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# THE MESSENGER

News from the Mid-Michigan District  
United Women In Faith

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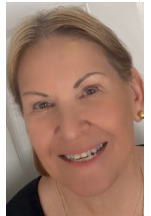
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United  
Women  
in Faith

## ***PRESIDENT'S LETTER***

*Sharon Smith*



We ARE United Women in Faith! It still doesn't roll off my tongue like U-M-W. Are you having a similar problem? All the experts will tell us that we will get used to it in time. I urge your units to use the words United Women in Faith. Please use it in your newsletter, your church's newsletter, and any other printed information you produce. If you still want to use United Methodist Women, PLEASE use it only as follows: United Methodist Women, dba (doing business as) United Women in Faith.

Any new members will easily adapt to UWF. Some of your units may be struggling with the changes underway while others are "Turning It Up" and marching forward into new ways of doing some things. Yet, the long-used and loved traditions are still going to be happening while new traditions are being introduced.

I shared a Power Point presentation during our district annual meeting that is produced by our national organization. It sets forth the why's and the how's and tells numerically how critical it is that we make changes. If you are still inclined to object to the changes and have not seen the presentation, I urge you to go to [uwfaith.org](http://uwfaith.org) and click on resources to pull it up and carefully study why we are being told change is necessary.

Your District Leadership Team wants to help you know other UMF units around the Mid-Michigan District by sharing what programs you are holding, what missions you are supporting, how you are filling your unit leadership positions, etc. Along that line, please note the deadlines for The Messenger (the same date as our Leadership Team meetings) and submit your notices of activities, special events, or whatever you deem appropriate to our Messenger editor, Cindy Grostick at [grostickc3@gmail.com](mailto:grostickc3@gmail.com). If timing works, we will include the information in The Messenger.

If you didn't attend our District Annual Celebration in St. Louis at the First United Methodist Church, you missed a day filled with renewing friendships, making new friends, learning new things, and were entertained. Our keynote speaker, Marchelle (Micki) Phelps, talked with us about the homeless folks she once overlooked and thus her topic title, "Can You See Me?"

The women of the St. Louis unit treated us royally and we are grateful for their hard work and welcoming treatment.

It's the time of the year to start thinking about and making plans for 2023. One activity that works well and provides an opportunity for your leadership team to get together is a planning retreat/meeting separate from any other business of the unit. Give yourselves an opportunity to think only about the next year. Set your unit goals for 2023, and include new opportunities in missions, programs and funding methods.

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## PRESIDENTS LETTER (CONTINUED)

Set your programs with women in mind — not only those who are members, but also for those women who are not yet members of United Women in Faith. Once you get your programs and plans solidified, PROMOTE them. Women won't join UWF if they don't know about your programs. Use your church's newsletter, Facebook page, and website, as well as local newspapers. See if they won't include something about your programs as well. Keep in mind that any of your District leadership team members are happy to visit your circle or unit to present a program at any time. Just reach out to any of us.

As we approach the Holiday Season, may you enjoy the beauty of our colorful fall; may you be thankful and give thanks to God for the abundant blessings He bestows on us; and may we all remember the REASON for the season of Christmas.

Finally, may we all welcome the new year with continued hope for a peaceful, love-filled, healthy, enriching, and a mission-forward 2023.

Blessings!

## Receive The Messenger By Email


Cynthia Grostick, Newsletter Editor

Have you considered receiving the Mid-Michigan newsletter The Messenger by email? With the cost of paper and postage on the rise, the Mid-Michigan District would like to send out The Messenger by email rather than US Postal Service where possible. If you are currently receiving The Messenger by US mail and have a computer, would you please consider providing your email address to [grostickc3@gmail.com](mailto:grostickc3@gmail.com).

