo), which shows the spirit of gratitude for God being with us at all times - even at times when we believe he is not there.

As Christians, we try our best to do good works and deeds as Jesus did and to "pass it ahead" as someone did for my husband's aunt at Christmastime. As she was going to pay for her groceries, the clerk told her that someone had already paid for her groceries, so she decided to "pass it ahead" and do something for someone else. Wouldn't it be great if that good deed were practiced by everyone? What a great outpouring of God's love and teachings we would see.

As I mentioned in my letter to you in 2010, sometimes, in nurturing each other in our membership, we have to think "outside the box" and do things differently. There are many ways (both old and new) to nurture the members of our units. Have you ever thought that when you smile at someone, are kind to someone or do something for someone, how God must be smiling to see the words "do unto others as you would have them do to you" being fulfilled. Now we need to pass it on—smile and invite new women to become members of our units. Ask them for input as to what they would like to see happening in UMW - you will be surprised at how much you like their ideas.

The 2009 annual membership report was given out at the Annual Gathering, at Lake Street UMC, in September 2010. We started the year 2009 out with 1599 members and ended December 31, 2009 with 1586 members. We gained 31 members but lost 50 members through death or women moving out of the district.

I want to thank everyone for sending in their 2010 membership forms and I will try to have the numbers ready for the next Weaver.

God Bless each and every UMW member and unit in 2011.

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

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*You can't have everything; where would you put it?*

## YOUR WEAVER EDITOR

I am now on my fourth year as editor of the WEAVER and I have come a long way in learning about communications and newsletters.

There are a few things I would like to remind you, or bring you up to date, about the WEAVER. Our newsletter comes out 3 times a year, February, May and August. If your unit would like to put an article, or advertise for an event, you may do so at no cost, but you must have your information to me at least a month before the WEAVER comes out.

All unit Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers will automatically receive the WEAVER. Anyone else in your unit who wishes to receive one is asked to send me their name, address and, if they wish, a \$3.00 donation.

Also, you now have 2 other ways of getting the WEAVER. One is by e-mail, at no cost. So if anyone would rather receive it this way, please e-mail me and let me know. The second way of reading the WEAVER is by going on the Wisconsin UMW website. By getting it this way you will get it faster and only need to print out pages that you want. And the District can save money in printing and mailing costs, leaving more money for missions.

May we all have good communications this year!

*Marion Strandberg*  
Communications Coordinator  
[pstrandberg1367@charter.net](mailto:pstrandberg1367@charter.net)



## OUR NEW DISTRICT SPIRITUAL GROWTH COORDINATOR

My name is Shola Adedokun. I am married with four adorable children and I am also the pastor's wife at Medford & Dorchester UM Churches. What a great privilege for me to be serving God and His people, especially among UMW. I have a Master's Degree in Christian Education. I love to meet new people, pray, read and cook. Blessings!

*Shola*

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A 2011 New Years Greetings! The time goes so fast, I can barely believe another year has passed. I am looking forward to the many blessings God will bring this year. One of the best blessings would be to have a full slate of Chippewa District Officers for next year. Our biggest challenge at this time is to find women to work with us on the Nominating Committee. We have five openings to fill; some are two-year terms and some are four-year terms. Some of them those terms are for this year and some to start next year.

Because this is a committee, we work together to find qualified and dedicated women to serve on the district team, so no one on our committee should feel overwhelmed or over-loaded by the responsibilities. You would meet and form friendships with other women who are concerned about missions to women and children in need. It is a great way to learn about the leadership and procedures of the district team. Many district and conference training and informational gatherings are available at the district's expense. It is an opportunity for spiritual personal growth with the knowledge that you are working to make mission happen.

However, you would be making a commitment to attend district meetings, one each in the months of January, March, June, and August. You would be expected to attend the Spring Enrichment in April and the Fall Gathering in September. You should also consider attending the conference gatherings and the School of Christian Missions.

Please prayerfully consider this call for becoming a part of our Nominations Committee. Please submit your name, or the name of someone you think would be interested, to any one on the district team, and please say "Yes, I will!" if we call you And, above all, please pray for us.

*Ruby Getting*, Nominations Chair  
715-595-4925  
[roobee@centurytel.net](mailto:roobee@centurytel.net)

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*"The mission of the church is missions"*  
-- Unknown --

CHIPPEWA DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
**SPRING DAY OF ENRICHMENT**  
**Saturday, April 9, 2011**

First United Methodist Church  
1221 Wesley Drive  
Rice Lake, WI  
715/ 234-3919

Theme for the Day  
**Finding Peace**

Guest Speakers  
**Jane Tafel**

**- Restoring Lives of Victims of Human Trafficking -**

**Joan Goebel**  
**- Spiritual Enrichment -**

Mission Outreach  
**Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program (WIC)**

Please read page 9 in this WEAVER to find out more about this Mission and what donations are needed.

