



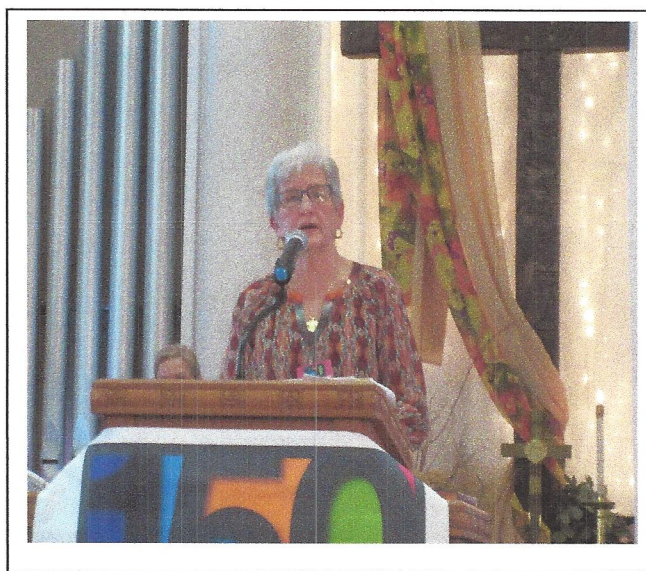
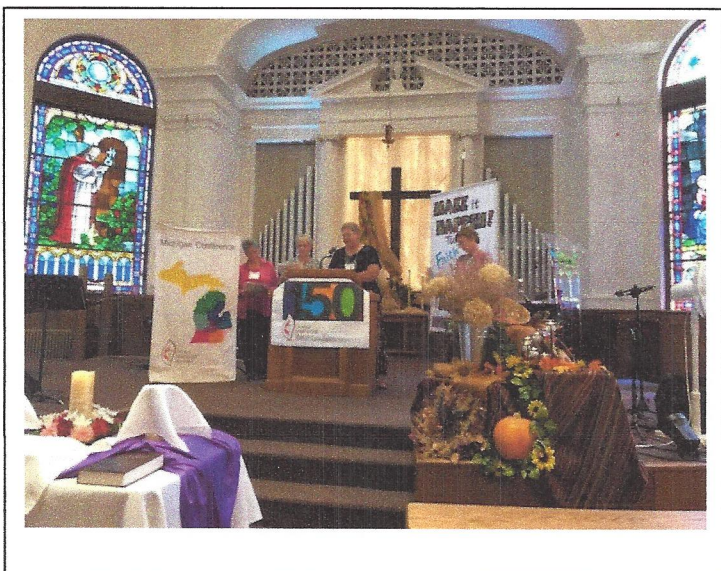
# THE MESSENGER

News from the Mid-Michigan District  
United Methodist Women

Volume 2, Issue 4

October 2019

The Mid-Michigan District UMW District Annual Celebration was a very successful, positive, inspiring day! In clock-wise order: Our annual business meeting; our keynote speaker, Linda Darrow; installation of 2020 officers; and our special 150<sup>th</sup> birthday cake.





## Message from the President

### **"There is a time for everything"**

When I was a child and young college adult, I had mixed emotions at the end of summer. I didn't want summer to end; but it also gave me excitement to start the new school year in September. Being able to reunite with friends, resuming Youth Fellowship, the purchase of a few new school clothes, books and of course the smell of new crayons was always part of the excitement. Even though I have been out of formal school for over 50 years, I still have the urge to buy new pencils and crayons. I now purchase these items for donation to schools or for my grandchildren. I now have the time to start a new "school year" with renewed focus on experiences and projects that I did not have time for in the past. When I have the desire to experience something new, read, knit and travel the time is always available.

On September 18, 2019, the first Mid-Michigan District United Methodist Women Annual Celebration was held at Green Street United Methodist Church in Hastings, Michigan. What a fun, educational, and informational time with presentations by Eric Williams, from the United Methodist Community House; Julia Skinner representing Soaring Unlimited of Haiti and Linda Darrow, President of Michigan Conference UMW, as our speaker. Linda reminded us that we are the foremothers of future generations, we are bold women and we should show our "Diva" strengths through our work in United Methodist Women. We had around 80 in attendance and the offering was over \$1000.00, which will be divided between United Methodist Community House and Soaring Unlimited of Haiti. An ingathering of nonperishable food items and paper products was given to the Barry County Food Bank.

