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Winnebago District Spring 2012

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Mary Trettin- President

Can You Tell?

Can you tell that it is an election year? Just turn on the tv or read the paper and you will have no doubt that it is. Can you tell that spring has finally arrived and summer isn't far behind? Just look at the flowers that are blooming, the grass is growing and is green, the birds are busy building nests anywhere they can find a place (including one of the corners of the canopy over our front porch).

And United Methodist Women are making plans to attend their annual School of Christian Mission.

School of Christian Mission is always an exciting time. A time to take a class or two and learn new things about other countries, about poverty that is really world wide, and about immigration in the Bible. It's a time to greet old friends and to make new ones. It's a time to expand our horizons. It's a time to share our stories and to learn others' stories.

It's a time to learn more about United Methodist Women and what we are doing in this world to make life better for women, children and youth. It's time to explore the possibility of becoming an officer either in your own unit or your district or even the conference. (Maybe you can tell that I worked on the nominating committee for a while.)

Can you tell that I am enthusiastic about United Methodist Women? I hope so because

United Methodist Women changed my life and I hope it can change yours too.

Mary Trettin, President

Vice President -Gwen Gibson



How can I say goodbye to my UMW sisters in Wisconsin. I leave with sadness, knowing that in the next three years I will not be attending the School Of Christian Mission, conference and district Annual Gatherings, Jurisdiction events, our Nicolet/Winnebago Retreats, any district team meetings, conference and national Social Action days or even my local unit activities. I leave with joy, remembering all the work that the women of Wisconsin do to support missions that strengthen families and advocate and act for justice. I value the relations, fun and fellowship that I have had.

My husband, Bill and I were commissioned on April 29th as Missionaries of the United Methodist Church and will be leaving in July to be mission witnesses in Senegal, Africa for 3 years. Bill has been asked to help develop congregations and I have been asked to help start a nursery and teach English to the children.

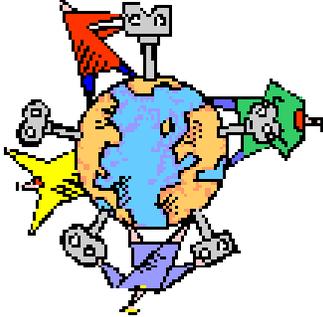
This journey began in 2011 when we went with Tony Fuller who is the Wisconsin Conference-Senegal Mission Liaison and five others from Neenah to Senegal on a **Volunteers In Mission (VIM)** trip. Bill and I felt a calling while we were there and in June of last year we were informed that an opportunity was available for us to go to Senegal. We go, knowing that God is with us and that our sisters and brothers will support us in their prayers, thoughts and continued financial gifts.

Thank you Wisconsin UMW Sisters.

Winnebago District Vice President

Gwen Gibson, Wisconsin UMW member

Nominations- Alma Grace



Hello! I hope spring is treating all of you well. I also hope that your United Methodist Women (UMW) unit is thriving and that if you've been long time members, you are reaching out to and encouraging new women to become a part of either your circle or to attend a Unit event. It is often through invitation that we find some amazing hidden leaders or talents that are right under our noses. It is through the UMW that we can build one another up and work together as a team.

The Winnebago District will be holding elections at our Annual Gathering at the Wautoma Grace UMC on October 6th 2012. Positions that will be open for vote are: President, Vice President, Communications Coordinator, Secretary and members to be on Committee on Nominations. A Potential Leaders Information Form was included in the last Winn-D please fill it out and return it to me. If you'd like another copy either contact me or go to Unitedmethodistwomen.org. You will find the information in the February edition of the Winn-D.

Chair Nominations Committee - Alma Grace

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Program Resources- Val Caldwell

Greetings, Winnebago District! I am sitting at my computer writing this and it is raining and lightening outside. What a great day the Lord has made! Great day for reading, drinking coffee and watching the beautiful lightening! I recently read “I Am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced.” If you have not read this yet, put it on your list. It is a wonderful book of courage and the resilience of the human spirit. Nujood lives in Yemen and was given in marriage by her father to a man three times her age. Almost half the girls in Yemen are married under the legal age. This book shows us a glimpse of what life is like in Yemen for women, and introduces us to a very brave little girl forced to grow up too soon.