As UWIF, we promote being a Green organization. Through the use of email less trees will be cut down, less pollution from making trees into paper, less chemicals used for the ink, and less paper and ink cartridges going into landfills. Besides, you will receive the newsletters faster than by the US Postal service. Please consider email if at all possible.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Do we have your current email address? Several are coming back as undeliverable. We are deleting those emails off our contact list. Also, some email systems have blocked the sending of the newsletter. Please make sure that our email ([midmiumnews@gmail.com](mailto:midmiumnews@gmail.com)) is on your safe email list. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you would like to have your Conference newsletter, V.O.I.C.E., also come as email, you may visit the Michigan Conference website [www.umwmichiganconference.org](http://www.umwmichiganconference.org) and on the left hand side of the home page is a box to enter your email address.

	<h1 style="margin: 0;">United Women in Faith</h1>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">PURPOSE OF UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH</h2> <p>The organized unit of United Women in Faith 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.</p>
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## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Lynda Crandall, Chair

### IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

#### DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?

There is a lot of talk about immigration at our southern border. Do you support immigration or oppose it? Can you explain how immigrants and refugees differ?

1. **Immigrant:** an individual who leaves one's country to settle in another. Immigrants **move by choice** and due to promise of a better life. The main reasons include better economic conditions, education and family reason. However, they still have a choice to return to their own country at any time.
2. **Refugee:** an individual who moves out of one's country due to restriction or danger to their lives. Refugees **move out due to fear or persecution** caused by war, violence, political instability, aggression or due to their religion, beliefs, caste, or political opinion. In most cases, it is not possible for them to go back to their country.

#### What does the United Methodist Church say about immigration and immigration policy?

From the earliest days, humans have been migrants. There is no one universal reason for migration, but the movement from one place to another is often fueled by the promise of a better future in the new location.

Refugees immigrating to the United States are often fleeing war, economic scarcity, persecution, the effects of globalization, and many other causes.

Roughly 11 million undocumented people live in the United States. They pay US\$12 billion in payroll taxes annually, according to the Social Security Administration. That doesn't count how much they pay in other taxes, like property and sales taxes. Meanwhile, the United States spent more than US\$18 billion on immigration enforcement in 2012 alone. Unauthorized immigration to the U.S. is part of a larger global migration crisis. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has estimated that 65.3 million people were displaced from their homes by conflict and persecution in 2015.

**WE RECOGNIZE, EMBRACE, AND AFFIRM ALL PERSONS, REGARDLESS OF COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AS MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY OF GOD.**

UNITED METHODIST SOCIAL PRINCIPLES, ¶162.H

U.S. policy has focused on enforcement, rather than addressing the root causes. It is time to focus on holistic reform. We affirm that God's love knows no human boundary. Let us put our faith into action.

#### What the Bible and The United Methodist Church Say:

Throughout the Bible, God's people are called to love migrants. From Genesis to Revelation, we see that God desires that we help the most vulnerable in our midst, especially the sojourner. Hebrews tells us that in opening our homes to

guests, we may be "entertaining angels without knowing it." (Hebrews 13:2)

**DON'T MISTREAT ANY FOREIGNERS WHO LIVE IN YOUR LAND. INSTEAD, TREAT THEM AS WELL AS YOU TREAT CITIZENS AND LOVE THEM AS MUCH AS YOU LOVE YOURSELF. REMEMBER, YOU WERE ONCE FOREIGNERS IN THE LAND**

Jesus himself was a sojourner. Jesus' begins his earthly life fleeing to Africa as a refugee in Egypt. (Matthew 2:13-18) Jesus says that to welcome the sojourner is to welcome him. (Matthew 26:35)

## IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE? (cont from page 3)

The United Methodist Church states that “at the center of Christian faithfulness to Scripture is the call we have been given to love and welcome the sojourner. We call upon all United Methodist churches to welcome newly arriving migrants in their communities, to love them as we do ourselves, to treat them as one of our native-born, to see them in the presence of the incarnated Jesus, and to show hospitality to the migrants in our midst, believing that through their presence we are receiving the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ.” (Book of Resolutions, 3281)