I give a big thank you to the wonderful ladies and gentlemen at Green Street UMC for their hospitality, wonderful lunch and accommodating our needs for the District Annual. Also, I want to thank the Mid-Michigan Leadership Team for their participation and for all of their hard work to make the day enjoyable, run smoothly and be a success.

The leadership team of Mid-Michigan UMW is looking forward to the fall activities, continue our visits with our District Friends, attend Michigan Conference Annual Celebration in October and encourage women to remember our past and to look toward the future of UMW. One way we can help with the future is through the Legacy Fund. Please read the article on the Legacy Fund in this newsletter.

During the coming months, I encourage you to do what you can to encourage the women in your church to help provide the services that United Methodist Women have been known for the past 150 years and to provide for the future. Remember the boldness and strength that our foremothers had to accomplish all they did for women, children and youth locally, in the United States, and internationally and we should be able to do the same for our sisters in the future. "There is always a time for everything". Is this your time to help as an officer, program presenter, or contribute to mission work on behalf of United Methodist Women?

Blessings to you,

Donna Kleiver, President, Mid-Michigan District UMW

## Legacy Endowment Campaign to Continue in 2020

In 2014, the Board of Directors launched the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign, setting a goal to raise \$60 million. The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign is both historic and unprecedented, with the campaign's theme. Together, we are building our legacy. United Methodist Women build on the foundation of our founders 150 years ago. Imagine what is achievable, if United Methodist Women had the resources to deepen and expand its mission to transform lives and ignite change in places near and far. Currently only 48% of our \$60 million goal has been reached; as a result, the Legacy Endowment Campaign is continuing into 2020. To learn more about the legacy Endowment Campaign and how to give, please reference the United Methodist Women's website at: [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org)

## Social Action

Summer is waning, as fall quietly comes to mid-Michigan. Apples, pumpkins, and squash appear at farm stands and markets everywhere.

But all our neighbors and sisters in UMW across the nation and world beyond our borders are not experiencing an idyllic autumn. Hurricanes and tropical storms have recently devastated coastal and island areas. As one newscaster said: "Let's show our civic grace to support the victims and their communities as they re-build amidst grief and overwhelming loss."

As United Methodist Women, closing the wage and wealth gaps that marginalize women and communities of color is a primary focus for 2019. State Senator Curtis Hertel, Jr. spoke at Mason First United Methodist Church in May to explain the latest legislative action regarding Michigan's attempt to increase the minimum wage to \$10.00 an hour. Although the bill to do so passed, an amendment to the original bill reduced the increase and delayed the effective date of the bill until 2030.

Senator Hertel, Jr. hosts informal community coffees around his district and welcomes discussion on the subject in person and via the internet. His contact information is : 517-373-1734 or

[senchertel@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senchertel@senate.michigan.gov)

Two good books on the subject of better rights for those who grow, prepare and serve food are:

[Behind the Kitchen Door](#) by Saru Jayaraman (2015 UMW reading list)

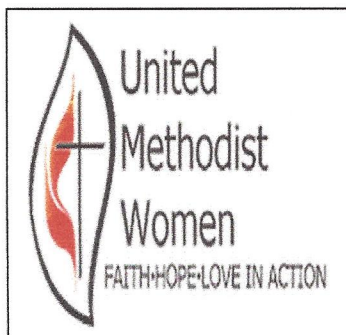
[We Are All Fast-Food Workers Now - The Global Uprising Against Poverty Wages](#) by Annelise Orleck (2019 UMW reading list)

As you read these books and gain information on the topic, please share this information with your church, your family and your neighbors.

