

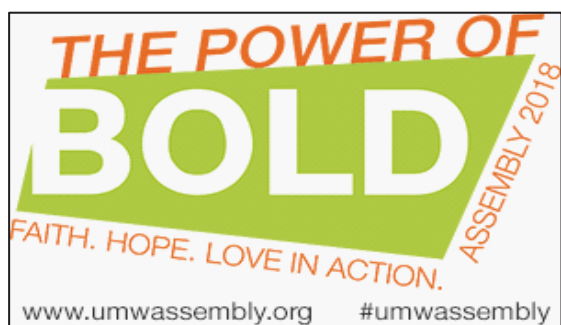


HEARTLINE

Lansing District United Methodist Women

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ASSEMBLY MAY 18-20, 2018
GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER
COLUMBUS, OHIO

INSPIRE: Be inspired by cutting-edge speakers and deep spiritual experiences.

MOBILIZE: Learn to mobilize through a public rally, Town Halls, workshops and social justice exhibits.

ACTIVATE: Leave with action plans for your own community.

It's not too late! Don't miss the "Power of Bold". Register NOW at www.umwassembly.org

REGISTRATION CLOSES APRIL 9

At "The Power of Bold" United Methodist Women Assembly you'll be filled with the faith, hope and love that moves women to action. We focus especially on women, children and youth—groups often left behind.

- **Learn** about our four social justice priorities.
- **Attend** Community Gatherings with deep spiritual journeys and cutting-edge speakers who will inspire and offer tools to mobilize and activate.
- **Engage** and learn from one another in our interactive workshops.
- **Connect** with experts in our Ubuntu Networking Library to help shape your action plans.
- **Discover** how to mobilize for change at the action tables in our social justice immersion exhibits.
- **Encounter** women from all generations to understand what they seek and what motivates them to action.

WE ARE CALLED TO SHARE THE POWER OF BOLD WITH OUR SISTERS

Attention District 5 Local Units: Unable to send a representative to The Power of Bold? Want to keep up with the latest in UMW? The following District officers attending Assembly would like to share their experiences with you. Contact any one of the following women to set up a time when we can meet and show you how we have been inspired and called to mobilize for action.

Donna Kleiver, President, 517-663-4193

Sharon Smith, Vice President, 517-648-1133

Karol Fry, Program Resources, 517-525-6561

Pat Mentzer, Education and Interpretation,
517-676-4232

Bernice Natoli, Nominations Chair, 517-321-3070

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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings Lansing District UMW sisters:

Why does it seem that winter weather takes forever to pass and the summer weather flies by too fast?

Even though winter is not one of my favorite seasons, I still appreciate the time to calm my soul and look forward to the future works of God. I know God created winter and has a purpose for the snow, freezing temperatures, no green or colorful flowers and little sunshine. This was the season to allow nature to recover and rejuvenate for the bringing forth of new life to the earth. Now spring is a time for rebirth and new experiences. We have just celebrated Easter and the resurrection of Christ, who died for our sins and future life with God.

The next several months will also be a continuation of the changing dynamics of mid-Michigan churches into the new District 5. We will be getting a new name and much has already started to bring all the churches and United Methodist Women together. The Nominations Committee members, Joyce Plumhoff and Bernice Natoli, have been diligent in contacting all the churches and United Methodist units in District 5. We are blessed to have them on our team.

I am looking forward to the Spiritual Growth Retreat on May 4-5, 2018 at St. Francis Retreat Center with Grand Rapids District UMW. Our facilitator will be Rev. Deb Johnson on the topic of "What the Celts Knew about Theology of the Land" Ecological, Theological, Fun! If you attended Mission u in 2017, you would have heard what a wonderful leader Rev. Johnson is. This will be a wonderful time to connect with our UMW Sisters in Christ. We are hopeful all District 5 churches will join us at this retreat.

We are in an exciting time of change with this spring season, growth of our spiritual walk with our Lord, and sharing this time with sisters in Christ.

Blessings to all for what you do for women, children and youth in our world.