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

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

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**Directions to Church:** From Highway 53, take the Highway 48 exit at the north end of the city, turn toward Cumberland for a short distance and then south on West Avenue between Don Johnson Motors and the Motor Vehicle Department. Turn left to take the bridge over Highway 53 on Augusta Street. Turn right midway down the hill onto Kleusch, or if you miss it, you can turn on Hilltop also to reach the parking lot. The church is well marked on Augusta Street.



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**REGISTRATION**

Deadline April 1<sup>st</sup>

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

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

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **CHURCH NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**FIRST TIME AT A DISTRICT UMW GATHERING YES** \_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_

**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:**

Marion Strandberg  
227 Olive St.  
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729  
715-723-1367

**Mission Outreach Offering**

**Make checks payable to:**

Chippewa District UMW (memo: WIC)

**Bring to Spring Day of Enrichment or Mail to:**

Karen Langer  
1254 200<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
New Richmond, WI 54017  
715-246-2442

Questions: Call Billie LaBumbard at 715/ 635-7045 or e-mail her at [missionbillie@gmail.com](mailto:missionbillie@gmail.com)

## SPRING DAY OF ENRICHMENT 2011

### **Mission Outreach - WIC**

The purpose of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is to promote and maintain the health and well-being of nutritionally at-risk pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants and children

#### **Benefits Received by WIC Participants**

##### **All participants receive:**

- Screening for nutrition and health needs.
- Information on how to use WIC foods to improve health.
- Checks to buy foods that help keep you and your children healthy and strong.
- Referrals to doctors, dentists, and programs like Food Share, Healthy Start and Head Start.

##### **Women receive:**

- WIC foods.
- Information on healthy eating during pregnancy and breastfeeding.
- Breastfeeding support.

##### **Infants receive:**

- Breastfeeding support or infant formula.
- Immunization referrals.
- Parents/caregivers receive information on taking care of babies.

##### **Children receive:**

- WIC foods.
- Immunization referrals.
- Parents/caregivers receive information on food shopping, recipes and feeding a child.

##### **Health benefits of WIC:**

- Premature births reduced.
- Low birth-weight reduced.
- Long-term medical expenses reduced.

**Barron County WIC would be very happy to receive our help. They would rather not take money but would LOVE the following:**

- gas cards (so women can get to their appointments)
- diapers size 2-5
- children books
- baby blankets
- if you would like to donate money, please make checks payable to Chippewa District UMW and the District would be happy to purchase needed items

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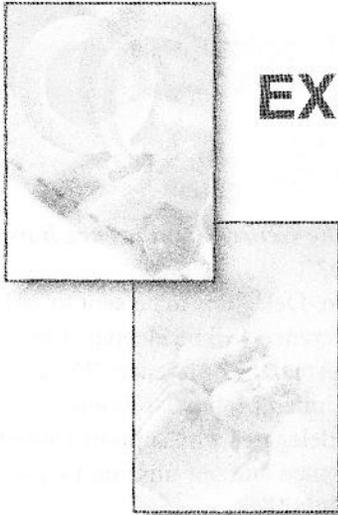
### **OUR SPEAKERS**

**Jane Tafel**, US Director for Hagar International and member of Lake Street UMC, will present information about the world-wide scope of human trafficking and one organization's response.

Hagar International is a Christian ministry committed to the recovery and empowerment of women and children who are victims of human rights abuses. Established in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in 1994, the organization is guided by the biblical story of Hagar (Genesis 21: 8 – 21). Just as God came to Hagar as she was huddled in fear and trepidation in the desert, Hagar International responds to women and children who have been cast out, rejected, and without hope. Some of them have been abused by their husbands, some of them have been born with disabilities, and more and more of them are victims of sex trafficking: women who have been forced into prostitution and little girls who have been sold into brothels.

**Rev. Joan Goebel**, a retired pastor. In 1996 Rev. Joan Goebel and her husband Rev Larry saw a need for a homeless shelter in Superior, WI, so they offered the parsonage, located next to the Faith United Methodist Church in Superior, to the community as a drop-in homeless shelter. The shelter was called the Emergency Shelter for Women and Children which later became the Harbor House. Rev. Joan is retired now but reaches out to others with her inspirational speeches.

Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women  
presents



## LOVE IN ACTION

# EXPLORING INFANT MORTALITY

Guest Speaker: Angela Rohan  
Wisconsin Division of Public Health

### March 26, 2011

Franksville United Methodist Church  
10402 Northwestern Avenue  
Franksville, WI 53126

Registration begins 8:30 am  
Program begins 8:50 am  
Sending Forth 2:30 pm

- Explore the current trends for infant mortality in the State of Wisconsin.
- Information includes the Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families.
- Learn new ideas to get your local unit involved in promoting healthy babies and decreasing infant mortality.

*Deadline for registration is March 16, 2011*

#### REGISTRATION FORM FOR LOVE IN ACTION EVENT: March 26, 2011

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_ LOCAL CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply:  Female  Male  Clergy  Visitor

UMW Member  UMW District Officer  UMW Conference Officer  Missionary

Child care needed for \_\_\_\_\_ children, ages \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please bring a lunch with you for each child)

Special needs \_\_\_\_\_



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Registration \$10.00 per person, includes lunch.  
Please make checks payable to: **WI Conference UMW.**  
Mail to: **Dodie Smith, 1927 17th Ave., Kenosha, WI 53140.**

If you would like to carpool with others to this event, please contact Donna Cochran, our District Social Action Coordinator, at 715-560-8853 and she will help coordinate rides.

## 2010 Reading Program Awards

Plan 1 \* Plan 2 \*\* Plan 3 \*\*\* Plan 4 \*\*\*\*

### ALMA

Delma Mahlman \*

### BARRON

Deanna Keppen \*  
Jean Strang \*\*  
Judy Hyde \*\*  
Kathee Yamada \*\*  
Laurie Church \*\*  
Loretta Becker \*  
Marguerite Wagenbach \*\*\*

### BIRCHWOOD

Dorie Forward \*  
Evie O'Neil \*

### BLOOMER

Bea Dachel \*  
Rita Stearns \*  
Sharon Steinmetz \*

### CANTON

Rose Snyder \*\*  
Mary Halvorson \*  
Michelle Halvorson \*

### CHIPPEWA FALLS Trinity

Carole Frederick \*  
Donna Kraemer \*\*\*\*  
Marion Strandberg \*\*  
Shirley Woodruff \*\*

### CLEAR LAKE

Catherine Benoy \*  
Marsha Scheurman \*

### CUMBERLAND

Donna Stoll \*  
Jeanne Gilbert \*

### DOWNING

Tammy Nelson \*

### EAU CLAIRE Lake Street

Bev Maser \*\*\*\*  
Bobbie Liedl \*  
Carol Fawcett \*  
Chris Draxler \*\*\*  
Florence Shepherd \*\*  
Lena Thompson \*\*\*\*  
Suzanne Heabler \*\*\*

### HOLCOMBE

Alice Troupe \*  
Elaine Sharp \*  
Erma David \*\*  
Ruby Getting \*\*

### LEWIS MEMORIAL

Kara Alden \*  
LaVonne Boyer \*  
Robin Peterson \*

### McKINLEY

Betty Zager \*  
Irene Hansen \*  
Jean Nystrom \*  
Marge Rouser \*

### NEW CENTERVILLE

Barb Wiff \*  
Matilda Rudesill \*  
Naoma Falde \*\*

### NEW RICHMOND

Catherine Peterson \*

### PLEASANT VALLEY

Annette Pederson \*

### PRAIRIE FARM

Barbara Bender \*  
Patricia Schoonover \*

### RICE LAKE

Arlene Hougas \*\*  
Lisa Mink \*  
Nancy Zabel \*\*\*\*

### RIVER FALLS

Barbara Wall \*\*\*\*  
Bernice Wolf \*\*\*  
Bruce Harris \*\*  
Caroline Hamilton \*\*  
Janet Leonard \*\*\*  
Leslie Watschke \*  
Marjorie Shirmer \*\*  
Sue Pierson \*\*\*  
Virginia Rodli \*

### SALEM/IRON CREEK

Margie Quilling \*  
Sharon Schaefer \*

### SHELL LAKE

Elaine Schaefer \*  
Karen Blodgett\*  
Shirley Hile \*

### SIREN

Darlene Jackson \*  
Donis Taylor \*  
Hazel Hahr \*\*\*\*  
Judith Roe \*  
Pat Pope \*\*  
Shirley Bloom \*

