



United
Women
in Faith

NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Fall—Winter 2022

PRESIDENT



Greetings United Women in Faith!

Our new name is part of a refreshment of our organization that includes a new look, new feel and new improved programs designed to better nurture current members and welcome new women into our sisterhood to put their love in action too.

As United Women in Faith we are a powerful, fearless force driven by God's love and united in sisterhood with a focus on women, children, and youth. We act for justice and transform communities. We invite United Methodist and other like-minded women to join us, because love and action can change the world.

Adopting the name United Women in Faith and introducing new and improved programs acknowledges the great changes that have occurred in the lives of U.S. women over the past four decades and in the ways they're engaging their faith. It acknowledges the changes you need to continue to grow in your faith and make the differences you want to make.

The changes are designed to address the different needs and life stages of current members and new women, and expand options for membership and engagement. The new name also aims to welcome members whose local churches may choose to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church as well as women of other faith traditions who want to join.

We will maintain the legal name United Methodist Women while operating as United Women in Faith. You'll continue to see the name United Methodist Women used in some places; but as we move into

the future, together we'll be United Women in Faith.

We remain the official women's organization of The United Methodist Church. We remain the organization training women for leadership, growing spiritually, transforming through education, providing opportunities for service, and transforming through education, and providing opportunities for service and advocacy. We remain women in mission who follow God's call for our time.

Our new name lets women know they can remain a part of our organization, and it lets them know we will not leave them behind. It also lets the church know that we've been on a path of listening and discerning that will help us lead the church into its full potential.

The new mission statement for our organization: United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence, and impart local and global communities.

Our new logo features our new name of United Women in Faith next to a Christian cross in muted yellow, blue, orange, and green to reflect our forward-looking faith and the diversity of the organization and God's world. This information was taken from the March/April 2022 *Response* Magazine, pages 32-34. I encourage you to read the article (We are United Women in Faith!).

A quick commercial for Mission U. Please sign up for Mission u in Gaylord on October 17-18 **OR** the Virtual Mission u on August 11. I participated in the Wisconsin Mission u and learned SO much about

Jesus and His teachings through the parables. Info is found in this newsletter.

ALSO...wasn't our Celebration wonderful?? St. Ignace United Women in Faith was so gracious and welcoming.

I hope to see each of you at our Spiritual Growth Retreat in October!

As always, call or email with any questions!

Patti Steinberg

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VICE PRESIDENTS

Hello to all...as we write this, we are wondering when the "real summer" will be here to stay. It's been on again, off again but we are always hoping the warmer weather will linger for more than a day or two. We were so pleased with the attendance and positive responses we received after the District Annual Celebration in St. Ignace. There was a positive feeling in the air as friends met, new acquaintances were made, and good food was shared. Our program was informative and well received and our special guest speaker, Rev. Faith Fowler, did not disappoint with her dynamic message "Blessed and I Know It." Official attendance was 102 people, and we collected a record-breaking offering of \$1803 which was directed to the Cass Community Social Services. Our in-gathering resulted in a generous amount of new socks, underwear and sweats which were given to GCCP to use in their free store. We can be happy knowing we are such a caring, sharing organization of women with happy hearts.

With this now behind us, we will be stepping aside as Co-Vice-Presidents and offer up the invitation for someone to take over. This past four years has been a wonderful experience and we encourage others to consider taking up this role. Thank you to our awesome leadership team who has always

been there to support us and share ideas along the way. We were always "blessed, not stressed."

Peace and Joy,

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Judy Misner
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P.S. Judy has agreed to be vice-president through 2023. The 2023 Celebration will be held in Crystal Falls on May 2, 2023.



SECRETARY

During travels in Wisconsin and the UP, it is fun to locate Methodist churches in the towns we drive through. Some are elaborate brick and stone and some are simple white wooden structures. They are all symbols of our faith and service to our communities. These sightings are even more meaningful when I recognize that a UMW Unit is at work there, too.

Be proud we are all standing, weathering the challenges buffeting us. A great example of strength comes from Engadine, a UMW Unit that made the difficult decision to go inactive, yet continues to serve their community and had seven in attendance at our Annual Celebration!

Congratulations to all 13 UMW Units represented on May 3rd for a total of 85 members in attendance. A special shout out to Cheboygan St Paul with 12 attending!

It is that time of year again to fill out the Local Unit officers Form found in this newsletter. You can mail the information to me or send it via email. Thanks in advance for helping to keep our records up to date. Don't forget to record the number of members in your Unit and to include email addresses.

