



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ~ 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

As I look out my window today, these words surely ring true. Daffodils are blooming, and grass is greening where a blanket of snow lay just a few days ago! As I read Paul's words, I find myself wondering, as the people of the congregation in Corinth must have, "What newness am I about to see? What will that newness look like, and what will it mean for me, for my congregation, for our conference, our denomination?"

When I wrote my article for our previous newsletter, the Special General Conference hadn't yet met, the vote on language in the Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality hadn't yet taken place. As you probably know by now, the provision that passed (known as the Traditionalist Plan) left the current statements about homosexuality, same-sex marriage, and the ordination of LGBTQ+ persons fundamentally unchanged, while strengthening the sanctions against clergy who violate the statements.

For about one-third of U.S. delegates, that is the outcome they'd hoped for. Others might not be entirely pleased with the outcome, but intend to follow the Book of Discipline. Many others have been moved to action, no longer willing to endure the back-and-forth debates about the language in the B.o.D. every quadrennial at General Conference. Conferences have written open letters to their bishops, congregations are updating their mission statements, laity and clergy from around the U.S. are meeting to determine next steps. It is much too early to know what this all will mean for the United Methodist denomination, but it seems clear that "a new creation is coming."

As for United Methodist Women, we will continue to follow our Purpose: to be a community of women, to know God, to develop creative and supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission including spiritual growth, leadership development, transformative education, and working for justice through service and advocacy.

This year's Mission u spiritual growth study is "Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship", with a focus on the radical women in the book of Mark. As United Methodist Women have for the last 150 years, now is a time for us to be like those bold women who faithfully followed Jesus.

Yours in Christ, Gail Nelson, SE District President



Social Action

Hello, sisters of the Southeast District. I hope you are finding many ways to put your faith into action this spring, as there is much in the state budget as well as national legislation that calls out for our support (or our opposition.) As our "What About Our Money" Mission u study has taught us, how we use our financial resources reflects our deepest values and our faith: a budget is a moral document.

In addition, the climate justice committee of the national UMW has sent out the following request. (I have linked the full article here so that you can find out more specific information and instructions.)

http://umw.convio.net/site/MessageViewer?em_id=3843.0&dlv_id=7365

"As we celebrate Easter and Earth Day, we are writing to ask you to live out our call to care for God's creation by joining us in writing a third letter to the CEO of Chevron, urging the company to take greater action in reducing its emissions of methane, a harmful pollutant."

Suzy Clarkson Holstein
Social Action Coordinator

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South East District Annual Fall Gathering
October 5, 2019

Delavan United Methodist Church

Our keynote speaker will be Rev. Grace Cajiut, a nationally known music and event leader, who happens also to be the pastor at Kenosha Wesley in our district.



Save These
DATES

Wisconsin Conference UMW Annual Gathering
Friday October 18-19 at Black River Falls
Registration information will be available at Mission u.

Spiritual Growth

It is Finished??

Praying you had a wonderful Easter Service week and as we ponder the most accomplished days of Jesus life we will pull up our boot straps and get back to work for Him. In John 19:30 it states "When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished; and he bowed His head and gave up the ghost." How many times have you stated it is finished but not in the same meaningful way Christ stated His last breathe hanging on the cross? Yes, He was wanting to be finished with this task in the Garden of Gethsemane but God's will was to supersede His request. So, Jesus had to continue the task of dying on the cross so we could have salvation. We can not throw in the towel and turn away from the calling of the Holy Spirit for we have so much work to do that we could work 24/7 until Our Lord and Savior returns at His appointed time. He knew He had completed His task as His Father asked Him to.

When have you done everything that God has placed on your heart to do? Are you like me sometimes ignoring that tug on the heart/mind to go do something for the Lord? It is easier to focus on something else and turn away from what we are being called to do but we need to see all of God's plan carried out. We are part of His plan to carry out His desires for this world. We have work to do and we can not skirt the issue and state "I have had enough". When we pick up our burdens, crosses, concerns, etc. and keep walking and working for our Lord and Savior we are getting closer to our eternal life in heaven. If you don't have that assurance of eternal life in heaven with Him please consider it today and bow your head and pray for forgiveness and acceptance of Our Lord as your Savior. Tell your pastor or other church leaders/Christian friends so we can rejoice with you for you truly will be finished with living without Jesus in your heart and no eternal life.

Blessing to you and a safe/healthy summer.

Glenda McCracken-SE District Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Education for Mission

Are you excited about United Methodist Women mission programs? Well, you should be! There are so many different types of missions that we support and so many different things we can learn about what our UMW sisters are doing, both in this country and abroad.