### What You Can Do:

- Celebrate Migrants Sunday in your church on the first Sunday of Advent.
- Join the Rapid Response Team. The RRT is a network of over 300 United Methodists across the US who are working for immigrant and refugee justice. The RRT receives action alerts, policy analysis, resources for immigrant and refugee communities, and more from advocacy and organizing staff at Church and Society. The RRT also connects United Methodists doing this work to each other to network, support immigrant and refugee communities, advocate against unjust immigration policies and practices, and lift up one another in prayer, resourcing, and work throughout the connection.
- Build relationships locally between immigrants and nonimmigrants. Have your church become an Immigrant Welcoming Community. (UMC General Board of Church and Society)
- Connect with your local Sanctuary Movement.
- Support your local Justice for Our Neighbors, a United Methodist immigration legal aid organization. If there's not one in your area, start one!

### Justice for our Neighbors:

Those of you who attended the United Women in Faith Annual Celebration in Kalamazoo in October were treated to a presentation from two Michigan attorneys who work for JFON, a United Methodist Immigration Ministry non-profit that provides pro bono immigration legal services to low-income immigrants (including refugees) living in Michigan communities. They have offices in Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Metro Detroit and Traverse City and can use volunteers both to help clients fill out paperwork and to provide office assistance. They are available to speak at events to help spread the word about their services and the experiences immigrants are having as they try to navigate the US immigration laws. Those attending annual conference donated over \$1,000 to help in their work. You can learn more and support this United Methodist ministry on their website at [jfonmi.org](http://jfonmi.org).



## MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE & OUTREACH

Patty Puckett, Chair

### Don't Disband Your Unit / REGROUP YOUR GALS

Many churches are having a hard time reorganizing their Units since Covid. Where to find the officers? Where to find the programs and monies for their pledge and other missions? Or maybe you have been scared off by the new name and changes to the organization?

DON'T BE.

Your unit can have meetings once a month or once a year. All you need is the basic officers (president, secretary, and treasurer). Your giving can be by Unit or by individual. Combine with another unit.

Don't become overwhelmed. The biggest change is that most all resources and information will be online, on the new website — United Women in Faith.

And most importantly, call your district MN&O for help.

### 2021 UNIT SURVEY

Remember in the past, the letter you got asking how many new members you had and how many members were lost? Now the new 2021 Unit survey is on the United Women in Faith website. There are the basic questions about your Unit and 15 questions about the new name and using the website. It is easy. All you have to do is check the answer that best fits your Unit.

Uncomfortable taking a survey online? Ask a church/family member to find the site.

### NOMINATIONS CHAIR

Donna Kleiver, Chair



Nominations is always looking for willing and smiling women to take on a leadership role. You do not need special talents, just the desire to be a part of the United Women in Faith Leadership Team. Did you know that you can sign up for only one year to see if the position is for you? If you wish to know more about a position, please contact me. Currently the Mid-Michigan District is looking for women who would like to be on our Nominations Committee. There will be additional positions open for 2024. Please raise your hand by completing the attached "Leadership Interest" form and returning to me.

Donna Kleiver, Nominations Chair of Mid-Michigan District

517-648-6119

dmkleiver2016@gmail.com

**LEADERSHIP INTEREST FOR MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT**

THANK YOU for prayerfully considering serving with United Women in Faith at the District level. Training and encouragement are always offered along the way. And it's a great way to meet United Women in Faith all over the district and our state.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Even though experience is not necessary, please indicate previous service in United Women in Faith (UMW) below. Please list position(s).

Local level \_\_\_\_\_

District level \_\_\_\_\_

Conference level \_\_\_\_\_

National level \_\_\_\_\_

Area(s) of interest — please check:

<input type="checkbox"/> President	<input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Committee on Nominations
<input type="checkbox"/> Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Education & Interpretation
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Green Team	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership, Nurture & Outreach
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/> Register	<input type="checkbox"/> The Messenger Editor

You may consider my name for:

☐ Any position on the District United Women of Faith leadership team.

☐ Nothing currently, but please keep my name on file and contact me later.

☐ Please call me, I have some questions I would like to ask.

