

THE BREEZE

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

EAST WINDS DISTRICT



Co-President Lynn Geer

We are saying thank you and “job well done” to those members of our Leadership Team who are leaving 2020 offices. The thanks go also to those who are staying and those who have been elected to new positions for 2021. I am looking forward to all that our 2021 Leadership Team can do. One of our in-person plans is an outdoor gathering this summer to gather the “old” and the “new” and enjoy face-to-face fellowship and communication. Our Michigan Conference UMW is helping us keep our eyes and actions on our focus. Two campaigns through National UNW are: Just Energy for All and Interrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline. Remember, Faith, Hope and Love in Action.

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Co-President Alberta Gunsell

To start the New Year off I have officially retired. I am currently wintering in Arizona. The weather has been beautiful and warm. I have not missed any of the snow that I have left behind. I have found a new look of the beauty that God created for new adventures.

I am praying that 2021 will bring us back some of the things we enjoyed previously in life. Along with getting together with old friends and looking forward to Prayer Breakfast and Annual meetings and seeing all of us at gatherings.

Please stay safe, healthy and hope to see you soon.

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May God keep you and your loved ones safe in 2021. Blessings to all as we start looking forward to some actual time together this year!

Our EWD UMW Mission Team is planning for an uplifting 2021 with our Spiritual Growth Prayer Breakfast (On Zoom) Saturday April 24th (Registration included in this Newsletter) and our East Winds District Annual Meeting Saturday October 9th @ Port Huron First UMC.

Mark your calendars because we are looking forward to seeing all of you on Zoom for our April 24th Meeting and hopefully IN PERSON for our Annual meeting on October 9th. We are also looking for UMW groups to volunteer their church for our meetings in 2022. Please let us know if you would be willing to talk to us about possible future dates.

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Judy Stambaugh

Outgoing Education & Interpretation

I want to thank the women of East Winds District for allowing me to serve as your Education & Interpretation Mission Coordinator and welcome Sandy Weaver to the position.

Please continue learning about the mission work of United Methodist Women. Find the best way for you whether it is reading or using web sites such as United Methodist Women.org and always be ready to share what you have learned with others. Continue working with the treasurer to secure funds to fulfill your pledge to mission.

If your unit is smaller and does not have an Education & Interpretation Mission Coordinator the executive committee should assume this duty.

I want to encourage the use of Five Star Person to help with meeting the pledge goal to mission especially now with so many projects cancelled.

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Spiritual Growth

I am Sandy Kress, your new Spiritual Growth Leader. I look forward to serving the EWD. I have been a member of the Port Huron First UMC since 1970. Lucille Ogden invited me to a UMW meeting when my mother-in-law passed in 2013 and I am now a member of UMW. Since I have held positions of Nominations Chair, Education and interpretation, and currently a Vice President. I'm also the church historian. I look forward to working with you wonderful ladies and getting to know you better.

On a personal note, I have been married for 50 years, have 2 sons and 6 grandchildren. Also my husband and I have been very active with AA since March 22, 1978. We love reaching out and helping others. Also have hosted a Life Recovery 12 Step Bible Study for a few years. Love camping, traveling, sewing and machine embroidery.

In ending I thank God for each and every day I have been blessed withal the people that been a part of my journey so far. I pray that He will continue blessing me an all of you in the coming year with keeping us healthy and safe. May God bless everyone and I look forward tao seeing you all soon

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Cyndy Rossman

Outgoing Co-Spiritual Growth, incoming Secretary.

What has helped me to navigate through the troubled waters of 2020? For me it was remembering 1 Thessalonians 5:17 - Pray continually. Prayer has been my constant companion more than ever this last year as well as reading devotionals and the Bible. So many events canceled and Spiritual Growth had to cancel the retreat at Lions Bear Lake Camp. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 – Give thanks in all circumstances. Yes, even during a Pandemic we can find things to be thankful for. I am thankful and grateful for Marie Weaver Co-Spiritual Growth and all her help the last two years. She was a joy to work with! I am thankful for Zoom meetings so we can still do the business of the church. I am thankful for the technology that gives us the ability to have Worship online. The Covio-19 has forced us to reinvent how we do things, how we connect with others, and for many of our churches they are having a greater attendance in Worship than ever before.