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TREASURER

I hope everyone is having a relaxing summer. At the same time, I hope that you are thinking about activities for fall

for your unit. In light of the recent name change to United Women in Faith, I have a reminder for all the unit treasurers. Our bank account is still in the name of Northern Skies District UMW, and will remain so for the foreseeable future; so please continue to write your mission giving checks to Northern Skies District UMW. Remember that to be counted for 2022, I must receive your check by the end of November. Also, Special Mission Recognition pins still are sent directly to you from the National Office, but the accompanying certificate will come from me; and you will fill it out for your honoree.

At our District Celebration in May we had the privilege of having Rev Faith Fowler from Cass Community as our speaker. We had about 80 women in attendance, and our offering was an astounding \$1803!! THANK YOU to all who contributed to this gift to Cass Community and also for the generous support of the in-gathering of underwear, sweatpants and sweatshirts which was given to God's Country Cooperative Parish.

As always, if you have any questions or need help finding the appropriate forms to send in with your checks, please call me (906-863-7387) or email me (vlnpno@gmail.com). I will be happy to help you.

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Living in the Light of God

God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all. (1John 1:5) Written by the Apostle John, 1 John was written to help us know the reality of God in our lives through faith in Christ to assure us of eternal life and to encourage us to

remain in fellowship with the God who is light and love. The main problems confronting the church at this time (between AD 85-90 from Ephesus) were conforming to the world's standards, failing to stand up for Christ and compromising their faith. WOW! This in AD 85. Does it seem relevant for today? As with all things in the Bible, it is relevant today. John wrote to get the believers back on track. Daily I have to remind myself of this so that I can hopefully grow in genuine love for God and for one another. Christian fellowship is grounded in the testimony of God's word and is daily renewed through the Holy Spirit. True fellowship combines social and spiritual interaction which is made possible by a living relationship with Christ. Our living relationship can be enhanced by our daily interaction with God and our gathering together in Christian fellowship.

I am excited that our fellowship can be enhanced by gathering together in person (finally!) for our Spiritual Growth Retreat this October 7-8. This is our first Spiritual Growth Retreat since 2019 and our first Spiritual Growth Retreat in the fall of the year. We'll meet in Manistique Friday evening at 5:00 for registration; 6:00 for our meal followed by our first session with our speaker, Connie Tresedder. Connie will be sharing, encouraging, and inspiring us to love the season we are in. Despite hard things, this can be our best season yet!! Connie is a certified international Christian mindset coach, a #1 Amazon best-selling author, a speaker, teacher, and trainer. She is a joyful and energetic lover of life. Connie is an expert at teaching people to control worrisome and stressful thoughts. She helps Christians remove barriers and blind spots so they can be activated into the next new thing God has for them. Connie is passionate about helping people rewire their brains for success and abundance for Kingdom purposes. Saturday morning will hold 2 sessions followed by Communion, lunch and dismissal.

The registration form is enclosed in this newsletter and should be sent to me to arrive by Oct. 3. Please call if there are questions at 906-290-1884 or email

me at jyaeger210@gmail.com. Looking forward to our fellowship time together this fall

Jane Yaeger
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906-290-1884



SOCIAL ACTION/EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION

Happy summer!!! We hope you are enjoying it. The two main social issues for the next 2 years are: JUSTICE ENERGY FOR ALL & ENDING MASS INCARCATION.

You can get more information at unitedwomeninfaith.org. There you will be able to sign up for the newsletter for other social justice issues.

At the same website, we would encourage you to check out the Faith Talks. Information you get from these talks will give you valuable information. You can use them as a group or by yourself. *Response* magazine is now available online. Also you should explore getting the magazine in print to share with others.

If you have any questions, we will try to help.

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MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE, & OUTREACH

Please keep track of the women in your unit who pass away during 2022 as well as any new members. We will need this info for the 2023 Celebration.

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906-774-8387



PROGRAM RESOURCES

For those of you that were not able to attend the Celebration last May, here are the statistics for the 2021 Reading Program. In 2021 4 units reported, with 24 readers reporting 251 books read. This is good for having limited access to books and units not meeting! Please send Reading Program reports to me by January 31st for the 2022 year. Reading Program chairs do not need to send individual reports from readers, but a cumulative report for each unit detailing each reader by name and the number of books, but not the titles, read. The certificates will be presented at our Annual Celebration in May.