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Email: dmkleiver2016@gmail.com

Cell Phone: 517-648-6119

Revised: June 8, 2022

## EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

Karol Fry, Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation and Program Resources

By now many of you have had your first circle/group/UWFaith meeting after the summer break. Some may not have taken a summer break as this has been an active year. You may have discussed the Mission Today objectives. If you are in need of a copy, pull your January edition of *The Messenger*, and print pages 8 & 9. As the new year begins, send your completed copy to me prior to February 15, 2023.

Karol Fry  
601 Randolph St.  
Mason, MI 48854

Or you may email be at fry@msu.edu

Be sure to check the website ([www.uwfaith.org](http://www.uwfaith.org) and [michiganconferenceUWFaith.org](http://michiganconferenceUWFaith.org)) regularly for all things United Women in Faith.

## PROGRAM RESOURCES

Karol Fry, Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation and Program Resources

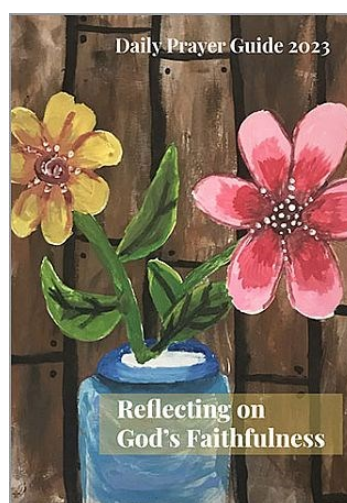
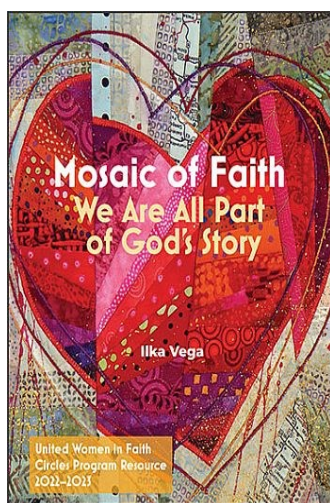
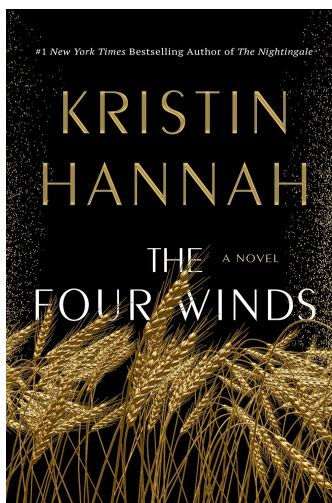
The 2023 Reading Program Catalog came out in September. As I glanced through it, several books caught my eye. I know readers who go for novels. The *Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah delivers a powerful epic about love, heroism and hope during the Great Depression, when millions were out of work and even the land seemed to have turned against them. The *Four Winds* is a rich, sweeping novel stunningly brings to life the Great Depression and the people who lived through it — the harsh realities that divided us as a nation and the enduring battle between the haves and the have-nots.

Fliers are included with this newsletter for the new 2022-2023 Program Resource book (\$14.99) and the 2023 Daily Prayer book (\$19.99). Order yours today! To order, please visit their website at [UMW: eCommerce Website \(umwmissionresources.org\)](http://UMW: eCommerce Website (umwmissionresources.org)).

Watch Faith Talks at <https://uwfaith.org/resources/podcasts> Remember that Three Faith Talks count as 2 Spiritual Growth books.

Has your subscription for Response Magazine expired? The magazine is published bimonthly. The cost is \$24 year and \$45 for 2 years. You may send your check to: United Women in Faith, 475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10115. Or you can order online at [UMW: eCommerce Website \(umwmissionresources.org\)](http://UMW: eCommerce Website (umwmissionresources.org))

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at fry@msu.edu or by phone at (517) 525-6561.