An excellent resource is "response magazine." For example, the March/April 2019 issue has an article on the Bethune House, a shelter for abused migrant domestic workers in Hong Kong. This is a topic I never would have known about, or even thought about, if I hadn't read it in "response." But it's certainly an area of interest that could be presented to your individual units. Opening our eyes to injustices such as what these women endure, and knowing that our mission dollars help to support a facility at which they can receive help, should be encouraging to all of us. Meeting our annual pledge to the district really does make a difference in the lives of people we will never meet but who are very grateful for what we help to provide. Don't forget to keep the Mission Today criteria in mind when planning your programs.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Barb Taylor, 262-495-8625,
tayloc@centurytel.net



EVIDENCE OF
TRUE SPIRITUAL GROWTH
2 PETER 1:8-9

Dear UMW Sisters:

As we look forward to summer it's time for another message for the newsletter. First of all I'd like to report on the April 13th Spring Enrichment Event. We owe bountiful thanks to the unit at West Allis First UMC who were our gracious hosts for this occasion. I have since tabulated the evaluation sheets and found it to be one of our most successful events. The number attending was about 50 and 35 persons responded with an evaluation sheet.

What seemed to be appreciated was the contrast between the informative style of the morning speaker, and the more contemplative style of the afternoon presenter. For those of you who missed the event, I'll repeat that Bushra Zaibek from the Brookfield mosque talked about Islam from a local and feminine perspective. During the ten-minute break questions from the audience were collected and answered during the second half of the presentation. Dr. Julie Bryson's topic was "Clothe yourself with Compassion". The first half was about compassion for ourselves, and the second half about compassion for others. During the break we were encouraged to light one candle for ourselves and one candle for someone else who we felt needed compassion. This spiritual growth topic was a very moving experience, and the day concluded with a brief communion service.

There are other events to look forward to. This summer in July there is Mission u. Please see the flyer in this newsletter and give serious consideration to attending.

Then on Oct. 5 at the Delavan UMC we celebrate our District Annual Gathering. Our keynote speaker will be Rev. Grace Cajiut, a nationally known music and event leader, who happens also to be the pastor at Kenosha Wesley in our district. We will also be celebrating the 150th anniversary of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations. In the afternoon we will elect officers for 2020, conduct some brief business, then honor our retiring officers as well as the members of our various units who have passed away during this year. So be sure to report those names to our membership coordinator. A flyer and registration form will be in the fall newsletter. Please plan to organize a car pool, register early and attend this special event.

On Oct. 18-19 the Conference Annual Gathering will take place at Black River Falls, (not so handy for our district as the past two years at Waukesha), but there will also be a celebration of the anniversary at that event. Watch for the flyer and registration form in the fall newsletter.

I hope to see many of you at these upcoming events.

Wishing you blessings,

Marie Garnhart, Vice President

A Beautiful soul is never forgotten.

In Memory of.....

At our South East District Annual Fall Gathering, there will be a memorial celebration for all of our UMW women who have been called into heaven this past year between October 2018 and August 2019. Please help us remember them by submitting the form below (make copies if necessary) for each woman we need to remember.

Please send their names
by August 15 to:

Marie Garnhart
7835 W. Canterbury Ct.
Franklin, WI 53132
414-427-5770
smgarnhart@gmail.com

In Memoriam from _____ (unit name)

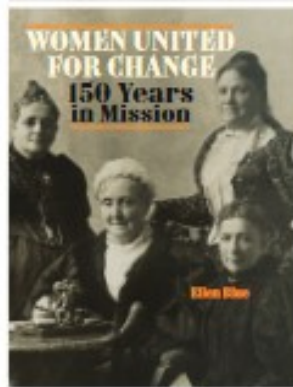
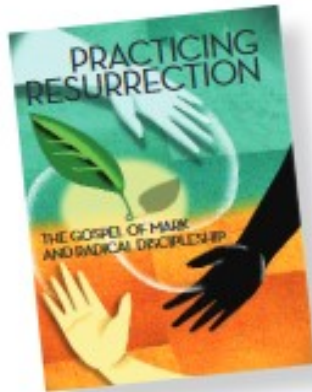
Name: _____ Additional information: _____



RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP—THEN AND NOW

Join United Methodist Women at Mission u 2019!

Take a deep dive into the Gospel of Mark, the topic of money,
and the inspiring story of women organized for mission.



THIS YEAR, OUR STUDIES ARE:

Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship
by Janet Wolf (Additional studies on Mark for children and youth also available.)

Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission by Ellen Blue

What About Our Money? A Faith Response by Susan K. Taylor

**Be inspired. Be challenged. Respond to God's call.
Continue the powerful legacy of compassionate service
and passionate advocacy.**

All are welcome!

