

North West District
United Methodist Women

Newsletter

The WEAVER



February 2018



THE PURPOSE

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

From Our New District President

Psalm 91:11 *"He has put his angels in charge of you to watch over you wherever you go."*

What are God's messengers trying to tell me? To rest in God's Grace? To pray more and worry less?

I'm excited about 2018. As District UMW President I will encourage you, I will help you learn new things about the world, our neighbors, and how together we can support women, children and youth.

We can get so much more done working together----with his angels, as we take action!

Join me as we put our faith into action. I hope to see you at the Spring Day of Enrichment and Social Action Day. And if you really want to be uplifted join me at UMW Assembly.

If you have any questions or need assistance please feel free to contact me at 715-939-0118 or missionbillie@gmail.com.

God Bless,

Billie LaBumbard

Vice President Report

Did you know that each year a sub-committee of the Wisconsin Conference of United Methodist Women executive committee creates a program, focused on Wisconsin, using the Charter for Racial Justice? This practice was started in 2010 and since that time the subcommittee has created a new program each year. These programs are created using facts and issues that are specific to Wisconsin. Some local units still feel there is no reason to use these programs when planning their programs at the local level.

In April the North West District will be having their Spring Day of Enrichment at Trinity UMC in Chippewa Falls. We will be using parts of the 2017 Racial Justice Program; "Listening to Native Americans: Stories and Struggles." We will go beyond Wisconsin's border and explore Native American struggles we learned about at Mission U in the Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church study.

Our hope is that those attending Spring Day of Enrichment will be inspired to bring up the need to use the Racial Justice Program at the local level. There is usually so much information in these programs that it may seem a bit overwhelming. You don't have to use the program word for word. Use it as a guideline. Pick and choose what you want to present depending on your interest, time limit or relevance to your area. The District TEAM used the program to get ideas but we didn't use the whole program as it was written. We have added displays related to Native Americans as well as a display about the Charter of Racial Justice. Pick up the brochure on Racial Justice to find out what WE BELIEVE and what WE WILL DO about those beliefs. As members of UMW, we do more than meet socially, we tackle issues that are relevant to our time and our location. Every unit should be using the Racial Justice Program each year.

As Vice President of the North West District, I have tried to plan District programs that focus on an "issue" rather than on entertainment. In Holcombe, last spring, our focus was Climate Justice. I still have women commit on what they took home from that event and how they used what they learned to take some action at the local level. Comments like that warm my heart. But I can't take the credit because I rely on God to show me His plan. I recently read a verse from Proverbs that sums up my feelings. Proverbs 16:3 *"Depend on the Lord in whatever you do, and your plans will succeed."* My prayer is that once again God is leading me as the District Team and I plan this year's Spring Day of Enrichment. He hasn't let me down yet.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Spring Day of Enrichment on Sat. April 14th at Trinity UMC in Chippewa Falls.

Terry Giles

V.P. North West District
715 431-0420 (cell)

P.S. 2018 will be my last year as District Vice President. We are looking for someone who wants to follow in my footsteps. If you feel the "nudge" that this is something you might be interested in, I encourage you to pray about it and then follow God's lead. Take the risk. Say "yes" when asked by someone from Nominations. He won't let you down.

Our New District Secretary



Hello everyone, my name is Patricia Cederholm. I am your current district secretary, replacing the very competent, Janet Knutson. I have been involved with the United Methodist Church, since marrying my husband, 45 years ago. We have been members of four churches - Hudson, River Falls, New Richmond and now Menomonie. Menomonie is my home town and, to be closer to family, we move three years ago close to Menomonie to a home on upper Lake Tainter. We have a daughter who lives in Menomonie, and a son and our only grandchild who live in Australia. I look forward to meeting you and I am honored for the opportunity to serve as district secretary.

God Bless! *Pat C*

Treasurer Report

Are you ready? God has many new adventures planned for us in 2018.

He has arranged for me to remain your District Treasurer. Patty Proehl declined the position in December. I am looking forward to what He has planned for me to learn and do this year.

The District did not meet our Pledge to Mission goal of \$50,000 to the WI Conference in 2017. We were short approximately \$3700. Let's put more effort into meeting our goal of \$50,000 for 2018.

Please focus your giving toward the 5 channels of "Mission Giving" for the 5 Star Award.

I hope you will be open to the "new" experiences and opportunities God has prepared for you this year. Together, let us continue spreading the Gospel and serving the women, youth and children in our communities with love and hope.

Please pray for God's direction and guidance in all you do. Blessings!

Robin Peterson, Treasurer

3487 120th St., Frederic, WI 54837

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RLHULA@YAHOO.COM

Nominations

Greetings to you all and I hope your are off to a very good start at 2018! Don't let the cold slow you down! Things will get better.

