

Chippewa District
United Methodist Women

Newsletter

The WEAVER



February 2012



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.

Greetings From Your President

Greetings to all of Chippewa District UMW members!

I have been thinking about Peace in the world and inner peace and what can be done to bring more peace in the New Year. We sing "Let there be peace on Earth" at the end of every church service. It seems that isn't enough. "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Matt 11:28

I pray that this year UMW -- all the programs, School of Christian Mission, your readings, your prayer calendar, your fellowship -- will bring you inner peace and spiritual growth.

The Chippewa District team is planning our Spring Day of Enrichment. Encourage your Pastor and sisters to attend. I'll see you there. Order a program book and other resources or buy them there.

I will be meeting with Presidents this year but welcome calls (715-635-7045) and hope that each unit asks the District team to send someone for one of your programs this year. We always try to fill your requests if it is at all possible. I have made an effort to speak to some clergy, this year, about starting evening circles and starting new units. If I can help in any way, let me know.

May God bless you this year and bring you peace. I will continue to pray for you and ask God's richest blessings for you.

Billie LaBumbard
Chippewa District President



I expect to pass through life but once. If therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again.

- William Penn -

District Vice President

Happy New Year! A special greeting from your Vice President. It seems like only yesterday that I had sent this greeting out to you for 2011! Time surely does fly! There are times I can hardly keep up with it.

I ran across this thought the other day and thought I would share it with you. If \$518,400 were deposited in your bank account for the year for you to spend, with one stipulation, you must spend \$1440 each day or lose it, how would you handle this? Would you give it some careful attention and planning or would you just be "hit and miss" about it? I can tell you I would spend much time and attention in careful planning to get the most out of it.

Give this some consideration... there are sixty minutes in a hour and twenty-four hours in a day. That give us 1440 minutes of precious time every day and thirty times that is 43,200 minutes each month. Hence, in this year we have 518,400 minutes to spend. Once a minute ticks away it is gone, never to be retrieved. Only God knows how many of these minutes we have in our life time. How much of this precious time do we put to good use? How much do we squander? Think how much could be accomplished for the Lord if we only diligently use one-half of our time. Let's make 2012 really count!

Your District Team met January 7th and I dare say we did not squander too much of our efforts. We started planning our Spring Day of Enrichment and have a great program planned out for you, with two excellent speakers and topics. Dr. Harman will speak on some of his experiences as a missionary and what it is to be a missionary and Bobbie Liedl will give us some hands on thoughts and directions in doing some visitation for homebound and sick and perhaps for anyone. You will learn a little more about these people and their topic elsewhere in the *Weaver*. MARK THE DATE- APRIL 14th ON YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO BE THERE!!!

Blessings to all.....
Your Vice president,
Evie O'Neil

Hello from your District Secretary



I have received many local unit officer 2012 lists. If you have not gotten yours in please do so as soon as possible. Late is better than never. We use the information to communicate with you. We want to stay in touch with every unit.

See you at Spring Day of Enrichment.

Blessings,
Judy Albricht

District Treasurer
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. It is hard to believe that we are already in the second week of a new year.

I am sorry to say that we (The Chippewa District) didn't make our Pledge to the Conference this year. We did very well though. Our Mission Giving totaled \$61,492.99. We also gave \$10,976.77 to Mission Giving Plus. For a total giving of \$72,469.76. You all worked hard to earn these monies despite the tough economic situation. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU.

I was recently asked a very good question. They wanted to know where the monies listed under "Mission Giving" go? I want to address that in this letter and I hope I can word it so it is understandable. I think the easiest way is to look at "Mission Giving" as un-designated giving and "Mission Giving Plus" as designated. It is only the "Mission Giving" that counts towards our pledge. These are the 5 items listed at the top of the remittance forms. They are Pledge to Mission, SMR pins, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory and the World Thank Offering. These are also the only things that count toward your 5 Star Awards. The monies given to "Mission Giving" are un-designated and The Women's Division can use them where they are most needed. We all have those places that are special to us, where we want to send it, and that is good, but we need to remember to give more to Mission Giving (un-designated) because if we don't we can't make our pledge. The Women's division has knowledge about where the needs are greatest. Also remember that the Women's division also sends to the groups that we like to designate our monies to. We have lowered the Pledge for 2012 from \$70,000 down to \$65,000 so hopefully with your help we can make it this year.