" . . . the Lord has told us what is good. What he requires of us is this: to do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with our God." Micah 6:8

**What will our legacy be ?**

Nancy Nay, Social Action Mission Coordinator



### 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.



## Nominations Committee

**Ladies**, please take a look at the positions on the district leadership team. If you are interested in any of these categories and would like to be part of this team, please complete a form and return it to me. (see form included in this newsletter) We are keeping a file of interested persons to contact when a position is open. Training is available for all positions and all team members are always willing to lend a hand to you when needed. The term for each position is normally four years.

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

**ELECTED OFFICERS;** President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Nominations Committee, Mission Coordinators; Spiritual Growth, Membership Nurture and Outreach, Social Action, Education and Interpretation, Program Resources

**APPOINTED POSITIONS;** Green Team, The Messenger Editor, Registrar, MSU Wesley Foundation

**President:** Donna Kleiver

517-663-4193  
dmkleiver2016@gmail.com

**Vice President:** Sharon Smith

517-648-1333  
sharonanddicksmit@gmail.com

**Secretary:** Rita Baird

517-589-9132  
camp2rit@hotmail.com

**Treasurer:** Jackie Ricketts

517-812-5107  
jricketts657@gmail.com

**Nominations Chair:** Bernice Natoli

517-321-3070  
bnatoli@provide.net

**Spiritual Growth:** Judy Marr

517-655-2348  
marrvalley@gmail.com

**Membership Nurture & Outreach:** Open

Send reports to Donna Kleiver  
8095 Petrieville Hwy.  
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

**Social Action:** Nancy Nay

517-676-3024  
chicago868@gmail.com

**Education & Interpretation:** Pat Mentzer

517-676-4232  
pat\_mentzer@yahoo.com

**Program Resources:** Karol Fry

517-525-6561  
fry@msu.edu

**Green Team:** Elaine Ferris

517-676-4175  
ejferris@toast.net

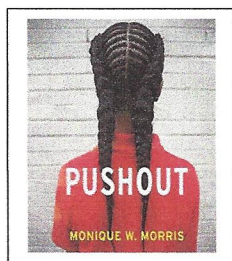
**Registrar:** Joyce Plumhoff

517-676-2716  
tplumhoff1858@gmail.com

**The Messenger Editor:** Evelyn Bochenek

517-290-6695  
ebochenek@aol.com

## Double Duty Reading Selection!



Keep up the good work as you continue or start reading from the UMW Reading Program selections. If you haven't read it already, put the 2018 Reading Program book *Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools* by Monique W. Morris at the top of your "to read" list

Despite increased attention to the mass and over-incarceration of black men, the plight of criminalized black women and girls is overlooked, underreported and under analyzed. *Pushout* shows how even with obstacles, stigmas, stereotypes and despair, black girls still find ways to breathe remarkable dignity into their lives in classrooms, juvenile facilities and beyond, and challenges the rest of us to do the same.

### Where does the *double duty* come in?

This book will be used as the text for the 2020 Mission U Issue Study – mass incarceration: School to Prison Pipeline. Get a head start and be ready for our next Mission U. And an added benefit - this is a bonus book. Bonus Books count as two books. For example, *Pushout* counts as two books in Social Action. You'll soon be on your way to earning a Reading Program Certificate.



# MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Officers for 2020 as submitted by the Committee on Nomination

Chairperson: Bernice Natoli

## ELECTED POSITIONS

**President:** Donna Kleiver (2018)

(4 yr. term expires 2021)

8905 Petrieville Hwy., Eaton Rapids, Mi 48827

(517-663-4193)

dmkleiver2016@gmail.com

**Vice President:** Sharon Smith (2018)

(4 yr. term expires 2021)

460 S. Edgar Rd., Mason, Mi 48854

sharonanddicksmit@gmail.com

**Secretary:** Rita Baird (2017)

(4 yr. term expires 2020)

2031 W. Olds Road, Leslie, Mi. 49251

517-589-9132

camp2rit@hotmail.com

**Treasurer:** Jackie Ricketts (2016)

(5 yr. term expires 2020)

4827 Marian Hills, Pleasant Lake, Mi 49272

517-812-5107

jricketts657@gmail.com

## Mission Coordinators

**Spiritual Growth:** Judy Marr (2017)

(4 yr. term expires 2020)