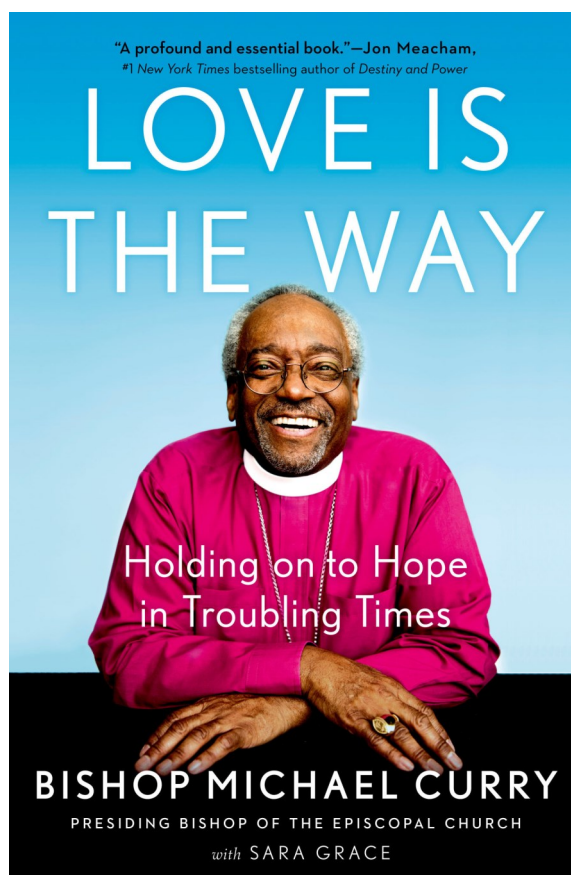
**BOOK REVIEW****LOVE IS THE WAY: HOLDING ON TO HOPE IN TROUBLING TIMES****BISHOP MICHAEL CURRY**

Walk the path of love with one of the warmest, most beloved spiritual leaders of our time, and learn how to put faith into action.

As the descendent of slaves and the son of a civil rights activist, Bishop Michael Curry's life illustrates massive changes in our times. Much of the world met Bishop Curry when he delivered his sermon on the redemptive power of love at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle at Windsor Castle.

Here he expands on his message of hope in an inspirational road map for living the way of love, illuminated with moving lessons from his own life. Through the prism of faith, ancestry, and personal journey, "Love Is The Way" shows us how America came this far and, most important, how we can go a whole lot further.

The way of love is essential for addressing the seemingly insurmountable challenges facing the world today: poverty, racism, selfishness, deep ideological divisions, competing claims to speak for God. This book will lead readers to discover the gifts they need in order to live the way of love: deep reservoirs of hope and resilience, simple wisdom, the discipline of nonviolence, and unshakeable regard for human dignity.



## BOOK REVIEW

### THE AGING OF AQUARIUS: IGNITING PASSION & PURPOSE AS AN ELDER

HELEN WILKES

I found a book that I have used as a guide, even before it was placed on our current book reading program. I also don't like it when my son calls me an elder.

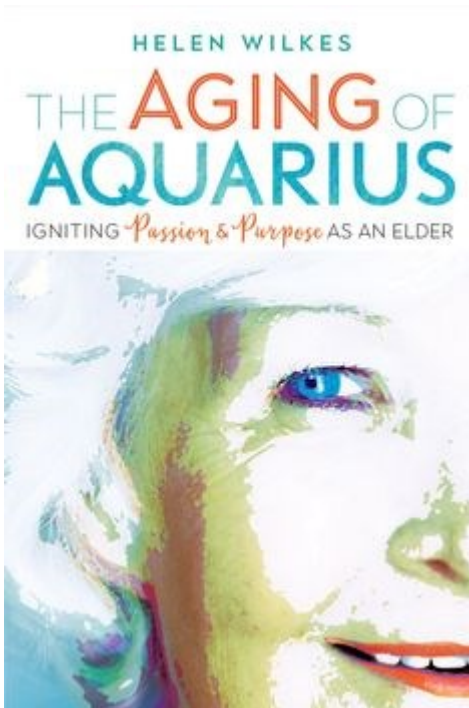
Your career has wound down, the kids have moved, and your schedule is clear for the next 30 years, at least.