I also want to address the 5 Star Awards. In order to qualify you must contribute to all five of those 5 things listed in paragraph 3 of this letter. So many units could have gotten the award but missed giving to 1 or 2 items. The most common one to miss is Gift to Mission. You need to give at least \$5. There are 9 different variety of cards to choose from, including Christmas and Birthdays. The cards are nice and people appreciate the money going to mission in their honor. Every unit, large or small, can earn this award. Give me a call and I will be happy to tell you how. The cards can be picked up at the Spring Day of Enrichment in the spring and also at the Annual Fall Meeting. They are sold in the Program Resource room. When purchasing a card be sure to tell them which unit you belong to and that information will be given to me and credited to you.

The Spring Day of Enrichment will be held on April 14th at the Tainter UMC. I think it will be a very good day. Hope to see all of you there.

God Bless you all,
Karen Langer,
District Treasurer
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The Nominating Committee

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2012 TO EVERYONE!!!!

It seems we were just together in Chippewa Falls, at Trinity UMC, for our Chippewa District Annual Gathering. At that time we installed our District Officers for 2012. However, NOW is the time your District Nominating Committee (DNC) needs to get busy finding women who will serve on our Mission Team 2013+, as we will have about 10 openings to fill.

We have been given an awesome organization to serve with and for. Our purpose states: "The organized unit of 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." One of the many ways we can fulfill this purpose is to serve as an officer. Each of us has gifts to share and enhance by serving on the District Team. We will not be able to move forward with that purpose without everyone's help. You **do not** need to wait to be asked, just contact me, any member of the DNC or another officer. In the very near future one of us may be calling you to serve. Feel free to ask any questions you may have and we will gladly answer, to the best of our ability. PLEASE prayerfully consider and then consent. You may not feel 'qualified', but none of us are fully qualified until we step forward and say **YES!** Then commit your time, sincere effort and be willing to learn along the journey. The entire team supports each individual in every way that's needed.

Now, we need you!! Won't you please join us? Questions? Contact any of us.

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Nominating Committee Chair
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Your talent is Gods gift to you.
What you do with it is your gift back to God.

- Leo Buscaglia -

Spiritual Growth



Beloved in Christ,

This comes with special greetings and best wishes for the New Year. We give thanks to our able God for all His benefits and goodness for the past years, this New Year and the years to come. Whatever our resolutions are for this New Year, let us continue to serve God and one another with love, faithfulness, diligence and humility. This is not the time for us to back out of God's house and mission works. Be positive and celebrate all the blessings, promotions, successes, favor, breakthroughs and protection that we receive on daily basis. Isaiah 41 vs 10 says "So do not fear, for I am with you, do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand". Therefore, let us rejoice together, for God will strengthen, help and uphold us and with great joy, look forward to a fruitful and fun filled year. We will enjoy His help in our lives, families, communities, nation and the world at large - if you believe say a loud AMEN!

With endless love from Christ,
Shola Adedokun



"We're the Meeks and we're here to see about our inheritance of the Earth."

Membership, Nurture and Outreach



It is the end of December 2011 already and my article for the February 2012 *Weaver* is due soon. I don't know if I am slowing down or time is just going faster but it seems as though I was just writing the article for the *Weaver* of February 2011. Do you feel the same way sometimes?? Today I was reading through the January 2012 *Response Magazine*. As usual, there are many great articles. The *Response Magazine* Team never fails to enlighten and educate us about the many aspects and mission projects of UMW.

