



CENTRAL BAY DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

AROUND THE BAY July 2019

Celebrating 150 Years of United Methodist Women in Mission!



Many local units of the United Methodist Women have celebrated this 150th Anniversary in their churches with special services, potlucks, speakers, and, of course, cake. Below are pictures from some of these units.



MIDLAND FIRST UMW celebrated at their church and honored these four women who have given leadership to the United Methodist Women in their 60 plus years of membership.

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ST. CHARLES UMW celebrated with a UMW Sunday Service that was themed "Women In Mission" and was told by our Pastor that it was the best one she has ever seen. We sponsored a wonderful luncheon afterwards. ->

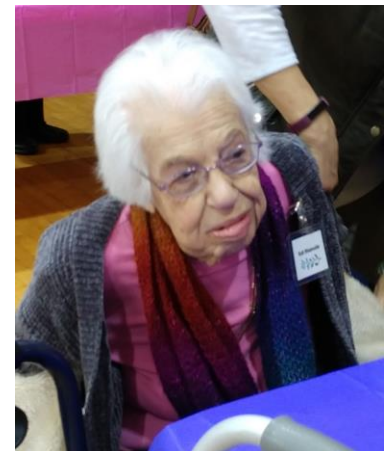


SAGINAW AMES UMW held a big celebration and included 150 cupcakes all decorated in the UMW colors.

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They also honored Ruth Wissmueller, 97 years old and a UMW member since she was 20. She has been President of her local Unit and held many other offices at the district and local level.

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Bay City Grace UMW honored three women from our unit with certificates of appreciation for all their dedication and hard work for the United Methodist Women organization



President



The transition is complete! We are officially the Central Bay District UMW. About the time I think I have gotten it all done, Saginaw Bay creeps into an agenda or my language when I am speaking. Old habits die hard, but we are making progress. The leadership team has members from all the old districts, including Heartland and Crossroads. We still miss our old friends who are attending meetings elsewhere, but we look forward to meeting them at conference events.

It has been a busy spring (what spring?) with the Spiritual Retreat at The Springs campground and retreat center. Rev Ron and Rev Lisa Cook lead the retreat, teaching us about the Psalms in worship. Gabe Cook blessed us with her beautiful music. At the end of May I attended the Michigan Area Conference at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City. The worship services are always inspiring, and the music is varied and uplifting. The theme was "Bold and Effective Leaders – Wisdom, Heart and Courage". This year the delegates were elected who will

attend the General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference. I want to thank all of you who helped me to get elected as a delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference and a reserve delegate to the General Conference. I feel privileged to be able to represent all UMW members in this role. I am also facing this responsibility with some trepidation, because of the state of the United Methodist Church currently. I will prepare by praying, by reading all the materials provided and meeting with the other delegates as we prepare to attend. It is my hope that we can stay focused on the love of Jesus and work to stay united.

I shared my trip to Liberia with the UMW at Auburn UMC and at two worship services at Grace UMC in Bay City. Farwell UMW held a salad supper with a wonderful speaker who spoke about child abuse and the program she works with that helps children who have been abused. It is such a small world. The lady I sat next to at Farwell graduated from the same high school that I graduated from. I enjoy visiting local UMW programs. We all have the same challenges and share the same joys when things go well.

I hope you will plan to attend a Mission u program this summer. Take your pick of locations – Albion, Southfield or Lake Huron Retreat Center. Or if your summer is too busy, then plan to attend the Mission u of the North in October in Gaylord. Mission u programs are led by wonderful, trained instructors. If you pick the right site, you will be blessed by being taught by our own Bishop David Bard.

Start making plans to attend the Central Bay District Celebration and Annual Meeting on October 5 at Ames UMC in Saginaw. The speaker will be Deborah Moore, a midwife who has worked in Kenya and helped to train midwives in Kenya. As you prepare don't forget to send in your Mission Objectives form, the books you read for the UMW Reading program, and the deceased members of your local UMW from 2018. **All these reports should report the activity for 2018.** Yes, that means that you may be including books and objectives that you reported last year. Confused?? Feel free to e-mail or call me. I love UMW! I love the Reading program! Have you read The Feathered Bone: A Novel? This is a page turner for sure about a pertinent topic. I love my UMW friends and the good things we all do in our local units.