The mission study books are in! You are now able to purchase the three study books for this year’s SOCM from the mission resource center. The three study books are Haiti – Challenges and Hope, Poverty, and Immigration and the Bible: A Guide for Radical Welcome.

Finally, remember to include our new fifth category in your reading program list – Leadership Development.

It seems that there is some old contact information out there on me. Please change my phone number and address to the following if you have older information: 318 Rose Avenue, Fond du Lac, WI 54935. Phone: (920) 933-3756; email: vcaldwell571@charter.net.

Happy Reading!

Val Caldwell
Secretary of Program Resources



Membership, Nurture & Outreach Secretaries-

Rachel Benton



Are you saying “OK, so I fill out the report forms for my unit and then I send them to Rachel by January 15, 2013. So what do I do the rest of the year??”

In the 2012 WI Conference UMW Yearbook there are goals listed for 2012-2013. These are primarily for District Secretaries but there are some ideas for local units too.

The information you so diligently seek out and maintain for the reports are used to plan programming and distribute resources to units. May I add that it helps you remember to contact those members you haven’t seen at meetings for a while. Lack of attendance by a member may indicate an illness, change in church participation, a new job, new baby, etc. A personal contact with these individuals would help these members know your unit is a creative supportive fellowship and that you are reaching out in Christ’s love.

Young women today receive their news through the internet. Advertise that they can become current with UMW by contacting Conference or Women’s division online and via social media outlets (umwonline.net, www.umwmission.org , www.wisconsinumw.org, United Methodist Women on Facebook and Twitter and Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women on Facebook. How are you reaching out to new members in your church and to young women? How are you encouraging women in your church to use UMW resources? Please share your ideas by contacting me so that I can spread the news.

Peace,

Rachel Benton, 1731 White Swan Drive, Oshkosh, WI 54901-3126 or <bentonr@uwosh.edu>



Social Action- Sharon Kardoskee

Reminder to district officers to call or visit sister units assigned to them. See how their units are doing and if they have any joys or concerns. Report your date of contact to Secretary of Program Resources, Rachel Benton.

Why should I get involved in Social Issues? Our United Methodist heritage reflects a history of commitment to social justice and social action. John Wesley placed strong emphasis on the Christian life as a combination of faith and love put into practice.

How can United Methodist women members get involved? We can choose an issue, learn about the problem, and act on solving it.

This article will focus on what is bread for the world? *Bread For The World* is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's lawmakers to end hunger at home and abroad. Other issues addressed in the past years have been: stopping congress from cutting nutrition assistance to families, increase money for hiv/aids pandemic, reform of U.S. farm bill, congress urged to reform foreign aid, and congress supported a renewal of child nutrition programs.

Bread For The World invites churches and groups across the country to write personal letters and emails to members of congress on issues that are affecting hungry and poor people. These lines of communication will help us end hunger.

Congress is striving to reduce the federal deficit in order to balance the budget. Congress could possibly place cuts to programs for hungry and poor people in the U.S. and abroad. It's important to write to our congressmen.

Do you know the facts about hunger and poverty in the United States?

In 2010 here are the facts:

- More than one in seven Americans -including more than one in five children lived below the poverty line.
- Risk of hunger increased from 36.2 million in 2007 to 48.8 million in 2010.
- Food banks saw a 46 percent increase in clients seeking emergency food assistance between 2006 and 2010.

- One in seven receives SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps). Nearly half of SNAP are children. 8 percent are 60 years old or older.
- Refundable tax credits have helped lift millions of Americans out of poverty ever year.

Facts Concerning hunger and Poverty around the World:

- 1.5 billion people live in extreme poverty on less than \$1.25 a day.
- 990 million people suffer from chronic hunger worldwide.
- In the Horn of Africa 13 million people are on the brink of starvation, due to the region's worst drought in 60 years.