In your youth, you cared about people and planet Earth, and you had grand visions of changing the world. At some point, those passions and that sense of purpose got buried under diapers and the 9-5. Yet that old you is still alive and you now have the time to make this next stage of your life the most powerful yet. But where to start?

Helen Wilkes, a retired professor and activist, takes readers on an inspiring journey to find renewed purpose in retirement. Along the way, she helps readers navigate the transition to a post-work identity by fanning the embers of lost passions and new interests.

Whether you are drawn to gardening clubs, to social justice issues, political campaigning, ethical investing, or creativity through the arts, "The Aging of Aquarius" offers inspiration, practical steps, and extra resources to help re-ignite your passion, your sense of purpose, and to effect real change in the world as an empowered elder.

Helen Wilkes, Ph.D. is an energized octogenarian who survived a lifetime of hardships ranging from fleeing Nazi Germany as a child to navigating personal and professional obstacles as an adult. Helen is author of the award winning book "Letters From The Lost" and lives in Vancouver, Canada.



## GREEN TEAM

Elaine Ferris, Chair


How to Save Our Planet (YouTube video). Search on this category and you will also find a number of “nature documentaries” to follow up on the suggested watch listing. This first one gives historical aspect (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Puv0Pss33M>)

I find that most of the interesting articles and videos in the daily Facebook feed; then I go back and research what else is written using specific keywords in the article: glass recycling, no-waste packaging; ocean plastic clean up machinery are a few examples. I try to write articles with a view towards something that can be done now, by one or more people; not just recycling, but sustainable effort. For instance, the lady in New York whose entire unrecyclable waste for a year fit into a quart jar.

To not waste time & resources, I also check Amazon’s book review on other platforms and check how they are received (stars) and to get to a fuller explanation of the book’s purpose, though I buy most from Thriftbooks.com — all books are preowned and if you buy \$15 in books, shipping is free.

If looking up Bible references, stewardship is a good search word. There are many books on the subject available through library/loans or Thriftbooks.com (another example of recycling). Checking on your local recycling facilities or waste pickup/collecting facilities for tours and information can be helpful for articles.

My next purchase? A Christian’s Guide to Planet Earth — why it matters and how to take care of it by Betsy Painter, Zondervan Publishing (Amazon, \$11). Feel free to contact me at [ejferris@toast.net](mailto:ejferris@toast.net)

<p><i>In Loving Memory Of</i></p> <p><b>MRS. KATHLEEN MAE WAGNER</b></p>	
	
<p><b>BORN</b> April 12, 1926 Albion, Michigan</p>	<p><b>PASSED AWAY</b> October 19, 2022 Grand Ledge, Michigan</p>
<p><b>FUNERAL SERVICE</b> Monday, October 24, 2022 - 11:00 A.M. Grace United Methodist Church Lansing, Michigan</p>	
<p><b>OFFICIATING</b> Pastor Leslee Fritz</p>	
<p><b>INTERMENT</b> Delta Center Cemetery Delta Township, Eaton Co., Michigan</p>	
<p><b>PALLBEARERS</b> Bill Wagner Paul Wagner Rick Wagner Jonathan Wagner Doug Dillon Erin Dillon</p>	
<p>Kathleen Wagner was a Past President Of the Lansing District United Methodist Women from 1979-1982. Her funeral Was held at Lansing Grace UMC on October 24, 2022. Notes and cards may be sent to her Family: Patricia Dillion 719 Collingwood Ct Davison MI 48423</p>	

# HELPFUL RESOURCES

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

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

response magazine

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

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From MN&O Chair for UNIT SURVEY for 2021 (you can still input)

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

scroll down to very bottom of page to Resources

click on 2021 survey

(should take only 10 minutes)

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Spiritual Growth ideas, references, etc.