Location: **Hotel Mead and Conference Center**
451 East Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin

Date: **4 Day Session: July 22-25/Overview Day: July 26th**



Mission u registration forms for Teens can be printed from
<http://www.wisconsinumw.org/mission-u.html>



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Wisconsin Conference Mission u

July 22 – 25, 2019

Hotel Mead Convention Center - Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Adult Registration Form

4-Day registration begins at 8:15am with Singing and Gathering starting at 9:15 on Monday, July 22, 20

Register for the event					(Page 1 of 2)	
Name						
Address, City, State, Zip						
Home Phone		Cell Phone		Email		
District (Circle one)	North West	North Central	North East	South West	South East	
Class Choice		Circle up to two classes				
Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship		Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission		What About Our Money? A Faith Response		
Payment <u>Registration is transferable, but not refundable</u>			Early Bird Registration Until June 1, 2019		Regular Registration Until July 1, 2019	
Four Day Session (Includes food and sharing a room with another)			\$350		\$425	
Additional lodging on Sunday night, includes breakfast (Sharing a room with another)			\$70		\$70	
Four Day Session (includes food and private room)			\$465		\$540	
Additional lodging on Sunday night, includes breakfast (Private room)			\$115		\$115	
Commuter Rate ~No Hotel Stay~ (Includes lunch & supper on Monday, 3 meals on Tuesday and Wednesday, and breakfast on Thursday)			\$205		\$250	
Roommate					Total	
Special dietary needs						
Send Registration to: Marilyn Eyster 122 East Cox Road Edgerton, WI 53534		608-868-3585 marilyn.eyster@gmail.com		Make checks payable to: Mission u		

Early Bird Registration rate ends June 1, 2019 ~ Registration ends July 1, 2019 no late registrations accepted



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Name		(Page 2 of 2)
Attending Mission u for the first time <i>(Check here if this is your first time to Mission u)</i>		
Requesting a Scholarship <i>(Check here to find out about Conference scholarships for Mission u)</i>		
Requesting a new Clergy Scholarship		
Requesting a CEU (for Clergy)		
Requesting a Lay Servant/Lay Speaker Credit		
Requesting a scholarship stipend to help offset the cost of child care up to \$25/day for the first (5) requests with registration (Please contact registrar for information.)		
<p align="center">Book Order</p> <p align="center">Check here to order your study books for pick up at Mission u Program Resources. <u>Books are \$10 each to be paid when picked up, do not include in registration fees.</u></p> <p align="center">OR</p> <p align="center">Order your books ahead and get them delivered to your home www.umwmissionresources.org or call 800-305-9857</p>		
Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship, by Janet Wolf		
Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission, by Ellen Blue		
What About Our Money? A Faith Response, by Susan K. Taylor		
<p>Photo Release</p> <p>Photos will be taken at Mission u and could be used in material to promote this event. I permit my photo to be used by Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women to help share United Methodist Women with others.</p>		
Name (Print)		
Sign		Date
<p>Emergency Contact</p>		
Name		Relationship
Best phone number(s) to contact them:		
Is this person at Mission u?		

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Wisconsin Conference Mission u

Friday July 26, 2019

Hotel Mead Convention Center - Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Overview Day Registration Form

Registration begins at 8:00 am with a small sideboard breakfast, singing and gathering at 9:00 sending forth approx. 3:00 pm

Register for the event

Name			(Page 1 of 2)
Address, City, State, Zip			

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email

District *(Circle one)* North West North Central North East South West South East

Payment <u>Registration is transferable, but not refundable</u> Early Bird Registration Until June 1, 2019 Overview Day	Regular Registration Until July 1, 2019	
	\$65	
Additional lodging on Thursday night, includes breakfast (Sharing a room with another.)	\$70	
Additional lodging on Thursday night, includes breakfast (Private Room)	\$115	
	Total	

Special dietary needs

____ Attending Mission u for the first time (Check here if this is your first time to Mission u)

____ Child Care needed ages _____ (Please provide a sack lunch for each child)

Scholarships—Ask your local UMW unit or Church about scholarships that they may have.

Send Registration to: Marilyn Eyster 122 East Cox Road Edgerton, WI 53534	608-868-3585 marilyn.eyster@gmail.com	Make checks payable to: Mission u
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Respond to God's call to live more deeply in the spirit. Be inspired and inspire. Turn your faith into action. Come to Mission u!



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Friday July 26, 2019

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Overview Day Registration Form

Book Order

Check here to order your study books for pick up at Mission u Program Resources. Books are \$10 each to be paid when picked up, do not include in registration fees.

OR

Order your books ahead and get them delivered to your home
www.umwmissionresources.org or call 800-305-9857

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Sign

Date

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Name

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Best phone number(s) to contact them:

Is this person at Mission u?

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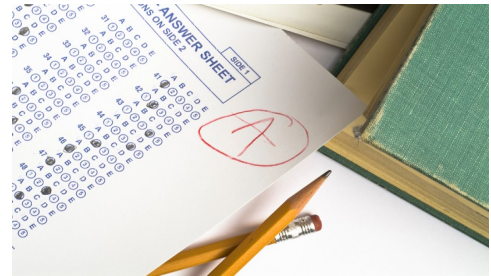
Are you longing to go back to school?

