



# THE MESSENGER

News from the Mid-Michigan District  
United Methodist Women

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## Mission Today Opportunity:

As part of your commitment to the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women through your Prayers, Presence,

Participation, Gifts and Service, Presence Goal # 5 suggests that at least one member (not a conference or district officer) attend Conference Mission u or a district Mission u short course.

**It's not too late!** Didn't make it to Albion or Gaylord for a Mission u experience? Since our district did not have a designated Mission u short course this year, the Mason First Unit is extending an open invitation to all units in the Mid-Michigan District to join in a free Mission Day event dealing with Climate Justice. This is a subject that was addressed at Mission U in both 2016 and 2017 and one that Mason members have been exploring this year. If you attend this Mission Day event, you may count it as fulfilling Goal #5. See flyer included in this issue for further information on this October 11 opportunity. The speaker is great, and it will be another chance to fellowship with women from our new district as you learn more about this current issue and our responsibility to those around us as explored in this year's spiritual growth study, *Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living*.

Pat Mentzer

Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation

## CARSON CITY UMW ACTIVITIES

The UMW of Carson City UMC membership is 28. These are divided into 2 circles; the Wesleyan Circle and the Dorcas Circle. One of the local programs that we support is the IM 3rd Meal. Over 500 bag lunches are produced daily for food insecure children in the Ionia and Montcalm Counties. We support this program financially and by collecting food and volunteering. Carson City also has a food bank which we support financially and by collecting food. Five times a year we hold a Soup Luncheon as a fund raiser. It has become a town event with many using the time to connect with friends and family. The circles sponsor a Compassion International child and take turns writing to Amani, our child, monthly. Funeral dinners are put on for those requesting them. Coats, hats, mittens, sweat pants and underwear are given to the elementary schools depending on their need. This year, money and supplies were given to Dorothy Frederickson, a retired missionary to Haiti. Babies are put on a pile of rags on the floor with someone to watch for spiders and snakes and other harmful pests. Dorothy started a program where mothers who have gone through a birthing and child care class receive a "box" with a mattress inside along with a blanket, sheets, onesies, diapers, pins, dental floss to tie the cord with, soap, hat, etc. Our UMW also supports the local women's crisis center known as RAVE.



Folding layette items for Haiti.

Waltha Gaye Leavitt  
Heartland District President  
Carson City UMW Member

## MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT PLANNING

I send blessings to all. I just returned from the first Mid-Michigan District Organizational Meeting and Celebration that 91 women and a couple of men attended at Holt UMC. Rev. Carolin Spragg inspired us with her message of "Change: Terror or Promise" and challenged us to become part of the change rather than exist in the change. Eric Williams, CEO of the United Methodist Community House in Grand Rapids, told us about the expansion of the infant to toddler program and the Senior Citizen Center building to be purchased. They are doing wonderful work for those in need and we should be proud of UMW for helping them serve and grow. The special offering came to \$981.00 to be given to The House of Promise in Lansing, which Shari Montgomery started for women who have found themselves in trafficked situations and want to get out. Shari told us about a few of the women they have served since opening earlier this year. Overall, this was a successful and fun day.

The Mid-Michigan District calendar is almost complete and I look forward to seeing you at our events, starting with the Epiphany Celebration on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at Owosso First UMC. Our speaker will be Rev. Kathleen Groff. Please refer to the registration form found in this newsletter. All are invited to attend the Combined Conference Annual in Petoskey on October 27. If you have not done so, please get your registrations in as soon as possible. This meeting should be exciting as we combine the two conferences and meet new faces and blend all of our energies and ideas to create the new Michigan Conference.

Due to the time required and confusion with the new district mergers, the Standing Rules will not be rewritten until after January 1, 2019, for the Mid-Michigan District. If you should have any concerns or questions regarding this decision, please contact me. Also, PLEASE make note of all the due dates for various reports from 2018 that need to be submitted on a timely basis to the respective district officer. This helps them fulfill their officer job and to be sure we have the accurate information.

We always have room for you if you would like to be on the Mid-Michigan District team. Please contact Bernice Natoli. When we have a full slate of officers it makes every ones job easier and not as heavy a load.

I want to bless you all for your patience during this year of change.