A New Year brings the promise of good things with a hope that the world can become a better place, we can become better persons. We can be proud knowing that our UMW units, working together, can help women, youth and children around the world. Harriet Jane Olson, Deputy General Secretary of the Women's Division, talks about building bridges instead of walls with other units and/or people. Wouldn't it be great if everyone would follow this idea! Rev. Sharon L. Vandegrift talks about reconciliation or building a bridge that crosses the gap between painful experiences and future positive interaction. Reconciliation or building bridges is hard spiritual work, mainly because we have to move God into the center of the controversy and move ourselves out.

I just know that the UMW units of the Chippewa District can build bridges instead of walls because we are caring units continuing the work of our UMW foremothers. I visited a unit in 2011 and upon follow up I found out that they, and the unit of their sister charge church, had combined into a prayer shawl group. Isn't that great!!

So many units have said that they cannot do all that the Mission Today Form states. If you even help one woman, youth or child, you are fulfilling the UMW purpose. If you are a small unit, please do not feel that your unit is inadequate. Again, in visiting and/or talking with so many of you, I KNOW the mission work that each and every unit is doing is important!

In 2012, I wish each and every UMW unit of the Chippewa District a happy, fulfilling year. After visiting with so many of the units, I am so proud of all of you. You are continuing to do the Lord's work in so many ways. Keep up the good work.

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Education & Interpretation

It is a new year and a time for new beginnings. I have a new beginning as I have become the new Education and Interpretation Coordinator for the Chippewa District. It will be a gigantic task to follow in the footsteps of Barbara Bender who has served in this capacity for the past four years. I am looking forward to this new challenge and pray that our combined efforts will result in benefits for our missions to women and children throughout the world. I also pray that God grants all of you many blessings during 2012.

Ruby Getting
715-532-5540

Your Weaver Editor

It is a new year and time to update my mailing list for the *Weaver*. All unit presidents, vice-presidents, secretaries and treasurers will receive the *Weaver* at no cost. I use the names you have listed on the unit officer report you send into our District Secretary in December. So that is why it is important to send in your officer list every year, so that I have accurate names and correct addresses.

If anyone else in your unit wishes to receive the *Weaver*, just fill out the subscription form and send it to me with a suggested donation of \$3. Remember, also, that the *Weaver* is on our District UMW website. If you would like me to notify you when it comes out, just send me a e-mail and I will put you on my e-mailing list.

I wish you all a great New Year!

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Program Resource Secretary



UMW Reading Program:

- Youth books are acceptable in any category for any plan, but children's books are only accepted as credit for plans 3 and 4.
- The guidelines, for the Reading Program, are printed on the report forms and are listed in the October *Response Magazine*.
- There is a lot of information on the internet. Try www.wisconsinumw.org You can click on Resources to find other sites like www.missionresourcecenter.org where you can find a catalog of the books for the reading program and other resources or <http://new.gbgu-mc.org/umw> for information on what is happening with United Methodist Women throughout the world.

For 2012, I have read *I AM NUJOOD, AGE 10 AND DIVORCED*. It is from the Nurturing for Community category and a quick read. Another book that is a good read is the fiction book *BEADED HOPE* from the Education for Mission category. Both of these books are available through interlibrary loan. I usually find the hardest category for me to fill is Social Action. I hope to read *THE SLAVE NEXT DOOR* because it is about human trafficking and Karen Stimeling, whom I admire, has told me that it is important for us to realize what is happening so that perhaps our United Methodist Women can be a small part of making some changes in desperate lives. The book *SOLD*, is also in that category, and it is a

youth book and might be easier to read.

When you record the titles of the books you have read, it is acceptable to use any paper as long as you have the title of the book, category, your name, and your church. Remember to note your regular reading of *Response Magazine*.

There is one important change for the 2012 "rules". Plan 1 means read 5 books, one from each of the categories (**this includes Leadership Development**). I have read 2 books from the Leadership Development category. *CHRISTIAN-Finding Faith in a new generation* is a fairly easy, short, interesting book. *THIS CHILD WILL BE GREAT* is by Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, who recently won a Nobel Peace prize with 2 other African women and who has been President of Liberia.