Well, here I am--same old girl but with a new title. I am still working with my local Birchwood United Methodist Women group and my church and for this year will be your Nominations Chairperson on our North West District team.

As you may have noticed on our listing of NW District member slate, we are still in need of more helpers. Our Nominations slate is very slim and of course we need to look ahead for next year.. Wouldn't you like to do a little soul searching to see if you could contribute some help to our team? We are a very hardworking, friendly and fun loving group. We would surely welcome you. And if you are not able to give this much of your time and effort; if you have a friend or colleague in your local group or church who might be interested please speak to them and convey your thoughts to me. You see, we do not know all of you personally so without your help, we do not know where to start.

We are still looking for a Treasurer to replace Robin Peterson. Her term on the team is up, so we do need to find someone to take over her position.

The new District Treasurer should have the following qualifications:

- ◆ Bookkeeping experience
- ◆ Experience using Microsoft Excel spreadsheets and already have Excel software
- ◆ Know how to complete documents online
- ◆ Available to receive UMW contributions throughout the year and forward them on to the Conference (cannot be unavailable for weeks or months at a time)

If you have these qualifications, give us a call and join our team!

I surely hope you have a wonderful year full of God's many blessings. And do spend some time in prayer for the success of our NW District and United Methodist Women everywhere.

Erle O'Neil, Nominations Chair

715 354-3197

evio31@outlookocom

Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator

How was UMW for you in 2017? Did you gain any new membership? If you did, that was great! Like many, it is hard to convince those who could be, but aren't, to become involved with us. But we don't give up – we keep trying. I think the new program book is good – maybe the coloring activity might be attractive to some. Encourage and invite!

I'm working on getting all units on the census on-line. Make sure I get the following **by Feb 20th**:

- Number of members as of January 1, 2017
- Number of members gained as of January 1, 2017
- Number of members lost by death or other as of December 31, 2017
- Number of members as of December 31, 2017

Call me at 715-455-1471 or email me at obbender@chibardun.net.

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

Social Action Coordinator

New Year's Blessings to all of you! I hope that you will join me in uniting our voices, prayers and faith in Social Action during 2018!

I would like to encourage all of you to consider attending our Mission Action Day, on April 7th, in Mauston. The themes for the day include the relationship of health care policy, income inequality and racism. Please see more information about registration included in this issue of the WEAVER!

I was privileged to attend the Why Water Matters Summit in Minneapolis in mid-November and I am excited to share about this excellent experience. Over 100 people from across the United States, including leaders from Native American communities, environmental scientists, and

activists, gathered for a three-day summit focused on the importance of advocating for and protecting water.

The attendees, came together to learn, organize and celebrate. The Minnesota Annual Conference facilitated the event on behalf of the North Central Jurisdiction of the UMC. Minnesota was chosen to host because the state contains the headwaters of the Mississippi River. A group of United Methodist Women from both Wisconsin and Minnesota were among the participants. Our president, Laura Pfeffer was one of the workshop leaders and also part of the planning committee.

The event featured workshops, resources and leadership from Native American and United Methodist perspectives. Speakers provided a theological foundation for environmental action and encouraged attendees to become aware of the many relationships between faith, caring for creation, political and economic gain and racism. The importance of water from birth to baptism to the very substance of everyday life was celebrated. Individuals were empowered to create action plans for water advocacy and sustainability in their communities.

The summit also included meaningful worship services and sacred ceremonies. One evening, a Water Walker, Singing Wolf Sharon Day, held a water walker ceremony for all attendees. Day used sage, tobacco and water to guide participants in a service to respect water, which has a living spirit in her culture. The summit has been described as a holy and renewing experience for all who attended.



Celebrating water,
Laura Ida
Social Action Coordinator

Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Prayer by Judy Vasby:

Compassionate God, I do not always see your image in persons I encounter. Forgive me. Correct my vision, Amen

Judy Vasby, Deaconess- Home Missioner, Willerup UMC, Cambridge, Wi.

Judy's prayer is made more poignant after reading the book *Just Mercy* by attorney Bryan Stevenson. He started out after law school working with people on death row in Alabama in the 1990's. Today he has a staff of forty at the Equal Justice Institute, teaches at a law school and travels all across the country for trials and speaking engagements.

Stories of people who are poor, marginalized, ignored and treated unjustly are graphic and unsettling. Some have been wrongly accused or their sentence changed to the death penalty by a power-hungry judge. Several committed nonviolent crimes as children and have been on death row for thirty years. Each situation is unbelievably sad.

Just when I was really feeling down, Bryan shows the resilience and determination of inmates. Most striking is Walter McMillian who is accused of murder as a young man. He is having a fish fry at his home at the time of the crime, but local police and sheriff want a resolution to the crime so set up witnesses to frame Walter. No one listens to his family and he goes to prison. The judge gives him the death penalty. Bryan works tirelessly to get the new evidence viewed by the judge to get Walter some justice.

