

Mission Matters

President's Message

Dear UMW Sisters,

Happy Birthday United Methodist Women! We are 150 years young and ready to plan to continue to build up the kin(g)-dom of God for another 150 years and beyond. I have just returned from leading the "Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission" study at Mission u and I am energized by the history, passion and transformative mission for which our foremothers worked and persisted so tirelessly. Women used what they had and never let "no" be the final answer. They heard the needs of women and girls from far and near and answered that call by giving of their time, their talent and their resources. Women have been leaders and forerunners of the church on many issues – education for girls, maternal health, anti-lynching campaigns, racial desegregation, inclusion of LGBTQ+ persons, accommodations for persons with disabilities, economic equality and so much more. We continue to be change-makers and world-transformers in the model of Christ today.

We will be continuing to celebrate and uplift our mission story at our District Annual Gathering on September 21st at Platteville where the women of the Stitzer UMW unit will give us a view of our historic beginnings complete with costumes! Judy Vasby and I will be presenting more stories of women in mission from our history at the Conference Annual Gathering on October 18-19 at Black River Falls. There is so much history to learn and celebrate as we look to the past to inspire and excite us about our future. I hope you will be attending at least one of these events and bring your friends. For those units who did not send someone to last year's District Annual Gathering, you were sent a coupon which is good for one free attendee for this year's District Annual Gathering.

We hope to make our goal of having at least one person from every unit attend our District Annual Gathering. You will be glad you came!

Many times, our foremothers were told they could not do something and they made mission happen anyway. When Lizzie Hoffman was refused as a missionary because she was a single woman, she organized mission societies to send other women in her place. When Mary McLeod Bethune was told she could never raise the money to open a school for African-American girls in Florida in one week, she baked sweet potato pies and sold them and her school opened on time. Even when our predecessor organizations were subsumed by male-dominated boards of mission and our connection to our programs and National Mission institutions were blocked, women found a way to reconnect and

Happy
Birthday



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reorganize to achieve their mission goals.

What legacy are you leaving for future generations? Are you mentoring, guiding and inspiring a new generation of women in mission? Are you building bridges of understanding to women of color or of a different background from yourself? Are you actively engaged in missions of justice breaking down systems of oppression and exclusion? With two pennies a week and prayer a few women created an organization which lasted over 150 years. What will your dollars do? Your Mission Giving transforms the lives of women, children and youth all around the word. That is something to celebrate – now and for the next 150 years.

Laura Pfeffer

South West District President

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Slate of Officers for South West District UMW for 2020

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Spiritual Growth Coordinator Marjory Lyford 1 st term 2020 608-233-5930 mclyford@att.net	Membership, Nurture, and Outreach Coordinator Kay Putman 1st term 2021 608-592-2294 no email
Social Action Coordinator Pat Gallus 608-393-9267 1st term 2020 ptgallus@gmail.com	Education and Interpretation/Program Resources Coordinator Eileen Bennett 2 nd term 2020 608-623-4659 bennettpeisl@charter.net
Nominations Chair Open	
Nominations Mary Friederich 608-897-2399 term 2020 Kathy Radcliff 608-253-4133 term 2020 Donna Fae Kruse 608-727-2313 term 2021 Open	Northcott Representative Carol Lange term expires 2021 608-348-4588 langec@uwplatt.edu
Young Women's Representative Lucie Yaba 1 st term 2020 608-303-3007 lucieyaba@yahoo.fr	District Superintendent Scott Carlson 608-837-0056 scottcarlson@wisconsinumc.org

The nominations committee would like to thank all who prayerfully considered and said YES to being an officer on the S.W. District Team. We still have openings and would like to think we will fill them. Please help us do that. Thanks again. Kay Putman, Nominations Chair

I am writing this on a quiet Sunday afternoon; after our great Wisconsin Heat Wave. I hope you all are enjoying the respite from the heat and rain.

I have been praying for resolution along the border with Mexico. I would like to point you to the July/August issue of Response Magazine Bible Study "Love the Immigrant as yourself". In looking back at past Action items in Social Justice, I found that this has been an issue since 2012. That was 7 years ago; and I was wondering what has been happening since?