Prayer Guide (from National)

United Women in Faith Program book

Daily Guidepost

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From Program Resources and Education & Interpretation Coordinator

[UMNow@umc.org](mailto:UMNow@umc.org)

United Women in Faith Program book

District Facebook Pages

Google

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Social Action Coordinator

(Same as above)

[uwfaith.mn.co](http://uwfaith.mn.co) This is the United Women in Faith Digital site

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## RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Patsy Coffman has back issues of study books and mission study resources going back to 1967, including the history of United Methodist Women, looking for a new home. The collection includes program books, reading program books, and prayer calendars. If you would like to complete your collection or share with the next generation, please contact Patsy at (517) 242-2130,.

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Mid-Michigan District United Women in Faith  
2023 Epiphany Celebration  
Saturday, January 7, 2023

## Epiphany Celebration

**When:**

Saturday, January 7, 2023

Registration: 9:30 am

Begin Promptly at 10am

End at Noon

**Cost: \$5.00**

**Where:**

Carson City UMC

119 Elm Street

Carson City, Michigan

## God's Plan: Women in Ministry



Pastor Ian McDonald, of Carson City UMC, came into the ministry after working for 29.5 years with the Michigan Department of Corrections where he rose from the rank of officer to Inspector.

Pastor McDonald received his License to Preach from the East Ohio Conference in 2010. He was approved as Licensed Local Pastor by the Detroit Annual Conference in 2012 and was appointed to God's Country Cooperative in July of 2012. Pastor McDonald's first appointment was a three-point charge which included Grand Marais UMC, McMillan UMC and Germfask UMC, a 90-mile circuit on Sundays. He served at this appoint from 2012 until 2019 when he was appointed to Carson City UMC. Pastor McDonald completed his Course of Study at Duke Seminary in July of 2017

## Registration Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Church/Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Unit office or mission coordinator position, if any \_\_\_\_\_

Check payable to Mid-Michigan District UMW or UWF \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs/Diet: Please Specify \_\_\_\_\_

Send registration by January 1, 2023 to WalthaGaye Leavitt <[wally@cmsinter.net](mailto:wally@cmsinter.net)>

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**LOCAL UNIT TREASURERS:**

Please send your final remittances to me **by December 6, 2022**. I am required to forward final remittances to the Michigan Conference Treasurer by December 10, 2022. Therefore, anything received after December 6th may not be credited to your local Unit until January 2023. Contact me if you have any questions. My address and contact information is listed below.

Please send your **2023 Pledge to Mission** if you have not done so by December 21, 2022.

Blessings,

Judy Christie

**MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT, UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH, 2023 PLEDGE TO MISSION**

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UNIT NAME

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FULL NAME OF CHURCH

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ADDRESS

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CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

FOR THE CHURCH YEAR 2023, OUR UNIT PLEDGES THE FOLLOWING AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

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UNIT PRESIDENT OR TREASURER'S SIGNATURE

Please complete the pledge information and return it by December 15, 2022. Please mail to:

Judy Christie, District Treasurer  
2667 E. Holt Road  
Williamston, MI 48895

You may also email the information to [jchristie664@aol.com](mailto:jchristie664@aol.com). Please put in the subject line: MMD. Or you may phone at (517) 294-3321.