Bryan finds it ironic that so many of the people in the town are proud of the heritage that *To Kill a Mockingbird* was written in their town, yet bigotry is still rampant.

Many years pass before the Alabama Supreme Court listens and resolution occurs. Laws get changed. Walter stands outside the prison on the day of his release, flaps his arms toward the sky and says "I can fly like a bird!". His joy is evident in the picture shown on EJI's website. Bryan says "Moments of anguish and heartbreak do something remarkable to those of us involved.

The brokenness of others also exposes our own brokenness. In this joint brokenness we become open and connected. Joint brokenness connects us. Being broken is what makes us human.

Realizing the shared vulnerabilities and imperfections sustains our capacity for compassion. This leads us to a choice: Embrace your human broken nature and have a capacity for healing or deny your brokenness, forswear compassion and as a result, deny our humanity. When one experiences compassion and mercy one may also try to show more mercy, but also see and hear the humanity in yourself and others."

I think that Bryan can see the image of God in others. To see him either go to EJI website or look up Bryan Stevenson on TED Talks.

Jean Kissack
Spiritual Growth
Coordinator

Program Resource

Did you know -

- ◆ 33% of High School Graduates never read another book the rest of their lives.
- ◆ 42% of College Graduates never read another book after college.
- ◆ 57% of new books are not read to completion.
- ◆ 70% of US adults have not been to a book store in the last 5 years.
- ◆ 80% of US families did not buy or read a book last year.

The more a child reads the likelier they are able to understand the emotions of others.
(Taken from Facebook)

A REMINDER

To bring your already read UMW reading books to Spring Day of Enrichment, to exchange with others. Make sure they are from our UMW reading program and within the years that qualify for the four plans.

Annette Pederson,
Program Resource Coordinator

Education & Interpretation Coordinator



The Gifts We Give

As we journey through this year, 2018, we look back on 150 years on the one hand and forward on the other, to a future of continuing the legacy of what faith, hope and love in action have done and can do. Our Mission Tasks and our Five Star Award Program are guides to and through the purpose United Methodist Women espouse each meeting and have held in front of them for so many, many years.

Our history has been one of many accomplishments and our going forward holds many challenges as we look at what we confront in our world each and every day. We still have, and will have, some of the same challenges, but we can also count on finding new information that leads us down uncharted paths as well. So, during this year, let us, in our units, spend some time reviewing accomplishments and things we've avoided thinking about or doing while studying and working to create new ways to approach old problems and confront new challenges.

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.

Each of our units has the challenge of determining how it will proceed to meet the challenge of this purpose while still supporting the needs of its church members and struggling churches. And, I suspect, in many of our churches, the only mission work that actually gets done is done through UMW. Our vision has to be wide enough to be inclusive of needs beyond our own doors as well as those that confront us in our own communities. To fail to do that which is well beyond our doors is to fail in meeting the call and challenge Jesus led us to.



So, our FIVE STAR PROGRAM – Our ***Pledge***, Our ***Thank Offering***, Our ***Special Mission Recognition***, Our ***Gift in Memory*** and Our ***Gift to Mission*** each remind us that we look *inward* and we look *outward*. It is both a challenge and triumph when we accomplish these.

The **Pledge** is of great significance: by joining with all of the UMW churches in our conference we strengthen the outreach we have to women, youth and children worldwide. There are very few ways both our large and small churches singly can accomplish what our pledge does. A portion of that also returns to us in education available to teach us about the “true” needs there are or the wrongs needing justice. The **World Thank Offering** reminds us to honor God's blessings to us by the simple means of putting our thanks in an offering box collecting to bless others as we have been blessed. The **Gift to Mission** is a card with a gift sent forward to mission is a way to give something in honor of someone who has done something special. **The Gift in Memory** is a donation given to honor the memory of someone and goes to mission work in the U.S. or elsewhere in the world.

Our strength as an organization that is worldwide makes each of these gifts meaningful and fulfills many of the goals of the United Methodist Women. Our gifts in each of these can be **small or large**. Gifts given in totality through the **Five Star Program** become extremely meaningful when combined with all other units nation and worldwide.

Blessings,
Liz Dempsey, E & I Coordinator
lizzied23@live.com

"All you have shall some day be given;
Therefore give now, that the season of giving
may be yours and not your inheritors."

Kahlil Gibran

**NORTH WEST DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
SPRING DAY OF ENRICHMENT
Saturday, April 14, 2018**

Trinity United Methodist Church
201 West Central St.
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
(715) 723-2806

Courage ~ Wisdom ~ Strength

Presentations

Trail of Tears – presented by Billie LaBumbard
Boarding School Experience – as told by Patricia Shilts
Racial Justice Programs/the REDress Project – presented by Terry Giles
Why Water Matters – presented by Laura Ida
Bad River Reservation Information/Accepting Mission Outreach for Odanah UMC – Alex Dickerson

Mission Outreach

Odanah United Methodist Church
Read about this mission, and items on their wish list, on page 9 of this WEAVER.