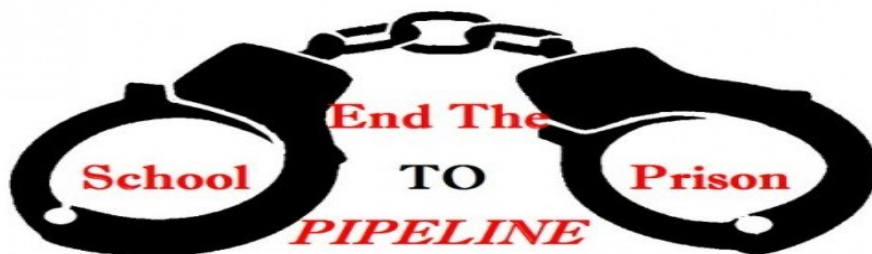
Imagine, Carol Barton, UMW Executive for Community Action; attending our Mission U 2019! I had the opportunity to have lunch with her on Friday, Overview Day (and all our Sisters at the table). Carol had been to the border in the Spring and was able to enter a prison, with an immigration lawyer. She said the conditions are worse than we are hearing and seeing. One Highlight was the churches down there are making travel backpacks for the immigrants being bussed. The immigrants have no possessions of their own. Some backpacks might be for children; a change of clothing, a small toy etc. Adults got a change of clothing, toothbrush & toothpaste, soap. These bags were meant to get them through 3 days of travel. Sadly, many traveled as much as 5 days to get to the next detention facility. Only, the immigrants who are leaving the border prisons get these things. No help is reaching those in the border prisons. What can we do? <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/immigration> will give us several options.

Now is the time to get educated. "Interrupting the school-to-prison Pipeline". Beginning Monday, August 19, are several classes aimed at educating and understanding the school-to prison pipeline.

This first [Webinar](#) is ***The reality of it all: Injustice of our Education System***. Two UMW High School Summer Interns will share their real challenges that students and teachers face. This and 5 more can be found at umw.convio.net.

Prayers

Pat Gallus for Social Action (608
-393-9267)



SOUTH WEST DISTRICT UMW
ANNUAL GATHERING
THEME: SISTERHOOD OF GRACE

Saturday 21, 2019
Platteville UMC
1065 Lancaster Str, Platteville, WI 53818



UMW 150th Anniversary



KEYNOTE:
1869 Historical
Presentation
Stitzer United Meth-
odist Women

8:30 Registration begins.
 9:15 Singing and Gathering
 Workshops: Leadership Sharing, Prac-
 ticing Ressurrection: The Gospel of
 Mark and Radical Discipleship, Book
 Talk, Living History of UMW, Hymnal
 Treasure Hunt
 3:30 Sending Forth

Ingathering: Monetary donations supporting snack packs provided
 for needy children in the Platteville public school system.

If you register after September 7th, add \$3.00.
Cost: Adult - \$15.00, Teen/College - \$9.00

REGISTRATION FORM: Please use a separate form for each person attending. Make checks payable to **South West District UMW**.

Name: _____ Unit: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email (if any): _____

Local UMW Office (if any): _____

Check if vegetarian lunch is requested

Child Care (list ages of children): _____ ☐ Free registration coupon enclosed

[Note: Plan to bring a lunch for each child. They will eat with you during the Childcare staff's lunch break.]

Mail form to registrar: **Pat Gallus 567 Main St., Merrimac, WI 53561, 608-393-9267, ptgallus@gmail.com**



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2020 Local Unit Elected Leadership

Local Church: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Pastor(s): _____
Zip Code: _____ Church Phone: _____

Instructions: Please print clearly or type the information requested in the blanks provided. Include telephone number(s) with area codes and email addresses if available. Add additional pages as needed (if you have co-leaders for a position). Please provide all requested information even if your officer list has not changed.

Note: The Conference is requesting **two** contacts to be designated as email contacts to whom email information can be sent. These people do not need to be officers but must agree to pass along email information to the officers and members.