Donna Kleiver  
President

Change does not happen unless we are all willing to accept and make the transition.

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# MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT 2019 EPIPHANY CELEBRATION



SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019

OWOSSO FIRST UMC

1500 N. WATER ST.

Gathering: 9:30



## Program: "The Blessings of Changes In Our Lives"

Pastor Kathleen Groff will talk with us about the aspects of change that become blessings in our lives. Rev. Groff is retired from serving a number of Michigan churches, including Newaygo and Dundee.

**Registration Deadline: December 28, 2018.** \$5.00 registration fee includes coffee and pastry. Send a check payable to Mid-Michigan District UMW with this form to: Joyce Plumhoff, 1858 W. Columbia Rd., Mason, MI 48854. Please use one form for each person registering. Print clearly.

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number or Email Address\_\_\_\_\_

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

**This is a Fragrance Free  
Event**

Childcare Needed: Name of child(ren) and age(s)\_\_\_\_\_

## ***SOCIAL ACTION BY ANY OTHER NAME: JUSTICE***

Although we are a new district with a new name, Mid-Michigan District, our goal remains the same - to advocate for justice. The support and new friendships found in our larger district have only strengthened our resolve to work together on the social principles of United Methodist Women. Through programs and projects within our units we strive to seek the meaning of the gospel in all issues that divide people and threaten the growth of world community.

Many units within our district continue to bring awareness of human trafficking in our area and beyond. With legislative and unit support, The House of Promise in Lansing has become a viable support for human sex trafficking victims to seek justice and rebuild their lives.

Other units are focusing on climate justice, focusing not only on the environmental issues, but on the ethical and political issues as well: clean water, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, solar power and green energy.

We know that climate justice does not affect everyone equally. The poorest people suffer the most. We work to provide practical, theologically sound tools to guide and support efforts to create a healthier environment locally, nationally and globally.

I'd like your unit to share your social action efforts with others.

United in His service.

Nancy Nay  
Social Action



### **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.



## ***FALL EVENTS***

September 27-29: **Fall Rummage & Bake Sale** Thursday and Friday, 9 - 4. Saturday 9 - 12. Lake Odessa Central UMC, 912 Fourth Avenue, Lake Odessa.

October 5-6: **Fall Rummage Sale** The UMW of the First UMC of Eaton Rapids will hold its Fall Rummage Sale on Friday, 9-5 and Saturday, 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 behind the church. We'll have lots of household items, toys, books, clothes, etc. The proceeds from this sale will go to our mission projects. Hope to see you there!

October 11: **Mission Day - Climate Justice with Linda Schramm** 9 - 2.  
Lunch provided with free will offering. Call the church office at 517-663-9114 by October 5 to reserve your spot. Mason First UMC, 201 East Ash Street, Mason

October 19: **Peace UMC Bake Sale and Bazaar** 10 - 6 .  
6043 East M-79 Highway. 4 miles west of Nashville near Barryville Road  
Crafts - Greeting Cards - Quilts - Books - and more  
For more information - call 517-852-9524 or 517-852-1993.

October 24: **Salad Luncheon and "Our Sacred Spaces"** program with Mandy Bashore.  
12 - 2. Wacousta UMC. Call 517-331-1710 or email [sandra.k.bowers@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.k.bowers@gmail.com) to reserve luncheon spot.

November 3: **Fall Craft Festival** 9 - 3 . Baked Goods - Lunch Room - Christmas Gifts and Decorations - Crafts of All Kinds Holt United Methodist Church 2321 N. Aurelius Road, Holt (corner of Cedar St. & Aurelius Rd.) Call 517-694-8168 for more information.

November 3: **Alternative Holiday Gift Fair** 10 - 2. Fair Trade jewelry, scarves, pottery, etc. Bake sale to benefit local food pantry. Grace UMC, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing

November 8: **Cookie and Holiday Décor Sale** 10 - 3. **Luncheon** 11 -1. Mason First UMC 201 East Ash Street, Mason.

November 10: **Cookie Walk, Collectibles, Crafts, Baked Goods** 9 - 3. **Lunch** 11 - 1. Mt. Hope United Methodist Church, 501 E Mt, Hope (on the corner of Cedar), Lansing. Call 517-482-1549 for more information.