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

Singing & Gathering . . . 9:00am
Sending Forth 3:00pm

Directions to Chippewa Falls - Trinity UMC

See page 9 of this WEAVER for directions to the church.

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REGISTRATION

Deadline April 6TH

Registration + meal \$15 – **no refunds but is Transferable**

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

NAME _____ **UNIT** _____

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:

North West District UMW (memo: registration)

Mail to:

Marion Strandberg
1101 Weather Ridge Rd.
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
715-497-5317

Mission Outreach Offering

Make checks payable to:

North West District UMW (memo: Odanah)

Bring to Spring Day of Enrichment or Mail to:

Robin Peterson
3487 120th St.
Frederic, WI 54837
715-653-2382

Our Mission Outreach For Spring Day of Enrichment, April 14, 2018 Odanah United Methodist Church

The Bad River of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians are a federally recognized tribe of Ojibwe people. The Bad River Reservation is located on the south shore of Lake Superior and has a land area of 156,000 acres (244 sq mi; 630 km) in northern Wisconsin straddling Ashland and Iron counties. The tribe has approximately 7,000 members, of whom about 1,800 lived on the reservation during the 2000 census.

Odanah United Methodist Church is a log church on the Bad River Reservation near Ashland, WI. The congregation is small but serves the Odanah community by encouraging others through demonstrating a life-changing Christian journey. They place a high priority on the Bible and following Jesus. Funds are needed for activities especially for the elders and youth. Upkeep is an on-going challenge for the parsonage and the church building.

Earth-friendly cleaning materials and sports equipment are some useful items. Perhaps you would like to bring a book from the UMW reading list to share with the Odanah congregation.

Monetary donations are welcome and appreciated! Make checks payable to North West District UMW (memo: Odanah).

Directions to Trinity UMC

201 W. Central St.
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
715-726-2806

From the North

Take Hwy 53 South toward Eau Claire, exit Business Hwy 29 (the 2nd Chippewa Falls exit). At the bottom of the ramp turn left (east) toward Chippewa Falls. After the first stoplight go 1 block and turn left onto Island Street (Burger King is on the left) Go 1 block and the church is on the left.

From the West

Take Interstate 94 East to Hwy 29 (Chippewa/Green Bay exit). Follow Hwy 29 East to Business 29. Exit onto Business 29 and take a left at top of ramp. Follow Business 29 into Chippewa Falls. After the first stoplight go 1 block and turn left onto Island Street (Burger King is on the left) Go 1 block and the church is on the left.

From the South

Take Hwy 53 North toward Superior. Exit Business 29 (after crossing the bridge over the River). At the bottom of the ramp turn left (east) toward Chippewa Falls. After the first stoplight go 1 block and turn left onto Island Street (Burger King is on the left) Go 1 block and the church is on the left.

From the East

Take Hwy 29 West, take the Seymore Cray Senior Blvd exit. At the top of the ramp take a right (north/west) follow that to the round-a-bout. Go north toward Chippewa Falls onto Business 29. Take that into Chippewa Falls onto Bridge St. and at the round-a-bout take West 29 (River St. along the river). Go past the first stoplight one block to Island Street and turn right (Burger King is on the corner). The church is one block on the left.

Parking is at the church or across the street on the corner of Spring Street and Island Street.

About Our Presentations and Our Speakers

Trail of Tears –Learn how the Native Americans felt when they were forced to leave their land and relocate. Presented by Billie LaBumbard, our District President.

Patricia Shultz -hear her story:

"I am a Lakota Sioux Indian. Born on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation, Fort Yates North Dakota, on February 29, 1936, My parents were James and Hazel Archambault. I had one brother, 3 years older, James Archambault Jr.

We lived on the reservation until I was 6 years old, Then we road on the Great Northern Train to Denver Colorado. On January 1, 1945 my world changed forever. My brother and I were put on a Greyhound Bus to travel to an Indian Government School in Pierre South Dakota, This school was run by the government. The next two boarding schools were Indian Missions run by the sister of the Blessed Sacrament and Benedictine Sisters and Benedictine Fathers.

An interesting story into the life of boarding school living. What we were taught and what we were encouraged to become. The story of my family such as it was and was not."

