



## **Northern Skies District United Methodist Women**

**Fall – Winter 2018**

### **PRESIDENT**

The summer is slipping by way too fast, but we've had some glorious days!!!

This is my last article as your District President. Thank you all so much for helping accomplish many worthwhile projects. We have a wonderful staff of District Officers who have worked extremely hard to complete those projects. I have enjoyed meeting with several of you at your local group meetings. Any District Officer is happy to attend any meeting they are invited to.

We had a wonderful Spiritual Growth Retreat arranged by Jane Yeager. You have missed out if you have not attended a Spiritual Growth Retreat, so mark your calendar for next Spring and plan to go.

Our next District Meeting is October 2, 10:00 EST at Zeba Community Center. Officers will meet on October 1, 2:00 EST at L'Anse UMC.

In January we will be welcoming Patti Steinberg as the new District President. We have said sad goodbyes to 2 District Officers, Mary Densmore and Darlene Pruess. Both worked for many years locally as well as for the District

Bobbie Clift (906)361-2234

I sincerely apologize for the lateness of this newsletter. I was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer in June. Being determined to keep as normal a schedule as possible (my pride at work), I committed to compile this last newsletter of my term. Through several "bumps in the road" the process has gone more slowly than I had anticipated, making your jobs more difficult. The good news is that chemo has shrunk the tumor and the spots in my lungs. I am upheld by the prayers of many. I can FEEL them. Thank you, and keep up the good work!

Mary Balfour, Newsletter Editor

### **VICE PRESIDENT**

I must say time flies when you're having fun! It doesn't seem possible that this is my fourth year of doing this job. I guess one of my favorite things about it is that I get to decide (with help) what cause we will highlight at our annual meeting. I have learned so much about this amazing place in which we live. The Northern Skies District is a special area, with amazing people. Another great thing about this job is the wonderful ladies you get to work with. Every meeting is a chance to enjoy each others company, while accomplishing something worth while for our district and the UMW. I always feel like my time is well spent after a district meeting. I want

to thank the District for giving me the opportunity to do this job, it has been interesting, fulfilling and fun. I only hope that whoever does this job after me enjoys it as much as I did.

This year our annual meeting is to be held at Zeba at the Community Center. The registration form is in this newsletter. Please be sure to get it in by September 15th. The ladies doing our lunch this year are the ladies from Zeba, this will be a first for them, so we would like to help as much as we can. There is also a wish list in this letter, if your unit wishes to contribute for our ingathering it is always appreciated. Hope to see everyone in Zeba.

Kathy Mallory (906)843 2800/(906)291-0963

## SECRETARY

The forms that YOU send in from this newsletter are the numbers that WE send in to our Michigan Conference United Methodist Women, who in turn, report to the National United Methodist Women in New York City. So thank you for taking the time - year after year to report to your District!!

I suppose we have all moved, some more than others! (Mary Balfour!!) Does anybody LOVE it? I just survived our "retirement" move to our home on Indian Lake. I find the fun part is deciding where I want everything's new home to be...because EVERYTHING has a home or it gets thrown out.

You know, OUR home on Earth is temporary but GOD has a plan for us...even (especially!) after retirement. Volunteering to be a part of YOUR United Methodist Women's local unit is a perfect way to help women, youth and children in your local, regional, national and world areas! I've become so much aware of what the United Methodist Women do by reading Response and New World Outlook AND by attending Mission U in Gaylord in October.

Speaking of October, I look forward to seeing most of you at our District Celebration!

Patti Steinberg, (906)367-2128

## TREASURER

Several of our UMW units have had a change in treasurers in the past few months, so this is a good time to review some of our basic procedures in reporting and sending in money to the district. First of all, it is important to use the correct form. (If you don't have these forms, you can download them here: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/treasurers> or contact me & I will send you one and you can make additional copies.).

For any money sent in, please fill out the remittance form. For special mission recognition, you will use the form for that in addition to the general remittance form. If you make a gift in memory or a gift to mission and you would like a card to send to the person you are honoring, please make a note of that on the form. For gift to mission the choices are: Birthday, Christmas, New Baby, Congratulations, Special Day, Thank You, Peace, In the Service of Christ, and Thinking of You. If you don't indicate a card, you won't receive one!