Complete and return form by October 1st, 2019 to:

Becky Yager, Communications Coordinator South West District
10787 Cty Rd K
Lancaster, WI 53813
608-723-7451 608-778-0706(cell)
byager@chorus.net

Email Contact #1: Name: _____ email: _____

Email Contact #2: Name: _____ email: _____

President:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____
Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____

Vice President:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____
Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____

Secretary:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____
Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____

Treasurer:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____
Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____

Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____
Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____

Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____
Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____

Mission Coordinator for Social Action:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____
Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____

Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____
Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____

Secretary for Program Resources:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____
Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____

Committee on Nominations, Chair:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____
Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____

Something New—THE TRAVELING ANGEL AWARD

Be the first unit in the South West District to take home the TRAVELING ANGEL AWARD! This award will be presented to the unit having the highest percentage of its membership in attendance at the District Annual Gathering at the Platteville UMC on Saturday, September 21. A representative from each unit will answer roll call with both the number of total current members of her unit and the number present at this event. The unit with the highest percentage will earn the award!

2020 Annual Sampler

Offer ends April 2020

Please sign me up for the 2020 Annual Sampler!

Order the print subscription today for \$30 and save \$5.50.

The Annual Sampler[†] includes:

- 2020 Spiritual Growth study (\$10).
- 2020-21 Program Book (\$10).
- 2020 Prayer Calendar (\$14).
- 2020 Date Book (\$1.50).

[†]2020 Issue study: *Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools* by Monique Morris, New York: New Press, 2016. Available in stores, online and libraries. Free downloadable Leader's Guide (PDF) available online at unitedmethodistwomen.org.

The studies and Prayer Calendar will ship in December 2019. The Program Book and Date Book will ship in the summer of 2020.

☐ Please sign me up for the 2020 Annual Sampler.

NAME CONFERENCE

SHIPPING ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

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☐ Charge my card ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa

CREDIT CARD NUMBER EXPIRATION DATE

SIGNATURE

BILLING ADDRESS

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800-305-9857

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P.O. Box 742349
Atlanta, GA 30374-2349

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Southwest District Day of Enrichment

Come celebrate 150 Years of Women in Mission! We will also celebrate our National Mission Institution, Northcott Neighborhood House in Milwaukee.

At Columbus UMC, 222 S Dickason Blvd, Columbus, Wisconsin

On Saturday, November 9, 2019

Registration begins at 8:30 AM. The program begins at 9:15 a.m. and ends at 2:30

Registration forms and driving directions will be available at the Southwest District Annual Gathering. Your registration includes morning refreshments, luncheon and all materials used for preparation of this event.

Child care will be provided.

Greetings;

It was wonderful seeing you at Mission u. Mission u has inspired me to speak out and speak up for just policies for all.

Poverty Is About to Get a Lot Worse

I want to draw your attention to the article posted 7-21-2019 on the UMW website (www.unitedmethodistwomen.org) by Carol Barton. Carol Barton is the United Methodist Women executive for community action, and one of our study leaders at Mission u right here in WI! She wrote this article for InsideSources.com. I encourage you to access the UMW website and read the article posted under Latest News and Resources. You just need to toggle down to 7-21-2019, and click on the link. The Office of Management and Budget is considering changing the way inflation is measured. This will have an especially adverse effect on women, children and youth as costs will rise while support for families stays the same.

There is action we can take:

You can let your senators and representative know about this pending accounting change and urge them to file a comment with OMB.

In Faith, Hope and Love; we work together
Mary Lainberger, Program Advisory Group

mlainberger@charter.net

608-846-4378





Memorial Names

By September 7th, please send Laura Pfeffer the names (and photos, if available) of your UMW unit members who have passed away since our District Annual Gathering last year. They will be lifted up in the memorial service at the South West District Annual Gathering. You may send the names by E-mail (Pfeffer.umw@gmail.com) or by mail (W10132 Koltes Rd, Lodi, WI 53555). Thank you. Include information as indicated below:

In Memoriam from

_____ (unit name)

Name:

Additional Information:

_____ Photo included? _____

MISSION TRIP TO MILWAUKEE

A conversation heard between Jane and Diane as they were leaving the UMW meeting on Thursday afternoon.

"I thought Priscilla had an informative program today," Diane commented as they walked toward the parking lot.

"Yes, I enjoy the way she presents the Charter for Racial Justice. My, it must take the committee months to pull all of the information together," added Jane.

Diane thought for a moment, and added, "I'm interested that mission trip to Milwaukee in 2001. I think our local Northcott representative mentioned that it will be toward the end of June."

Jane nodded, "That's right. I can't wait to learn more about it. President Margaret said we would hear more at the annual meeting in September."