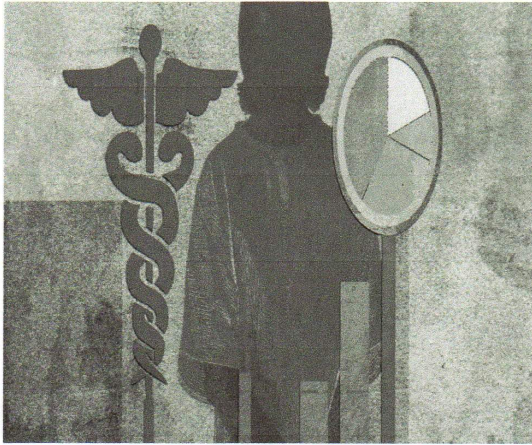
REDress Project – find out why all those red dresses are being displayed. Presented by Terry Giles, our District UMW Vice-President.

Alex Dickerson – lives on the Reservation. He is a lay speaker. He and his wife, Charlotte, have raised their family on the Bad River reservation. Charlotte was a member of the Bad River tribe. Alex and Charlotte both attended U.W. Eau Claire.

Water Walker – a short story read by Laura Ida, our District UMW Social Action coordinator. Laura attended the seminar on "Why Water Matters" and would like to share this story with us:

The determined story of an Ojibwe grandmother (*nokomis*), Josephine Mandamin, and her great love for *nibi* (water). Nokomis walks to raise awareness of our need to protect *nibi* for future generations and for all life on the planet. She, along with other women, men and youth, has walked around all the Great Lakes from the four salt waters, or oceans, to Lake Superior. The walks are full of challenges, and by her example she challenges us all to take up our responsibility to protect our water, the giver of life, and to protect our planet for all generations.





Mission Action Day

Saturday, April 7, 2018

Mauston United Methodist Church
420 Suszycki Drive
Mauston, WI 53948

**Themes: Health Care policy and Income inequality
and racial justice**

Program to focus on: How do people of faith deal with health care insurance and related issues of income disparities related to race. How are faith communities involved.

Registration: 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. ●

Sending forth: 2:30 p.m.

Registration is transferrable, not refundable.

2018 MISSION ACTION DAY REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline for Registration: Friday, March 9, 2018- \$12 registration fee

Late registration-\$15- March 10-17, after March 17- fee remains \$15 lunch on your own

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/ZIP Code _____

District _____ Church _____

Phone _____ Email _____

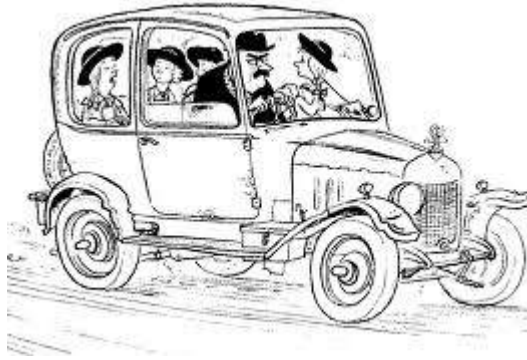
☐ Child Care needed for _____ child(ren), Age(s) _____ (I also understand that I am responsible for providing a sack lunch for each child or paying the registration fee of \$12.00 for each child in order to cover their lunch.)

Dietary or other considerations _____

Send form and **registration fee** to:

Janet Brockman, W6943 North Road, Mauston, WI 53948

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



Driving Directions to Mauston UMC, Mauston

For Mission Action Day, Saturday, April 7, 2018

- **FROM STEVENS POINT/WAUSAU AREA (NORTHWEST):** Take 39/51 south to Hwy 82 west to Mauston. Turn Left on N. Union Street (Hwy 82 and County G), Turn right onto east State Street (Hwy, 12). Turn left onto Division. Turn right onto Milwaukee Street. Turn right onto Suszycki Dr. Parking lot is on left side of street.
- **FROM MADISON AREA (SOUTHWEST):** Take 94/90/39 North. Stay on 90/94 to exit 69 (Mauston). Turn left onto Hwy. 82. Turn Left on N. Union Street (Hwy 82 and County G), Turn right onto east State Street (Hwy, 12). Turn left onto Division. Turn right onto Milwaukee Street. Turn right onto Suszycki Dr. Parking lot is on left side of street.
- **FROM MILWAUKEE AREA (SOUTH):** Take Hwy 94 towards Madison. Take 90/94/39 north. Stay on 90/94 to exit 69 (Mauston). Turn left onto Hwy. 82. Turn Left on N. Union Street (Hwy 82 and County G), Turn right onto east State Street (Hwy, 12). Turn left onto Division. Turn right onto Milwaukee Street. Turn right onto Suszycki Dr. Parking lot is on left side of street.
- **FROM GREEN BAY AREA (NORTH):** Take Hwy 41 south to Hwy 44 towards Ripon. Turn right onto Hwy. 23. Go straight on Hwy 82 towards Oxford and continue to Mauston. Turn Left on N. Union Street (Hwy 82 and County G), Turn right onto east State Street (Hwy, 12). Turn left onto Division. Turn right onto Milwaukee Street. Turn right onto Suszycki Dr. Parking lot is on left side of street.
- **FROM LA CROSSE AREA (WEST):** Take 90 east to 90/94 east towards Madison. Stay on 90/94 to exit 69 (Mauston). Turn right onto Hwy. 82. Turn Left on N. Union Street (Hwy 82 and County G), Turn right onto east State Street (Hwy, 12). Turn left onto Division. Turn right onto Milwaukee Street. Turn right onto Suszycki Dr. Parking lot is on left side of street.