In 2010 foreign assistance programs provided emergency food aid, saved 3 million lives through immunizations, and treatments for people suffering from hiv.

How do you get organized to do Bread for the World, by offering of letters to your congressmen. Contact website www.bread.org/go/ol where you will receive all the information you will need. There will be a form letter to write your congressmen. Remember a personal letter and emails are more effective to alert the congressmen about the hunger and poverty issues.

In conclusion we can be social action persons. Social action is simple acts of kindness: Can I pray for you? Do you need a ride? It can be donations to food pantries and thrift shops. Just listen to the call of help from your heavenly father to be in service. By the needs being in service you may find yourself receiving special blessings of love. We can never out give God.

Become involved today!

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION IS COMING!



Rita Wuyts, Spiritual Growth Coordinator

A CUP OF COMFORT

JOHN 7:37-38 “If anyone thirsts let him come to me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living waters”.

A cup of tea can bring us physical comfort. A cup of warm cocoa can bring us physical comfort. A cup of warmed milk can bring us physical comfort. However, a cup of God’s love can fill us with the comfort of peace, love, hope and joy. The more we are filled and overflowing, the more we are thrilled with God’s grace so that we delight in pleasing Him and helping others in need.

Our spiritual and emotional cups can go dry if we don’t keep drinking of the Spirit’s love and power.

How can we keep our cups full? Some of the ways include prayer, keep the lines of communication open between yourself and our Lord; daily reading of His Word, serving Him by being a good steward of the talents He has given you, and study groups.



Communications- Andrea Willetts

Greetings to the ladies of Wisconsin, I certainly hope that you are all getting excited for School of Christian Mission. This year, as you may have heard we will be in a new location and that always adds some challenges as well as opportunities to shake out the cobwebs. If it is nothing else that I have witnessed from UMW is that we can adapt to just about anything so sign up for the week or attend the one day but whatever you do come with your hearts and minds set to learn, love and share with your fellow sisters & brothers in Christ.

The application for SOCM is on the last page of this newsletter; please make the necessary arrangements to attend.

Please help us out by keeping the cost of sending the Winn-D out. Share this with others who do not have email. Print a copy for your circle or bring your laptop to someone’s house and let them read it while you have a nice visit.

If you have any questions, contact me- Kwilletts@new.rr.com or 920-738-9774

TREASURER- Beverly Kimble



Hello again! Here we are in May already. Thank you, everyone, for doing such a wonderful job with your reports. I am more confident of my job as treasurer now that I've submitted several reports and answered a few of your questions. I enjoy my job and especially enjoy interacting with each of you. In February's newsletter I asked that your reports reach me by the 20th of each month for you to be credited in that month. I have found that I actually need your reports by the 15th of each month if you want the credit in that month. Most of you have told me it doesn't matter in which month you are credited, however. (Andrea Willets still receives a Remittance Report once in a while, and she has to send them on to me; so it would be helpful if you could remember to send them to me at the address below. If you have any questions, please call. I'm usually here; but if not, just leave a message and I'll get back to you.)

We just returned from the annual retreat that Winnebago and Nicolet Districts hold each year. It was awesome! The fellowship with the women in these two districts is a special experience. If you have never attended one of these retreats, try to reserve the date next year.

Have a wonderful summer!

Beverly Kimble

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WISCONSIN CONFERENCE MISSION TODAY UNIT (Revised 4/16/11)

To become a MISSION TODAY Unit, the 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 one new member to its roll.*
4. The unit will have at least one member 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 unit meeting with a different racial/ethnic background, using programs from the Program Book. ^ Use Program plan for Charter prepared by Conference.

^Share worship service or meeting with speaker of another culture.

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 Meeting or Conference Annual Gathering.
10. The unit will have a least one person join the United Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information. Web address: <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/act/network/>
11. Members will write or Email 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, e-mail, 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.
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 magazine 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.