I look forward to recording the history of our United Methodist Women as your Secretary. As we begin 2021 I pray for our United Methodist Women, our Church, and our nation. Blessings for a happy and healthy year

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Treasurer:

The Christmas season is over for another year, but let's all remember the tenets of the Advent candles – HOPE, LOVE, JOY, and PEACE as we enter this New Year as United Methodist Women. My Verse of the Day" on my phone on January 1st of this new year was 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here." How Appropriate and full of hope that verse is for this new year! First, I would like to thank all of you for the pledges and money sent in 2020. I know that many units could not meet or could not hold their normal fundraisers because of Covid, and thus did not have funds to send in to the District. In spite of the year we had, we sent in \$37,521.89 which came short of our \$45,000 Pledge. It was short, but not nearly as short as it might have been! Thank you to all who helped in attempting to meet our Pledge!

Any money that I have received since Nov. 30, 2020 will go toward meeting our 2021 Pledge. At this point none of us know what 2021 will bring. Last summer we set our new Pledge to Mission at \$45,000 again. We hope that our country, our state, our communities, and our churches will be back to "normal" at some time during 2021. God is still in control.

Please keep in mind Special Mission Recognition, Five Star Women, Five Channel Units, and Gifts in Memory, along with your Pledge to Mission in 2021.

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OUT-GOING SECRETARY (January 2021)

The past seven years of my life have been some of the very best I could ever imagine, as I became involved as a District Officer – First on Nominations with the Blue Water District, and then as Secretary. When the new Districts were formed, I transitioned to Secretary of the East Winds District. I've said this many times before, and I'll say it again – Serving on the District Leadership Team is SO REWARDING. My prayer has been that more and more women would step out in faith and become more involved in United Methodist Women. It's a beautiful life-changing step.

There are a couple of openings on the District Nominating Committee. Who will listen to God whispering to them to say "Yes"?

Many local units have been creative in their fellowship during the distancing and lockdowns of the Covid-19 Pandemic. It would be nice if you let your shepherd know what you are doing, for sharing with others. Whether or not you are having meetings, I would like to suggest that Secretaries make some "notes" to keep with your regular meeting minutes as a recording of what is going on with your unit during these different times. This is your history. Blessings...

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Do you ever wonder what we mean by Just Energy For All?

Then join the 90 minute webinar at 3:00 pm on February 22, March 8, and March 22, 2021 to learn more about the why and what of United Methodist Women's Just energy for All Campaign. To register go to: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/connect-with-others-advance-just-energy-for-all.

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EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION

I am excited to be serving as your new Coordinator for E & I and ask for your help as I begin this new role.

We all know that 2020 has been a year like non other and I hope and pray that you have all stayed well and have weathered the storm so far.

We have had to find new ways to keep in touch with other UMW members in our church and we do not want to lose focus on our Mission and how we can best serve locally and globally.

Many of us have been able to participate in Zoom sessions, but we know that a great many of our members are not able to do this. Have you formed a caring cadre within your circles to keep in touch with those feeling isolated?

There are many ways that we can still participate in Missions. In fact, I have been amazed at how other individuals within our communities have engaged in helping those in need, while working collectively with our churches.

Now is a good time to visit the unitedmethodistwomen.org website and download resources on Faith Talk, videos, and how to get involved in mission and social issues.

It has been disappointing to not be able to assemble for our District and Annual Meetings. However, please stay tuned to participate once again whenever we are able.

Be sure to fill out your 2020 Mission Today Unit Objectives forms due February 1st, 2021, even if it is late and mail them to my address listed below, if you have not already mailed it to Judy Stambaugh.