And lest I forget, I am willing to visit your UMW local unit meeting. Call me or e-mail me to set up a time. If I am unable to come, there no doubt will be another team member available.

I can be reached at 989-708-9968 or e-mail: suttonr1@charter.net

Ruth Sutton, Co-President



Vice President

Greetings,

The plans for the Central Bay District Annual Celebration and Leadership Training for October 5, 2019 are finished, and now the planning for the 2020 Celebration has started. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in October at Ames UMC in Saginaw.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Deborah Moore.

She is a self-employed Midwife at the Women's Health Clinic, a 501-c-3 business for 35 years. She worked in several hospitals for 12 years as an RN, graduated with an Associate's degree in nursing from Lansing Community College in 1990. She began to do mission trips as part of a short term team to Mexico, Bolivia, Haiti and Zambia in 2012, and began yearly trips to Kenya and Liberia to work in clinics and teach Midwifery skills. She spoke at the UMW Luncheon at the Michigan Annual Conference at Grand Traverse Resort & Spa last year. I think you will enjoy her.

I pray that you enjoy your summer and I hope to see you in the fall.

Blessings

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Secretary

As summer is almost here I'm looking forward to the warm weather and spending time with my children and grandchildren.

I'm feeling very blessed to be part of an organization that has been around for 150 years. I hope you all had a chance to celebrate UMW 150th Anniversary. We had a wonderful service at my local church (Bay City Grace). We honored three women from our unit with certificates of appreciation for all their dedication and hard work for the United Methodist Women organization.

Please submit your 2020 officers list by November 1, 2019 to me by mail at 5622 West Spring Knoll Dr., Bay City, MI 48706 or by email (diazc5282@gmail.com). **Even if you do not have a change of officers, I need to receive a completed form from your unit.** For those units who have their election of officers at the end of the year, please remember to send me your officer information as soon as possible.

- **When you complete the form “Report For Central Bay District UMW Secretary from UMW Unit Secretary”;**
- If there is no change, write no change (NC) in front of the officers' names.
- If the officers are the same and addresses have changed indicate the changes
- Include **Zip codes with zip code extensions for every officer. E-mail addresses if available, (needed for electronic communications).** (You will begin to receive your Around the Bay newsletter by email starting June 2019)
- Record home phone & cell phone numbers (indicate the primary number).

Thank you for paying attention to detail. It makes a big difference in whether or not you receive information from the UMW Central Bay District. A big thank you goes to all the unit secretaries for your time and talents.

God bless the United Methodist Women and all they do.

Be well, be safe, and be blessed.

Caroline (Carrie) Diaz

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Treasurer

As your district treasurer I have the responsibility to collect all funds from the local UMW units and then transfer them on to the conference treasurer. It is both a rewarding and challenging position. I enjoy seeing units that give to all five areas of mission. That means that they are a 5 star unit and will be recognized as such at our annual celebration in October. Unfortunately, as of June 1st in Central Bay District, only 7 units have qualified for such an honor. I would urge others in this district to become 5 star units. It's not difficult to do--\$60 will qualify you or your church as a 5 star unit. I will list below the minimum amount you must give in order to qualify:

Pledge to Mission	\$ 5.00
Special Mission Recognition	\$ 40.00
Gift to Mission	\$ 5.00
Gift In Memory	\$ 5.00
World Thank Offering	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
	\$ 60.00

An individual person may also become a 5 star woman by filling out the form your unit treasurer has, making a check out to your local unit, and your treasurer will then send it on to me. I hope to see more 5 star units and persons in the future.



Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation

If you have a special occasion coming up in your church or family, such as a birthday, anniversary, wedding, baby shower or graduation, you might want to consider buying a card from the UMW. You will have given a \$5.00 gift to mission and have a card for that special occasion. I also have cards for thinking of you and gift in memory. Your local treasurer should have the form for ordering any number of cards and can send it in for you.

I have received a few checks that have been made out to me personally. Please make all checks out to Central Bay District UMW.

I hope to see a number of you at our District UMW meeting at Saginaw Ames church on Oct 5, 2019. If your treasurer is unable to attend but someone from your church does, please ask them to come and get the packet that I will have for all treasurers.

Thanks for all your prayers and support over this past year. I hope to see some of you at the mission u studies this summer and fall and especially leadership training on Oct 5th.

If you have any questions concerning financial forms, please call, text, or e-mail me. I will try to answer as best I can. God's blessing on you all.