Now that you know the guidelines for 2012, I challenge you all to qualify for at least Plan 1. Remember that you can also use the study books that are a part of the CURRENT School of Christian Mission. The summer of 2012 should be HAITI (a repeat of the 2011 Geographic (or Education for Mission) study; IMMIGRATION IN THE BIBLE, (the Spiritual Growth Study) and POVERTY (the Social Action study).

Talk with your fellow readers about the good books and perhaps we can even get some other people involved.

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Open A Book by Jane Baskwill

*Open a book
And you will find
People and places of every kind
Open a book
And you can be
Anything that you want to be:
Open a book
And you can share
Wondrous worlds you find in there
Open a book
And I will too
You read to me
And I'll read to you.*

CHIPPEWA DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
SPRING DAY OF ENRICHMENT
Saturday, April 14, 2012
Tainter United Methodist Church
N7584 690th St.
Colfax, WI
715-235-9219

WALK WITH WHOLENESS

Guest Speakers

**Reverend Robert Harman – “Walking the Story” highlighting the profiles of women in mission.
Bobbie Liedl – Care Ministry**

Mission Outreach

Stepping Stones Shelter

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

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

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

Directions to the Church:

From US-53 (Exit 110 @ Bloomer) (Hardees Restaurant is on the corner)

- 1) On WI-40 go West approximately 18.6 miles (you will go through the Village of Colfax)
- 2) Turn RIGHT onto County Road B travel approximately 4.4 miles (white ranch type house sits up on hill at this turn)
- 3) Turn LEFT onto 770th Ave (Whitetail Road) travel approximately .04 miles (light blue old farm house at corner)
- 4) Quick turn RIGHT onto 690th St. (Church Road) travel approximately .3 miles - Church is on LEFT

From I-94 (Exit 45) (Hotel and Truck Stop on corner)

1. Take County Road B NORTH travel approximately 2.5 miles
2. Turn RIGHT onto 730th Ave (East Town Line Road) travel approximately 2 miles (by green house)
3. Turn LEFT onto 690th St. (Church Road) travel approximately .7 miles – church on RIGHT

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REGISTRATION

Deadline April 6th

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
715-497-5317

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

SPRING DAY OF ENRICHMENT 2012



Our Mission Outreach **Stepping Stones Shelter** Menomonie, WI

Their Mission is helping people strengthen the Dunn County community by providing food, shelter and support. They have a Community Connections Program which connects volunteers to neighbors to provide needed supportive services, offers direct assistance, and connects people to other community resources. The Stepping Stones Shelter provides emergency shelter, housing assistance, and referral services to prevent homelessness and facilitate self-sufficiency. And the Stepping Stones Food Pantry provides food, personal care items, and resources for healthy living.

Wish List

In Good Condition:

DVD Player
Pots & Pans
Baking Sheets & Pans
Silverware

New Items:

Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Gas Cards
Personal Care Products Like:
Shampoo, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste
Tampons, Sanitary Napkins, Diapers

Our Speakers

Rev. Robert Harman is an ordained clergy in The United Methodist Church and served pastorates in northern Illinois – rural, urban and suburban – and as a district superintendent there. He became the planning officer of the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries and then chief administrative officer for the world mission program of the church, the most extensive mission program of any mainline Protestant denomination. He has served on the executive committee of Church World Service of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA and the World Witness Commission of the World Council of Churches. He is the author of *"From Missions to Mission: The History of Mission of The United Methodist Church 1968-2000."* He is now retired and lives with his wife Marcia, a retired teacher, in Danbury Wisconsin and Chicago. The Harmans have a son, daughter-in-law and two granddaughters living in Minneapolis, and a son engaged in international business based in Bogota Colombia.



The title for his presentation is: *"Walking the Story"*. His presentation will highlight the profiles of women in mission faithfully addressing spiritual challenges in a variety of global mission contexts with a call to walk with them in their witness to the Gospel.

Bobbie Liedl has been a member of Lake Street UMW since 1970. She has held various offices on the Executive Board over the years. She was, also, on the staff at Lake Street UMC as Director of Caring Ministries, which she has held for 2 years (which she left to care for her elderly parents). Bobbie has been a Stephen Leader/Minister for 17 years and is currently a Minister for the LakeCare Ministry Task Force.