You may find this form on the UMW website, or if possible, I will include it in this Newsletter, space permitting.

May God richly bless all of you as we look forward to a New Year.

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APPOINTED COMMUNICATIONS AND NEWSLETTER EDITOR

This year has been a challenge to get information and mission agendas to our units. I have been putting together all that information for our officers in the newsletter to keep you informed. Hopefully you are able to be kept alerted and in the mission mode for on line opportunities, videos available, reading material on the studies, reading program etc.

If there are any opportunities you are not sure of you can contact our officers and me to get answers for you. We have our contact information in this newsletter page 6. Do not hesitate to contact any one of us for any information you need or are looking for.

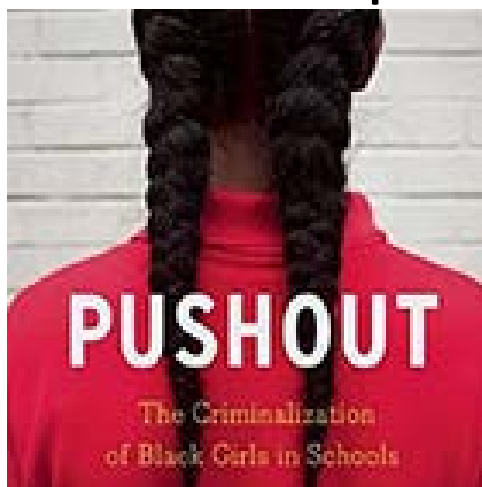
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East Winds District United Methodist Women Prayer Breakfast and Spiritual Growth Event

Join us on Saturday, April 24, 2021

at 9:30 a.m. via ZOOM

Speakers: Marchelle “Micki” Phelps and Sharon Appling



The program will be based on the book “Pushout” by Monique Morris.

The focus for the program will be on the school-to-prison pipeline.

We will also be having devotions, prayer, and fellowship.

Please send your reservation by **April 2, 2021**,
to Cyndy Rossman via email to: cynrosjam@gmail.com

Subject line of email: Prayer Breakfast

Please include your name, email address, and your phone number
in your email or you can call Cyndy at (586)757-5146

if you have any questions. A few days before the event you will be sent
a link to connect to the ZOOM via internet or via the telephone.

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Davisburg
Linden
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Lake Fenton

Zone 10

Lynn Geer

Lexington
Worth Twp Bethel
Buel/Jeddo
Croswell
Cole/Melvin
Yale

Zone 2

Alberta Gunsell

Duffield
Gaines
Swartz Creek
Durand First
Byron
Lennon

Zone 6

Marie Weaver

Lapeer Trinity
Davison
Columbiaville
Richfield
West Deerfield
Fostoria
Otisville
Elba
Oregon

Zone 11

Cyndy Rossman

North Branch/Silverwood
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Brown City/Omard Parish
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Capac

Zone 3

Mary Allen

Ortonville
Seymour Lake
Clarkston
Goodrich

Zone 7

Mary Ann Grace

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Genessee
Thetford Center
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West Vienna
Montrose
West Forest

Zone 12

Sandy Kress

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2021 DATES TO REMEMBER

April 3, 2021???	MI Conf Keep Making Peace Day, East Lansing
April 24, 2021	EWD Prayer & spiritual Growth Breakfast, Clarkston UMC
July 7-10, 2021	Mission u of the West, Albion College
July 24, 2021	Mission u of the South, Troy Big Beaver
Augaust 19-21	Mission u of the East, Lake Huron Retreat Center
September 11, 2021	EWD Team Meeting, Port Huron First
October 9, 2021	District Annual Meeting, Port Huron First
October 18-19, 2021	Mission u of the North, Gaylord UMC
Octobr 22-23, 2021	Annual Mi Conf Celebration Kalamazoo Westside UMC
November 4, 2021	EWD Team Meeting, Burton Christ UMC