Remembering...

The following is the listing of our sister UMW members who were honored at the Annual Fall Gathering in September at Barron UMC.

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

In Loving Memory

Lake St. – Eau Claire

Suzanne Exeley
Dottie Huggins
Lovice Mitchell
Ann Mauer

Barron

Norma Barrett
Verna Hanson
Karen Purintun

Lewis

Margaret Ulick
Ethel Lane

Bloomer

Phyllis Erickson
Eileen Erickson

Osceola

Gladys Ruhsam
Joan Becknell
Mildred Addy

Canton

Mary Halvorson

Pleasant Valley

Ruth Myers

Clear Lake

Jean Danielson
Vivian Wildasin

Rice Lake

Mary Jane Melbye

Colfax

Lillian Hainstock
Bess Jackson

River Falls

Caroline Hamilton
Marge Shirmer
Bernice Wolf
Ann Ross
Kathryn Schultz

Cumberland

Irene Vaughn

Spooner

June Mitchell
Joyce Erickson

Exeland

Pearl Sampson

Superior Faith

Lucy Soderland

Grantsburg

Harriette Wagman

Turtle Lake

Kris Hoffman Peterson

Holcombe

Dorothy Paulsen

Jim Falls

June LaNou

Knapp

Phyllis Nelson
Mae Kuhn

NORTH WEST DISTRICT 2017 READING AWARDS			
UNIT / NAME		PLAN	UNIT / NAME
BARRON			LEWIS
MARILYN GILBERTSON	I		ROBIN PETERSON
JEAN STRANG	II		MONDOVI
LAURIE CHURCH	III		IRIS BAUDENDISTEL
KATHEE YAMADA	I		JULIE BRUNCH
DEANNA KEMPEN	I		BECKY DAVIS
BIRCHWOOD			KRISTI SCHULTZ
EVIE O'NEAL	I		NEW CENTERVILLE
BLOOMER			BARBARA WIFF
SHELLY YOHNK	II		SANDY ROQUETTE
RITA STEARNS	III		PRAIRIE FARM
CANTON			BARBARA BENDER
ARLENE(WHITE) CIULLA	I		RICE LAKE
MICHELE HALVORSON	I		LISA MINK
CHIPPEWA FALLS – TRINITY			KATHY WAGENBACH
MARION STRANDBERG	II		ARLENE HOUGAS
DONNA KRAEMER	II		RIVER FALLS
CAROLE FREDERICK	II		LAURA IDA
SHIRLEY WOODRUFF	I		SUE PIERSON
GRANTSBURG			JANET LEONARD
TERRY GILES	III		BARB WALL
MARY MCNALLY	I		SPOONER
CAROL DROHMAN	I		SHANNON FREDERICKSON
BARB LOOMIS	I		TERRI REITER
LUANNE MARTEL	I		MABEL MATHISON
HOLCOMBE			JEAN KISSACK
RUBY GETTING	II		LYNDA HOYT
ELAINE SHARP	I		BILLIE LABUMBARD
ALICE TROUPE	I		SUPERIOR
ERMA DAVID	II		REV JOEL CERTA-WERNER
KNAPP			REV BARBARA CERTA-WERNER
KATHY WEBER	I		CAROL LARSON
VIRA MAE PLUMLEY	I		MARY MANION-BICK
LAKE STREET			BARBARA PORTER
AUDREY SIMONSON	I		PEGGY VAN VALKENBURG
JOYCE SIMPSON	I		JOAN GOEBEL
PAT PETERSON	II		
SUZANNE HEABLER	IV		
CHRIS DRAXLER	IV		

Plan I – 5 books

Plan II – 10 books

Plan III – 15 books

Plan IV – 20 books

Submitted by Billie LaBumbard – 2017 Program Resource Secretary

North West District United Methodist Women 5 STAR AWARD RECIPIENTS – 2017

Barron – First	Birchwood
Bloomer	Canton
Chippewa Falls – Trinity	Clear Lake
Eau Claire – Lake Street	Grantsburg – Central
Holcombe	Jim Falls
Lewis Memorial	Mondovi – Our Savior
New Auburn	New Centerville
New Richmond	Osceola
Pleasant Valley	Prairie Farm – Faith
Rice Lake – First	River Falls
Shell Lake	Siren
Spooner	Superior – Faith
Webster - Grace	

2017 LEGACY FUND CONTRIBUTORS

Birchwood	Eau Claire – Lake Street
Grantsburg – Central	Holcombe
New Richmond	Pleasant Valley
Superior – Faith	

Submitted by Robin Peterson, 2017 North West District Treasurer

The Legacy Fund: Endowing the future of mission for the next 150 years.