### SUPERIOR Faith

Jacqui Jelinek \*  
Jessie Westman \*\*  
Phyllis Mihalik \*

### WEBSTER Grace

Elaine Wilson \*  
LaVonne Collins \*  
Sharon Boatman \*



## 2010 Mission Today Awards

### QUALIFYING UNITS

Ashland First  
 Balsam Lake/Centuria  
 Barron  
 Birchwood  
 Bloomer  
 Chippewa Falls Trinity  
 Clear Lake  
 Colfax  
 Cumberland  
 Eau Claire Lake Street  
 Glenwood City  
 Holcombe  
 Hudson  
 Jim Falls  
 Lewis  
 McKinley  
 Medford/Dorchester  
 Menomonie  
 Mondovi  
 New Centerville  
 New Richmond  
 Osceola  
 Pepin

Pleasant Valley  
 Prairie Farm  
 Rice Lake  
 River Falls  
 Salem/Iron Creek  
 Sanborn  
 Shell Lake  
 Siren  
 Spooner  
 Superior Faith  
 Tainter  
 Webster

### UNITS REPORTING BUT NOT QUALIFYING

Alma  
 Augusta  
 Boyceville  
 Cadott  
 Canton  
 Chippewa Falls Zion  
 Connorsville  
 Danbury

Deer Park  
 Downing  
 Eau Claire Chapel Heights  
 Ellsworth/Heartland  
 Exeland  
 Grantsburg  
 Hawkins  
 Knapp  
 Phillips  
 Turtle Lake  
 Wheeler

### UNITS NOT REPORTING OR LATE

Elmwood  
 Gilmanton  
 Maiden Rock  
 New Auburn  
 Ono  
 Rock Elm  
 St. Croix Falls  
 Thorp



## 2010 5 Star Awards

Alma  
 Ashland  
 Balsam Lake/ Centuria  
 Barron  
 Birchwood  
 Boyceville  
 Canton  
 Chippewa Falls – Trinity  
 Clear Lake  
 Colfax  
 Conorsville

Cumberland  
 Danbury  
 Deer Park  
 Downing  
 Lake St. - Eau Claire  
 Faith Superior  
 Grace, Webster  
 Holcombe  
 Lewis  
 McKinley  
 Medford  
 Menomonie

New Centerville  
 New Richmond  
 Osceola  
 Pepin  
 Praire Farm  
 Rice Lake  
 River Falls  
 Salem – Iron Creek  
 Siren  
 Spooner

## *Remembering. . .*

The following is the listing of our sister UMW members who were honored at the Annual Gathering in September 2010 at Lake Street Methodist Church, Eau Claire.

These women were honored for their years of service and dedication to United Methodist Women.

### **Ashland**

Mary Bristow

### **Augusta**

Hazel Deaton  
Burma Walker

### **Barron**

Gwen Jump  
Dorothy Marriage  
Thelma Matthys  
Ione McDonough

### **Birchwood**

Bessy Jane Knapmiller

### **Chippewa Falls Trinity**

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### **Farewell My Friend**

*It was beautiful as long as it lasted  
The journey of my life.  
I have no regrets whatsoever  
save the pain I'll leave behind.  
Those dear hearts who love and care...  
And the strings pulling at the heart and soul...  
The strong arms that held me up  
When my own strength let me down.  
At every turning of my life I came across good friends,  
Friends who stood by me,  
Even when the time raced me by.  
Farewell, farewell my friends  
I smile and bid you goodbye.  
No, shed no tears for I need them not  
All I need is your smile.  
If you feel sad do think of me  
for that's what I'll like when you live in the hearts  
of those you love, remember then  
you never die.*

- Rabindranath Tagore -

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*“Be very careful if you make a woman cry, because  
God counts her tears. The woman came out  
of a man’s rib. Not from his feet to be walked on.  
Not from his head to be superior, but from the side to  
be equal. Under the arm to be protected, and next to  
the heart to be loved.”*

This is written in the Hebrew Talmud, the book where all of the sayings  
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**Mark the dates for  
2011 Annual Gathering  
October 21 and 22  
Black River Falls**

Plans are underway for a stimulating weekend. Your comments from our last Gathering are appreciated and some suggestions will be implemented.

We are working on a system to provide more adequate translation of the presentations into Spanish.

Robert Harman, retired chief administrative officer for the World Mission Program of UMC's General Board of Global Ministries, has agreed to be our keynote speaker. He is also an author, historian, and visionary for global Christianity. His retirement homes are in Danbury, WI and Chicago.

Continue to check back with us for further updates. This year's gathering promises to be fantastic!

**SOCM Update**

It's time for Wisconsin to become a winter wonderland, but here's a thought to warm your hearts on a chilly winter day: It's never too soon to think about **School of Christian Mission**. Can you just feel that summer sun as you think about spending August 2 – 5 with friends, old and new...

- ❖ growing spiritually,
- ❖ expanding your understanding of mission,
- ❖ and exercising your brain with new learning and interesting discussions?