The 5-Star Woman forms are to be used for individuals who are donating in all 5 categories of giving. (If your unit has a 5-Star woman, you are automatically a 5-Star unit.) When sending in a 5-Star Woman form, please include the Special mission recognition form with the information about the pin requested.

I realize there are a lot of forms and some of this info may be confusing. Please feel free to contact me at any time and I will be happy to help you. With the merger of the two conferences, there may be a few changes ahead as well, but we will keep you informed about those as they happen. For now, you can continue to make all checks payable to Marquette District UMW until the end of the year.

Due to the merging of the Michigan conferences, the district treasurers have to make some checking account changes. In order to accommodate that, I am asking that Nov. 1 be the final date that you send me any money for 2018. If you have any monies to send in after that (for example, Call to Prayer or World Thank Offering) just keep it and send it in after Jan 1, 2019.

As always, thanks to all of you in UMW for your generosity in supporting mission, both locally and beyond, and a special thanks to all of you treasurers who help keep the system functioning smoothly. May your summer be relaxing and refreshing as you enjoy the beauty of our superior peninsula and northern skies!

Barb Akins (906)863-7387

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Do you ever get up in the morning and wonder what you will wear? I don't so much since I retired, but after checking the weather I have a decision to make. While not seeming to be the most pressing or important decision of the day, it was the topic when sixty nine women (and men) met at the Spiritual Growth Retreat in April. We will no longer wonder what to wear!

We first learned "what not to wear." This included impurity, evil desire, greed, anger, malice, slander, and abusive language. Those were the grave clothes we were to strip off. After those old clothes were stripped off we learned "what to wear".

We are to wear:

1. The belt of truth". Without truth the rest of the accessories would be of no use. It is a defensive armor guarding our inmost being in the battles against the lies and deceptions we face.
2. The breastplate of righteousness. The breastplate covers the vital organs (especially the heart) and needs to be fastened to the belt of truth so it doesn't slip off and leave us vulnerable. The breastplate of righteousness refers to the righteousness purchased for us by Jesus at the cross.
3. The gospel shoes of peace. "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news." Shoes effect how far we can walk or run comfortably and the wrong footwear can cripple us, slow us down, or put us out of the race. The appropriate footwear for us in time of testing is having our feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace which prepares us to be ready to deal in time of testing.
4. The shield of faith. The shield is different from the previous items as it is not worn but something we must take up. Just strapping it to our arm won't do any good if we don't make the effort to hold it aloft and use it. A Christian who takes up the shield of faith identifies themselves as one who serves the Lord. Faith is one of the greatest gifts and it is the means by which we receive grace and come into the right relationship with God.
5. The helmet of salvation. A helmet is vital for survival, protecting the brain which is the command station for the rest of the body. As we wear the helmet of salvation every day our minds become more insulated against the suggestions, desires and traps the enemy lays for us.
6. The sword of the Spirit. A sword is an unmistakable weapon of offense but can also be used as a tool for defense. In spiritual warfare the battles are fought with words. The sword of the spirit is the word of God spoken with the power of the Holy Spirit.

All of these clothes we are to wear are necessary to be strong in the Lord and have the strength of His power. It will help us keep alert and persevere and keep us in the image of our Creator.

You have the perfect wardrobe at your disposal designed by the Master and, it will never go out of style! Blessings

Jane Yaeger (906)290-1884

**Save the Date!**

**Fri. & Sat. May 3 & 4, 2019**

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT**

**Manistique, Comfort Inn**

**MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE, & OUT REACH**

### IN REMEMBRANCE

Part of this year's District Annual Celebration will be remembering the women from your unit who have passed away this year. They will be listed in the bulletin and recognized during the program.

Please send their names, church and date of death to: **Joyce Erickson, W8021 Oakridge, Iron Mountain, MI 49801 906-774-9279 or email to:**

[erickson64@hotmail.com](mailto:erickson64@hotmail.com)

**Due by: September 15**

### PROGRAM RESOURCES

We hope you are having a wonderful summer. We have certainly been blessed with wonderful weather. We know that you have been busy reading!

Our October meeting is fast approaching, hard to believe.