United Methodist Women will be celebrating 150 years of mission in 2019. We have been given a strong foundation by our fore mothers. Their wise financial planning has left us a legacy that continues to change lives in communities down the street and around the world.

So while, in the 21st century, we celebrate the past 150 years of mission work, we also need to prepare for the next 150. We can almost imagine the challenges our daughters and granddaughters will face as they take on the legacy of United Methodist Women. We need to prepare a firm foundation so they are free to address the challenges of their time head on and affect real change.

And to do this, we've started an endowment called *The Legacy Fund*.

The Legacy Fund is a forward-thinking permanent endowment with income dedicated to strengthening United Methodist Women. The total program of United Methodist Women is mission. United Methodist Women service, advocacy and transformative learning opportunities equip members to be agents of change and promotes the empowerment of women that is essential to address the root causes of so many conditions harming women, children and youth.

The Legacy Fund will provide the tools, resources and personnel to distribute United Methodist Women's grants, scholarships, coordinate with mission personnel and support technological updates like operating systems for data and communication, and more.

Ensuring a regular source of support for these core expenses will free future generations to budget Mission Giving to connect directly with the needs of women, children and youth. It will allow our successors to promote Mission Giving in a totally different way.

And we'd like to invite you to be a part of this legacy as we begin our 5 year celebration of the 150th anniversary of the organization.

The campaign officially launched at Assembly 2014, will be celebrated at Assembly 2018, and will culminate in 2019, the 150th year.

The celebration of the 150th anniversary will involve the organization at all levels, and will raise contributions to The Legacy Fund to *permanently* sustain our ongoing mission with women, children, and youth.

Together we can make it happen.

MISSION TODAY TASK REPORT FOR 2017

submitted by Liz Dempsey, Education and Interpretation Coordinator

QUALIFIED, Well Done

Barron
Birchwood
Bloomer
Bruce Federated
Canton
Chippewa Falls, Trinity
Clear Lake
Downing
Eau Claire, Lake Street
Exeland First
Grantsburg Central
Holcombe
Jim Falls
Knapp
Lewis Memorial
New Richmond
Osceola
Pleasant Valley
Prairie Farm Faith
River Falls
Spooner
Superior Faith
Tainter
Webster Grace

REPORTED, Good Job

Augusta
Centuria/Balsam Lake Holy Trinity
Cumberland First
Menomonie
Mondovi Our Saviors
Turtle Lake Parkview

PLEASE NOTE

With Marion's help, we discovered a problem with our report form that allows the instructions to lead in one of 2 directions. Some of you circled **each of the actual criteria** completed in each subject area (Hope, etc.). Some circle only the number of **criteria completed** in each subject area. This means you can easily be misreported unless the Mission Task sheet is marked and attached. **Please call me at 715-312-0268 if you think this may have happened to your unit so that we can ensure the report is corrected before it reaches the Conference level.** We will correct the report in the next issue. The report form will be revised to ensure that can't happen in the future.

Blessings, *Liz*

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UMW
MISSION TODAY
Mission Tasks for 2018

To become a Mission Today organization, please complete two(2) criteria from each category. Our challenge is to try at least (1) new criteria during the year. Complete the report form which will be in your September North West District Conference packet at the fall gathering of 2018.

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God.....

1. Plan programs that encourage spiritual growth. (Program book, **response** magazine..)
2. Create prayer partners with other church groups. (Prayer chains, World Day of Prayer)
3. Pray using the Prayer Calendar at meetings.
4. Organize the spiritual growth study from Mission u, possibly several evenings/weeks.

to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ;

1. Take advantage of opportunities thru UMW such as Mission u, Spiritual Growth Retreats, Annual Gatherings, Mission Action Day.
2. Set aside a time to go over the year's plans using Mission Today Mission Tasks.
3. Implement the Charter for Racial Justice.
4. Present a mission study from Mission u, inviting church members.

to develop a creative, supportive fellowship;

1. Honor the organization's leaders and member's contributions with Special Mission Recognition pins. Don't forget community leaders.
2. Encourage everyone to visit or invite visitors to/from other local UMW organizations.
3. Publicize your events using newsletters, bulletin boards, Sunday bulletins, social media, phone calls, etc.
4. Plan a year-end program to give thanks and celebrate your accomplishments.

and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

1. Encourage all members to participate in the Pledge for Mission; give reports on where the money goes.
2. Involve all members in fundraising (think outside the box).
3. Contribute to scholarships related to UMW programs such as Mission u. and seminar experience.
4. Partner with a mission institution such as Northcott, or United Methodist Children's Services of Wisconsin, etc.