School of Christian Mission is all about mission education, and we've got great mission studies coming this summer:

- **Spiritual Growth**—"Coming Out on the Side of Grace: Forgiveness & Reconciliation"
- **Issues Study**—"Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity"
- **Geographical Study**—"Haiti"

Remember that this year Drive-in Day will be on Saturday, August 6, for those who can't make the four-day school.

*Put School of Christian Mission on your calendar now—it will warm your heart and soul!*

## Mabel Heil Scholarship

For the past 28 years the Mabel Heil foundation has presented scholarships to over 230 women who were working to improve their education. Any female member of the United Methodist Women is encouraged to apply.

### To request a scholarship form write to:

Yvonne Fiary  
203 E. Greenwood  
Rothschild, WI 54471  
715-355-6133 yvfirary@aol.com

### Instructions:

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 to the contact person by May 1 or October 1.

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.

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:

Any member of Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women working to improve her education may apply

Please have all letters written (preferably typed) on one side of an 8 ½ x 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 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 a new recommendation.

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.

### The schedule is:

#### First Semester

Apply by May 1

You will be notified by June 1

Check given by August 15

#### Second Semester

Apply by October 1

You will be notified by November 1

Check given by December 1

Application and two (2) letters of recommendation MUST be postmarked no later than May 1 (for first semester) and October 1 (for second semester) to be considered.

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## 2011 SOCM Logo Design Form

### 2011 THEME: 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. 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.

### Spiritual Growth Study: Coming out on the side of Grace: Forgiveness and Reconciliation

The theme deals with how individuals, families, and communities are called to a life-long journey of practicing forgiveness, justice, and reconciliation in our relational lives. The study explores the real-life journey of Jacob, the key imperative of the Great Commandment and the call to the ministry of reconciliation. Using stories and instances from history, contemporary and ancient, the study employs transformational, educational, and liturgical methods and means to apply the biblical stories for today's context.

### Geographic Study: Haiti

This study offers 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. The mission study also includes the impact of the devastating January 12th earthquake in 2010.

### Current Issue Study: JOY TO THE WORLD: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity

This study explores the theology of mission and evangelism in the twenty-first century context of Christianity as a world-wide religion. The study invites us 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?

### Detail descriptions/objectives available on request.

- The logo design is to illustrate the artist's conception of the theme and include the three studies.
- The logo must be submitted on 8 ½" X 11" white paper, copy ready.
- Logos may be black/white or color, but should be reproducible in black/white.
- A brief statement, 50 words or less, explaining the drawing must accompany the submitted art. Back of form may be used to write statement.
- Do not include any copyrighted graphics or design.

**The form below must be completed by the artist and submitted along with the logo design. Designs and forms are to be sent to the Representative by January 15, 2011 for consideration by the Regional School Planning Team.**

Name of artist(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Permission to use artwork is given with the signature of the artist below.

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**MISSION WEEK IN WISCONSIN**  
**Wisconsin Connecting the Church in Mission**  
October 23 – 26  
Chippewa District – Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Chapel Heights  
4pm – 6:30pm  
Watch for more details!

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**Remember**  
**The WEAVER is now on the UMW, Wisconsin Conference Website**  
You can also see the Wisconsin Conference newsletter "*Catch The Vision*"  
and other District newsletters on there.  
Be sure to check it out.

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

<http://www.wisconsinumc.org/camps/> - United Methodist Camps

<http://www.wisconsinumc.org/umw/> - United Methodist Women – the Weaver is on this website

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**Mark Your Calendar**



**2011**

March 12 – TEAM Meeting at Rice Lake  
March 26 – Social Action Event – *Love in Action* at Franksville UMC, Franksville, WI  
April 9 – Spring Day of Enrichment at Rice Lake UMC  
April 10 – Deadline for MAY WEAVER articles  
April 24 – EASTER  
June 4 – TEAM meeting at Prairie Farm UMC  
July 10 – Deadline for AUGUST Weaver articles  
August 2 – 5 – SOCM at Ramada in Stevens Point  
August 6 – SOCM Drive-In Day at Ramada in Stevens Point  
August 13 – TEAM meeting at Chippewa Falls – Trinity UMC  
September 24 – District Annual Gathering at Chippewa Falls – Trinity UMC  
October 21 – 22 – Conference Annual Gathering at Black River Falls UMC  
December 3 – Christmas TEAM luncheon at Lehman's in Rice Lake

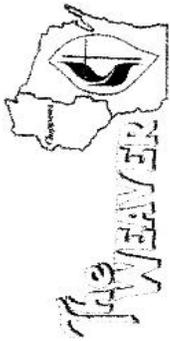
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