Donna Kleiver
President

"A wise man (woman) adapts himself (herself) to circumstances, as water shapes itself to the vessel that contains it". Chinese Proverb

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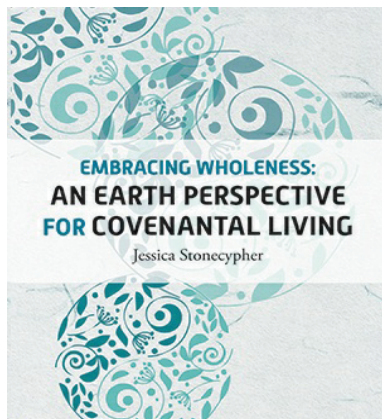
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West Michigan Conference Mission u

July 11 - 14, 2018

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Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living

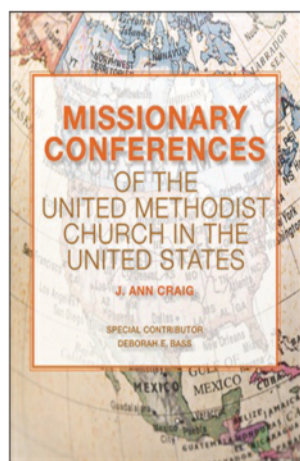
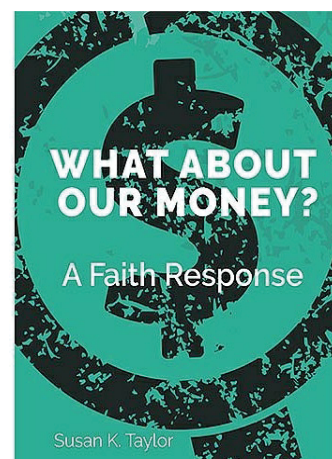
This is the second in a two-part series about covenantal living. Part 2 is designed to build on last year's study as it explores the ways God has called us to live in covenantal relationship with all of creation and challenges readers to work toward stronger and healthier relationships with creation, their communities, themselves, and God. Chapter 1 begins the text with the theological and biblical foundation for our covenantal relationship with creation and moves forward into our community, our relationships, and our very selves. Each chapter explores both our personal and corporate responsibilities to those around us and addresses current issues, such as climate change, social responsibility and justice concerns.

Study Leader: Rev. Deborah Johnson

What About Our Money? A Faith Response

This study explores how we relate to money within the context of our faith. Through this connection between our faith and our money, readers discover how to live closer to God and God's people, even in our North American culture that is so deeply defined by money. The author explores the biblical foundation of abundance (sufficiency), which stands in opposition to the scarcity narrative our culture tells us from the time we are very young. The focus of this study is both personal and communal. Readers will explore their own relationship with money, the money choices available to us, and how we individually and collectively respond in light of our faith.

Study Leader: Nichea VerVeer Guy



Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States

The aim of this study is to give an overview of the three missionary conferences in The United Methodist Church, the contexts out of which they grew and their current engagements: The Alaska United Methodist Conference, Red Bird Missionary Conference, and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference are a hybrid of home and international missionary work. What does the future look like for these conferences? The General Board of Global Ministries and the missionary conferences are exploring best operational and structural options for maximizing mission and ministry going forward in these unique locations. These dialogues, different in each case, have begun and will take place across the 2017-2020 quadrennium. The objective is mutuality in mission partnership and collaboration, which provides the heartbeat of all productive mission within the United Methodist connection. Study Leader: Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore

JOIN US FOR A TIME OF LEARNING, FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY

For more information, contact Linda Burton-Collier, Dean
(lindaburtoncollier@gmail.com)

Simmie Proctor, Assistant Dean (simmiepr@hotmail.com)
or Beth Mitchell, Registrar (barmitch55@gmail.com)



2018 Mission u Registration Form * July 11-14, 2018 * Albion College

Duplicate form as needed. Deadline for registration is **JUNE 27, 2018**

Each person registering to attend Mission u must have their own registration form, regardless of age.

INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Home church _____

District _____

Name tag (if different from above) _____

If Child or Youth:

Age _____ Grade entering August 2018 _____

Enriched Child Care:

Age (0-4) _____

Name of adult responsible for the child/youth
registering above.

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Requested roommate: _____

(Your roommate must have same needs regarding housing.)

MISSION STUDIES

Spiritual Growth: "Embracing Wholeness: An Earth
Perspective for Covenantal Living"

Everyone will be taking this study.