BE A GREEN UMW UNIT: TAKE THE PLEDGE – sign up now

Send copy to Conference E&I Coordinator for Credit towards Mission Today Unit

Every action has consequences on other humans and on the earth. Become aware of the outcome of your actions, reduce your impact on others, and walk lightly on the earth. Consider these practices to be a spiritual discipline.

We pledge to work toward the following environmentally safe practices.

Name Local Unit _____ UMW Conference _____

1. EDUCATION

- Learn about the environmental crisis and ecological justice.
- Read about or join a study group fostering voluntary simplicity.

2. GREEN YOUR LIVING SPACE

A. Energy Use

- Alternative energy: solar/ geothermal/ purchase wind from your energy company.
- Purchase Energy Star appliances (refrigerator, dishwasher, washer/dryer, water heater, dehumidifier) and high efficiency furnace, air conditioner, and windows.
- Get programmable thermostat. Lower thermostat in winter; raise it in summer. Change settings when away. Use ceiling fans.
- Clean/ replace filters for all appliances/furnace with filters.
- Replace all incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs
- When not in use, turn off lights, TV, computer, appliances. Prefer natural light.
- Turn off TV, computer, microwave, etc. at the strip/ plug.
- Run full loads in dish washer, washer, and dryer. Use short cycles/ clothes line.
- Use microwave/ toaster oven/ slow cooker rather than oven/range.
- Set refrigerator at 36F to 42F, freezer at -5F to +6F, and water heater at 120F.
- Use cold or warm water when washing clothes; rinse in cold water.
- Insulate walls/ attic. Repair leaks around windows/doors. Lock windows to seal.
- Repair hot water leaks. Insulate water heater ("blanket") + hot water pipes (wrap).

B. Cleaning Products

- Use non-toxic dish detergent, laundry detergent, and cleaning products.
- Use safe cleaning products either purchased or homemade.
- Avoid spray products for cleaning, air-freshening, and cooking.

C. Water Use

- Do not let water run while doing tasks.
- Install low-flow shower heads and faucet aerators.
- Repair faucet leaks and toilet runs immediately.
- Take a shower rather than a bath, and shower less often.
- Wash dishes and laundry on full load.

D. Food

- Buy fair-trade products.
- Buy organic products.
- Buy local produce and products.
- Buy only what you will consume, and then use all you buy.
- Put on your plate only what you will eat, and then eat all on your plate.
- Eat fewer (or no) meat meals each week. Have a hunger meal each week.

E. Paper Use

- Use recycled, post-consumer paper products for kitchen, bathroom, and cleaning.
- Avoid paper towels; use cloth napkins and handkerchiefs.
- Use electronic media rather than paper. Avoid bright-colored paper.
- Use recycled, post-consumer, acid-free note/office paper or paper from tree farm.
- Use the paper completely on both sides.
- Avoid bright-colored paper.

F. Reduce/ Recycle/ Reuse

- Avoid use of paper, plastic, and Styrofoam in plates, cups, and utensils.
- Recycle glass, tin, plastic, newsprint, mixed paper, cardboard, etc.
- Recycle batteries, printer cartridges, cell phones, plastic bags.
- Safely dispose of computers, printers, paint, and other toxic products.
- Do not put grease or strong chemicals down drains.
- Buy products with less packaging.
- Compost food scraps and lawn clippings.
- Use canvas bags for shopping or reuse paper/plastic when shopping.
- When eating out, take your own plastic container for leftovers.

3. TRAVEL

- Purchase high mileage car. Maintain engine/tire pressure. Change oil/air filter.
- Over 55 miles per hour, drive more slowly. Easy stops and starts. Do not idle.
- Where feasible walk, bicycle, and carpool.

(Green UMW Unit pledge – continued from page 10)

4. WORK

- Green the work space and work practices: office, shop, factory, classroom
- Advocate with employers to green your company, agency, or institution.
- Promote greening among fellow workers and clients/customers/students.