1290 Barry Rd., Williamston, Mi 48895

517-655-2348

marrvalley@gmail.com

## Membership Nurture & Outreach

**Judy Puckett (1 yr. term expires 12-31-2020)**

1868 Burrwood Circle, East Lansing, MI 48823

(517) 351-3151

Woodstone1@sbcglobal.net

**Social Action:** Nancy Nay (2017)

(4 yr. term expires 2020)

868 Shawano, Mason, Mi 48854

517-676-3024

chicago868@gmail.com

**Education & Interpretation:** Karol Fry (2020)

(4 yr. term expires 2023)

601 E. Randolph, Mason, Mi 48854

517-525-6561

fry@msu.edu

**Program Resources:** Karol Fry (2017)

(4 yr. term expires 2020)

601 E. Randolph, Mason, Mi 48854

517-525-6561

fry@msu.edu

## **Committee on Nominations:**

**Chairperson;** Bernice Natoli (2017)

(4 yr. term expires 2020)

5105 Deana Dr., Lansing, Mi. 48917

517-321-3070

bnatoli@provide.net

Lynda Huyck (2019)

(4 yr term expires 2022)

2614 Ranger Rd., Perrinton, Mi. 48871

989-838-2523

huyck@msu.edu

**Beverly Saunders (2020)**

(2 yr. Term expires 2021)

2232 Pollard Rd., Lansing, Mi. 48911

517-887-7512

pearllou30@yahoo.com



# **MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Officers for 2020 as submitted by the Committee on Nomination

Chairperson: Bernice Natoli

## **Committee on Nominations, continue**

Open position 2020  
(4 yr. term expires 2023)

Open Position 2020  
(4 yr. term expires 2023)

## **APPOINTED POSITIONS**

**Green Team:** Elaine Ferris (2017)  
417 W. Sycamore St., Mason, Mi 48854  
517-676-4175  
eiferris@toast.net

**The Messenger Editor:** Lynda Crandall (2020)  
6350 W. Columbia Rd., Mason, Mi 48854  
517-663-9114  
lcran2126@gmail.com

**Registrar:** Joyce Plumhoff (2018)  
1858 W. Columbia Rd., Mason, Mi 48854  
517-676-2716  
tplumhoff1858@gmail.com

**Ex-officio:** WalthaGaye Leavitt (Conference Team)  
8524 E. Colby Rd., Crystal, Mi. 48818  
989-640-0238

[wally@csminster.net](mailto:wally@csminster.net)

**MSU Wesley Foundation: Open Position**



**Mid-Michigan District United Methodist Women**  
**TALENT BANK INFORMATION ON PROSPECTIVE LEADERSHIP**  
(To be completed by prospective leader)

**Type or Print (attach additional sheets as necessary)**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Local Church \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Special Talents or Skills:**



**Areas of Special Interest or Concern:**

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| <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) |

**Which office(s) on the Mid-Michigan District United Methodist Women's Team would you most like to hold if given the opportunity to serve?**

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> President             | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Nurture & Outreach |
| <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"/> The Messenger Editor          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nominations Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Interpretation    |

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

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**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 home or employment for: (answer yes or no)**

Full day \_\_\_\_\_ Weekend \_\_\_\_\_ Extended Time \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 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)

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Return this form to: Bernice Natoli, 5105 Deanna Dr., Lansing, Mi. 48917 517-321-3070



Additional books I have read to complete  
PLAN \_\_\_\_\_ of the Reading Program are:

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

- 10 books each year.
- 2 from each category.
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
- Regular reading of response.

- 15 books each year.
- 2 books from each category.
- PLUS 5 additional books from any category.

Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.

**Regular reading of response**

- 20 books each year.
- 2 books from each category.
- PLUS 10 additional books from any category.