Bonnie Dunstan

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Just a reminder for everyone concerning your Mission Unit Objective Awards that you will receive at our Annual Celebration in October 2019: Your report is due to me by September 1, 2019 and it is to contain all the items that you accomplished from **January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018**. YES, some of the things you will be reporting, you already received recognition for with your last award. **That is OK.** The activities that you accomplish from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 you will report to me by September 1, 2020 and you will receive your award at our October 2020 Annual Celebration.

Like everything else, Mission u has also undergone some substantial changes. There is now only one generic brochure announcing the dates, studies, speakers and where to send your registration forms for the upcoming programs. Since Mission u of the North has a slightly different program, I am including here additional information for you to share with your units. Our keynote speaker on Monday evening at Mission u of the North in Gaylord will be Pastor Melene Wilsey of the New Heart UMC in Saginaw. Her message is entitled, "Intentional Discipleship" and she will also be one of our workshop leaders on both Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

Having recently talked with most of the UMW units in our District, I have heard first-hand how many of us are experiencing diminished numbers in our memberships. Pastor Melene's message speaks to how she has been growing her attendance numbers – how she has

reached out in the neighborhood's surrounding her church. Her message and methods can definitely be of benefit to all of us as we strive to ensure that we maintain a viable UMW for future generations. (Some of you may have heard her when she spoke at our Spiritual Enrichment Brunch in Frankenmuth this past February.) She is definitely a very positive motivational speaker.

I hope many of you will encourage your members to attend one of the Mission u programs this year. You will truly be blessed by the experience.

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***Mission
Coordinator for
Spiritual Growth***

Spiritual Growth can be either a personal thing that you work on every day, or it is given to you through the many events you may attend, or through joining with fellow Christians in worship. The best way of growing spiritually would be a combination of all these ways. On a personal level you can pray, read the Bible, memorize scripture, recognize the Holy Spirit's work within you and keep your actions and choices reflective of who you are striving to be as a Christian. Share these practices with others you meet and be willing to listen to what they have to share with you.

For a winning combination remember our District Spiritual Brunch held in February each year and then our District Spiritual Retreat held in April. Both of these events promote Spiritual Growth on a personal level and offer the exchange of fellowship and listening to great

speakers addressing many different aspects of Spiritual Growth. Hope to see you there.

2 Peter 3:18 *But grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen*

Shalom,

Linda Kube and Pam Ginderske

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***Mission Coordinator for
Social Action***

As I am rather new to Central Bay District, let me describe myself and my association with United Methodist Women District. I have attended Clare United Methodist Church in Clare, MI since 1970 while I also "tried" to teach third graders at Farwell Area Schools. While I considered myself an "active" church member, I didn't become really active in UMW until I retired from teaching in 2006!

I have come to believe in and support the "Purpose" of UMW. During the pre-now-one-Michigan Conference, I was part of the Heartland UMW District, where I served as Program Resource Chairperson. Now that UMC Clare is part of the newly formed Central Bay District, I now serve as the chairwoman of Social Action.

It is not surprising that there are many similarities between Reading Resources and Social Action. They actually complement each other. We must be "informed" to make and take positive positions in the sooooo many areas that affect social justice in God's world. We

must attempt to be knowledgeable to advocate for appropriate change in legislation, systems, structures, and practices considered unjust and oppressive to others.

As you no doubt understand, social action areas are vast. The national UMW Social Action board has selected the following four areas of focus: Maternal and Child Health; Climate Justice; Economic Inequality; and Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration. This year during the presentations at Mission u there is a study on the Economic issue.

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Secretary of Program Resources

Let me introduce myself as the new Program Resources Coordinator for the year 2019. This is my 6th year of being part of the District team and I would encourage anyone to ask questions to a District officer and consider joining our TEAM. I was born and raised in Caro MI and I still attend Caro UMC. My husband Kevin and I have 2 grown children a son in-law and 2 grand dogs and a grand kitty.

It's that time of year again when the annual reports are due! And CHANGE has happened again!! In trying to combine two Conferences way of reporting, your 2019 Reading Program will consist of books read from **January 1, 2018 thru Dec. 31, 2018**. And that count will be recognized at the next Annual Celebration in October of 2019. I realize that some books will already have been reported on your 2018 report but consider it a bonus and you get to

count them twice! In the mean time you should be logging your 2019 books so we can celebrate those accomplishments in 2020. Our goal in this change is to make ALL reports and awards reported on the same timeline. Our Treasurers and Membership have already been reporting Jan-Dec.