Select ONE Choice Study:

____ "What About Our Money? A Faith Response"

____ "Missionary Conferences of the UMC in the U.S."

CHILDREN/YOUTH STUDIES

Children - "Money Matters" (Grades K-4)

Youth - "Is It Just Money" (Grades 5-11)

PAYMENT INFORMATION

ON CAMPUS

Adult \$250.00

Children/Youth (Grades K-12) **FREE**

Enriched Child Care (Ages 0-4) **FREE**

COMMUTER WITH 5 MEALS

Adult \$150.00

Children/Youth (Grades K-12) **FREE**

Enriched Child Care (Ages 0-4) **FREE**

COMMUTER WITH NO MEALS

Adult \$100.00

Children/Youth (Grades K-12) **FREE**

Enriched Child Care (Ages 0-4) **FREE**

Total Due: _____

* Make checks payable to West Michigan Conference UMW

* Registration is not complete until payment is received.

* You may pay for multiple registrations with one check.

Staple all registration forms together, include payment and
mail to:

Beth Mitchell, Registrar

3813 Rockwood Drive

Kalamazoo, MI 49004

DEADLINE: JUNE 27, 2018

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

____ First time attending

____ Clergy

____ Study Leader

____ District Officer

____ Conference Officer

____ Missionary

____ Scholarship Applicant

Please submit your scholarship application to the Registrar along
with your completed registration form. Send to:

Beth Mitchell, Registrar, 3813 Rockwood Drive, Kalamazoo, MI
49004.

SPECIAL NEEDS

____ First floor housing

____ Minimal stairs

____ Minimal walking

____ Help moving around campus

____ Sign language interpreters

____ Special dietary needs (please specify)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 27, 2018

MISSION u SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

WEST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Standing Rules of the West Michigan Conference United Methodist Women provide the following scholarships to attend MISSION u:

-- two first time attending pastors, male or female, ordained or local

-- two or more for young women, including child care and/or registration for Kid's and Youth Mission School.

-- two or more for racial ethnic women, including child care and/or registration for Kids and Youth Mission School

(duplicate this form as needed)

Date submitted _____

Check which one applies: ____ first-time attending pastor ____ young woman ____ racial ethnic woman

Name of person submitting form: _____ Phone: _____

District _____ Local church/UMW unit _____

Name of Nominee _____ Phone: _____

Mailing address _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-mail address, if available _____

Nominee's age group: ____ 18-25 ____ 26-35 ____ 36-45 ____ 46 +

Is nominee now a member of UMW? ____ If yes, where? _____

Name and ages of youth and children who will be attending; or will need child care (pre-school):

Please explain below why this nominee should be considered: (attach additional sheet, if needed)

RETURN TO: Beth Mitchell, Registrar, 3813 Rockwood Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49004 (269) 343-6806

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 27, 2018

LANSING DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

MISSION u

One of the goals of West Michigan Conference UMW is for each District to provide scholarships for **two women from local churches, who have not previously attended Mission u**. Children ages 0 - 12 attend free. If there are more than two requests, the final decision will be made by the Executive Committee of the Lansing District Mission Team. Individuals may apply, or you may submit a nomination in someone's name.

Name of person submitting form: _____ Phone _____

Name of local church/UMW Unit _____

Name of Nominee _____ Phone _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ e-mail if available _____

Name & ages of children who will be attending: Childcare and classes are provided.

Is nominee now a member of UMW _____ If yes, where? _____

Will nominee attend full time (Wednesday through Saturday)? ____ Yes ____ No

Please explain below why nominee should be considered: (use back of sheet if necessary)



Complete and return by June 1 to:

Pat Mentzer
528 Middlebury
Mason, MI 48854

HIGHLIGHTING PERRY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE

We consider all the women of our church UMW members. At our afternoon monthly meetings we average 6 to 8 women, but all step-up to help when asked and support our projects.

To give you an idea of what we do, in January we have a bake-less bake sale or pinch-an-inch around your waist and donate per inch!

February is a pizza party and cards afternoon. Each member brings a small pizza with their favorite toppings to share. Then we eat, play cards, talk and laugh a lot. A great afternoon of fellowship.

After our March pot luck dinner we have a mystery auction and the money we raise pays for a pizza party in April at the Olive Branch, an assisted living facility. We bring our families and eat with the residents.

May is our Spring Fling for all our female relatives and friends. Food is a pot luck. We give a door prize and have entertainment following our meal.

In June we host a reception for our high school graduates and present them with a gift.

In summer we pick a date for lunch out and a movie for all the ladies of our church and their friends.

Our community looks forward to our rummage sales in April and October. A few years ago in November we added a Christmas sale of new or gently used decorations.

In December is our Christmas party at a restaurant with a \$5.00 gift exchange.