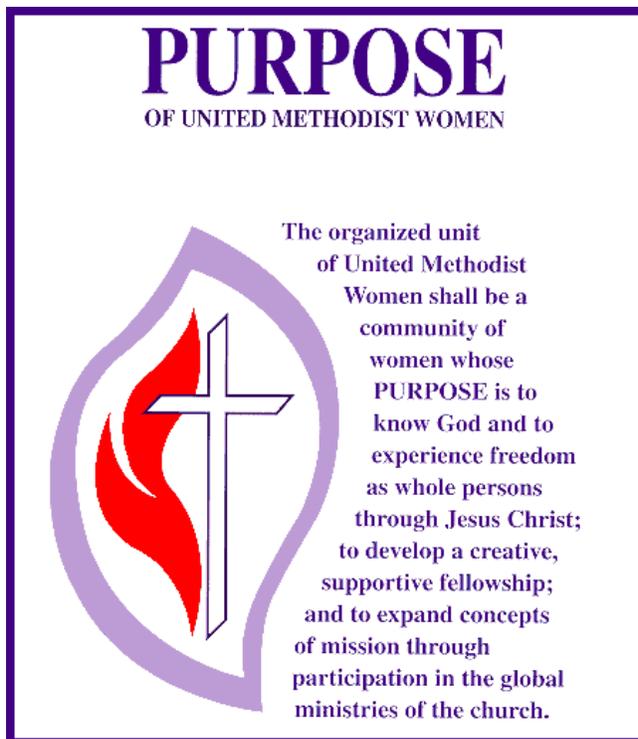
16. The unit will invite a district or conference officer, other than that of a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings during the year.

17. Make a pledge to care for God's creation and become a "Green" United Methodist Women unit (Get information on How to Become a Green Unit at <http://www.umwonline.org/environment> or contact Women's Division Community Action.

18. Hold a Mini-Spiritual Growth Retreat. See Program Book for ideas.

19. Unit to contribute at least \$25.00 for School of Christian Mission.

***** These Guidelines to be used beginning year 2012 *****



Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women School of Christian Mission



THAT ALL MAY HAVE LIFE

*As people of Christ, let us change what needs
to be changed, say what needs to be said, do
what needs to be done and love the way
Christ would have us love so that all may have
life and have it abundantly.*



School of Christian Mission: Tuesday-Friday, July 31-Aug. 3, 2012
Overview (formerly Drive-In) Day: Saturday, August 4, 2012

2012 Mission Studies

Immigration in the Bible (2012)

This study shares the story of the Bible as a narrative of immigrants and migration. Exploring the Biblical and theological understandings of immigration, immigrants and migration, this study seeks to enable the participants to examine what it is to be a sojourner and to live into the biblical mandate of hospitality for "the stranger" and "aliens" in our midst.

Haiti (2011-2012)

This study is 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. It also includes the impact of the devastating January 12th earthquake in 2010. Although much focus is on the avenues available for those wishing to help the people of Haiti rebuild, the study's approach and perspective go well beyond the immediate need of recovery from the earthquake. According to Rev. Dr. Pierre, "The primary purpose of this endeavor is to encourage on-going exchanges of cultural understanding, mutual respect, and mission partnership between the people of The United Methodist Church and people of God in Haiti."

Poverty (2012-2013)

Our Christian faith invites us to become agents of God's compassion and healing in a wounded world. Poverty is a human rights issue with grave impact on women and children. This mission study on poverty is designed to help participants recognize and claim for themselves the connections between Scripture, church tradition, compassion for the poor, social outreach and social justice.

Biblical passages remind Christians of their responsibility for poverty. The Wesleyan movement embraced this concern by creating community centers where people could access education, medical care or employment, and members of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations have continued this heritage and responded to the poor where they exist.

Young People

Middle school through college age young men and women will enjoy special programming, including the opportunity to join in mission studies; share in meaningful worship, recreation, team building and volunteering; and build friendships that will last a lifetime.