We want to remind you to return any books you have checked out from the District Library. We would recommend the following books: Boundless by Bryan Bishop, Slowing Time by Barbara Mahany, 50 Women Every Christian Should know by Michelle DeRusha, Bus

to Corinth by Ladine Housholder, and Detained & Deported by Margaret Regan.

Please return your reading lists to us by Sept. 15. You can send these by mail or email –Beth Clark, 4446 Lake Anna Road, Florence. WI 54121 [brc616@gmail.com](mailto:brc616@gmail.com).

Or Moira Cowling N8321 N. Spring Lake Lane, Iron Mountain, 49801. , [moira5130@hotmail.com](mailto:moira5130@hotmail.com).

In October we will be moving on to other things and will be turning over the library to Mary Balfour. We know you will be in great hands. Thank you all, it has been a pleasure working with you.

Beth Clark (715)696-3773 & Moira Cowling  
(906)774-5130

### **SOCIAL ACTION/ED. & INTERPRETATION**

The Mission Today Unit Objectives Form is included in this newsletter. **Please return to me by Set.**

**15<sup>th</sup>**, so the information from it can be included in the District Annual Celebration Program. The Ingathering and Offering at the Celebration will be given to the Zeba Mission Program. Please see the “Needs List” enclosed in this newsletter.

Jane Yaeger, 1610 36<sup>th</sup> Ave #6 Menominee MI, 49858,  
cell: 906-290-1884, 906-864-4433,  
[plainjane210@sbcglobal.net](mailto:plainjane210@sbcglobal.net)

### **NOMINATIONS**

I am looking forward to working with the new *2019 UMW Northern Skies District Board*. The office of Vice President is still available. I have called a few people asking them to serve. I have talked with my nominations committee asking them to actively seek out potential candidates. I request each person reading this newsletter to pray about serving your District UMW in the position of Vice President. Please contact me for questions or potential name and contact information.

#### **As of this date our 2019 Board is as follows:**

Honorary President: Bron Harmon

Immediate Past President: Bobbie Clift

President: Patti Steinberg

Vice President:

Secretary: Bobbi Sundquist

Treasurer: Barb Akins

Program Resources: Mary Balfour

Spiritual Growth: Jane Yaeger

Education & Interpretation + Social Action: Beth Clark & Moira Cowling

Membership/ Nurture & Outreach: Joyce Erickson

Communication Chairperson/ Newsletter: Judy Rost

Nominations Chair: Sharon Rice

Committee: Deb Cavalier, Bonnie Picotte, Judy Misner, Wendy Mulka

Thanks, Sharon Rice (906)226-3643 or email  
[sharonflachsrice@gmail.com](mailto:sharonflachsrice@gmail.com)

### **DETROIT CONFERENCE UMW PROGRAM GOALS**

-Develop and implement an active caring connection among members of the Leadership Team.

-Improve Conference nurture and communication with local units and individual members; I.e., improve and increase shepherding programs throughout the Conference, Districts and local units.

-Facilitate the development of personal faith, spiritual life, and skills among all members.

-To accomplish all the UMW Purpose and required responsibilities, encourage our conference, district, and local team members to utilize all UMW material available from the Mission Resource Center, videos, website (Conference and National UMW), The Detroit Conference News, and Response Magazine.

-Involve young women at all levels in development of programs to ensure their participation, subsidizing attendance when needed. Always attempt to answer the question: “**How can we do better?**”

-Promote, discuss, and educate the Racial Justice Initiatives for the quadrennium (2016-2020); Climate Change, Maternal and Child Health, Mass Incarceration, and Economic Injustice.

### **Forms Due September 15:**

- 1. District Celebration Registration**
- 2. Reading Program Lists**
- 3. Unit Objectives**
- 4. In Remembrance Names**



## SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT 2018



**Dawn Ferguson  
Speaker**



**Morning Session**



**Ontonagan, Rockland, and Greenland  
were well represented**



**District Leadership Team**



### In Remembrance

This year we lost **Darlene Pruess**, Social Action / Education & Interpretation, to cancer after many years of faithful service to UMW.

She is pictured on the left at the 2017 District Celebration "Ingathering" in Newberry.

On the right she was remembered , ,  
at this year's Retreat.