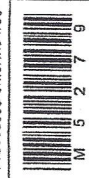
Selections from the current reading lists :

[www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram/plans](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram/plans). Regular reading of response

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

[www.umwmissionresources.org](http://www.umwmissionresources.org)  
800-305-9857

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☐ I have also read response

# Reporting Form

## Formulario de Información del Programa de Lectura

독서 프로그램에서 프로그램으로

BOOKS

[www.umwmissionresources.org](http://www.umwmissionresources.org)

1-800-305-9857

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

LOCAL UNIT	PRINT NAME
DISTRICT	ADDRESS
CONFERENCE	CITY, STATE, ZIP

NAME:		Current Year		PLAN CHOSEN:			
		I	II	III	IV		
MISSION EMPHASES		Education for Mission					
		Leadership Development					
		Nurturing for Community					
		Social Action					
		Spiritual Growth					
response							



## Treasurer's Tips

Hello UMW sisters of Mid-Michigan District,

Let me begin by thanking you for your generous and faithful support. I have provided here some tips that I hope will help us process the money you send quickly and efficiently:

- Please accompany all checks with a form. These can be downloaded at [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://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 the Treasurer's 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 you some. When ordering a Special Mission Recognition Pin and Certificate, the amount owed is located on the bottom of the Special Mission Recognition form. This is usually the "basic" at \$40.
- Please do not make checks out to me, Jackie Ricketts or Michigan Conference. Checks should be made out to Mid-Michigan District UMW. I will make sure the money is sent on to the conference in a timely manner.
- All remittance forms must arrive to me by December 1st as I have a deadline to the conference of December 10<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, any received after that date will be submitted the following year.
- If a representative from your unit was unable to attend the Mid-Michigan District UMW Organizational Meeting and Celebration on September 18<sup>th</sup>, where 2020 pledges were collected, please contact me with yours as soon as possible.
- This year we have a new EIN # (Employee Identification Number) which is provided by the IRS, all nonprofits are required to have them. Each unit should update this number with their bank. Please contact me and I will send you the form needed to do this.

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

Jackie Ricketts  
Mid-Michigan District Treasurer  
4827 Marian Hills  
Pleasant Lake, MI 49272  
Jricketts657@gmail.com  
517-812-5107



### UMW Forms and How to File Them

FORM	SEND TO	DUE DATE
2019 Mission u scholarship	District E & I, Karol Fry	6/1/2020
Pledge to Mission Form	District Treasurer, Jackie Ricketts	Due Now
Pledged Monies	District Treasurer, Jackie Ricketts	12/1/2019
2019 Unit Leadership Form	District Secretary, Rita Baird	12/1/2019
2019 Members Report	District Membership & Nurture, Patty Puckett	2/15/2020
2018 Mission Today	District E & I, Karol Fry	2/15/2020
2018 Reading Plan Report	District Program Resources, Karol Fry	2/15/2020
Special Mission Recognition Orders	District Treasurer, Jackie Ricketts	

### From the Secretary's Desk

Once again fall is upon us and soon it will be time for election of officers. My local unit elects new officers at our November meeting, with the newly elected officers taking office January 1<sup>st</sup>. Please take a few minutes after your elections to fill out the Local Unit Leadership 2020 Form which can be found in the newsletter, *THE MESSENGER*. Please return your completed form to me by December 1, 2019, either by mail or email. If for some reason this is not your election time, or if the leadership has not changed, just let me know. Without this information, it is difficult for your District Friend to keep you up to date on what is happening in the Mid-Michigan District and to answer any questions you might have regarding the District. I don't know about you, but I love hearing about all the different fundraisers, wonderful activities, and valuable information from the other units, which has given me some great ideas for my local unit. Thank you for your information and help keeping us all informed.

In His service,

Rita Baird, Mid-Michigan District Secretary





# MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN LOCAL UNIT LEADERSHIP 2020

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Church Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pastor's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Insert name, address, phone number (including area code), and email address of each officer. If no unit – please add a contact name.**

<u>President</u>	<u>Vice President</u>	<u>Secretary</u>
<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Spiritual Growth</u>	<u>Education &amp; Interpretation</u>
<u>Social Action</u>	<u>Membership Nurture &amp; Outreach</u>	<u>Secretary of Program Resources</u>
<u>Nominations</u>	<u>Communications Coordinator</u>	<u>Other Chairpersons</u>
<b>If no active unit, please provide the following contact information:</b> Primary Contact Name: _____ Mailing Address: _____ Phone Number: _____		Number of members at 1/1/2019: _____ Number of members added: _____ Number of members removed by death: _____ Number of members lost: _____ Est. number of members at 12/31/19: _____