5. NATURE

- Enjoy as kin the plants and pets in your living space.
- Take ten minutes a day to enjoy/love nature. Take a retreat with nature
- Use devotional materials that enhance your love of nature and your care for it.

6. PUBLIC COMMITMENTS

- Advocate for environmentally friendly legislation and policies.
- Restore a local habitat; protest a local environmental violation.
- Contribute to social justice organizations and environmental organizations
- Invest in socially responsible stocks and bonds that foster eco-justice.

SIGNED_by Unit

E & I Coordinator _____ **DATE** _____

Signed by Unit President _____ **DATE** _____

MISSION ACTION DAY

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN PRESENT –

HUMAN TRAFFICING 101 and a HOPEFUL RESOURCE

Saturday, March 24, 2012

Guest Speaker: Jane Tafel, Eau Claire Lake Street UMC
United States Director for Hagar International

Where: Tomah First United Methodist Church
1055 Butts Avenue, Tomah, WI 54660
608-372-4543

Time: Registration–9:30 AM, Program-10:00 AM, Sending Forth-2:45PM

Registration: Send \$10 and the following information to:

Dodie Smith
1927 17th Ave.
Kenosha, WI 53140

Include:

Name, Address, Phone number, District

If Child Care is needed, send ages of children and bring a sack lunch for them.

On line registration is available. All registrations are transferrable not refundable.

Deadline for registrations is March 18th.

NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION QUADRENNIAL
TO BE HELD AT DRAKE UNIVERSITY, DES MOINES, IA

Every four years delegates assemble at a quadrennial meeting to elect our Women's Division directors -- volunteers who direct the business and program of the Women's Division. Our Wisconsin Conference is a member of the North Central Jurisdiction, a group of 11 midwest United Methodist Conferences. In 2012, the quadrennial meeting will be held during the same week as Regional School of Christian Mission study event for conference and study leaders: June 21-24, 2012. The Quadrennial gathering time will be only two days -- Tuesday, June 19 and Wednesday, June 20 -- shorter than in past years.

During the quadrennial there will be an election of Women's Division Directors by conference elected delegates. Worship will be led by Bishop Deborah Kiesey of the Dakotas and a Bible Study will be led by Women's Division Staff member Marva Usher-Kerr. There will also be presentations by national institutions from the Iowa area.

Conference delegates will be participating in the voting procedure during most of the meeting time. But while that is taking place, there will be an event with ideas for mission to encourage and inspire local, district, and conference United Methodist Women from the North Central conferences. The activities will be related to refreshing and refilling our UMW cups. Both groups will gather in plenary for worship and program.

Fill My Cup, Lord is the theme for the upcoming quadrennial, based on the scripture from Ephesians 3:19: "And to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

2011 Reading Program Awards

Plan 1 * Plan 2 ** Plan 3 *** Plan 4 ****
Submitted by Nancy Zabel – Program Resource Secretary

BARRON

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

BIRCHWOOD

Adora "Dorie" Forward *
Evie O'Neil *

BLOOMER

Sharon Steinmetz *

CANTON

Mary Halvorson *
Michelle Halvorson *
Rose Snyder *

CHIPPEWA FALLS Trinity

Donna Kraemer **
Marion Strandberg **
Shirley Woodruff **

CLEAR LAKE

Catherine Benoy *
Joan Lillie *

CUMBERLAND

Jeanne Gilbert *
Donna Stoll *

DOWNING

Tammy Nelson *
Janice Annis *

FREDERIC- LEWIS MEMORIAL

Kara Alden *
LaVonne Boyer *

EAU CLAIRE Lake Street

Carol Fawcett *
Rev. Sandra Hamilton *
Suzanne Heabler ****
Julie Holzinger *
Bobbie Liedl *
Bev Maser ****
Florence Shepherd *
Lena Thompson ****