YoMiCa (Youth Mission Camp—Grades 3-8)

Located at the United Methodist's beautiful Pine Lake camp, this is an exciting event that also teaches about mission. The students will participate in typical camp activities, like swimming, arts and crafts, games and getting in touch with nature. In addition, the camp mirrors the adult classes by learning about mission. Yomica begins Sunday at 3:00 pm and culminates in a Friday afternoon presentation at 2:30 pm (July 31-Aug. 5) Call Camp office with questions: 608-837-3388. See <http://www.wiumcamps.org/documents/MiddleSchoolCatalog2010.pdf>ElementaryCamps.pdf for more information and registration. Leaders: Tim and Kara Finley.

Westwood Conference Center • Wausau, WI

Who?

The Wisconsin School of Christian Mission is for everyone: women, men, youth, laity, clergy- *You!*

**What?**

The Wisconsin School of Christian Mission is where people of all ages come together to grow in understanding of the mission of the church in the current world context through study, fellowship, worship and fun.

*****NEW LOCATION*****

Westwood Conference Center—Wausau
1800 Westwood Center Blvd.
Wausau, WI 54401
Exit I-39/29/51 at Exit 193 (Bridge St.)
715-847-9200
See larger map on page 4.

When?SOCM:

Tuesday–Friday, July 31–Aug. 3rd
Saturday, August 4, 2012—Overview Day

YoMiCa:

Sunday–Friday, July 29–August 3, 2012

Why?

School of Christian Mission is a wonderful time to learn about one of the precepts of the church: mission. Not only is it educational and fun, but it is a great vacation bargain!

How?

Register using the registration pages. Please fill in all the boxes. You may make as many copies of the registration form as needed.
OR email your registration and save a stamp.
OR go to www.wisconsinumw.org to register online.

Questions?

Contact the registrar:

Chris Draxler

715-835-1402

email: fdraxler@charter.net

Wisconsin Conference School of Christian Mission Four-Day School

Tuesday, July 31– Friday, Aug. 3

Registration 9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Tuesday the 31st

Opening Plenary 10:30 a.m. Tuesday

Sending Forth 12:30 p.m. Friday 3rd

Meals: Four-Day student meals begin with lunch on Tuesday the 31st and end with breakfast (at the hotel) on Friday the 3rd.

Cost: Four-Day Students– registration (you must make your own hotel reservations separately. Block of rooms available at the Fairfield Inn.)

–\$165.00 (\$215.00 if received after July 1st)

Advanced registration is **REQUIRED**. No registrations will be accepted after July 15th. *Transferable but not refundable.*

To register, use form on page 3.

Don't forget to order your study book when registering. See page 3!

Overview (formerly Drive-In) Day Saturday, August 4th

Registration 8:15 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

Opening Plenary 9:00 a.m.

Overview of all three mission studies.

Special tables at lunch for young people.

Study books and reading materials available for purchase.

Mission offering taken.

Sending Forth: 3:30 p.m.

Cost: Overview Day student \$40.00 (\$45.00 after July 1st)

Advanced registration is encouraged and is *transferable but not refundable*. To register, use registration form on page 4.

Each person needs a separate form—photocopy as needed.

School of Christian Mission 2012 (4-day) Registration

(Use one form per person; duplicate as needed. Please print and fill out entire form)

Name _____ Email _____
 Address _____ Phone (____) _____
 City _____ Zip _____
 District _____ Local Church/City _____ Roommate: _____

Registration type: Adult Registration Young person Registration First Timer
Studies (Adults choose one or two studies; Young People choose only one and mark as "1st class".)
 _____ **Immigration in the Bible** _____ **Haiti** _____ **Poverty**

Complete the following with the appropriate dollar amounts (see fees page 2):