**Send form by December 1, 2019, to: Rita Baird, 2031 W. Olds Road, Leslie, MI 49251 or [camp2rit@hotmail.com](mailto:camp2rit@hotmail.com)**

**REMINDER: Send the name and address of President and Secretary of Program Resources to:**

**Mission Resource Center, PO Box 660275, Dallas, TX 75266-0275, telephone: 1-800-305-9857, email: [cs@missionresourcecenter.org](mailto:cs@missionresourcecenter.org)**

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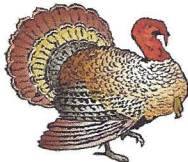



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## MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT UMW CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	<p><b><u>FALL RUMMAGE SALE &amp; BAKE SALE</u></b>  Thursday, October 3, 2019: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Friday, October 4, 2019: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Saturday, October 5, 2019: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (\$3/bag day!)  Central United Methodist Church (UMW)  912 Fourth Avenue, Lake Odessa, MI</p>
	<p><b><u>FALL RUMMAGE SALE</u></b>  Friday, October 4, 2019: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Saturday, October 5, 2019: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  First United Methodist Church (UMW) of Eaton Rapids  600 South Main Street, Eaton Rapids, MI (proceeds go to missions)</p>
	<p><b><u>BAKE SALE &amp; BAZAAR</u></b>  Friday, October 18, 2019: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Peace United Methodist Church (UMW)  6043 East M-79 Highway  Nashville, MI</p>
	<p><b><u>ANNUAL TEA</u></b>  Donation: \$10/proceeds go to Mary Mantle's Home for Expecting Women  Sunday, October 20, 2019: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Beverly Hills United Methodist Church (UMW)  20000 West Thirteen Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI</p>
	<p><b><u>FALL SALE AND BOUTIQUE</u></b>  Thursday, October 24, 2019: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Friday, October 25, 2019: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Friday is ½ price day!)  Owosso First United Methodist Church (UMW)  1500 North Water Street, Owosso, MI</p>
	<p><b><u>MICHIGAN CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING</u></b>  Friday, October 25 – Saturday, October 26, 2019  Michigan Conference Officer Training &amp; Leadership Development, 4 - 8 p.m.  Conference Newsletter Meeting, 5 p.m. Howell UMC  Saturday, October 26, 2019  Michigan Conference Annual Celebration 9 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  Program, Recognitions, Voting on New Officers and New Budgets, Fellowship  Howell United Methodist Church  1230 Bower Street, Howell, MI</p>

## MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT UMW CALENDAR OF EVENTS continued

	<p><b><u>ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY GIFT FAIR &amp; BAKE SALE</u></b>  Saturday, November 2, 2019: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  Fair trade items including coffee, chocolate, linens, jewelry &amp; much more  Bake sale benefits the South Lansing Ministry Food Pantry  Grace United Methodist Church (UMW)  1900 Boston Blvd, Lansing, MI</p>
	<p><b><u>FALL CRAFT FESTIVAL</u></b>  Lunch room, bake sale, crafts, Christmas gifts, and decor  Saturday, November 2, 2019: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  Holt United Methodist Church (UMW)  2321 North Aurelius Road, Holt, MI (proceeds go to UMW mission projects)</p>
	<p><b><u>HOLIDAY BAZAAR</u></b>  Crafts, jewelry, collectibles and baked goods  Saturday, November 9, 2019: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  Lansing First United Methodist Church (UMW)  3827 Delta River Drive, Lansing, MI</p>
	<p><b><u>CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT</u></b>  An afternoon musical program followed by carol singing and candlelight dessert  Saturday, December 7, 2019: 3:00 p.m.  Lansing First United Methodist Church (UMW)  3827 Delta River Drive, Lansing, MI</p>
	<p><b><u>MERRY CHRISTMAS</u></b>  Wednesday, December 25, 2019</p>



## Green Team News

### Five Ways to Help the Planet: Food Waste

30-40% of our food ends up in the trash. What can we do to help prevent this waste: of farmland, of time and effort, and the resultant increase in methane as it rots? It's so large an amount of methane it would be the fourth largest country in the world in methane emissions! By putting these five simple systems in place, you'll be able to identify need-to-eat foods, save foods from the compost or the garbage, get the most out of waste bits and pieces, and reduce your grocery bill by as much as 30 percent.