## 2019 UMW MARQUETTE DISTRICT BOARD

**Honorary President:** Bron Harmon, cell: 906-420-2943, [dfcbron@gmail.com](mailto:dfcbron@gmail.com)

**Past President:** : Bobbie Clift, 225 W. Michigan St. #1 Marquette, MI 49855 906-361-2234

**President:** Patti Steinberg, 142 Indian Lake Dr, Crystal Falls, MI 49920, (906) 367-2128, [pattisteinberg@gmail.com](mailto:pattisteinberg@gmail.com)

**V.P.**

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**Treasurer:** Barb Akins, 717 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. Menominee MI, 49858, 906-863-7387 [vlnpno@gmail.com](mailto:vlnpno@gmail.com)

**Sec, of Program Resources:** Mary Balfour, N7014 Kay Dr K1 Stephenson MI, 49887, 906-298-0487 [mjbalf@gmail.com](mailto:mjbalf@gmail.com)

**Spiritual Growth:** Jane Yaeger, 1610 36<sup>th</sup> Ave #6 Menominee MI, 49858, cell: 906-290-1884, 906-864-4433, [plainjane210@sbcglobal.net](mailto:plainjane210@sbcglobal.net)

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**Michigan Conf. Nominating Com:** Patti Steinberg (see above)

MARQUETTE DISTRICT UMW  
ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

at

Zeba Community Hall  
16141 Zeba Road  
L'Anse, MI 49946

Guest Speaker: Rev. Stephen E. Rhoades and  
Rev. John Henry

The cost of this event is \$10 per person, including lunch; \$3 without lunch.  
Reservations are required, we need to have an accurate count for lunch.  
The registration deadline is September 15. Please send registration forms with  
payment to: Kathy Mallory 305 S Steel St. Ontonagon, MI 49953

Registration and refreshments: 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

Praise music: 10:15

Meeting: 10:30

Lunch: 12:00

Program, Memorial Service, and Communion: 1:00 p.m.

All times are EASTERN STANDARD time

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ #Attending \_\_\_\_\_

## Needs List

### For the INGATHERING at Zeba

Hand towels

Kitchen towels

Large ziplock bags

Large or small paper napkins (all designs and colors)

Copy paper

Combs

Disposable razors

Nail clippers

Toothbrushes

Diapers

Children's socks

Children's gloves or mittens

Children's hats

Onesies

Coloring books

Small boxes of crayons

Small toys

Thank you



**United Methodist Women  
Leadership Training  
Joint Detroit and West Michigan Annual Meeting  
And Michigan Conference Organizational Meeting**

**Friday, Oct. 26, 2018  
Leadership Training**

**Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018  
Annual Meeting & Organizational Meeting  
Petoskey UMC  
1804 E. Mitchell Rd.  
Petoskey, MI 49770  
Phone – (231) 347-2733**

**Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.  
Program 10 AM to 3 PM**

**THEME: HAVE COURAGE! "EMBRACE CHANGE AND GROW"  
Show your “ Hatitude” and bring a hat to wear!**

**SPEAKER: Rita Smith, North Central  
Jurisdiction President**



**In-Gathering Project- Petoskey Nehemiah Project (helping the homeless)  
Toilet Paper, Paper Towel, Kleenex (tissue) and Napkins**

# United Methodist Women Michigan Conference Organizational Annual Meeting

## Registration Form

- Early Bird Registration **Cost is \$`16.00**. Early Bird Deadline is October 7, 2018  
Registration postmarked after October 8th and walk-in cost is \$20.00. Seating for lunch is limited; we cannot guarantee lunch for walk-ins.
- **Child Care** is available at no cost but must be requested in advance.
- **Tickets will not be mailed; they will be picked up at the Registration under the District and the name of the person ordering.** Please list all attendees on the registration form. PRINT name clearly.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM SO IT IS READABLE. THANKS**

Name and information for person ordering: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Attendees: x 16/ x\$20 (Circle one) = \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed

Make Check payable to Detroit Conference United Methodist Women; send check and form (Keep a copy for yourself )to registrar: **Betty Thomas 3339 Moore Street., Inkster, MI 48141 313-561-4792 cell 313-929-7920 email: [bthomas610@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bthomas610@sbcglobal.net)**

NAME

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UNIT

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**Bus Trip Available – please see additional flier for prices and contact information.**

**Overnight Stay: 2 choices – Mention United Methodist Women**

**1. Michigan Inn 1420 S. US 131, Petoskey, MI – 231-348-3900**

**2. Hampton Inn 919 Spring St., Petoskey, MI - 231-348-9555**

**MARQUETTE DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**  
**2019 Local Unit Officers (please print)**  
**Due: October 31**

Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Members as of September 1, 2018 \_\_\_\_\_

\*PLEASE INCLUDE AS MANY EMAIL ADDRESSES AS POSSIBLE.  
NEWSLETTERS THAT ARE SENT VIA THE USPS COST \$.74 EACH.

President:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email (for newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email (for newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email (for newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email (for newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_

Nominations:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email (for newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_

Program Resources:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email (for newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_

**Mission Coordinators**

Spiritual Growth:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email (for newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_

Social Action:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email (for newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_

Education and Interpretation:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email (for newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Nurture & Outreach:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email (for newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return by October 31, 2018**

**(or after your first Fall Meeting!)**

**to:**

Patti Steinberg  
142 Indian Lake Dr.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920  
(906) 367-2128

OR

email to: [pattisteinberg@gmail.com](mailto:pattisteinberg@gmail.com)

**Thank you so much for taking the time to fill this out!**

# 2018 Mission Today Unit Objectives

## United Methodist Women - Detroit Conference

Please Print Clearly!

Due September 15

Name of Unit \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Northern Skies \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person completing form \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

A unit will receive a Certificate of Achievement upon completion of one of the following categories between September 1 and August 31. Check the numbers completed.

- Units completing any 8 or more objectives will be a "FAITH" unit.
- Units completing 9 or more objectives, with 8 asterisks (\*) will be a "FAITH" "HOPE" unit.
- Units completing 17 or more objectives, with 10 asterisks (\*) will be a "FAITH" "HOPE" "JOY" unit.
- Units completing 25 or more objectives, with 12 asterisks will be a "FAITH" "HOPE" "JOY" "LOVE" unit.

### Mission Giving

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. \*Made and met its Pledge to Mission.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \*Became a 5-Star Unit by contributing to all 5 channels of undesignated giving.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Donated to local women's shelter or children's/youth program.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Offered scholarships to Mission u and/or other United Methodist Women activities.

### Spiritual Growth

- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Observed a Call to Prayer and Self Denial.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Participated locally in a retreat, prayer vigil or Bible study.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Attended a District Retreat, Spiritual Day Apart, or Prayer Breakfast/Brunch.

### Membership

- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \*Added one new member from women who have joined the church in the current year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. \*Added one new member not included in above.

### Attendance

- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Invited a District or Conference officer (other than a member of the unit) to one meeting.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Had a combined meeting with another United Methodist Women's unit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Attended Church Women United or other ecumenical group activity.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. \*At least one member (other than conference or district officer) attended a conference Mission u.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. \*At least two members (other than conference or district officer) attended the conference or district annual meeting/celebration.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. \*At least one member (other than conference or district officer) attended the District Elected Leadership Training.



### Mission Education

- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. \*Unit or circle conducted at least one Mission u Study.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. \*One member completed a Reading Program Plan and reported on one of the books.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Participated in but did not complete the Reading Program. \_\_\_\_\_ 19.
- \*Used two programs from the Program Book.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. \*Used the Prayer Calendar regularly in the unit meetings.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. Communicated with five persons listed in the Prayer Calendar, one from Detroit Conference.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. \*Unit had two members reading response each month.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. \*Unit included a response Moment during its meeting using an article to tell our mission story.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. Unit had one Social Action program.

### Mission Action

- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. \*Participated in a District or Conference ingathering project.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26. Had a member of United Methodist Women present a mission program for youth or children in the church.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 27. Had at least one member visit a United Methodist Mission Project and report to the unit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 28. \*Had at least one person receive and respond to legislative information from the United Methodist Women's Action Network. Call: (202) 488-5660,  
E-mail: [umwanet@gbgm-umc.org](mailto:umwanet@gbgm-umc.org)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 29. Unit or member participated in a workshop, seminar, or book study related to social concerns that stimulated and enriched the total community.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30. \*Unit participated in the Campaign for Children in at least two ways. Possibilities are: o Co-sponsored with the local church, a Children's Sabbath. o Involved with mentoring, tutoring or "big sisters" programs.
- O Communicated with representatives advocating for children issues. o Attended a school board meeting.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31. Made a pledge to care for God's creation and worked to become a "green" United Methodist Unit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 32. \*Implemented the Charter for Racial Justice policies in at least one way during the year. Possibilities include:
- O Read books and articles about another race or culture. o Sponsor an inter-ethnic event between two or more units. o Recruit women of color to be members or officers of the unit.
- O Correspond with elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, civil rights, and programs for low-income persons, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 33. Sent this completed form to your District Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation by deadline date: **September 15**