Ordering of books has also changed from previous years. Last year I guessed on a number of Prayer Calendars and Program books to order and have available at our annual Celebration. I apologize for running out early in the day, but I also cannot mail back any unsold materials. so in trying to use Mission Resources wisely I underestimated.

Please mail or email me your Reading reports by **August 31, 2019** so they can be printed in the Program book for our Annual Celebration.

Happy Reading,
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Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach

Greetings to all the units in my Central Bay District Discipleship D Zone 3. I attended the 'Spiritual Life Retreat' in Gladwin April 26 & 27. It was kind of different and interesting; the session was based on the kind of songs we sing, presented by the Rev Ron Cook, husband of Rev Lisa Cook.

I hope that all the units have fulfilled their registration. A few units have closed as there are a few church closings. One of the units is in Zone 3, State St UMC, which is in my cluster

group. Also Mapleton church is closing. Membership reporting is from Jan 1, 2019 thru Dec 31, 2019 and is done online.

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2019

I attended the Michigan Annual conference this year in Traverse City, May 29 to June 2. It was a very exciting and provocative conference, a lot of unfinished business, lots of controversy and debate with some of the legislative items that were presented. The book of discipline was brought into play as some of the items up for change were in contradiction to the book. The Methodist religion and churches seems to be divided on some of these changes up for debate.

Our very own Ruth Sutton was nominated as a Jurisdictional delegate for 2020 General Conference. My pastor, Rev Doug Mater, was one of the retirees recognized at the conference. We will have a new pastor on July 1, 2019, the Rev David Wichert. He will be in charge of D Zone 3 – Saginaw Ames. Since the merger of two conferences, there has been exciting things happening. We need new membership as the numbers seem to be dwindling. Encourage the young people to join your unit and keep the UMW strong. D Zone 3 comprises of Reese, Saginaw, New Heart, Frankenmuth, Birch Run/Burt, Saginaw: First and Arbela.

Mission u programs for this year will be very exciting with some dynamic speakers and topics. There is:

Mission u of the West – Albion

Of the South – Southfield Hope UMC;

Of the East – Lake Huron Retreat Center

Of the North – Gaylord, First UMC

I hope most of you will be able to attend one of these Mission u programs. October 5, 2019 will be our Central Bay District Celebration Day at Ames UMC, Saginaw. October 21-22 is

Mission u of the North, Gaylord UMC and October 25-26 is Michigan Conference UMW annual Training and Celebration, Howell UMC.

I hope to meet some of you very soon. Blessings to you all.

Edith Cooper 989-752-0340

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PROPOSED CENTRAL BAY LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR 2020

Ruth Sutton, President

Doris Simons, Vice President

Caroline Diaz, Secretary

Bonnie Dunstan, Treasurer

Linda Kube, Spiritual Growth (Co-chair)

Pam Ginderske, Spiritual Growth (Co-chair)

Nancy Cline, Education & Interpretation

Jeanne Shelander, Social Action

Edith Cooper, Membership, Nurture & Outreach

Lisa Wightman, Program Resources

Committee on Nominations:

Rene Johnson, Chair (2020)

Sue Plessner (2020)

Marlene Dean Doran (2023)

Appointed:

Ele Hunt, Registrar

Judy Gerken, Communications



Communication Coordinator

This year we are sending the newsletter by email to those who have given us their addresses. For those without email, we will continue to send you the newsletter by regular U.S. Mail. We hope you enjoy this new format.

For those with who get this by email, you will notice that many forms are listed separately for you to download and print out. Be sure to select those you need and do that.

Please make a note of the registration forms for the upcoming **Annual Celebration and Mission u events.**

Officers please look at the forms that need to be filled out and try to get them in by the deadline, so that your group is recognized for **their great achievements at our 2019 Celebration!!** Blessings,

Judy Gerken 989-755-4848
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Serving is Loving the Lord

We are always in need of women like you to be on the District Board.

If you would like to serve the United Methodist Women by being a District officer, please let someone on the Nominations Committee or a current mission coordinator know.

We would love to have you on the Board!