HOLCOMBE

Mary Beede *
Erma David **
Ruby Getting **
Elaine Sharp *
Alice Troupe *

MONDOVI OUR SAVIORS

Shirley Christopherson *
Mavis Cook *
Becky Davis *
Irma Fuller *

NEW CENTERVILLE

Naoma Falde *
Ann Rudesill *
Matilda Rudesill *
Lorraine Turner *
Barb Wiff *

NEW RICHMOND

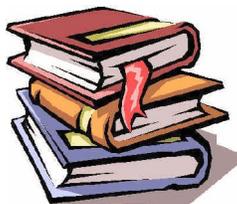
Janet Knutson **
Catherine Peterson **

PLEASANT VALLEY

Hattie Chapek *
Arlene Green *
Annette Pederson *

PRAIRIE FARM

Barbara Bender *
Pat Schoonover *



RICE LAKE

Arlene Hougas **
Pattie Lind *
Lisa Mink *
Nancy Zabel ***

RIVER FALLS

Caroline Hamilton ***
Janet Leonard ****
Sue Pierson ***
Marjorie Shirmer ***
Barb Wall ****
Leslie Watschke *
Bernice Wolf ***

SALEM/IRON CREEK

Sharon Schaefer *

SHELL LAKE

Karen Blodgett*
Shirley Hile *
Elaine Schaefer *

SIREN

Shirley Bloom *
Hazel Hahr ****
Darlene Jackson *
Judith Roe *
Donis Taylor *

SUPERIOR Faith

Maureen Asburg *
Barbara Certa-Werner *
Rev. Joel Certa-Werner *
Jacqui Jelinek *
Phyllis Mihalik *
Barbara Porter *
Linda Westman *
Jessie Westman *

WEBSTER Grace

Sharon Boatman *
LaVonne Collins *
Elaine Wilson *

2011 Mission Today Awards

Submitted by Barbara Bender, 2011 Education & Interpretation Coordinator

QUALIFYING UNITS

Balsam Lake - Centuria
 Barron
 Birchwood
 Boyceville
 Chippewa Falls - Trinity
 Clear Lake
 Colfax
 Cumberland
 Eau Claire Lake Street
 Holcombe
 Hudson
 Jim Falls
 Medford/Dorchester
 Menomonie
 Mondovi
 New Centerville
 New Richmond
 Osceola
 Prairie Farm
 Rice Lake
 River Falls
 Salem/Iron Creek
 Shell Lake
 Siren
 Spooner
 Superior Faith
 Tainter
 Webster

UNITS REPORTING BUT NOT QUALIFYING

Alma
 Augusta
 Canton
 Connorsville
 Danbury
 Downing
 Eau Claire Chapel Heights
 Ellsworth/Heartland
 Exeland
 Glenwood City
 Maiden Rock
 Knapp
 Pleasant Valley
 Rock Elm
 Turtle Lake
 Wheeler

UNITS NOT REPORTING OR LATE

Ashland
 Bloomer
 Cadott
 Chippewa Falls - Zion
 Deer Park
 Elmwood
 Gilmanston
 Grantsburg
 Hawkins
 Lewis
 McKinley
 New Auburn
 Ono
 Pepin
 Phillips
 St. Croix Falls
 Sanborn
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2011 5 Star Awards

Submitted by Karen Langer, District Treasurer

Alma
 Birchwood
 Boyceville
 Chippewa Falls - Trinity
 Clear Lake
 Colfax
 Connorsville
 Cumberland
 Eau Claire Lake Street

Holcombe
 Holy Trinity-Balsam Lk / Centuria
 Mondovi
 New Centerville
 New Richmond
 Osceola
 Pepin
 Pleasant Valley

Prairie Farm
 Rice Lake
 River Falls
 Salem Iron Creek
 Siren
 Spooner
 Superior Faith
 Webster, Grace

During the Memorial Service at the Annual Gathering 2011,
which was held at Chippewa Falls Trinity, the following UMW members
were honored for their years of service for women, youth and children.
We thank them for their years of mission work through UMW.