This year our Unit qualified as a Mission Today FAITH HOPE JOY LOVE unit. (Circle all that apply)

**Please Send your form to: Jane Yeager, 1610 36<sup>th</sup> Ave. #6, Menominee MI 49858  
or email: [plainjane2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:plainjane2@sbcglobal.net)**



## FIVE STAR PERSON OR UNIT

### YOUR GIFT

### TO GOD'S WORK

### WORKS WONDERS

#### MISSION GIVING

\_\_\_\_\_Your personal pledge

An individual member's pledge to mission is the amount that she decides is her share of the local unit's total budget. A unit Pledge to Mission is the portion of its budget that is set as a goal to send through district and conference treasurers to United Methodist Women for support of mission programs beyond its own community. The remainder of the unit's funds is used for administration and membership development (A&MD) expenses and for mission locally. Minimum of \$5.00

#### SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

\_\_\_\_\_Amount

\_\_\_\_\_Name of Person

An individual or unit may make a gift to mission in honor of any person in amounts of \$40, \$60, \$100, \$200, \$500, or \$1000. For each gift a certificate and a gold pin (optional) are provided for the honoree.

GIFT TO MISSION \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Type of Card A gift of \$5.00 or more for mission may be made in honor of any individual and a card may be sent to the honoree. The following cards are available: Congratulations, Thank You, A Baby, In the Service of Christ (for mission workers), a Special Day, Thinking of You, Happy Birthday and Christmas cards (packs of 5 for \$25).

Gift In Memory \_\_\_\_\_Amount

Name of Person

\_\_\_\_\_

Gifts in Memory may be made in the name of any member or friend in any amount of \$5.00 or more. Gift in Memory cards, available free, may be sent to the family of the deceased.

WORLD THANK OFFERING \_\_\_\_\_Amount Spontaneous additional gifts in any amount can be given for gratitude of God's abundance and in celebration of the joys of life. Minimum of \$5.00

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Number of Years I have been a Five Star Person

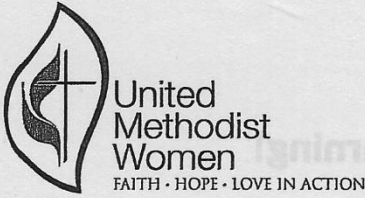
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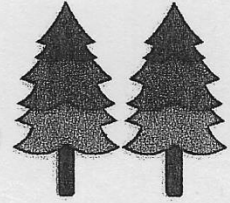
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Give to your unit Treasurer



## 2018 MISSION u OF THE NORTH



**First United Methodist Church, Gaylord, MI  
Monday & Tuesday, October 15-16, 2018**

Detroit Conference & West Michigan Conference Mission u & the Conference Board of  
Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church CORDIALLY invite men & women to:

**2018 Mission u Studies - A study, fellowship and worship experience**

### **Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living**

by Jessica Stonecypher (Spiritual Growth Study)

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.

### **What About Our Money? A Faith Response**

by Susan K. Taylor (Social Action Study)

This study explores how we relate to money within the context of our faith. 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: Rev. Faith Fowler**

### **Mission Conferences of the UMC in the US**

by J. Ann Craig (Geographic Study)

This study gives an overview of the 3 missionary conferences in the UMC: The Alaska United Methodist Conference, Red Bird Missionary Conference, and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. What does the future look like for these conferences? **Study Leader: Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore**

\*\*\*\*\* DETACH AND MAIL WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO MISSION U OF THE NORTH \*\*\*\*\*

**MISSION u of the NORTH – First UMC, Gaylord, MI**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

**Choices for studies:** (Everyone attends Spiritual Growth study.)

Mark your 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: \_\_\_\_\_ "UMC Missionary Conferences in the US" or \_\_\_\_\_ "What About Money?"