2020 PLEDGE FORM

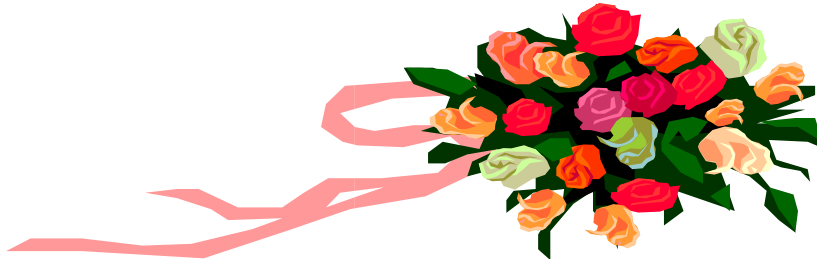
January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

Unit Name _____
Church _____
Pledge Amount _____
Unit Treasurer _____
Address _____
Phone _____
E-Mail _____

Please fill out this form and have it mailed to the District Treasurer, by November 20, 2019.

Bonnie Dunstan, 5760 Pine Drive, Caseville, MI 48725

In Remembrance



Women Who Have Passed Away in Your Unit

As a district we would like to take this time to remember the women who have passed away from your unit in 2018. They will be listed in our 2019 program bulletin of the Central Bay District Celebration and Leadership Training event.

NOTE! Submit only names of those who passed away in 2018, even though many were sent in last year. The 2019 deceased members' names will be sent in next year...2020.

Please submit the names, church and date of death to:

Judy Gerken by

September 5, 2019

E-mail jrgerk@yahoo.com

Or Mail to: 3300 Sunnyview Drive
Saginaw, MI 48604

FINANCIAL BUDGET - Bonnie Dunstan
UNITED METHOSIST WOMEN CENTRAL BAY DISTRICT
2020

PLEDGE TO MISSION **\$ 55,000.00**

ADMINISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (A&MD)

OFFICIER EXPENSES: (Those not associated with District or Conference Events)

100	Postage	\$	300.00
101	Office Supplies	\$	125.00
103	Travel (including visitation to local units)	\$	2500.00
104	Meals	\$	200.00
105	Printing	\$	100.00
107	Audit	\$	150.00
108	Dependent Care	\$	75.00

TOTAL OFFICIER EXPENSES

\$3450

CONFERENCE EVENT EXPENSES: (Those associated with events

**Including travel, meals, dependent care, scholarships,
When not covered by Conference)**

200	Conference Annual Meeting	\$	750.00
201	Conference Social Action Event	\$	100.00
202	School of Christian Mission	\$	1500.00
203	Other Conference Events	\$	

TOTAL CONFERENCE EVENTS

\$2350

DISTRICT EVENT EXPENSES: (Those associated with events,

**Including travel, meals, supplies, printing, dependent
care, honoraria, scholarships for local women)**

300	District Annual Meeting	\$	800.00
301	Local Unit Leadership Training	\$	150.00
302	District Retreat	\$	1000.00
303	Shepherds/Visitation		
304	District Prayer Event	\$	400.00
305	Other District Events	\$	50.00

TOTAL DISTRICT EVENTS

\$2400

OTHER EXPENSES

400	Newsletter/Publicity (including printing & postage)	\$	1200.00
401	Resources & Literature	\$	1400.00
402	SMR, GTM, GIM, ETC	\$	400.00
403	Church Women United	\$	100.00
409	Miscellaneous	\$	50.00

TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES

\$3150

TOTAL A&MD EXPENSES

\$11,350

	Contingency	\$	500.00
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TOTAL BUDGET

\$11,850

Central Bay United Methodist Women

Central Bay District

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AROUND THE BAY

July 2019

Dates to Remember!

Wed-Sat July 10-13

Mission U of the West
Albion, MI

Sat. July 20

One Day Mission u
Southfield Hope UMC

Thurs. August 15

Hands On Mission Experience
Port Huron Area

Thurs. August 15

One Day at the Lake Sampler Mission u
Lake Huron Retreat Center

Fri.-Sat. August 16-17

Mission u of the East
Lake Huron Retreat Center

Sat. October 5

Central Bay District UMW annual
Celebration & ELT
Ames UMC, Saginaw

Mon-Tues October 21-22

Mission u of the North
Gaylord UMC

Fri. October 25

Detroit Conference ELT – Howell UMC

Sat. October 26

Detroit Conference Annual Celebration
Howell UMC