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Vesta Jerome
Merlyn Macak
Marguerite Wagenbach
Doris White

Bloomer

Viola Hilger

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Wilma Stevens

Chippewa Falls - Trinity

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Eau Claire Lake Street

Anita Balliett
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Edith Lange

Osceloa

Shirley Germanek

Pepin

Virgie Prifert
Margaret Seifert

Pleasant Valley

Irene Muszynski

Prairie Farm

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Nina Rivard

Turtle Lake

Marjorie Shortess

Wheeler Grace

Arretta Snyder

Safely Home

*I am home in heaven, dear ones.
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is a perfect joy and beauty
In the everlasting light.
All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in heaven at last.
There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand,
Do it now, while life remaineth . . .
You shall rest in God's own land.
When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting
Oh, the joy to see you come!*

Author ~ Unknown



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:

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203 E. Greenwood
Rothschild, WI 54471
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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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Valentine treasures are people who
have often crossed your mind,
family, friends and others, too,
who in your life have shined
the warmth of love or a spark of light
that makes you remember them;
no matter how long since you've actually met,
each one is a luminous gem,
who gleams and glows in your memory,
bringing special pleasures,
and that's why this Valentine comes to you:
You're one of those sparkling treasures!

By Joanna Fuchs

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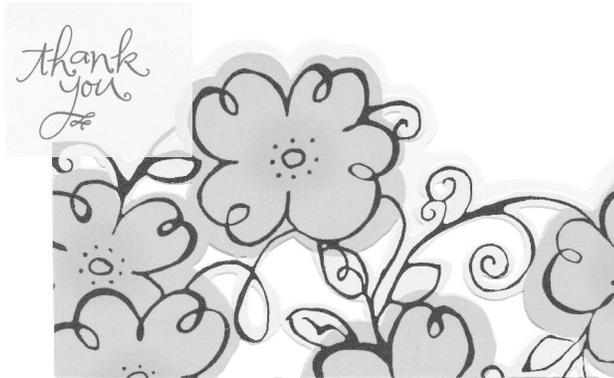
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Our Mission Outreach at our Annual Gathering Sept. 24th.
– Harmony House -



To our friends in the
United Methodist Women's
Group.

Thank you very
much for your generous
donation to Harmony
House! We truly
appreciate your help.
Your gift will help the
Harmony House shelter.

Sincerely,
The staff of SPJ (Starting Points)

2012 SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION CHANGES

School of Christian Mission will be held in
Wausau in 2012, instead of Stevens Point. The
reason? Ramada closed the hotel in Stevens
Point.

Study Topics:
Immigration in the Bible
Haiti
Poverty

BEING THANKFUL

A Rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy, "So
your mother says your prayers for you each night?
That's very commendable. What does she say?"

The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"

WEB SITES :

<http://www.umwonline.org/> - UMW Online
Community

<http://www.prayerquilt.org/> - Prayer Quilt Ministry
– Prayers & Squares

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

<http://new.gbqm-umc.org/umw/give/missionmap/> -
United Methodist Women Mission Map

www.missionresourcecenter.org – Mission
Resource Center

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

Mark Your Calendar



2012

March 17– TEAM Meeting at Tainter UMC

March 24 – Action Event – on Human Trafficking
at Tomah UMC

April 8 – EASTER

April 10 – Deadline for MAY *WEAVER* articles

April 14 – Spring Day of Enrichment at Tainter UMC

May 13 – Mother's Day

June 9 – TEAM meeting at TBA

June 19-20 – North Central Jurisdiction UMW mtg
at Drake Seminary, Des Moines, IA

July 10 – Deadline for AUGUST *WEAVER*
articles

July 31- August 3 – SOCM at Westwood
Conference Center, Wausau

August 4 – SOCM Drive-In Day at Westwood
Conference Center, Wausau

August 11 – TEAM meeting at Barron UMC

September 15 – District Annual Gathering at
Barron UMC (**note change of date**)

October 19 – 20 – WI Conference Annual
Gathering at Sun Prairie UMC

November 10 - Required Training for District
Officers at Mead Inn, Wisconsin Rapids

December 1 – Christmas TEAM luncheon at
Lehman's in Rice Lake

*We should live our lives as though Christ was coming
this afternoon. - Jimmy Carter*

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