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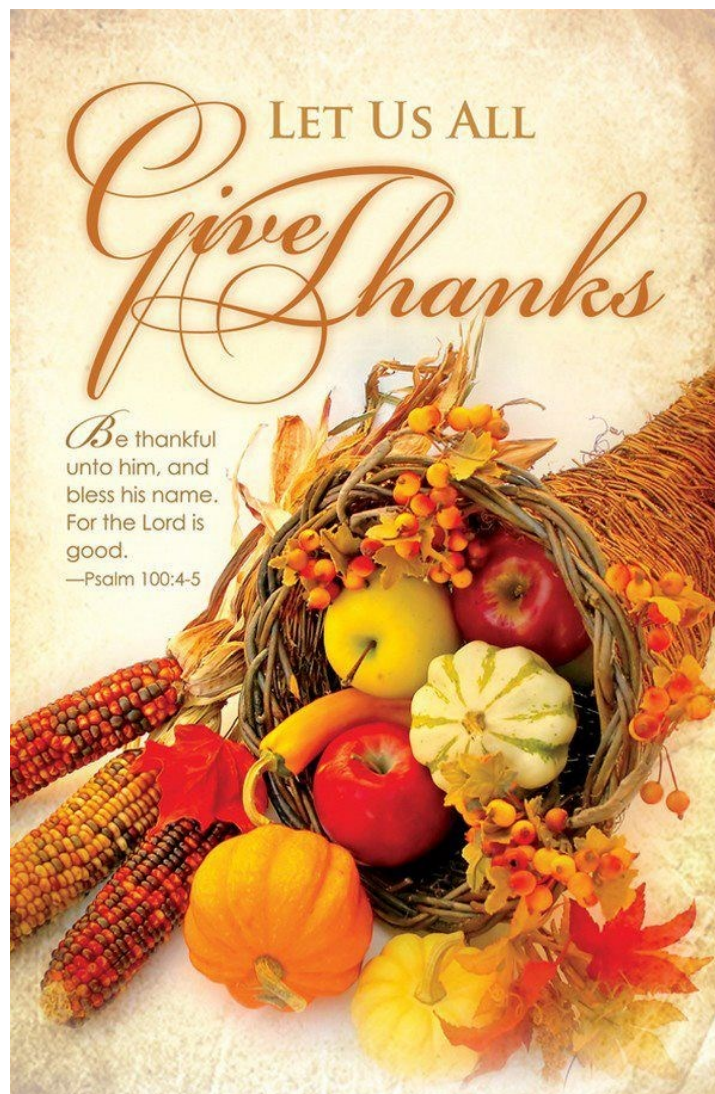
**MID MICHIGAN DISTRICT UNIT NEWS****COOKIE WALK**

Lansing Mt Hope United Methodist Church, on the corner of Mt Hope and Cedar, (501 E Mt Hope), is having our first COOKIE WALK since the pandemic. Please join us on **SATURDAY, November 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** There will be lots of cookies, Christmas items for sale, lunch and more. For more information contact Audrey at [putman\\_family@yahoo.com](mailto:putman_family@yahoo.com) or call 517-482-2023.

**FREE CHAIR EXERCISE**

Lansing Mt Hope UMC has a free chair exercise class for seniors on Monday and Wednesday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The video covers stretching all body parts on one video and cardio, weights, and balance on another video. These videos are alternated.

Come join us on the corner of Mt Hope and Cedar (501 E Mt Hope Ave) - we have the chairs and weights. It is a great mix of people that have FUN while taking care of our bodies as we age! For any other information, please contact the church office at 517-482-1549.



## MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH 2023

### MEETING DATES

### MEETING SITES

#### Epiphany

Saturday, January 7, 2023

Carson City UMC

Speaker: Pastor Ian McDonald

119 Elm St., Carson City, MI

#### Leadership Team

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Zoom

#### 2023 Spritual Growth

Fri-Sat, May 12-13, 2023

St. Francis Retreat Center

Speaker: Ms. Sonja Luna

Coordinator of Latinx Ministries

703 E. Main Street, Dewitt, MI

#### Leadership Team

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Lansing Mt. Hope

501 E. Mt. Hope Ave

Lansing, MI

#### Leadership Team

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Millville UMC

1932 N M-52

Stockbridge, MI

#### Annual Celebration

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Lansing Mt. Hope

501 E. Mt Hope Avenue

Lansing, MI

#### Leadership Team

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Webberville UMC

4215 E Holt Rd

Webberville, MI



## MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH 2023 LEADERSHIP TEAM

### **President**

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### **Vice President**

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Williamston, MI 48895  
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### **Secretary**

Linda Huyck 2022 (Pompeii UMC)  
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Perrinton, MI 48871  
989-330-9706  
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