Also in December we have fun giving away the money we've earned to:

Peacock Tree Farm - Trees for Troops Project

Salvation Army

Safe Center

Grand Rapids UMW Community House

Small gifts for our pastor, organist, treasurer, secretary and power point operator.

In November we donate to the Perry, Morrice, Shaftsbury Emergence Services and Thanksgiving dinner for our janitor and family.

A few other things we do is help with major purchases for our church, buy 40 copies of the Upper Room devotionals, buy cleaning supplies, paper products and food for our kitchen. Also once a month we hold bingo games at the Olive Branch and furnish the prizes.

We also support Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee by hosting volunteer training at our church, donate gift cards for office supplies and donate door prizes for Purse Bingo - a Respite fund raiser. Many of our members are Respite volunteers.

Sue Price, President
Perry United Methodist Women

GOING FOR THE GOLD

The United Methodist Women Unit of Crossroads UMC was fired up after achieving the silver level of the Mission Today goals in 2017, and realized that the gold level was a possibility.

"Let's go for the gold!" declared Karlana Dennis, Crossroads Unit president. So the Unit created a one-page list of all the goals, highlighting the starred items, and printed it out on a bright gold card stock page.

The Unit has hung the gold list on its bulletin board outside the fellowship hall and is crossing off each met goal as the year goes on.

We will accomplish several tasks with the public list: letting all church goers know what is desired of each Unit, marking progress, keeping track so reporting is easier at the end of the year, and spurring on the women of the church to reach the goals.

If anyone would like a copy of the list, please contact Judy Marr, Unit vice president, at 517/655-2348, or email at marrvalley@gmail.com.

WON'T YOU SERVE?

As new Chairperson for the Nominations Committee I am so excited and looking forward to a new year. We now have our expanded district churches, and I would like to welcome everyone to our new District 5 (no name yet). I am anxious to meet and work with all of you so together we can share the Grace of God through United Methodist Women.

We have the following vacancies, 4 seats on the nominating committee.

Looking to 2019 we will have additional seats open on the team. If you know any woman in your unit or church that might be able and interested to fill one of these positions on the District team, please get in touch with me with their contact information or complete the form on the next page. We would like to build a bank of interested ladies so when we have seats to fill the nominations process would be more timely. The team meets quarterly, March, June, September and December. Our District Annual Meeting is in September so therefore we need nominations by the end of June for our July quarterly meeting in preparation for our September District Annual.

"The Organization of United Methodist Women provides a support system for its members as they challenge racism, sexism and other forms of discrimination. As an organization we are committed to programs that advocate for the need of children and youth. We have a solid commitment to global awareness and to providing a strong program of mission education for transformation." I ask that you keep this mission in mind and prayerfully consider joining the district team to further these goals as United Methodist Women.

REGISTER FOR DISTRICT 5 RETREAT

We would like to invite you to join our Spiritual Growth Retreat May 4-5. In this issue we are reprinting the registration form to encourage all churches in the new

District 5 to attend. Please share the registration form with the members of your unit and any other women in your church who might be interested. This is always a blessing to all who attend. Joyce Plumhoff, Registrar, (517-676-2716) would be happy to answer any questions regarding the retreat.

Bernice Natoli, Chairperson
Committee on Nominations, District 5
5105 Deanna Dr., Lansing, Mi. 48917
517-321-3070 bnatoli@provide.net

WHAT ARE YOU FOCUSING ON?

Spring is just around the corner- change is in the air. As we marvel at God's gifts of new growth, warm breezes and blue skies, let's keep in mind our charge to work for social justice in our own neighborhoods and around the world.

Several of our units support maternal and child health initiatives, such as baby boxes for Haiti. Many units also invite missionary speakers to share their experiences. Units then provided help to support the missionaries' requests for help.

Other units are learning about climate change through guest speakers regarding clean power, renewable energy and reducing our carbon footprint. Many units continue to support Michigan's water crisis by making their voices heard when attending public meetings on the issue or emailing decision makers of their position. Many voices do make an impact. Share information with your families, congregations and communities about these important issues.

Let's work for social justice, united in the Spirit of Christ.