- 1) Establish an "Eat Me First" Drawer: Refrigerators can be so humongous that food can easily be overlooked; so: Label a drawer "eat me first" so you can see what needs to be used up before it goes bad. Move food to the drawer as it approaches the end of its shelf life. Prioritize the items in that drawer for snacks and meals — **before** you go shopping or check what's in the pantry.
- 2) If the "eat me first" bin is overflowing and you know you won't be able to eat it all before it goes bad? Freeze it; one of the simplest and most effective ways to reduce food waste. Cut up and freeze leftover fruit on cookie sheets; then put in baggie or box. Do the same with the half-jar of vegetables or spaghetti sauce.
- 3) Make your own soup stock - designate a medium-sized container in your freezer for soup stock items, then add bits and pieces as they become available; great things to add to your stock include: Carrot tops celery stalks; onion pieces; mushroom bits; tomatoes; most leftover veggies (avoid broccoli/cauliflower). Chop before adding to maximize broth flavor. If you're a meat eater, you can also keep chicken bones for a flavorful chicken stock. Beef bones work well, too. When your freezer bin is full, simply: fill a large pot with water; Add the contents of your soup stock bin, Add several bay leaves, garlic, salt, and pepper to taste, Simmer on low for 2 to 3 hours. Strain the solid bits out and compost them, of course. Then, decant your broth into jars - fill about 3/4 full to allow for expansion - and freeze.
- 4) Smoothies are a perfect on-the-go meal for those mornings when you don't have time to cook. They're also a great way to use less-than-perfect fruits and veggies.
- 5) A food-sharing app called OLIO connects you with neighbors, stores, and community members with surplus food so that extra food can be shared, rather than thrown out. It's like Craigslist, but for food. Best of all, it's free!

Small Steps, Small Bites; Making the decision to reduce food waste can feel daunting, but all you really need to do is make a series of small, conscious decisions to drastically reduce the amount of good food that ends up in the trash. These decisions quickly become routine and they go a long way to help your grocery budget and the environment, too. I challenge you to try one of these!

Recommended good reading: [All You Need Is Less: An Eco-Friendly Guide to Guilt-Free Green Living and Stress-Free Simplicity](#), by : Madeleine Somerville

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# MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT

## 2020 EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2020

EATON RAPIDS FIRST UMC

600 S. MAIN STREET

Gathering: 9:30 a.m.

Program: "When is Old, Too Old?"

Pastor Nancy Patera will talk with us about never being too old to be in service to God. Pastor Patera currently serves the Ionia Parish: Berlin Center and LeValley UMCs. You won't want to miss this program to kick off the new year. Please join us!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 29, 2019

\$5 Registration fee includes coffee and pastry. Send check payable to Mid-Michigan District UMW with the form below to: Joyce Plumhoff, 1858 W. Columbia Road, Mason, MI 48854. Please use one form for each registrant.

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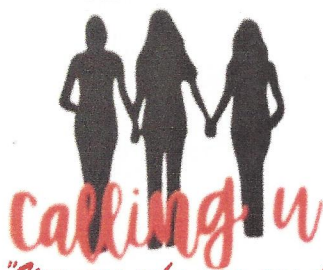
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*June 26-28, 2020*

[umwncj.org](http://umwncj.org)

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December 29, 2019	Epiphany Registration Deadline
January 4, 2020	Epiphany, Eaton Rapids UMC, Eaton Rapids, MI
April 4, 2020	Keep Making Peace, University UMC, East Lansing, MI
May 1-2, 2020	Spring Renewal, St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI
July 8-11, 2020	Mission u of the West, Albion College, Albion, MI