Both women were thinking about the mission trip as they got into their cars and drove off.

Carol M. Lange 608-348-4588 email: langec@uwplatt.edu



United Methodist Women of the South West District
Unit Pledge to Mission

Year _____
City / Unit _____
Pledge Amount _____
Treasurer's Name _____
Address _____
Phone / Email _____



Our unit commits to raising money in
support of the mission of
United Methodist Women.

This information is for the District Treasurer

United Methodist Women
of the
South West District
Unit Pledge to Mission

Year _____
Pledge Amount _____



Our unit commits to raising money in
support of the mission of
United Methodist Women.

Keep this copy for you records



**Discovering God's Creation:
An Outdoor Weekend of Fun!**
August 23rd-25th, 2019
Pine Lake Camp and Retreat Center
W8301 Cty. Rd. M, Westfield, WI 53964



Join the United Methodist Women and the Limitless Girls in a fun summer retreat! We'll spend our weekend at Pine Lake Camp in gorgeous Westfield, Wisconsin, where the lake is just a short walk away from three beautiful hiking trails! Taking advantage of the fun campground, we'll go swimming, hiking, and play fun camp games like Capture the Flag. We'll also make environmentally friendly crafts, and even do eco-safe facials! And all weekend we'll focus our Bible Study on the wonders of God's Creation, learning about how we can take care of the beautiful earth that God put us on.

Check-in starts at 5 pm on August 23rd, and check-out will be at noon on August 25th. We will be spending the weekend in a camp family cabin with kitchen access, and participants are welcome to bring snacks (we can store them in the kitchen to avoid ants). The United Methodist Women will be close by for help. We will be having a meal with them and participate in worship with them Sunday morning.

There is a \$35 registration fee to help cover the cost of food and lodging. Check with your local UMW unit for assistance.

Please PRINT

Personal Information:

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Relationship: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: (____) ____ - ____

Church: _____ District: _____

I hereby give Limitless Women permission to use my child's likeness in photography for publications, promotional purposes, website, and any such purpose on behalf of Limitless Women and United Methodist Women.

Participant's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Send registration form to Gloria Carter, email: carter53597@tds.net

Or US Mail: 7224 Springfield Circle, Waunakee, WI 53597

Any questions, feel free to contact Fiona Odum

Phone: (414)-469-9277

Email: terrabyrd09@gmail.com





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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



All are Invited to the United Methodist Women Annual Gathering:

Sisterhood of Grace

October 18 and 19, 2019

Black River Falls United Methodist Church
100 N 4th St, Black River Falls, WI 54615

FRIDAY EVENING:

District Leaders Training

Celebrating 150 Years of United Methodist Women - Laura Pfeffer and Judy Vasby

Registration from 5:30 - 6:30 pm; program begins at 6:30 pm

SATURDAY MORNING:

Celebrating 150 Years of United Methodist Women (continued from Friday) - Laura Pfeffer and Judy Vasby

Everyone is invited to dress as a UMW member from 1869 to the future (e.g. hats/aprons for attire)

Registration from 8:00 - 8:45 am; program begins at 8:45 am



SATURDAY AFTERNOON:

Maternal and Child Health Issues -

Charlene Galston, RNC-OB, BSN, ME-PD, IBCLC, LCCE, OB Nurse-Black River Falls Hospital

Sending forth around 3:30 pm

**Register for program by Wednesday, September 25
for reduced fee of \$27 (includes Saturday lunch)**

Contact Robin Peterson, rlhula@yahoo.com, 715-653-2382
3487 120th St., Frederic, WI 54837

A block of rooms has been reserved under Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women District
Open for \$111.60 at Comfort Inn & Suites, W10170 State Highway 54, Black River Falls, WI 54615.
To reserve a room call: (715) 284-0888. Available until Tuesday, September 17.



Wisconsin Conference Annual Gathering of United Methodist Women October 18-19, 2019

Early Registration Deadline:
September 25 at \$27

Late Registration Deadline:
October 2 at \$37

If you register after October 2,
you will need to make your own
lunch arrangements for Saturday.

Driving directions to the church and parking
instructions will be provided in your
confirmation letter.