Have you been accessing the Faith Talk Podcasts? Remember that three of these equal two Spiritual Growth Books.

Past titles can be found on the United Women in Faith website. Books for the 2023 Reading List will be in the Nov/Dec copy of *Response*.

Book Review: Dangling: I May Have Cancer, But Cancer Doesn't Have Me. Are you or someone you love facing cancer? Maybe you are coping with a chronic illness or the greatest disappointment of your life. How can such a trial change your life for the better? This is a personal story about how God teaches life-changing lessons that we otherwise would not have learned. (This book is in our Library.)

There are many books checked out at this time, which is good! However, please return books that you and your group are finished with so others may read them! They can be returned at the Spiritual Growth Retreat or sent to me via USPS book/media rate.

Hope to see you all at the Spiritual Growth Retreat in Manistique.

Mary Balfour
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NOMINATIONS

We still need a Chair of Nominations and 2 Nominations Committee members. Is anybody out there good at recruiting women to fill positions? You would have the help of the nominations committee. Get in touch with Patti Steinberg to volunteer!



NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR

What a Celebration we had in St. Ignace in May! Rev. Faith Fowler had us laughing, she had us crying, and she had us wanting more.

If your church or UMW unit is doing anything unusual and/or noteworthy, please submit pictures with a short caption so they can be included in future newsletters. Otherwise the Menominee unit will dominate!

As always, if you're receiving this newsletter by snail-mail and you now have an e-mail address, please contact me with your info so I can start sending the newsletters by e-mail. This will help save District postage costs. Thank you!

Judy Rost
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Menominee Unit celebrates long-time member Mary Kahl's 100th birthday in June.

SUNFLOWER PINS FOR UKRAINE



The St. Ignace unit is making these sunflower pins for a donation of \$15 (or more) with the proceeds going to UMCOR for Ukraine relief. Some of you may have seen them at the Celebration in St. Ignace. All the money donated goes to UMCOR as the material to make them had been donated by members of our church. If anyone would like to order the pins, please contact Judy Misner at auxchenes2@gmail.com or 906-630-0303.



Deanna Draze has been making the sunflower pins



Northern Skies District Officers at August 8th meeting in Maquette

2022 UMW NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Honorary President: Bron Harmon, cell 906-420-2943, dfebron@gmail.com

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Nominations Chairperson: OPEN

Nominations Committee:

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Conference Nominating Committee: Patti Steinberg (see info above)

BRING LOVE, LEAVE BLESSINGS

Northern Skies 2022 Annual Celebration in St. Ignace



St. Ignace Marquee



*In-Gathering Items for
GCCP*



Conference Officers



Rev. Faith Fowler



*Sunflower
pins worn by
St. Ignace
women in
solidarity with
Ukraine*



*Lina Cheeseman played beautifully
during our Celebration*



*President Patty Steinberg welcomes
us to the Celebration*



Cass Community items for sale



*Rev Faith Fowler & Pastor Mark Thompson give
communion*



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Northern Skies District
Spiritual Growth Retreat
Oct. 7-8, 2022 Manistique, MI

Finally!! We are happy to announce our first Spiritual Growth Retreat since 2019!!
Friday evening, Oct. 7th and Saturday morning Oct. 8th are the dates to remember. We will begin on Friday with our registration at 5:00 p.m. eastern time then our meal at 6:00 followed by our first session. Saturday we'll have two sessions followed by Communion and lunch.

We look forward to a great time of fellowship, inspiration and learning. Our speaker is Connie Tresedder. Connie sent the following:

Do you ever wonder what God is doing in a certain season of your life? Do you feel like God is nearer in some seasons than in others?

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I hope you will plan on attending the retreat! Please complete the registration form and mail so I receive it by Oct. 3 to: Jane Yaeger, 1610 36th Ave Apt. 6, Menominee, MI 49858. If you have questions my email is: jyaeger210@gmail.com phone 906 290 1884

****If you are attending for the first time, you get \$30 off!!****

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Home Address: _____

Church you attend: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Persons to a room: ☐ one person = \$115 ☐ two persons = \$85 each
☐ three persons = \$80 each ☐ four persons = \$75 each

Friday night meal will be Chef Salad, bread, dessert.

Saturday noon meal will be Chicken Caesar wrap, cup of soup, dessert.