Note: Classes are limited to 25 persons. Class assignment is based on order of receipt of registrations.

Check if appropriate: \_\_\_\_\_ Diabetic \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> time attendee

**SEND THE REGISTRATION FORM AND \$65 FEE (which includes 3 meals) TO:**

Tiffany Crawford, 1490 Crest Rd., Gladwin, MI 48624 (989-429-9418)

Email: [missionuofthenorth@yahoo.com](mailto:missionuofthenorth@yahoo.com)

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## **Celebrating 39 Years of Mission Learning!**

**EVERYTHING** you ever wanted to know about **Mission u of the North** without even asking!  
(Attendance at Mission u is by pre-registration.)

**WHERE:** First United Methodist Church, Gaylord, MI – 215 S. Center St., Gaylord, MI, 49735  
989-732-5380 – The church is handicap accessible.

**TIME:** Registration at 9:00 am on Monday, October 15, 2017- gathering at 9:30 in sanctuary  
Conclusion at 3:30 pm on Tuesday, October 16, 2017

**LODGING:** The Baymont Hotel has a block of rooms reserved for us with a special price of \$67.99 + tax if register before October 1<sup>st</sup> using the group ID number of **1015MN**. This is the best price in the area!

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** **September 29, 2018** Make checks payable to: **Mission u of the North**  
(There are no refunds after that date, but substitutions will be accepted.)

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Limited scholarships of \$35.00 each are available for first time attendees. Contact the registrar for details. Please also see if your local UMW unit will help defray costs.

**DEPENDENT CARE:** For the fifth year, dependent care reimbursement is being offered @ \$20.00/day – contact the registrar for details. (Includes children & dependent adults)

**RESOURCE TABLE:** UMW Reading Program & Mission u study books will be for sale during Mission u. However, it is recommended that study books be purchased (and read!) prior to Mission u, either from District Annual UMW Celebrations or from the Service Center: 1-800-305-9857 or [www.missionresources.org](http://www.missionresources.org)

**SPECIAL OFFERING:** Divided between Alaska, Red Bird, & Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conferences.  
Make checks payable to “Mission u of the North”.

**WORKSHOPS:** Additional learning opportunities include: Della Wilder - Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, Illinois; Cora Killinger of Rose City Trinity UMC – Days for Girls International, Inc.; Dorothy Fredrickson – missionary from Haiti on the “Baby Box” mission; Randy Hildebrandt - God's Country Cooperative Parish in Eastern U.P.; Eric Williams - UM Community House in Grand Rapids;

**MONDAY NIGHT PROGRAM:** Rev. Faith Green Timmons, pastor of Flint's Bethel UMC, and Greg Timmons, Flint Water Recovery Resource Coordinator – “A Story of Hope, Prayer, & Resilience.” This program will be open to anyone who wants to attend “free of charge”.

**IN-GATHERING:** Paper Goods, Personal Grooming, & Feminine Hygiene Supplies for River House Shelter in Grayling, which serves men and women in 4 counties.

### **PURPOSE STATEMENT:**

**To serve United Methodist – MEN and WOMEN – in the Michigan area;**  
**To challenge, involve and commit us ALL in the area of global responsibility.**

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Stephenson, MI 49887

## NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT UMW CALENDAR (Please Save)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018      FORMS DUE: [District Celebration Registration, Reading Program Lists, Unit Objectives, In Remembrance Names](#)

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2018      REGISTRATION DUE FOR "MISSION U NORTH"

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018      NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT OFFICERS' MEETING 2:00

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018      NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT CELEBRATION

SUNDAY OCTOBER 7, 2018      EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FOR MICH. CONFERENCE UMW MTG. CLOSES

MONDAY & TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15 & 16: MISSION U IN GAYLORD

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26      MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE UMW DISTRICT OFFICERS' MEETING IN PETOSKEY FROM 4-8

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27      MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE UMW ANNUAL CELEBRATION (WITH WEST MICHIGAN) IN PETOSKEY, FROM 10-3

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 31, 2018      2019 LOCAL UNIT OFFICERS LIST DUE

JANUARY 15, 2019      NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

FRI & SAT MAY 3 & 4, 2019      SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT, MANISTIQUE, COMFORT INN