Four-day School: _____ Adult _____ Young Person _____

- Check if requesting handicap accessibility.
- Check if requesting a scholarship.
- Check if you are laity requesting Advanced Layspeaking/Layservant credit.
- Check if you are a pastor and wish to receive Continuing Ed. Credits (CEU).
- Check if you are a First Timer interested in First-time Orientation.**

Special Dietary/Physical Needs _____

Young Person Date of Birth _____ Grade Completed _____

Please order a study book for me. (Place number of books requested on the blank)

_____ *Immigration in the Bible*
 _____ *Poverty*
 _____ *Haiti: Challenges and Hope*

Send full payment by July 1st to:
 Chris Draxler
 2139 Walnut Ridge Dr., Eau Claire WI 54701
 Phone: 715-835-1402
 fdraxler@charter.net

Make Checks Payable to: **SOCM**
UMW Wisconsin Conference

If you need a payment plan, please contact our Registrar and make arrangements. We will gladly work a schedule out with you.



Young Women doing crafts—2011

Scholarships: (contact registrar for more information)
 + Available for first time attendees of SOCM.
 + Scholarships are available for full or partial fees to Young People.
 + Clergy Scholarships available for newly ordained pastors.
 + **Continuing Education Credits** available for Pastors and laity receive **Advanced Layspeaking/Layservant Credits**.
 Contact registrar for more information.



2012 Dean, Julie Miehle, and Assistant Dean, Dee Klawitter.

Accommodations and Other Information:

- *Air-conditioned meeting rooms at the Westwood Conference Center.
- *Handicap accessible meeting rooms.
- ***You must make your own hotel reservations. There will be a block of rooms available at the Fairfield Inn & Suites.**
- *Shuttle service is available between the Fairfield Inn & Suites and the Westwood Conference Center.
- *More information on mission projects and learning center available, with puzzles & crafts.
- *Audio/Visuals available during Choice Times.

Overview Day (Saturday) 2012 Registration

(Use **one form per person**; duplicate as needed. Please print and fill out entire form)

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone (____) _____

City _____ Zip _____

District _____ Local Church/City _____

Overview Day includes worship, an overview of all three mission studies, an offering taken for Mission Giving, lunch and closing communion. Lunch will be provided in a room conveniently located at the Conference Center. Displays, Program Resources and the Learning Center will also be available. **Complete the following with the appropriate dollar amounts** (see fees on page 2).

	Adult	Young Person
Overview Day:	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Child Care needed for _____ children. Please list age(s) of child(ren) _____		
Young Person's Date of Birth _____ Grade Completed _____		
Special Dietary/Physical Needs _____		

Send full payment by July 1st to:
 Chris Draxler
 2139 Walnut Ridge Dr., Eau Claire WI 54701
 Phone: 715-835-1402
 fdraxler@charter.net

Make Checks Payable to: SOCM
 UMW Wisconsin Conference

No refunds given, but substitutions will be accepted. A confirmation of your registration will be mailed or emailed to you.

Westwood Conference Center

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Driving from the NORTH on US 51/I-39

- Take Exit 193 (Bridge Street).
- Turn right at Bridge Street (0.3 mi).
- Turn right at Westwood Drive (0.1 mi).
- Turn right at Westwood Center Boulevard, follow and take right off of roundabout to continue onto Westwood Center Boulevard (427 ft). Visitor parking is on your left.

Driving from the SOUTH on US 51/I-39

- Take Exit 193 (Bridge Street).
- Turn left at Bridge Street (0.3 mi).
- Turn right at Westwood Drive (0.1 mi).
- Turn right at Westwood Center Boulevard, follow and take right off of roundabout to continue onto Westwood Center Boulevard (427 ft). Visitor parking is on your left.

Driving from the EAST or WEST on US 29

- Merge with US 51/I-39 North.
- Take Exit 193 (Bridge Street).
- Turn left at Bridge Street (0.3 mi).
- Turn right at Westwood Drive (0.1 mi).
- Turn right at Westwood Center Boulevard, follow and take right off of roundabout to continue onto Westwood Center Boulevard (427 ft). Visitor parking is on your left.