Check here if you need to delete meat from the meals

Roommate(s): _____

☐ handicap accessible room = first floor

☐ no lodging needed: meals only = \$43

NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

2023 Local Unit Officers

Due: October 31, 2022

Name of Church & Location _____

Number of Members as of September 1, 2022 _____

***PLEASE INCLUDE AS MANY EMAIL ADDRESSES AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID POSTAGE COSTS.**

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, 2022 (or after your first Fall Meeting)

to:

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



Of the East
Lake Huron Retreat Center, Burtchville
 H.O.M.E. August 11 8:30 am
 August 11-13 (Thursday-Saturday)
 3:00 pm Registration

Of the North
First United Methodist Church, Gaylord
 October 17-18 (Monday-Tuesday)
 9 am Registration



Who Can We Be Together?

Building Communities
 of Hope and Joy

EVERYONE ATTENDS THIS STUDY



Who Can We Be Together? A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13, the 2022 adult curriculum by Candace Simpson brings participants deeper into Jesus' teachings in this chapter of Luke to explore what it means to be in community. As the author notes, "For followers of Christ 2,000 years later, it's important for us to sit with the range of emotions we have in response to these words. It's not easy to build and sustain communities, especially when there are forces that drain us, exhaust us, and even push us to act uncharacteristically. And yet, we are called to act on the most ethical principles of our faith so we can witness the kin-dom of God on earth."

This book is available at: https://www.umwmissionresources.org/shopping_product_detail.asp?pid=53516

If you prefer, you can order one to be picked up at the Mission u event that you attend. Please indicate this in the Mission u merchandise section of the order form.

You can register for Mission u online at: <https://michiganconferencemissionu.square.site/> or scan the QR Code



Study Leaders:



Tiffany Newsom



Ethel Gill



Ruth Sutton

This form MUST be filled out for Mission u NO OTHER FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Home Church: _____

District: _____

Roommate Request: _____

Check all that apply:

Information:

- ☐ First time attending
☐ Conference Officer
☐ District Officer

Special needs:

- ☐ First floor housing
☐ Minimal stairs
☐ Minimal walking

- ☐ Paid online
☐ Study Leader
☐ Missionary
☐ Financial Assistance Applicant
☐ Laity
☐ Clergy
☐ Help moving around campus
☐ Sign language interpreters
☐ Special dietary needs (specify)

HOME (Hands On Mission Experience) will take place At Mid City Nutrition Soup Kitchen at 805 Chestnut Street, Port Huron from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM. If you want to arrive the night before, lodging is on your own.

Mission u of the East Lake Huron Retreat Center

- ☐ HOME ~ August 11, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM FREE
☐ Virtual \$25
☐ August 11-13 ~ Commute/ Six Meals \$95
☐ August 11-13 ~ 2 Nights/6 Meals ~ 1 per Room \$277
☐ August 11-13 ~ 2 Nights/6 Meals ~ 2 per Room \$227
☐ August 11-13 ~ 2 Nights/6 Meals ~ 3 per Room \$205
☐ August 11-13 ~ 2 Nights/6 Meals ~ 4 per Room \$183

ALL PRICES ARE PER PERSON

TOTAL DUE: _____

Registration due July 31

Mission u of the North, 1st UMC, Gaylord

- ☐ October 17-18 (Lodging on your own) \$70

TOTAL DUE: _____

- ☐ Child Care Age: _____

Registration due October 9

Mission u Merchandise

- ☐ Study Book Who Can We Be Together? \$11 each

TOTAL DUE: _____

This form can be found on the Michigan UMW Website, registration can be paid by check payable to: Mission u or online at: <https://michiganconferencemissionu.square.site/> This link is also found on the website.

Send registrations to: Sally Messner, 124 Boyd Street, Fife Lake, MI 49633, mimissionu@gmail.com



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c/o Judy Rost
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2022 NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT UMW CALENDAR

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| October 3 | Deadline to register for Spiritual Growth Retreat |
| October 7 | District Leadership Team meeting in Manistique |
| October 7-8 | Spiritual Growth Retreat in Manistique |
| October 17-18 | Mission u at Gaylord First UMC |
| October 22 | Conference Celebration at Kalamazoo Westwood UMC |
| October 31 | 2023 Local Unit Officers due to Bobbi Sundquist |
| November 24 | Thanksgiving |
| December 25 | Christmas Day |
| January 15, 2023 | Newsletter Deadline to Judy Rost |
| January 31, 2023 | 2022 Reading Program reports due to Mary Balfour |