MABEL HEIL SCHOLARSHIP

The Mabel Heil Scholarships are a result of funds from the will of Sarah Mabel Heil, a woman from Cuba City, Wisconsin. The first scholarships were granted in 1981. Since then more than 240 women have received help with their education.

Requirements and Instructions

Instructions:

1. Be a female member of Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women.
2. Submit a written answer to the question, "In what way do I consider myself a worthy student?"
3. Send the completed application form to the contact person by May 1 for the Fall semester or October 1 for the Spring semester.
4. Request that a letter of recommendation be sent to the contact person by the president of the local United Methodist Women or the pastor of the church.
5. 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 8 1/2 by 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 new recommendations.

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.

Application and two (2) letters of recommendation must be postmarked no later than May 1 and October 1 to be considered.

Schedule:

1st Semester: Apply by May 1; notified by June 1; check sent by August 15.

2nd Semester: Apply by October 1; notified by November 1; check sent by December 1.

Contact Person:

Helen Robinson
N2101 Cleghorn Road
Waupaca, WI 54981
715-258-0973
email: pottshe@yahoo.com

**MABEL HEIL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Please Print

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____ Birth Date _____

1. Local Church:

Name & City _____

Pastor _____

Are you a member of United Methodist Women? _____

2. Activities:

In United Methodist Women _____

In your local church _____

In the community _____

3. Education: (Give year of graduation) High School _____ College _____ Other _____

School you will be attending _____

Have you been accepted as a student? yes _____ no _____

Present (post high school) status:

Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____ Graduate _____ Other _____

Course of study _____

4. Family Status _____

5. Please answer the following question using an additional sheet:

IN WHAT WAY DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A WORTHY STUDENT?

Mail to: Helen Robinson
N2101 Cleghorn Road
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2018 North West District Sister Unit Assignments

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Barbara Bender-

Holcombe, Boyceville, Clear Lake, Tainter, Downing

Evie O'Neil –

Webster, Chippewa Falls (Trinity), Chetek (Dist Member), Bloomer

Jean Kissack-

Shell Lake, Grantsburg, Exeland, Lewis, Bruce, Colfax

Laura Ida-

Balsam Lake, New Centerville, Turtle Lake, Knapp, Independence/Montana and Pepin (Dist. Members)

Liz Dempsey –

Superior, Birchwood, Jim Falls, River Falls, Odanah, Ashland, Wheeler (Dist. Member)

Marion Strandberg –

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Terry Giles –

Spooner, Osceola, Siren, Eau Claire Lake Street

Laurie Church-

Glenwood City, Rice Lake, Prairie Farm, Canton, Cumberland

Each unit is assigned a District Officer as their liaison to the District. Each District Officer will contact her Sister units through either a letter, e-mail or a phone call to help her units with any questions and to keep them informed on news from the District and Conference.

Wisconsin Conference UMW Slate of Officers 2018

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FOR 2018

March 3

Team Meeting at Chippewa Falls–Trinity

April 13

Team meeting at Chippewa Falls–Trinity

April 14 – Spring Day of Enrichment
in Chippewa Falls at Trinity UMC

May 18-20

UMW ASSEMBLY in Columbus, Ohio

June 2

Team meeting at Barron UMC

July 23-26

Mission u in Wisconsin Rapids

July 27

Mission u Overview Day in Wisconsin Rapids

August 4

Team Meeting in Siren

September 21

Team meeting in Siren

September 22

Fall Annual Gathering at Siren

October 19-20

Conf Annual Gathering at Waukesha UMC

November 3

Team meeting at Birchwood UMC

December 1

Team Christmas luncheon at TBA

Why Mission u?

Engaging Studies

The 2018 studies are:

- *Seeking Health and Wholeness*
- *What About Our Money? A Faith Response*
- *Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church*

Worry-free Accommodations

The event takes place at the Hotel Mead & Conference Center in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

- Air Conditioned rooms, plenary and classrooms.
- Meals served in the main dining area.
- Indoor pool and whirlpool.
- Outdoor sitting area.
- Elevators for convenient accessibility.
- Child care provided.

Fellowship, Worship & Fun!

- Plenaries and worship take place in the main ballroom.
- Crafts, puzzles and resources are available.
- A variety of displays are just outside the main ballroom.
- Videos are shown nightly.
- District gatherings take place during one evening.
- One evening is also set aside for a guest speaker.
- Communion is served the final day of the event.

Join us!

4-Day Mission u

Monday, July 23, 2018 to Thursday, July 26, 2018

or

Friday, July 27, 2018 for Overview Day

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