Nancy Nay
Social Action



**West Michigan Conference UMW
District UMW
Talent Bank Information**

District

(To be completed by prospective leader)

This form may be shared with both District and/or Conference Mission Teams

Type or Print (attach additional sheets as necessary)

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____ **City** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Telephone: Home _____ **Work** _____ **Email** _____

Local Church _____ **District** _____

Age: 20's _____ **30's** _____ **40's** _____ **50's** _____ **60's** _____ **70's** _____ **80's+** _____

Languages Spoken _____ **Racial/Ethnic Group** _____

Professional skills, job experience _____

Office(s) held in United Methodist Women with dates of service.

Local _____

District _____

Conference _____

Jurisdiction _____

Additional experience on the local, district, conference or general church level (other than United Methodist Women) or in the community _____

Special Talents or Skills (you may be called upon for short-term task force tasks):

(Be sure to fill out both sides of this form.)

Areas of Special Interest or Concern:

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> secretarial | <input type="checkbox"/> recruiting members | <input type="checkbox"/> publicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> communication | <input type="checkbox"/> social issues | <input type="checkbox"/> workshops |
| <input type="checkbox"/> computer | <input type="checkbox"/> creativity | <input type="checkbox"/> newsletters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> accounting/bookkeeping | <input type="checkbox"/> recording minutes | <input type="checkbox"/> retreats |
| <input type="checkbox"/> organization of details | <input type="checkbox"/> public policy | <input type="checkbox"/> music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> nominations | <input type="checkbox"/> public relations | <input type="checkbox"/> youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> program planning | <input type="checkbox"/> community building | <input type="checkbox"/> children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> administration | <input type="checkbox"/> Inclusiveness/pluralism | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Opportunities to serve in short term positions will also be available.

Which office(s) on the District or Conference Team would you most like to hold if given the opportunity to serve? (Specify whether District _____ or Conference _____ level)

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> President | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Nurture & Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Short term task force |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Action | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Growth | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> Program Resources | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chair of Nominations | <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nominations Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Interpretation | |

Check one or both: ☐ District Mission Team ☐ West Michigan Conference Team

Why are you interested in this position and what qualifications do you feel you have for your office(s) of choice?

Would you be able to use your gifts and talents to uphold and strengthen United Methodist Women through the PURPOSE of the organization? _____

Is it possible for you to be away from your home or employment for: (answer yes or no)

Full day _____ Weekend _____ Extended Time _____

☐ Yes, I would like to be a team member.

☐ I am sorry but I am unable to accept an office this coming year but am interested at a future date.

Please keep my name on file and contact me in _____ (time when you will be available) _____

☐ I am not interested in being part of the conference team. ☐ the district team

Return this completed form to: Bernice Natoli, Chairperson, Committee on Nominations
5105 Deanna Dr., Lansing, Mi. 48917; 517-321-3070

For complete job descriptions. contact: bnatoli@nprovide.net

TREASURER'S TIPS

Hello Ladies,

Thank you for your generous support to missions! Here is some useful information that will help the money you send be processed as efficiently as possible:

- Please accompany all checks with a form. These can be downloaded at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org. Once there, click on For Members & Leaders. Then click on Roles & Responsibilities. From there Click on Local United Methodist Women. To the right (in blue) you will see Treasurers' Remittance Forms and Login. For those who don't have access to a computer perhaps someone at your church could download some for photocopying. If this is not an option, contact me and I will get them to you. When ordering a Special Mission Recognition Pin, the amount owed is located down on the bottom of that form. This is usually the "basic" at \$40.

- Please do **not** make checks out to me, Jackie Ricketts, or to W. Michigan Conference. All checks can be made out to Lansing District UMW (at least until we are told what our new name will be.) I will be sure that your money is sent on to the Conference in a timely manner.

- All remittance forms must arrive to me by Dec. 5th as I have a deadline to the conference of Dec. 12th.

Unfortunately, any received after that date will be submitted the following year.

- In order to become a 5 Channel Unit, you must contribute during the year to each of the 5 designated channels on the Remittance Form:

Pledge to Mission
Special Mission Recognition
Gift to Mission
Gift in Memory
World Thank Offering

I thank you all for your faithful commitment to mission work locally, nationally, and globally.

Jackie Ricketts, Treasurer
8559 Ford Rd
Jackson, MI 49201
jricketts657@gmail.com

MISSION u FYI

When we meet at Albion College in July we will be staying for 3 nights rather than the usual 2 nights. On Wednesday, July 11 we will begin checking in at 6:30 p.m. and on Saturday, July 14 we will check out at 11:00 a.m. We will have two full days on Thursday and Friday for study sessions.



PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The organized unit of 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.