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

<b>Form</b>	<b>Send to</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
2019 Mission u Scholarship	District E&I, Pat Mentzer	6/1/2019
Pledge to Mission Form	District Treasurer, Jackie Ricketts	DUE NOW
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
Special Mission Recognition Orders	District Treasurer, Jackie Ricketts	

## Money Matters

Let me begin by thanking you for your generous and faithful support and also welcoming all of us to the Mid-Michigan District. As we approach the end of this transitional year, I have provided 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. 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 5 as I have a deadline to the conference of December 12. 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 19, where pledges were received for 2019, please contact me with yours as soon as possible. This is very important for planning the budget at all levels of United Methodist Women.

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

Jackie Ricketts, Treasurer



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** and **New World Outlook** magazines.


- 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** and **New World Outlook** magazines.

- 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 and New World Outlook magazines.

**www.umwmissionresources.org**  
**800-305-9857**



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☐ I have also read **response** and **New World Outlook** regularly.

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BOOKS

1-800-305-9857



# REPORT OF COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

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

I have completed the required reading for PLAN \_\_\_\_\_. The books I have read are listed on the reverse side.

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

Current Year \_\_\_\_\_

PLAN CHOSEN: I II III IV

NAME:

Education for Mission

Leadership Development

Nurturing for Community

Social Action

Spiritual Growth

MISSION EMPHASES

response

New World Outlook



## 2019 READING LIST

Fall is upon us and the Reading Program Books for 2019 are available for you to share through your local unit library. Contact Mission Resources at [cs@umwmissionresources.org](mailto:cs@umwmissionresources.org).

*New World Outlook* magazine is no longer a requirement of the reading program; the October 2018 issue will be the last issue published. Only *response magazine* is required.

The 2019 catalog is available at [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org). You can print a copy from this site; it's anyone's guess when the hard copy of the catalog will be available.

Once again in the 2019 Reading List there is a wide variety of topics. One bonus book that looks

interesting is ***Walking On Lava***. This collection of work is by turn magical, brave, earnest and mournful, but truthful throughout. The authors point the way down a faint but still visible trail beyond domination and back to our once and future place as humble beings in love with our world. We humans are in trouble, and because of us, most of our fellow species are also in trouble. To find our way through the ruins and beyond we need more than clever technology and magical markets. We need an alternative to the industrial mindset. We need the kind of diverse, unflinching, eco- logically wise imagining gathered in this book.

Pick up one of the new books and go on an adventure that will open your heart and soul.

Karol Fry  
Program Resources

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## WON'T YOU JOIN THE TEAM?

This is an exciting time in the life of United Methodist Women in Michigan. As we form the Michigan Conference from the Detroit and West Michigan Conferences we are also forming new UMW Districts. Ours is the Mid-Michigan District. We currently have openings on the team for a Membership Nurture & Outreach Mission Coordinator; 2 openings to serve on the Committee on Nominations; and *The Messenger* Editor's position is open. Please prayerfully consider joining the leadership team in one of these capacities. Training will be available at the Joint Conference Annual Meeting in October.

Bernice Natoli  
Committee on Nominations

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COMPLETE AND MAIL  
FORM ON REVERSE BY  
DECEMBER 1, 2018

# MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN LOCAL UNIT LEADERSHIP 2019

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 1/1/2018: _____ Number of members added: _____ Number of members removed by death: _____ Number of members lost: _____ Est. number of members at 12/31/18: _____

**Send form by December 1, 2018, 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:**

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **Deadlines**

December 5, 2018.....*The Messenger* Articles for January Issue Due

December 28, 2018.....Epiphany Registration Deadline

### **Events**

October 15 - 16, 2018.....Mission u of the North, Gaylord UMC

October 27, 2018.....Joint Conference Annual Meeting, Petoskey UMC

January 5, 2019.....Epiphany, Owosso First UMC

April 6, 2019 .....Keep Making Peace, University UMC, East Lansing

May 3 - 4, 2019.....Spring Renewal, St. Francis Retreat Center, Dewitt

July 10 - 13, 2019.....Mission u, Albion College, Albion