Heil Funds can help you!

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.

Contact person:
Helen Robinson
N2101 Cleghorn Rd.
Waupaca, WI 54981

715.258.0973
pottshe@yahoo.com



Instructions:

1. Be a female member of Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women.
2. Submit a written answer to the question, "In what ways do I consider myself a worthy student?"
3. Send a completed application to the contact person by May 1 or October 1.
4. Request that a letter of recommendation be sent to the contact person by either the president of the local UMW or by a pastor of the church.
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:

- A. Any member of Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women working to improve her education may apply.
- B. All letters must be written (preferably typed) on one side of an 8 1/2 X 11 sheet of white paper, using black ink.
- C. All applications are photocopied for the committee members.
- D. 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.
- E. 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.
- F. The schedule is: **First semester** Apply by May 1, Notified by June 1, Check given August 15. **Second semester** Apply by October 1, Notified by November 1, Check given by December 1.
- G. Application and two (2) letters of recommendation MUST be postmarked no later than May 1 and October 1 to be considered.

The application form for the Mabel Heil Scholarship can be found on the Wisconsin United Methodist Women website: <http://www.wisconsinumw.org/forms.html>.



Program Resources

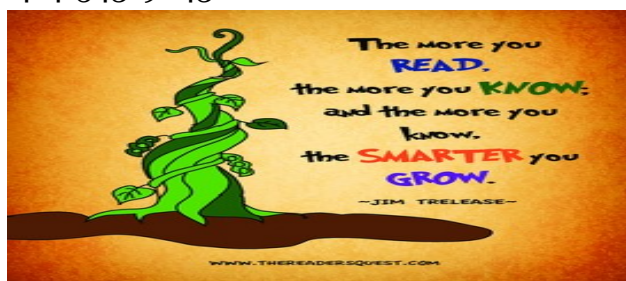
If the snow is really gone, it is time to pull out the lawn chair, sit in the sunshine to read a good book. WHEN DID EVERYBODY ELSE GET SO OLD, by Jennifer Grant is a fun one from the nurturing for community list this year. Your Reading Program lists are due to your unit program resources secretary by August 1st so I can have them by September 1st.

With the national change of not shipping books, we face a decision as to how we will handle the \$10.00 certificate use. This will be determined at the May 11th district board meeting

Prayer calendars and Mission U books continue to be available. All other reading program titles are available from Amazon, Barnes and Noble or your local library [for most books] One option being considered is to offer the yearly program book as reward to units with 10% participation in the program. Electronic Kindle versions often are less expensive. Your local library can assist you in getting the Libby program on your device for easy access to the books too

Change is inevitable as we strive to keep costs down. Please continue reading and growing in your faith at this time of transition.

Val Holzman
Vholzman@wi.rr.com
414-543-9843



READING PROGRAM PLANS

PLAN I

- 5 books each year.
- 1 from each category.
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
- Regular reading of **response** magazine.

PLAN II

- 10 books each year.
- 2 from each category.
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
- Regular reading of **response** and New World Outlook magazines.

PLAN III

- 15 books each year.
- 2 books from each category.
- PLUS 5 additional books from any category.
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
- Regular reading of **response** and New World Outlook magazines.

PLAN IV

- 20 books each year.
 - 2 books from each category.
 - PLUS 10 additional books from any category.
- Selections from the current reading lists :
www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram/plans. Regular reading of response and New World Outlook magazines.

Some of the older books may not be available at United Methodist Women Mission Resources. Other possible sources include the public library and Reading Program books already purchased by your unit. For books on previous reading lists go to: **umwonline.org/groups/readingprogram**

www.umwmissionresources.org
800-305-9857

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TO RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE FOR COMPLETING A READING PLAN: Fill out the form on page 11 and give your form to your unit **Program Resources Officer**, who will check that you have completed the information showing that you have met the plan's requirements, and then she will send your report (along with other reader reports from your unit) to our South East District Program Resources **Valerie Holzman, 6425 W. Norwich #221, Greenfield, Wisconsin, 53220, vholzman@wi.rr.com**.

REPORT OF COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

(Send completed form to your secretary of program resources or equivalent according to your conference's schedules.)

I have completed the required reading for PLAN____. The books I have read are listed on the reverse side.

LOCAL UNIT

PRINT NAME

DISTRICT

ADDRESS

CONFERENCE

CITY, STATE, ZIP

Current Year _____

PLAN CHOSEN:

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NAME:

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SOUTH EAST DISTRICT 2019 UMW EVENTS CALENDAR

Mission u

July 22-25, Monday-Thursday, Four-Day School
July 26, Friday, Overview Day
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