Fifty Years in Mission to Women, Children, Youth, and Men



It started in the mid 1960's when Mason Methodist Youth Fellowship members saw a need to provide clothing for those less fortunate. That was the humble beginning of an ever-growing mission which is now under the supervision of Mason First United Methodist Women. Fifty years later our free Clothing Bank is open twice a month, the first and third Tuesdays, and on emergency call to people in need from throughout the greater Mason area.

The Clothing Bank provides a wide variety of clothing and accessories for women, men and children. A number of dedicated volunteers, both women and men, meet each Tuesday morning at the church to sort the donated items collected that week and to organize them in our clothing closet by size and type. Out-of-season items are stored for use when needed. Some surplus clothing is sent directly to Goodwill while cotton items that are worn are saved for a local furniture refinisher. We have received donations of returned shoes from a local shoe store as well as other items from local stores. The Clothing Bank also provides much needed bedding, which goes very quickly, as well as household items and small toys and books for children. Warm coats, hats and mittens for all ages go quickly in the fall.

Twice a year a rummage sale is held to clear the previous year's inventory of seasonal items and to offer clothing for the coming season. New donations for the rummage sale are welcome the week before and week of the rummage sale. Proceeds from

these sales are used by United Methodist Women to support a variety of local mission projects.

In 2017 the clothing bank was open to the public 21 days plus emergency calls. An approximate total of 182 different clients were served during 401 visits to the Clothing Bank. These people came from 15 different cities. Although Mason residents used it the most, clients came from Dansville, Dimondale, Holt, Jackson, Lansing, Leslie. Onondaga, Stockbridge and other area towns. In 2016 hours that the Clothing Bank is open were extended to the evening hours of 6:00 to 8:00 to accommodate those who were unable to attend at the 1:30 to 3:30 hours.

The only requirement to receive items from the Bank is that the need be real (we depend on the honesty of the recipients) and the request to pay it forward when or if they get a chance. Each client is limited to two 13-gallon plastic bags of clothing per visit and no more than one visit per month.

Our inventory is always changing. Items that aren't sold at the annual rummage sales are donated to various organizations and churches. One Lansing area church re-sorts our excess clothing and distributes it to agencies for the homeless in the Detroit area.

Article contributed by Pat Mentzer and Ina Lyon who have worked in the Clothing Bank for many years.



Spiritual Growth Retreat

“What the Celts Knew About Theology of the Land”

Ecological, Theological, Fun!



Hosted by: Lansing and Grand Rapids District UMW

May 4-5, 2018

St. Francis Retreat Center

703 East Main Street, Dewitt, MI (517) 699-8321

Check-in: 4-5 pm Friday, send-off 3 pm Saturday



Rev. Deb Johnson is a retired elder in the West Michigan Conference and is living in her family home near Cadillac. She served churches in Manton, Marne, Hudsonville, Lansing, and Sturgis during her 35 year career. Before seminary she was a US-2 through the Board of Global Ministries and served in campus ministry at Iowa State University. Currently she is serving as the chair of the Ferris Wesley House board and on the Board of Ordained Ministry as well as gardening and making applesauce for all of her family.

Ingathering: Prizes for Seniors' games at Community House: hand soap, dish soap, nail polish, after shave, etc.

Fund Raiser: Accessories Auction: scarves, belts, hats, gloves, jewelry (all necklaces must be placed in small, closed plastic bags), etc.

Registration Deadline: April 23, 2018. Use one form for each person registering. Please print.

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

District _____ Local Church _____ Email _____

Roommate _____ All rooms have twin beds and a bathroom.

Make checks payable to: Lansing District UMW Cost: \$85.00

Send Registrations to: Joyce Plumhoff, 1858 West Columbia Rd., Mason, MI 48854

All facilities are accessible.
This is a fragrance-free event.

REACHING OUT TO MEMBERS

Books, books, books! The 2018 selection of reading material is full of interesting topics pertaining to our times, many titles are available for you to read at your leisure. Find these books at your local church library, county library or a bookstore near you. You will also find reading program books at our **Spring Renewal**.

Mission u will be here before you know it. I will order study books if you wish. If you want study books so you can review the material before Mission u, let me know which set you want and I'll have them for you at Spring Renewal. Each book is \$10.00 plus tax,

As always, if I can be of further assistance with the reading program or program materials, please let me know.