Blessings to you as we learn, worship and
grow together



750 Windsor Street
Sun Prairie, WI 53590
888-240-7328
www.WisconsinUMC.org

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Please PRINT: If registering for more than one person, copy and complete a separate form for each person.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

Church _____ District _____

Please check all that apply:

Teen (Teen only Age) _____

___ First Time Attending ___ UMW member ___ Clergy ___ Guest (not UMW member)

Please circle lunch preference

1. Hot turkey sandwich, pasta salad, fruit, veggies
2. Gluten free: chicken salad, fruit, veggies
3. Vegetarian: hummus and chips, fruit salad, veggies

Attendees are encouraged to bring refillable coffee and water containers

Child care:

Child care needed Friday evening for _____ children, ages _____

Child care needed Saturday for _____ children, ages _____

Please pick up your children and take them to lunch. Also, please provide a sack lunch or \$10 for each child in the registration total and specify lunch choice.

Emergency contact information:

Name _____

Relationship _____ Phone: Day _____ Evening _____

Photo release:

Photos will be taken at Annual Gathering and could be used in material to promote United Methodist Women. I permit my photo to be used by Wisconsin United Methodist Women to help share United Methodist Women with others.

Name (print): _____

Sign _____ Date _____

Special request:

___ I need a scholarship (25 scholarships available, awarded to the first 25 to make a request).

Please make checks payable to WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UMW

Mail to Registrar: Robin Peterson, 3487 120th St., Frederic, WI 54837

Email: rlhula@yahoo.com

Phone: 715-653-2382

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Church Women United in Wisconsin

2019 Assembly Update

CWU in Wisconsin 2019 Annual Assembly

at
**Holy Wisdom
Monastery**

4200 County M
Middleton, WI 53562

Saturday
Sept. 7, 2019
8:15 am - 3:30 pm

Featured Speakers

Sr. Lynne Smith, OSB

Pastor Michele Hopp

Special Guest
**CWU National President
Patti Polk**

Music led by
Kathy Maldagen

Send your Registration Form
and check for \$25 by
August 16th to...

Sue Coghill
4858 Island View Dr
Oshkosh, WI 54901

What to expect ...

Besides the usual annual meeting, installation of officers, fine luncheon, and time to connect with one another, we will provide a retreat within our assembly. Participants are invited to arrive on Friday and spend the night at Holy Wisdom's Retreat facility and participate in different prayer opportunities. All are invited to walk the grounds of the facility and experience the beauty and serenity of this special place, Holy Wisdom.

(See the attached Housing Brochure for more details, room costs, and the housing registration form, and directions. Questions can also be directed to Sue Coghill at telephone 920-233-4692, or email her at coghills@sbcglobal.net)

Our Assembly programs will center on taking care of our world as well as ourselves. Sister Lynne Smith, a Benedictine Woman of Madison, will present "Holy Wisdom and Spiritual Practices" – a reflection on prayer, spirituality, and connecting our lives to God and nature. Michele Hopp, an educator and pastor, will present "Care of God's Creation".

We are honored to have National President, Patti Polk coming to the Assembly and have also invited our Regional Coordinator, Judy Reimer, to join us.

(More information about Sister Lynne and Pastor Michelle can be found on page 2.)

Where...

Our assembly site, Holy Wisdom Monastery, includes a modern and environmentally friendly retreat center. This ecumenical Christian community offers a quiet setting to all who wish to focus on a time of grace and spirituality.



Why participate...

As women of faith we need to take time for prayer, reflection, and spiritual growth. Last year's assembly emphasized "Working Toward Wholeness" and we were motivated to take action and address the many issues our communities face. This year we are emphasizing Care: Care of God's creation - and that includes care of ourselves! The retreat portion of the assembly is meant to give us tools and reminders for our own spiritual growth, as well as reflections on the glory of God's gift of creation.

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Calendar

Aug. 23-25	Limitless Retreat at Pine Lake
Sept. 1	Reading Lists due
Sept. 21	S.W. District Annual Gathering at Platteville UMC
Oct. 1	Elected leadership forms due
Oct. 5	Mission Matters articles due
Oct. 18-19	Wisconsin Annual Gathering at Black River Falls UMC
Nov. 9	Day of Enrichment—Columbus UMC
Dec. 1	Mission Today reports due
Dec. 7	District Team Meeting and Christmas party—Dodgeville
Dec. 10	Pledge Money due