Karol Fry,
Program Resources

DETROIT AND WEST MICHIGAN UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

**Soon to be Michigan Conference
United Methodist Women**

We have a website! Check out this depository of all things UMW in Michigan. There's a calendar of events, copies of UMW newsletters from around the state, and much more. We've just started to explore the site so you may find information that we have not. Happy exploring!

<https://www.umwmichiganconference.org>

Happy spring to everyone. How is your UMW unit doing? Well, I hope.

We would like to see more new faces at our Spiritual Growth Retreat, May 4-5, 2018 at Dewitt Retreat Center. How about bringing a friend along who has never been to it before. It is a real good way to get them involved with District events.

If you interested in going to:

Keep Making Peace, April 14;
Spiritual Growth Retreat May 4-5;
Assembly in Columbus, Ohio May 17-20

get registration forms filled out and sent to the proper place right away.

Mission u , July 11-14 at Albion College has things going on for youth and younger children. You don't have to find someone to watch the kids while you are gone - take them with you!

Is there anything you need to know about the women's programs? Just get in contact with your District Special Friends. If they don't have the answers, they can get the information from someone else on the team.

Have a great spring and summer. I hope to see you at some of the District events.

Arlene Stanton,
Membership Nurture & Outreach

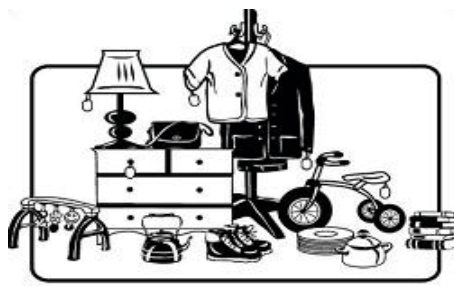




File this chart where you can find it for future reference.

Form	Send to	Due Date
2016 Mission u Scholarship	District E&I, Pat Mentzer	6/1/2018
Pledge to Mission Form	District Treasurer, Jackie Ricketts	At District Annual
All Pledged Monies	District Treasurer, Jackie Ricketts	12/5/2018
2019 Unit Leadership Form	District Secretary, Rita Baird	12/1/2018
2019 Members Report	District Membership and Nurture, Arlene Stanton	2/15/2019
2018 Mission Today	District E&I, Pat Mentzer	2/15/2019
2018 Reading Plan Report	District Program Resources, Karol Fry	2/15/2019
2018 Special Mission Recognition Orders	District Treasurer, Jackie Ricketts	6 weeks before needed

APRIL EVENTS



Rummage Sale

April 6-7: Mason First UMW Spring Rummage Sale. Friday, 9 - 5 and Saturday 9 - noon. Men's, women's and children's clothing and

household goods. 201 East Ash Street, Mason. We are on the corner of Ash and Barnes in downtown Mason.

April 13-14: The UMW of the First United Methodist Church of Eaton Rapids will hold its annual Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, April 13, 9-5 and Saturday, April 14, 9-3, in our Fellowship Hall. Our red brick church is located at 600 S. Main Street (M-99), just south of the downtown area, with parking south the church. We'll have lots of household items, toys, books, clothes, etc. All proceeds from this sale will go to our mission projects. Hope to see you there!



Baby Boxes

April 17: The Friendship/Grace Hope Circle at Grace United Methodist Church invites you to join us on Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. to hear Dorothy Frederickson present her mission of Baby Boxes for Haiti. We will be providing items for the boxes at that time. If you will be joining

us, please contact Donna Kleiver at (517) 663-4193 or dmkleiver@sbcglobal.net. The items we will be collecting are: onesies, diapers, sleepers, washcloths, burp cloths, socks, hats, blankets, bibs, nightgowns, soap or sheets. Grace is located at 1900 Boston Blvd, Lansing, Michigan on the corner of Boston Blvd and Mt Hope. Parking is off of Mt Hope.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Deadlines:

June 1, 2018.....Lansing District Mission u Scholarship Application Due
June 15, 2018.....July Heartline Articles Due
April 23, 2018.....Spring Retreat Registration Due

Events:

April 14, 2018.....Keep Making Peace, University UMC, East Lansing
May 4-5, 2018.....Spring Renewal, St. Francis Retreat Center, Dewitt
July 1, 2018.....Michigan Area Conference Effective
July 11-14, 2018.....Mission u, Albion College, Albion
September 19, 2017.....Lansing District Annual Celebration, Holt UMC
October 27, 2018.....West Michigan Conference Annual , Midland First UMC